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Independent School for Girls aged 3-18

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Dear pupils, parents, staff and governors, 2017 may have been the Chinese Year of the Rooster but at Talbot Heath it was the year of 'Thinking Big' as we planned the School's development for the future.

Not since the move to this site in 1936 had the school been so ambitious in its plans to offer pupils an education that was ground-breaking and future-focused. As Head, it was particularly exciting to see plans coming to fruition that would provide girls, across the school, with facilities and a curriculum that was STEAM-focused and interdisciplinary. Once again, Talbot Heath was blazing a trail for others to follow.

Our desire to foster aspirations in our pupils is evident in the opportunities that we provide to our learners. Henri Matisse said that 'creativity takes courage' and that was demonstrated in the sheer scope and scale of the creative arts projects that were undertaken this year. Few schools would tackle Euripides' 'Trojan Women' as their whole school dramatic production, yet our main hall was electrified by this powerful tragedy of epic proportions.

Equal ambition was demonstrated in our whole school production of 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' in French. To see pupils from Upper 3 upwards performing Shakespeare in French with panache, flair and sparkling accents summed up to me the ethos of Talbot Heath: challenging projects are undertaken with commitment, not in



pursuit of exam qualifications but because of the desire to grasp opportunities with both hands.

Equally ambitious were our artists, whether creating stunning puppets for our 'Carnival of the Sea' marine conservation event or mastering the

oil painting techniques of the old masters. An interdisciplinary outlook was embodied by the pieces that had been commissioned by departments across the school.

We were proud to launch Bournemouth's first festival of Literature and Illustration, 'Spellbound', delighting lovers of writing and reading with a sparkling array of literary talent.



Our STEM enthusiasts revelled in boat design at Atlas Eletronik and Lloyds Shipping Registry, not hiding their desire to launch and test a TH boat at the new towing tank at the Centre for Global Technology at Southampton.

In terms of aspirations, our tennis teams could not have aimed any higher than winning every national tournament in the country. They had a truly outstanding year.

Finally, our aversion to do anything on a small scale was evidenced by the 232 runners from across our school community of pupils, staff, parents and governors, who participated in the Bournemouth running festival, for which the School has been given a special award. It was an extremely moving weekend with so many participating in order to realise a shared goal.

Our GCSE and A level students finished the year with great aplomb, achieving excellent exam results that placed Talbot Heath, once again, as one of the highest ranked schools in the region.

So, we look back on a year full of aspiration, imagination and determination and ahead with excitement towards the future.

Angharad Holloway



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It has been a busy year, and we've had a lot to learn. Back in September, everyone in Junior School had a new teacher, and the teachers had a new Head, so we were a bit unsure how the future might unfold. I'm sure you will agree, though, it has been a very positive year, and a journey I hope everyone is keen to continue.

Two aspects have stood out the most: firstly, whichever classroom I enter, Maths, English, PE or Forest School, the girls have an unself-conscious enthusiasm for learning, their curiosity and joy in discovery is infectious.

Secondly, our girls are happy in their own skin, confident to be themselves and open to everyone's individuality. In a world where the pressures of modern life cause us to make comparisons with our neighbour on so many levels, a secure space where individuality is celebrated and prized is a precious commodity.

I think Junior girls love coming to school, even on a Monday; love their lessons, particularly when they're challenging, and enjoy the myriad activities in which they engage. They know they are valued, know to whom they can turn for support during life's ups and downs, and have enormous fun. A



significant number of exciting developments have taken place in Junior School, and I am certain they will have a positive impact on the girls. Nevertheless, whilst things are changing, Talbot Heath remains true to its vision, to develop happy, confident young people with a real thirst for learning, genuine respect and compassion for others and a tangible aspiration for their futures.

All the girls have worked exceptionally hard and given their best, so it is right to make central their successes and achievements.

3O had a magnificent, extra-ordinary, fantastic, jam-packed year and when asked, didn't know where to begin with highlights. It was their first year in Junior school and although a little nervous in September, they soon got into the swing of things.



Highlights of the Autumn term include playing in the woods, Dahlicious Day and Crazy Sock Day. At Christmas, they had a go at the mannequin challenge. In spring, Forest school outings took place every fortnight, and the girls improved their skills of fire lighting, den building, whittling and more. Spring term ended with the superb Animal Rumble Grumble; they took to the role of 'wild animals' extremely well. Helping Miss Williams with choreography, they performed with energy and enthusiasm. Summer term ended on a high, beating 3W in the Form Relay Race!

I'd like to thank Miss O'Carroll for her care and support of 3O; her enthusiasm and energy had a very positive impact. She also led the English department excellently since January: we enjoyed author visits and themed days. Her dynamic approach will ensure the curriculum goes from strength to strength.



3W had a busy year in and outside the classroom. In the autumn they found juggling

is harder than it looks! They dressed as book characters and were proud of their leaf pictures for Ode to Autumn. For the Under the Sea topic, 3W enjoyed cross-curricular activities: comparing fish and human skeletons, designing tropical fish and making aquariums. Lola's big sister Jasmine talked about being a scuba diver and brought some diving equipment to show. Several Year 3s now see this as a future career! In a class assembly, 3W were a variety of characters: trainee marine biologists, strange fish and sailors, even Jonah! Rocks and fossils have been studied closely and 'rock shops' popped up in the woods at playtime. 3W's year ended with a trip to Hengistbury Head. The children had a boat trip, a building competition in the sand, lunch on the beach and a long slog, laden down with rocks and shells, back to the coach, like trekking through the Sahara desert! I'd like to thank Mrs Walrond for her work with 3W. Their learning environment has been engaging and dynamic, testament to her creativity and breadth of knowledge.



4H enjoyed many activities and outings. Number Day in February was a highlight, and bird watching with the RSPB. It was wonderful to see so many species on our school site. 4H had fun building dens on Engineering Day; it's amazing what you can do with a curtain and some rope! Other highlights were the Intech Space Centre, with a breathtaking Planetarium and 4H's Class Assembly, a super team effort and a resounding success.

I should like to thank Mrs Rawlings for her care and support of 4H this year. She has provided them with stability and compassion as they have grown in maturity. Her passion for history and geography, and commitment to environmental conservation, has rubbed off on the girls in her class. In September,

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she and Mrs Walrond take responsibility for leading the humanities curriculum in Junior School and I am certain their collaboration will invigorate these curriculum areas.

4R had a great year! They enjoyed Dahlicious Day and World Book Day, and went on school trips with 4H. They loved performing in the Carol Service and Animal Rumble Grumble. Their friendships have grown, and at Hengistbury Head, gave an impromptu performance of their assembly song on the little train, to public delight! The girls have revelled in arts and crafts, making mosaics, linked to humanities projects, and constructing beach-huts to brighten the classroom. They enjoyed learning the viscosity experiment in science and the intriguing Nasty or Nice game in Maths!

I'd like to thank Miss White for hitting the ground running this term. Joining a new school is a challenge, but to join part way through the year, pick up numerous new subjects and provide the girls in 4R with a high level of care and support has been enormously appreciated.

5D enjoyed their Keeping Healthy assembly and the 'You Are What you Eat' rap and decorated lab coats, all organised by Mrs Brown. The girls worked hard in all curriculum areas, and enjoyed participating in African Jambo, singing songs from their 'Young Voices' festival at the O2.



Next year, 5D becomes 6D and Mrs Davies looks forward to continuing her journey with them. She calls them a super bunch of young people, very supportive, with a great resilience in the classroom: high praise, indeed! I'd like to thank her for her unfailing support of 5D and of pupils in the maths

classroom, also her leadership of KS2 Science which grows more dynamic each year. This year we've seen practical experiments, collaboration with other schools, stimulating trips and even lego robots wandering around the corridor outside Junior Science Lab.

5P enjoyed many trips, in particular the Titanic exhibition, and compiling an independent project in response. Another highlight was studying and rewriting Treasure Island by Robert Louis Stevenson, listening to daily instalments and binding their own books. They had fun, making and playing musical instruments, dressing up for charity and organising their assembly. A truly memorable moment was composing and launching the Super Sorters song. They loved creating sand art at Hengistbury Head and sailing down the estuary singing songs!

I'd like to thank Mrs Pugh for everything she has done, I am sure she will testify to the challenges of a new Head and a new Deputy Head of Junior School, but since January, she has provided excellent pastoral leadership, organisational mastery behind the scenes, and her support is hugely appreciated.

Year 6 had a Transition Service at St Marks' Church. Many talked about Pre-Prep, and trips and extra-curricular activities throughout Junior School, but memories of lessons, teachers and friends rang out as common themes. They said Junior School had taught them so much: to aim high and give their best; that they couldn't always have what they wanted; to be empathetic; persevere when things were difficult and cope when things went wrong, and celebrate with confidence when things went well.

We have enjoyed working with this year group, they are delightful individuals who worked hard to achieve at their highest level. They coped with the rigour of academic demands, not faltering as entrance examinations approached; launched themselves into all aspects of school life with zest and vigour: making bath bombs at the

Lush factory, avoiding bombs at Nothe Fort or leaping off climbing walls at PGL. They acted, sang, made rainforests, played sport in and out of school, welcomed and toured visitors to the school, cared for younger members of the school community, were Dengineers for the day, organised talent shows, and much more. They visited 'All Fired Up' to create a commemorative tile on St Margaret's Day, a fitting start to the countdown of their time in the Junior School.



I'd like to thank Mrs Breeze for her relentless care and support of 6B, and her dynamism and energy in the leadership of maths in Junior School. This year saw numerous developments and an injection of pupil centred activities to build enthusiasm, confidence and resilience. The Maths Ambassadors initiative has helped pupils to support each other. In September, Mrs Breeze will become the Independent and Inter-Disciplinary Learning Lead, working alongside Mrs Atkins in senior school to take us forward in our strategic vision.

I'd like to thank our Teaching and Classroom Assistants: Mrs Clothier, Mrs Andrews, Mrs Brown and Mrs Bridgland. They have shown energy and compassion for the girls, and we could not manage without them. This year, Mrs Brown has qualified as a teacher and will take the helm as a Year 5 teacher in September. It has been a joy to witness her excellence in the classroom and she passed out with outstanding grades in every area of the Teaching Standards.

What a year it has been. Junior School has embarked upon a new chapter in its history and everyone is raring to go forwards. Here's to 2017-18 and every opportunity it will bring.

Sally Weber-Spokes

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MATHEMATICS

Over the last academic year, a total of 89 girls entered the UKMT (United Kingdom Mathematical Trust) Maths Challenges. Three challenges are taken throughout the year at Senior, Intermediate and Junior level; subsequently, all ages can have a go. All the challenges involve answering multiple choice questions which are very demanding. As well as mathematical knowledge learnt in class, they involve lateral thinking and logic.

In the Senior Maths Challenge, Challenge Jessica Lau in U6 was awarded a Gold Certificate, gaining sufficient marks to be entered for the Senior Kangaroo. Lily Li, in L6, was also awarded a Gold and six more budding mathematicians achieved Bronze awards.



In February it was the turn of U4, L5 and U5 girl to take the Intermediate Maths Challenge and this again resulted in a whole array of certificates. Erin Richardson achieved a Gold certificate, and there were seven Silver and eight Bronze certificates. Some of these girls were only in U4, so they have plenty more years to achieve even higher results.

The Junior Challenge results for girls in L4 and selected U3 have just been issued, with three girls achieving Silver awards and six girls gaining Bronze awards.

All the pupils who entered should be congratulated on their success in these demanding challenges.

We also invited Mr Haddrell from the World of Maths, to bring us 17 different Mathematical activities for U3 and L4 to try to solve. The 'hands on' activities are structured so that the girls had to use their logic and deduction skills to solve them. Working in groups of three or four, they could discuss the activities and were given guidance if they could not solve a task. They found the event challenging, but fun!

Mrs Maynard

ENGLISH AND THEATRE STUDIES

The English and Theatre Studies Faculty consider it important to provide curriculum enrichment for all students and offer a wide range of activities.



This is the 15th year that Mrs Boyington has organised a 'Readathon' event which encourages students at KS3 to read widely as well as give money to charity. We raised £157; this means that our English students have now raised over £18,000 for the charity. The popularity of the event also reflects their genuine enjoyment of literature. This year, Mrs Wakeling has run a weekly reading group with Mrs Harty, encouraging students to enjoy good literature and to share their opinions. The students' enthusiasm and high level of critical thinking is made evident in the lively weekly lunchtime discussions.

Our students continue to reach beyond the curriculum in literary and cultural interests and there have been several individual successes: Olivia Thomas won the KS3 category of the Mayor of Bournemouth's poetry awards, with Faith Wong, Molly Taylor, Hebe Brown and Milly Crabtree-Parker as runners up. Olivia received her award at a special lunch with the Mayor.

The IMovie competition, run by Mrs Wakeling, has become a popular annual event with many pupils submitting clever ideas with evidence of superb filming and editing.



Globe Theatre workshops took place in June - all of L4 attended. Pupils took part in

creative drama activities linking in to their studies on *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. We look forward to welcoming the Globe Theatre again in June.

The writer Kate Rhodes visited in March and took short story writing workshops (crime writing genre) which we followed up in class. Pupils produced fabulous work, having been inspired by the various activities and writing prompts.

The English and Theatre Studies faculty consider it important to encourage students to visit the theatre and places of literary interest in order to broaden their cultural experience. Several trips have been organised this year by Mrs McDonald:

Pygmalion by Headlong, and *People, Places, Things* at The Nuffield, Southampton

Institute and *The Wedding* by Gecko, and *Frankenstein* at the Lighthouse, Poole.

Mrs Magrath

SCIENCE

It has been a very busy year for science, with significant changes to curriculum at GCSE and Advanced Level, and also many extra-curricular activities.



A group of L5 chemists visited Southampton University Chemistry Laboratories and carried out practical activities to extract and analyse caffeine. Lower Sixth chemists visited Southampton University and carried out a natural product extraction of trimystrin from nutmeg, and further advanced analytical chemistry.

Led by Mrs Luke, STEM continues to grow with students from L4 to Sixth Form. STEM club visited Atlas Electronics UK at Winfrith for a day during Science Week. Talbot Heath students competed against ten other Dorset schools, and two of our pupils, Hannah Elms and Daisy Clough, won a week's residential course at Portsmouth University.

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STEM also visited Siemens in Poole and listened to talks on some of the latest developments in technology. Year 8 were runners up in the STEM Soroptimist Competition, which required students to design products to improve the life of a child in LEDC completion.

Our students also entered the Oxford Olympiad for Biology and Chemistry, with impressive results.

Mr Kirtland

MODERN LANGUAGES

It has been another year of exciting monthly events for the Languages department.

In September 2016, we celebrated European Day of Languages, starting with a special assembly where L6 girls gave a presentation on the importance of learning languages. Songs were performed in French and Italian and a Spanish sevillana danced. Throughout the day, pupils and staff greeted each other in 43 languages and all the rooms were labelled in French, Spanish, Italian, German and Chinese. This event was repeated in a Junior school assembly.



We had two breakfasts in October: a French and a Spanish one, in both Senior and Junior schools. In November, the Onatti theatre company entertained us with the play 'Les garçons'.

In January, U3 celebrated 'l'Epiphanie' by eating traditional 'Galette des Rois' (cake of the three kings) and learning the song 'j'aime la galette'. In February, we held our 5th Linguists' Dinner, a real success. The evening consisted of gourmet courses with a rich variety of entertainment: poetry, songs, drama, music, flamenco and can-can dance.

In April, a Spanish theatre company entertained us with another play. In May, Juniors and all girls up to U4 had the opportunity to attend a Flamenco dance workshop.

We have also run a variety of clubs throughout the year: a French Spelling Bee club for U3, Film club, Spanish club and the UKLO club.

Mrs Klemz

CLASSICS

This year the Classics department offered many opportunities for curriculum enhancement across all age groups. In the autumn, Year 9 students visited the *Sunken Cities: Egypt's Lost Worlds* exhibition at British Museum, experiencing the wealth of cross-cultural material from the Egyptian, Greek and Roman worlds. They marvelled at the huge statue of the Nile god Hapi and were enthralled by the Osiris-Apis bull. Students produced many superb projects, researching the cross-cultural significance of a chosen artefact from the exhibition.

Classics students took part in the annual Linguists' Dinner for the second year running. Some performed a Latin play *in apodyterio* from the Cambridge Latin Course. An A Level Latin student performed a piece of Cicero's *pro Milone*, which had the audience captivated from start to finish.

March saw another exciting new event for the Classics department as Caroline Lawrence, author of the *Roman Mysteries* series, gave a talk to students about *Myths, Movies and Storytelling*. We were enlightened on the many Classical storytelling motifs which can be found in popular culture, from the Paddington Bear movie to the origin of the 'guide' figure found in many novels and films today. Some students lunched with Caroline and were able to ask her pertinent questions about starting a career in writing.



Finally, in the summer we began to plan ahead for the next academic year, which will

include a trip to see Marlowe's *Dido, Queen of Carthage* and a visit to Greece for L4-U6 students.

Miss Symons

GEOGRAPHY

The new GCSE (9-1) Geographers started in September 2016 on the Isle of Purbeck, investigating coastal processes and landforms at Durdle Door and Lulworth Cove. Fieldwork has always been important, and feedback from students shows that they gain more than just skills and understanding from these trips. Field trips are an essential tool with regards to exam preparation, but they enrich our curriculum and provide valuable time for students to interact with peers and develop transferable skills.



Each group from Years 7 to 12 took part in day or residential trips this year. Year 7 had a trip to Puttles Bridge in the New Forest which introduced them to practical river field work. In colourful wellies, every student launched themselves into the river, with flow meters, tape measures and ranging poles at the ready.

Year 8 visited the Living Rainforest near Newbury, to apply their knowledge of plant and animal adaptation. Students were delighted by the goeldi monkeys and armadillo and impressively, could recall the information provided by our knowledgeable guides (despite not being able to take notes whilst walking round) in their subsequent geography lessons. Our two prize-winners, Luna Vitolo and Alice Cowley, thoroughly enjoyed their 'keeper experience' with the marmosets. Other trips included a visit to the Earth galleries of the Natural History Museum, which was combined with Science, and the U6 attended a sixth form Tectonic Conference in London in December. There were several new fieldwork trips this year, including a year 10 experience at Ocean Village, investigating urban regeneration and the new super hotel, and a residential trip to South Devon for the AS course, exploring

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coastal landforms and diverse places.

Easter 2017 saw our second international fieldtrip to Iceland. We had a spectacular time experiencing all that this tectonically active island has to offer: immersing ourselves in the warm, mineral rich waters of the Blue Lagoon, gazing in awe at the dramatic cliffs, waterfalls of Gullfoss and plate margins, or braving the caves made in the lava fields. We found walking on glaciers with ice axes and crampons challenging and it was sobering to return and see how much the glacier had retreated in two years. We noticed the tourist sites were much busier; it is a popular hotspot for Geography!



In April Mrs Atkins and Mrs Milward attended the annual Geographical Association conference at the University of Surrey in Guildford. This was a time to network with geography staff from around the country, to listen to lectures and investigate new pedagogy. Inspiring lectures by Simon Ross gave rise to a display linking Geography and English curricula, considering whether the world is made of stories!

Our own Dorset GA branch continued to provide additional educational opportunities for local Sixth form students at our 8th conference, held in November at Bournemouth University. Our speakers, Bob Digby and Dr Simon Boxall from the University of Southampton's Oceanography department, helped inspire pupils to continue their geographical studies at university.

We developed a new event in March, joining forces with the Royal Geographical Society, and were delighted to welcome Nicholas Crane, BBC presenter and RGS President, to Talbot Heath. He was joined by Prof Gerd Masserlink from Plymouth University and told us an astonishing array of stories about coastal storm chasing and UK Coastal management. Enrichment activities like these, and our WorldWide quizzes, are some of the reasons that we attained our SGQM

and Centre of Excellence awards from the Geographical Association.

Five students have chosen to read Geography at University this year with another studying International Development. We were delighted that all of our A2 geographers were able to secure places at their chosen universities or places of work.

Planning has started for the Easter 2019 geography tour, a joint venture with Drama to Japan. We have a busy itinerary planned, including Mount Fuji, Kyoto and Hiroshima. We look forward to experiencing this incredible country and the physical and human geography on offer there.

Mrs Atkins

HISTORY

The department ran a successful trip for L4 to Hampton Court Palace, they had a debate with an Elizabethan courtier and then we all found the centre of the maze! For follow-up work, the girls wrote some very informative letters as sixteenth century Venetian ambassadors.

U4 had 'living history' lessons in the air-raid shelter. These included sound effects and an air-raid siren whilst in the classroom and an evacuation to the safety of the shelter. Once inside, pupils were able to appreciate the fears, and understand the experiences, of their predecessors during the war.

The History Department continues to be involved in special events and projects throughout the year:



Remembrance Day/Holocaust Memorial Day

The department organised assemblies for these two occasions.

Dorset Architectural Heritage Week

The air-raid shelter was opened to the public over one weekend in September as part of Dorset Architectural Heritage Week. Four Sixth

formers and staff showed visitors around the bunker and answered their queries. There was also an archive display in the Library.

The Air-Raid Shelter

This continues to be used by other schools and in September we welcomed staff and pupils from St Mark's School, Bournemouth, for the third time. Pupils from Haymoor School also visited: the children had a morning session inside the shelter, experiencing an important aspect of life during the Second World War in our unique facility. Some of our History students, dressed as former pupils from the war, presented contemporary memories from our extensive archive.

The Department is particularly grateful to all the students who have helped with these events and is very proud of the positive comments made about them by pupils and staff from other schools and members of the general public.

Miss Saunders

CAREERS



Careers Advice

All girls in U5 and U6 were interviewed internally by the Head of Careers to offer advice and support as to the next steps they needed to take on their individual Careers Paths during the autumn term. Following on from these sessions, a Careers advisor from Ansbury, was available for any girls, who were unsure of their choices or plans for the future. She met and advised a select group of the U6, L6 and U5 to help them finalise and consolidate their ideas.

Careers Convention

This was hosted by Bournemouth School for Girls at the end of October and was open to girls from U4 to U6 to attend. This provided an opportunity for students from Talbot Heath, Bournemouth School for Girls and Bournemouth School to gain knowledge

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about a variety of careers from Architecture to Acting.

National Careers Week

This takes place in March every year and many events took place during the week. Monday started with an inspiring talk from Mr Sean Noonan about self-awareness and career planning. The L5 and U5 enjoyed a Business Breakfast with many members of the school community attending to offer advice and information about their career paths. The Young Enterprise competition heat evening was also hosted by Talbot Heath. Company presentations were made to a panel of judges. Finally, L6 and U6 had a talk from an ex-student about graduate and apprenticeship opportunities at Savills.



Records of Achievement

All girls at Talbot Heath have a Record of Achievement, recording good work and adding certificates from extra-curricular activities as well as work produced in Careers lessons.

Careers Lessons

The process of fine-tuning Careers lessons for KS3 and KS4 has now been completed.

.Mrs Collins

ECONOMICS

The school ethos is to foster mutual respect and understanding. Economics contributes to this on both inter-personal and wider levels. Pupils are encouraged to respect the points of view of a variety of key economic agents, and to discuss topical issues of economic, business and social importance from an impartial but informed viewpoint.

For many pupils, the Economics B A level is their first introduction to the 'real' world. It opens their eyes to social and moral problems experienced by consumers, firms and the government, as well as the need to balance equity with efficiency within an economy. Pupils learn that the world has to change, or the rich will get richer and the

poor will get poorer; that people in less developed economies will continue to suffer and be exploited; that the ever-increasing demand for the car will lead to congestion and pollution from which we will never recover. Pupils start to understand what governments can do for us, that firms can have other objectives than the maximisation of profits, and that as individuals we can all contribute to a better world in the future by acknowledging the importance of mutual respect and understanding in all issues related to economics and business.

Ms Horgan

RELIGIOUS STUDIES

Our School Chaplain, Rev Jonathan Burke, led a session for U3 about Confirmation and the Holy Communion Service and answered questions along the lines of 'An Interview with the Chaplain'.

To complement the module on Christianity and how it deals with the question of suffering in the world, Liz from Samaritans discussed suffering in this context with L4.

L5 GCSE groups participated in a debate about the sanctity of life with Liz from the Samaritans. The U5 GCSE group enjoyed a debate with Richard Garton (Youth Leader) about 'Prejudice and Discrimination'.

Sixth Form RS students attended a conference in Exeter: the annual Religious Philosophy and Ethics Conference, with renowned philosopher Dr Peter Vardy.



The Religious Studies Department would particularly like to express their gratitude to Rev Jonathan Burke for his support.

Miss King

PERSONAL AND SOCIAL EDUCATION

PSE and RS make up the PSRE programme. We have a variety of speakers to enhance the curriculum for Key Stage 3 and 4. These talks are delivered to individual classes to allow for discussion.

Year 7 have had a talk on Friendship by Liz from the Samaritans and an introduction to Christianity by the School Chaplain. Year 8 had a talk on 'Looking after Your Emotional Health' from the Samaritans, covering the important topic of mental health. They also had talks from the Dorset Police SSCT on 'alcohol and the law' and e-safety. At the end of the year, this year group participated in an SRE session with local Bournemouth charity Respected.

Year 9 had sessions on contraception and consent by NHS Healthworks and further sessions on SRE from Respected. All students attended sessions with the Dorset Police SSCT on 'drugs and the law' and sexting. Year 9 also benefited from sessions with Bournemouth magistrates, where all students participate in a sentencing competition.

Year 10 and 11 have had sessions on contraception, STI's and teenage pregnancy with NHS Healthworks and Respected. Mr. Radford delivered very useful sessions on mental health.

All students are invited to attend our 'Contact the Elderly tea Party' held in the Boarding House every year and many volunteer to help and entertain our guests.

Mrs Baker

Sixth Form PSE

On Life Skills Day the girls had sessions on Health and Well-Being and Cooking on a Budget. The aim of this day is to equip our students for the transition to university. The Sixth Form continues to strengthen its links with Southampton University. Students attended a session led by Southampton University on the UCAS process and how to complete personal statements. We were also fortunate to have been visited by Mrs Alani who gave one-to-one sessions on how to improve personal statements.

The Extended Project Qualification remains popular with our Sixth Formers, allowing the opportunity to test their research skills in

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preparation for university life. Once again this year, students attended an EPQ day at Southampton University to learn more about research and to access the library.



Oxbridge students continue to attend weekly sessions led by Mrs Baker in order to strengthen their analytical skills and prepare for interviews. Students also attended the Oxbridge Experience morning at Hampshire Collegiate School in the spring term.

The Debating Society has been well attended by members of the Sixth form who regularly propose motions and lead discussion. Med Soc continues to be a valuable preparation for students who wish to apply for Medicine or Veterinary Science.

The students have greeted all our visitors with courtesy and interest. Their horizons have been widened and their awareness raised. Thoughtful questions have been discussed. Hopefully, all of these speakers have contributed to the extension of the girls' knowledge, contemplation and understanding of topics and issues beyond their academic subject choices.

Mrs Magrath



BUSINESS STUDIES

The L4 Dragons Den presentation evening took place at Bournemouth University Executive Suite in March 2017.

The aim was to decide on a product to pitch to a panel of entrepreneurs, hosted by Bournemouth University at their Executive Business Centre, and to put together a

professional presentation which would win them the prize awarded by Barclays Bank.

The students developed their products' design and strategies for pricing, promotion and distribution. They were motivated by the inspiring involvement of Sharon Jones, Director of Barclays Eagle Labs in Westbourne which the students visited to receive help from business mentors. Sharon was tireless in helping the teams to make prototypes and marketing materials using the laser cutters and 3-D printers at the lab.

The variety of ideas was impressive and included a mixture of technological and software apps as well as tangible products. The students made professional 'keynote' presentations speaking with clarity, maturity and authority about their products to an audience of family, friends and peers.

The Dragons were clearly impressed by the standard of the presentations, the creativity of the products and the professionalism of the students who were a credit to Talbot Heath. The students were delighted with their achievements, meeting a tough challenge and rising to the occasion admirably, with everyone making a valuable contribution to their team. The evening culminated in the awarding of prizes and trophies to winners Katherine Pullman and Olivia Thomas for their 'Coffee-Your-Way' personalised machine.

Mr Reidy

ART AND DESIGN

Gallery visits are an integral and valuable part of GCSE and A Level. This year, students visited Tate Modern, and their coursework portfolios have been enhanced by the reports of these visits.

L4 students took part in an exciting cross curricular trip with Geography to the Living Rainforest, making drawings and taking photographs.

Extra curricular workshops have been run to support GCSE and A level students, as always resulting in a range of good results and aiding over 50% of the A Level students in developing their studies with Art based diplomas or degrees. A two day workshop in the Easter holidays helped support GCSE

students to reach their full potential.

Another one day workshop was completed in recreating a master. Stunning results were created to enable most departments to have their own original masterpieces. This is the start of relevant masters decorating all corridors.



Props Club has been introduced to support the many exciting ventures the art department gets involved in. Last year the club made torches for *The Trojan Women* performance, leaf lanterns for *Ode to Autumn*, giant wooden animals for Pre Prep, and props including Bottom's head for *A Midsummer Night's Dream* and a giant fish from recycled materials for the Sea Parade.



Our annual Art exhibition showcased the amazing work of GCSE and A Level students. It is always wonderful to see the students' work displayed together and the range of materials and techniques used to create all the individual pieces.

Miss Coates

MUSIC

This year saw our usual range of musical events including a series of regular informal lunchtime concerts. This year we introduced themed concerts that have proved popular with performers and audiences. They are held at least once a month and provide our young soloists with a platform to perform the pieces they are learning - supporters are always welcome! .

Currently, I organise 150 instrumental and

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singing lessons each week, all taught by our specialist teachers. It is pleasing to see that this number is rising once again; guitar, piano and singing are favourite choices. In a busy, ever-changing technological world, it is pleasing to find youngsters who still enjoy learning acoustic instruments and this is very much to be encouraged. The skills required to learn an instrument are proven to have a positive impact on a child's general development and learning.



In Senior school the orchestra, choir and smaller ensembles continue to meet, but we are aware of increasing demands on pupils' time which can prevent regular attendance at rehearsals. Junior choir and percussion ensemble continue to be popular and to flourish.

We were sorry to say goodbye to Mrs Keats who taught cello with us for several years. Her increasingly busy schedule with the BSO meant that reluctantly she made the decision to leave us. We welcome Mrs Leigh (a former TH pupil) as our new cello teacher.

In November we held one of our regular Junior Soloists Concerts. The Mary Norton Hall was packed to capacity with families keen to support the girls. Everyone performed like a professional and it was a superb concert.

December saw our usual range of Nativity and Carol Services. This year Pre Prep performed *The Grumpy Sheep*, a version of the Christmas story with a cute twist.

For the Junior School Carol Service, the stage was full of Christmas trees that were decorated during the course of the service; our chaplain used this to explain the Christmas message in a way our younger pupils could easily understand. The Senior Carols gave the opportunity for some beautiful singing from our older pupils in the context of a traditional service.

January saw great excitement for our Junior

Y5 classes when they 'rocked the O₂ Arena' as part of the National Young Voices Choir.



After much hard work learning many songs and dance moves, it was thrilling to perform with 7,000 other children, a live band and many TH parents in the audience. This is a fantastic opportunity for the girls and a venture that we hope to repeat annually, with our current Y5 pupils preparing for next year.

In February, 45 pupils took Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music exams in a range of different instruments (and singing), achieving an outstanding 100% pass rate.

In March we presented *African Jambo* as a whole Junior school (Y3-6) production. The show presented three different performances on an African theme.



Y3 and Y4 told the tale of *Animal Rumble Grumble* where the animals are taught by the wise old man 'Ghubari' to have courage and believe in themselves – a useful rule for life! The girls enjoyed learning the songs and choreography.

Y5 performed the African song *Maliswe* with their own choreography, and *Wimoweh* (now of Lion King fame) wearing the masks they had expertly made, and tie-dyed T shirts.

Y6 told the story of *Big Mamma* which dealt, in a reasonably light-hearted way, with the horrors of Elephants being killed for their ivory. The girls' enthusiasm was remarkable and we thank them for their hard work.

In the Spring term we were treated to a concert of Chamber Music by senior pupils in the Mary Norton Hall. Beautiful music was provided by the String Quartet, Senior Strings and solo instrumental and vocal items. Parents and friends enjoyed refreshments and all agreed it had been a wonderful display of talent.

Our Senior School Spring Concert saw our musicians presenting a wide-ranging programme. Both our orchestras performed popular arrangements of film and popular music. This contrasted vividly with our flute and string ensembles, who performed some beautiful musical gems from the classical repertoire. Under David Waller's expert guidance, the Percussion Ensemble gave a scintillatingly exciting *Samba di Talbot Heath* – home grown talent through and through!

There were very polished performances from our instrumental soloists. It was great to have our Junior Choir join us to sing two songs from the O₂ event. It is rewarding for girls in both Junior and Senior schools to have a chance to see the other group perform. Our Chamber Choir delighted everyone with *Send in the Clowns* and *Pan's Angelicus*, and the Senior Choir brought the evening to a rousing close with a medley of songs from *Les Misérables*. It is worth noting that more than 120 young musicians were involved in this concert.



I hope this short account gives a flavour of our events this year; hopefully you may have attended one or two of our concerts. As always, I would like to thank all the pupils who participated in our musical programme this year; we couldn't do it without them. I would also particularly like to thank Miss Williams and all the colleagues in our department who work with me to provide a high quality, enjoyable and stimulating education for our young pupils.

Mr Hill

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DESIGN TECHNOLOGY Food and Nutrition

The Food and Nutrition Department continues to be a hive of activity, making the most of its final year before relocating to brand new facilities.

September saw our latest batch of Leith's girls complete their *Let's Cook* course, in



partnership with the prestigious cookery school. The girls developed key cookery skills, such as handling a variety of ingredients and equipment, time management, food safety and hygiene. They learnt to prepare a repertoire

of dishes including carrot and coriander soup with garlic croutons and Swiss roll with raspberries and cream. It was unanimously agreed that we had great fun, produced some fabulous results and felt a little downcast when it was all over!

In the autumn term, we teamed up with Christian Union for two popular events. Tearfund's Annual Big Bake, fundraising for *Let's Beat Hunger Campaign*, raised a show stopping £80, proof of the power of flour in making a difference. *A Taste of Christmas* saw more than 40 girls making Christmas pudding cupcakes, air-dried clay and felted heart decorations, whilst enjoying festive music and refreshments.



December saw the return of the Christmas Cake Decorating Competition. Yet again, the judges had a difficult task, with everything from a charity Christmas shoebox to an entire ski slope! Fortunately, the whole school could decide, using our iPad voting system. This year's overall winner was Liza Abdrashitova for her spectacular five tier chocolate extravaganza.

2016 was the busiest year yet for our in-house MasterChef Competition. More than 60 girls took part in five heats, culminating in a hard-fought, yet fabulous finale. The judges, including Chef Manager Dave Hancock and Chair of Governors, Graham Exon, had quite a task to rank the four finalists. Congratulations to Olivia Burrage for her winning menu of seared scallops with ginger and spring onion, followed by five spice salmon with stir fried vegetables, noodles and brown rice.

In the spring we continued our Great Talbot Heath Bake Off. All of U3 took part during their Food lessons, with the winners in each group receiving medals. Our keen bakers produced some remarkable entries. It was also egg-citing to have such a wide range of entrants for the Easter Cake Competition this year, from Y4 all the way up to Y12; bunnies, eggs, lambs and carrots all featured, and extravagant amounts of chocolate, of course! First place was jointly awarded to Nia Edwards and Maisie Chan for their 'THINK BIG' bunny.



In the summer, Y12 girls spent part of their Life Skills Day in the Food Room, brushing up on practical food skills ready for university life. They worked in groups, making and tasting everything from Thai green curry and spaghetti bolognese to naan and garlic bread. The results were delicious and many discovered that cooking may not be so difficult and can even be fun!

The June heatwave sparked another fundraising idea for our link school in Rwanda, with the introduction of 'Frozen Fridays' and ice lollies for sale at 50p. As temperatures soared, this morphed into Mivi Monday, Chilly Tuesday, Whippy Wednesday ... (in fact, every day) raising more than £350 for Rwanda. Any sunny periods will see this popular event return, in our new location with fabulous new facilities.

Mrs Moran

DESIGN TECHNOLOGY Textiles



Textiles is a popular subject and I am always amazed at the quality and innovation of the fantastic designs produced in my lessons.

The textiles department

continues to support whole school projects, including the Ode to Autumn event in November, when pupils drew and decorated fabric leaves for an autumn banner. In December we sewed belts and scarves for The Trojan Women.

In the spring and summer terms, an enthusiastic team of U3 and L4 students, and some parents, spent weeks making banners for the Carnival of the Sea parade. We tie-dyed fabric and hand stitched letters to produce sea conservation slogans on four giant banners, and decorated them with beautiful handmade fish. This is the biggest project I have undertaken so far and I'm very grateful for the support of those dedicated students and parents.

Mrs Teuber

SPORT

Senior pupils have had a fantastic year of sport, in and outside of school. It is brilliant to see such variety, as pupils have reached County level or above in no less than 22 different sports this year. Talbot Heath tennis and netball teams had an incredibly successful year and details of all these achievements are outlined in the Sports roundup at the end of this report.



The Junior School girls had some wonderful opportunities to take part in a range of sports

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lessons, such as: indoor rowing, badminton, swimming, netball, hockey, volleyball, tennis, rounders, athletics, and the use of the fitness suite. They also produced some County Champions along the way.

Junior Town Sports was held in June and 14 girls from Years 4, 5 and 6 performed brilliantly. Seven were selected to represent Bournemouth at County Championships. Lexie, Elle and Jessie won their events. Sofia, Chloe and Sophia all finished third, with Isabella and Nina in the top 7.



In Cross Country, the Poole & East Dorset competition goes from strength to strength with many girls gaining valuable experience of pacing and racing techniques. Numbers at training sessions have grown noticeably due to the girls' enthusiasm and desire to race. The Year 5/6 team won the team event, with Lexie and Isabella regularly finishing in the top two. In the Moyles Court team cross country the Year 5/6 teams ran well, winning both trophies and competed in Clayesmore, Leweston and St Mary's events this year.

We have seen an excellent turn out at netball after school and lunch clubs. Most girls had an opportunity to represent the school, enabling them to develop their skills. Year 5/6 played Dumpton, Bournemouth Collegiate, Buckholme Towers and Castle Court.



Years 4, 5 and 6 competed in the Dorset School Games Sailing Competition at Poole Park. Ruby, Bonnie, Grace, Lara, Harriet and

Ariella were selected to represent TH. Lara and Grace achieved a bronze medal in the first final and Ruby and Bonnie a silver in the second final.

Juniors had another fantastic year in the pool. Year 5 and 6 teams competed in the IAPS competition and the local BCS gala.

Year 4, 5 and 6 teams represented TH at the Bournemouth and Christchurch galas and many went on to represent Bournemouth in County finals. The Year 4 team performed well at their first gala; the relay team achieved a silver Medal. The Year 6 team had an exceptional year at County Championships. Millie won gold in the 25m Butterfly. The relay teams of Elle, Bella, Millie, Lauren and Louisa won both the medley and freestyle relays.

In tennis, Juniors have worked well at club on Wednesday evenings and there is fantastic strength due to club links throughout Junior School. Many girls play a considerable amount of tennis with their club and are showing real potential for the future. The school also hosted a Year 4 tournament for local schools which gave the girls a great opportunity to play against different opposition.

I would like to thank the pupils for their hard work and commitment throughout the year and their fantastic contribution to school sport. I'd like to thank the parents for their continued support at events and fixtures, which is much



appreciated. It has been a fantastic year in terms of achievement, but also in atmosphere and enthusiasm. The pupils go from strength to strength in their sports and I look forward to watching their progress again next year.

Miss Marks

CHARITY FUNDRAISING REPORT 2016-2017

I would like to thank everyone for their support throughout the year. Once again, tutor groups have worked closely together to organise charity events. Great empathy towards others was shown by the pupils choosing to support local, national and global charities of their own choice. These choices are sometimes dictated by personal circumstances within tutor groups.

Charities supported by Tutor Groups, Senior School

Alzheimers	£132.94
Amnesty International	£421.66
Be a Friend	£82.95
Children in Need	£500.48
Ellen McArthur	£536.11
Epilepsy	£189.74
Hope for Food	£127.82
Jeans for Genes	£269.18
Make it Better with a Sweater	£188.73
Over the Wall	£181.93
Red Nose Day	£131
Shelter	£395.29
Shoe Box Appeal	£146.99
Tearfund Cake sale	£72.50
Woofability	£212.07

Partner School: College St Emmanuel

The whole school came together in October 2016 to participate in the Bournemouth Marathon Festival in aid of our partner school in Rwanda. This raised the fantastic sum of £8,811.30.



We raised £64 for College St Emmanuel through the ever popular 'Sophie's Jewellery Emporium' for Christmas and Mother's Day (Sophie Perkins is an 'old girl').

Once again, THANK YOU to the girls, staff and parents for their amazing fundraising work.

Miss King

EXAMINATION RESULTS & ACHIEVEMENTS

UNIVERSITY ENTRANCE 2017

ADVANCED LEVEL RESULTS 2017

Grade A*	13.8%
Grade A and above	44%
Grade B and above	75.2%
Grade C and above	94.5%
Pass Rate	99.1%

AS LEVEL RESULTS 2017

Grade A	41.1%
Grade B and above	66.4%
Grade C and above	76.6%
Pass Rate	95.3%

GCE LEVEL RESULTS 2017

Grade A*	28.6%
Grade A and above	57.7%
Grade B and above	85.4%
Grade C and above	99.1%

(GCE are 'equivalent' results as there are new grades 9-1 for English and Maths)

UNIVERSITY ENTRANCE 2017

Places were awarded at the following Universities:

AUB, Bournemouth - Foundation Art and Design

Bath - Chemistry, Politics with Economics

Birmingham - Maths with Business, Sociology

Brighton - Biomedical Science, Fashion Communication

Bristol - Economics

Cardiff - Civil Engineering, Human Geography (2)

East Anglia - Biomedicine, International Development, Medicine

Edinburgh - Architecture

Lancaster - Accounting and Finance

Leicester - Medical Physiology

Loughborough - Training with GB Triathlon

Manchester - Aeronautical Engineering

Middlesex - Psychology

Nottingham - Nutrition

Royal Holloway, London - Geography (2), Psychology

Southampton - Music

Surrey - Economics

Sussex - Business and Management, Psychology

Swansea - Engineering

Trinity Laban Conservatoire - Music

UWE - Physiotherapy

Winchester - Theatre Production

York - Environmental Geography

SCHOOL AWARDS

Advanced Level Awards A Harbord, A Heath, A Jackson, J Lau, K McKenzie, J Moore, E Saunders, A Stein, K Tucker and K Zung.

The Austin-Smith Award

K Badawy and E Saunders.

The Hardy Award

S Chanoch and K Kendall-Jones.

The Mabel Fletcher Award

K Badawy, S Chanoch, K Kendall-Jones and E Saunders.

The Shona Baker Award

A Heath, I Pinckston and A West.

The Ruth Sykes Award

E Saunders.

General Certificate of Education:

Advanced Level Passes 2017

(** indicates A* grade; * indicates A grade; AS level in *Italics*. EPQ – The Extended Project Qualification is the equivalent of half an A level.)

Badawy, K

Biology, Chemistry, English Literature*, *Theatre Studies**

Bishop, L

Geography, English Literature, History, EPQ

Chan, P

Maths, Chinese*, Geography, Chemistry, EPQ**, *Economics*

Chan, Y

Maths**, Further Maths, Chinese*, *Economics, Art*

Chanoch, S

Geography, Biology, Chemistry, *Religious Studies**

Chow, C

Art, Maths, Chinese*, Chemistry, *Physics*

Galek, L

Psychology*, Geography, Biology, *Religious Studies**

Glanville, J

Economics*, Geography*, English Literature

Grace, I

French**, Maths, Music*

Gregory, A

Psychology, Art*, English Literature

Gregory, H

Art**, Biology, Chemistry, EPQ, *Physics*

Gregory, S

Maths, Chemistry, English Literature, EPQ*, *Physics*

Harbord, A

Geography*, English Literature*, History, EPQ*, *Art*

Heath, A

Psychology**, Economics**, Geography**

Hills, O

Theatre Studies, Psychology, English Literature, EPQ*, *Geography*

Hood, E

Biology, History, *Maths*

Jackson, A

Spanish**, Maths**, Further Maths**, *Physics*, EPQ**, Chemistry**

Judson, O

Psychology, Biology, History, *Theatre Studies*

Kendall-Jones, K

French, Spanish, Art*, *Economics**

Kermode, D

Theatre Studies, Art, Religious Studies, *Maths*

Kwok, P

Maths*, Chinese, Geography*, *Physics, EPQ*, Further Maths*

Kwon, C

Maths, Biology, Chemistry, *Physics*

Lau, Y

Art, Maths**, Chinese*, Biology*, Chemistry*, EPQ**, *Further Maths**

Mann, C

Geography*, Biology, Music

McKenzie, K

Maths*, Geography*, *Physics, EPQ**, French**

Moore, J

Theatre Studies*, Psychology*, English Literature*, EPQ**, *Geography*

Pinckston, I

Economics*, Geography**, English Literature, *Theatre Studies*

Saunders, E

Theatre Studies*, Geography, Religious Studies*, EPQ**, *English Literature*

Stein, A

Maths**, Biology**, Chemistry*, *Physics**

EXAMINATION RESULTS & OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS 2016-17

Tucker, K

Spanish, Maths*, Chemistry*, EPQ**,
*Biology**

West, A

Economics, Geography*, English Literature

Yuen, W

Maths, Chinese*, Economics, Chemistry,
Biology

Zung, P

Art**, Maths**, Further Maths, Chinese*,
History

14% A* grades, 30% A grades, 31% B grades

General Certificate of Secondary

Education 2017 (Number indicates subjects at
Grade C or above)

Adamo, G (9), Alwesmi, B (9), Asghari, F (9),
Battistotti-Moore, L (9), Blake, J (9), Bridger,
E (9), Choi, W (10), Cooke, A (9), Cornell, A
(9), Dixon, E (7), Donaldson, A (9), Gallen, E
(8), Green-Buckley, E (9), Groeger, E (9),
Heald, I (9), Holmes, M (9), Houghton, E (9),
Hutt, K (9), Hutt, L (9), Jessup, H (9), Lam,
W (10), Lamparelli, A (9), Leung, H (10),
Nash, T (9), Parker, A (9), Parker, F (9),
Parker, I (9), Piromalli, M (8), Pitman, E (9),
Potter, E (9), Pusey, L (9), Qaddoura, T (9),
Richardson, E (7), Romero-Pratten, O (8),
Rowan, G (9), Rule, K (9), Russell, S (9),
Sargent, H (9), Sargent, I (9), Sherring, S (9),
Smith-Joseph, J (9), Stanborough, C (9),
Tovey, G (9), Turner, T (9), Tyrer, L (9),
Vaile, C (9), Wedderburn, I (9), Williams-
Gardner, E (8), Worboys, T (9).

28% A* grade (equivalent), 57% A*-A (equivalent),
85% A*-B (equivalent), 99% A*-C (equivalent)

Biology Challenge

Gold: P Jaspersen and C Wittram

Silver: H Glatter, L Henning, L Lam, A Dods

Bronze: C Gaskin, C Glowacka and R Harris

Biology Olympiad

Bronze: H Gregory, C Mann and A Stein

Highly Commended: S Chanoch and C Kwon

Chemistry Olympiad

A Stein

STEM / Crest Awards

Silver: L Driver, S Fenwick, E Holloway, R

Kolahy, I O'Rourke and F Rowley

Bronze: M Crabtree-Parker, T Marstrand and
F Wong

Senior Mathematics Challenge

Silver: J Lau and L Li

Bronze: 6 pupils.

Intermediate Mathematics Challenge

Gold: E Richardson

Silver: L Battistotti-Moore, H Glatter,
L Henning, A Lamparelli, I Leung, P Lung
and C Stanborough.

Bronze: 8 pupils.

Junior Mathematics Challenge

Silver: E Bailey, I Dickinson and O Thomas

Bronze: 6 pupils.

Young Enterprise County Final

The 'Athene' team: E Burrage, V Cheng, D
Deards, L Edbrooke, S Griffiths, S Holloway,
N Lee, L Li, C Millar, J Ng, E Plumb, C
Sidaway, M Tomkins, S Turtle and A Vine
won a Sales award at the Regional Finals.

Mayor of Bournemouth's Poetry Competition

O Thomas

World Scholars' Cup

H Elms

National Citizen Service

L Battistotti-Moore, E Bridger, A Cooke, E
Dixon, E Gallen, J Johnson-Cole, K Rule and
S Sherring participated in the NCS scheme.

The Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme

Gold: K Badawy, S Chanoch, K McKenzie

Silver: E Dixon, U Gannon, E Groeger, M
Holmes, A Jackson, H Jessup, A Lamparelli,
J Lau, I Leung, C Millar, J Ng, E Pitman,
T Qaddoura, H Sargent, C Stanborough,
A Stein, G Tovey and S Turtle

Bronze: Battistotti-Moore, E Berridge,
G Adamo, C Chapman, C Davies, L Driver,
H Eaton, S Fenwick, C Fernyhough, A
Freed, J Fry, C Gaskin, G Gedge, R Guyer,
E Hendey, E Johnstone, R King, M Kwok, A
Lamparelli, N Lee, S Li, S Mitchell, I
O'Rourke, D Osipenkova, M Pawson, H
Peasland, O Perera, Z Pollock, T Ratnayake,
F Rowley, N Saraby, C Sidaway, E
Stanborough, S Sutherland, F Taylor, M
Tomkins, H Tovey, E Wood, G Wood and A
Yeadon

Honour before Honours Award

M Chan, N Edwards, L Glanville, E Mans
and T Ratnayake achieved the Bronze

award.

MUSIC

School Music Awards

Effort and achievement in Music (Years 7-9):

E Price-Lloyd

Performer of the Year: L Lam

Cadenza Award: Y Wu

The Mary Simmonds Cup (all round contribution):
R King

The Elizabeth Sylvester Memorial Award
(musician showing the most promise): I Mumford

The Music School Cup (young musician showing
most progress in performance): H Glatter

The Stravinsky Competition Cup: I Grace

Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music

Percussion

Grade 8	Distinction	H Glatter
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Piano

Grade 8	Distinction	S Lam
Grade 7	Merit	Y Wu
Grade 7	Pass	S Li
Grade 6	Merit	E Pitman

Singing

Grade 7	Merit	I Mumford
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Theory

Grade 5	Distinction	H Glatter
Grade 5	Distinction	E Pitman
Grade 5	Merit	Y Wu

Other practical examination results (Grades 1-5):
Distinction - 4, Merit - 7, Pass - 15.

The London Academy of Music and Dramatic Arts

Acting

Grade 7 Distinction	E Burrage
Grade 7 Merit	U Gannon

Speaking of Verse and Prose

Grade 8 Distinction	S Chan
Grade 8 Distinction	M Kwok
Grade 7 Distinction	S Chan
Grade 7 Merit	M Kwok

Results of other examinations, 2016-2017:
Distinction - 25, Merit - 24, Pass - 1.

Other Music Achievements

H Bartlett is in the National Youth Orchestra.

C Mann was selected for the English
Schools' Orchestra 2016 for the second year
running. She is principal horn player of the
Wessex Youth Orchestra.

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I Mumford is a member of the National Youth Training Choir and the Bournemouth Symphony Youth Chorus.

I Grace has performed regionally and nationally as a singer and has played the Wessex Youth Orchestra, as has A Jackson.

SPORT

Aberdare Cup - Tennis

Talbot Heath have had an incredibly successful year on the tennis circuit. The U19 A team consisting of E Adeshina, E Richardson, H Smith and A Tyler won the Aberdare National Championship competition in Nottingham in July.

The B team of M Davis, M Edge, J Holloway and H Vernon also competed in the National Finals and achieved 13th place in the country. It was an incredible achievement to have two teams qualify for this competition. The school have now won this competition twice in the last three years.

Athletics

Talbot Heath had a successful competition at Town Sports and 17 girls were invited to represent Bournemouth at the County Finals. From these, A Chanoch placed 3rd in the shot putt and 2nd in hammer, L Lockwood competed for Dorset in the Regional championships. C Sidaway competed in the sprint and 100m in the Regional Championships. I Wedderburn is the Dorset U17 long jump champion, jumping 5m 67cm to break the championship record. She has also been selected for English Schools in the same event.

Basketball

T Wood was selected for the South West Regional Basketball team. She represented her region in a tournament in France this year in addition to the Basketball England Regional tournament in Manchester.

Cricket

A Bowen, S Kenwright and E Leaver-Smith have all been selected for the County Cricket Squad in their respective age groups.

Cross Country

M Pawson finished 11th in the South West Schools Cross Country in Truro. She also represented Dorset at the English Schools in Norwich and the team won the Sidney Rose

Trophy for the 2nd year running.

Dance

F Parker qualified for the last Ballroom and Latin national ISTD Grand Finals at Gold Star level and achieved 3rd place (1st female).

Football

C Donellan has been awarded a place as goalkeeper at AFC Bournemouth and Dorset County.

E Pusey made her debut in the FA Cup against Notts County for Yeovil Town Ladies FC. She made 6 appearances in Women's Super League 1 Spring Series against the likes of Arsenal, Chelsea and won the Young Player of the Year Award for Yeovil Town Ladies FC.

Golf

E Mans was selected for the Hampshire Girls U18 2017 Performance Group. This season she played for the U18 Hampshire Junior Team and to date she has won the Gamaliel Cup and the Mike Quigley Memorial Trophy, July 2017. She qualified and played in the Abraham Trophy in August, the National Final run by England Golf to find the most improved Girl Golfer.

Hockey

E Mans played at the Hockey Nationals in Nottingham May 2017 for Bournemouth hockey club. H Jessup has represented the Dorset U17 team this season. F Rowley plays for Bournemouth hockey club and was selected to be Captain of the U15 Dorset County Hockey team.

Horse Riding

P Palmer-Snellin has represented the South Dorset Pony Club this year. In the NSEA inter schools challenge show jumping event she placed 3rd. In the British Eventing, dressage, show jumping and cross country at Millfield she placed 8th.

Indoor Rowing

In U3 Rowing the team had a successful first season finishing second at the County Championships.

In L4 the team finished third in the County and the U4 are now County Champions for the third consecutive year.

Many girls represented the school at the National Competition. The team of A Chanoch, I O'Rourke, O Perera and F Rowley are the 3rd fastest in the country. There were many impressive individual performances, with C Wittram finishing 4th in the country as our highest ranked individual.

Life Saving

N Edwards has completed her Rookie Gold 1 award. I McCrudden has competed in two national surf life saving events this year for Branksome. She competed at the Olympic pool in Cardiff, finishing first in her heat and at Holywell Bay in Cornwall.

Netball

The U12 and U13 had a very successful year and are both County Champions winning the tournament held at BSG. The U14 team finished second in the County and went on to compete at the Regional competition.

A Conley has been selected for the county team and achieved the bronze at the nationals this year.

E Cridland was selected for the South West Regional U17 squad. She was also part of the Poole Crystals team who were the regional champions for the second consecutive year and finished third at the Nationals.

J Holloway is part of the U16 County squad and was also part of the team who finished third at the nationals.

C Wilke was also part of this successful Poole team who will be receiving a commendation award from Poole Council for the team's outstanding achievement in netball. She was also selected for the Team Bath U15 NPL development pathway and the Dorset County Academy .

Rowing

C Gaskin had a fantastic season representing Wessex in the national rowing championships where her coxed crew won this prestigious event.

G Rowan had a successful season winning the novice championships with her coxed four for Westover rowing club. She then went on to compete at the South Coast championships at Dorney Lake. .

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Sailing

S Holloway has competed internationally in a number of championships this year. In the GBR 420 spring Championships she finished 6th, in the RYA National Championships 10th, in the European U21 championships 30th out of 60 boats (3rd British boat home). She has a National ranking of 12th and qualified for the Europeans in Athens and Worlds in Perth.

F Rowley won the Topper Silver Fleet summer series at Parkstone Yacht club

Short Mat Bowls

E Thompson has been selected for the England U21 squad. This year she has played against the Wales U21 team in her first international match.

Stock Car Racing

L Edbrooke continues with her stock car racing at adult level on various tracks in the south, winning numerous trophies.

Swimming

H Harris achieved regional level in five different events and has been promoted to the top performance youth squad with Poole swimming club.

S Kenwright has been selected to swim for the Southern Junior League in Bristol.

K McKenna swam at the ASA County Championships, achieving three silver and two bronze medals as well as competing in the South West Regional Championships in the 50m and 100m Backstroke.

Table Tennis

M Biles has continued to represent Dorset and is current Number 1 in her age category. Because of this, she represented Dorset and was asked to compete in the Nationals held in Birmingham.

Tennis

As well as their Aberdare success the Year 7, 8, 9 and 10 teams won the Aegon Team Tennis Schools National competitions in December.

E Adeshina created history by winning three U18 ITF singles and doubles in a row this season in Austria, Cyprus and Liverpool. She has represented Great Britain in European

winter cups, finishing 5th in the finals after qualifying without losing a match. She competed in the Junior Wimbledon for singles and doubles and won the Sutton British tour premier tier, beating world ranked players.

M Davis represented the Dorset under 12 team, qualifying for the Nationals. The U12 West Hants team also came third in the Aegon National Team tennis finals.

M Edge has represented the school in National Competitions and was part of the U14 winning West Hants team at the Aegon National Team Tennis finals.

J Holloway is part of the U14 County Cup squad, National Team tennis winner for West Hants and open winner at Woking, Bournemouth (doubles and U16 singles) and Southbourne.

J Johnson-Cole Finished runner up in the U18 County championships and won the County final.

E Richardson achieved three international Tennis Federation junior doubles titles in Austria, Cyprus and the UK in 2016. She continued her success with two national titles in the U16 and U18 age groups as well as further ITF singles and doubles titles in Ireland. She then completed the season winning the Nike Junior National Championships in Nottingham.

H Smith has represented U18 Hampshire team who won the league to qualify for the top division. She won the U14 and U16 Doubles National Tour final in Nottingham, was a semi-finalist in Tennis Europe Finland U14 singles and doubles, a Nottingham Tennis Europe U14 girls doubles winner and she captained the U14 premier team winning the National Premier Team Title. She reached the quarter final at the International Road to Wimbledon and represented England at the four National Challenge Cup.

A Tyler won the grade 2 National doubles tournaments in Sutton, Nottingham and Gosling. She has qualified and played in the HSBC Road to Wimbledon National Finals. She has represented the school in both National competitions.

H Vernon has represented the school at national competitions this year.

Trampolining

R Richardson qualified to represent the South West in the Double Mini Tramp and finished 2nd nationally. She qualified for another national competition and is now national champion grade 5.

Volleyball

C Wittram is a member of the England cadet squad who this summer won the National School Games. At this tournament she was presented with a gold ball for her position. Only 7 of these awards are given out over all the national teams competing. She is a member of the South West team who finished 3rd in the Inter-Regionals. She went on with her partner to win the U18 Volleyball England National Junior beach championships.

TALBOT HEATH GOVERNORS' BIOGRAPHIES

MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING BODY

Chairman: Mr Graham Exon - Nominated by the Bishop of Winchester

Vice Chairman: Mrs Christine Norman - Foundation Governor

Dr Tim Battcock	Foundation Governor
Mrs Cherry Edwards	Foundation Governor
Mrs Melanie Kaviani	Foundation Governor
Mrs Diana Leadbetter	Foundation Governor
Dr Andrew Main	Foundation Governor
Rev Canon Christopher Rutledge -	
Nominated by the Bishop of Salisbury	
Mrs Rachel Small	Foundation Governor
Mrs Clodie Sutcliffe	Foundation Governor
Mr David Townend	Foundation Governor

GRAHAM EXON has been Chairman of the Governors at Talbot Heath since January 2010 having served as a governor for the previous five years, and is nominated to the governing body by the Bishop of Winchester. He moved to Bournemouth in 1992 as Area Manager of Abbey National plc to manage their branch operations along the South Coast. Having retired from banking he is now Chairman of Bournemouth Churches' Housing Association and a non-executive director of Hyped BCHA Ltd, Sequal Solutions Ltd and RECOOP Ltd.

He is also Chair of Governors at St Michael's Primary School and chairs Bournemouth Schools' Forum. He is a co-opted member of Bournemouth Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Panel.

As a keen musician Graham is Director of Music for the parish of St John with St Michael, Bournemouth. His daughter was educated at Talbot Heath.

TIM BATTCOCK has been a consultant physician at Poole hospital since 1991. He is married to a local GP and they have three girls who have been educated at Talbot Heath.

Tim was born in Hertfordshire and qualified from Liverpool University Medical School in 1981. He worked in Merseyside, then for three years in Leicester, before moving to the south coast. He has always had a large interest in medical education and is currently responsible for the education of all junior

doctors at Poole hospital.

He also has regional roles for medical education and is censor of the Royal College of Physicians London, involved with national examinations and education of physicians.

He is a trustee of the Hunterian Museum at the Royal College of Surgeons. His outside interests are entertainment, entertaining and competition.

CHERRY EDWARDS has extensive experience of managing education and training. She started as a teacher and youth leader in Oxford, then spent seven years as a careers counsellor, based in the north of England and specialising in post 'A' level occupations.

After a career break, she worked for a company which managed work-based learning and placements for young people and adults. In the 1990s she developed new Apprenticeship models with employers and colleges and in 1996 joined Bournemouth and Poole College, becoming Head of Work Based Learning.

Latterly she has worked as an education and training consultant, with local schools, colleges and employers.

MELANIE KAVIANI was born in Hanover, Germany, to Persian parents and spent most of her childhood between Germany and Iran, hence her passion for diverse cultures and languages.

Mel studied architecture in 1993 in Iran, then continued her studies in Australia and graduated from Greenwich University in London. She has worked in architecture practices in UK since 2001 and managed to integrate further study into her working life, securing a Masters in Architecture at Arts University Bournemouth in 2014 and winning the Nicholas Durbidge Award for Collaboration.

She is the sole principal at her architecture and design consultancy and enjoys collaborating with local communities on a variety of projects.

Her young daughter has been a pupil at Talbot Heath School since 2014.

DIANA LEADBETTER is a former pupil of Talbot Heath Junior School. She completed her degree in Business Studies and trained as a Chartered Accountant with KPMG, qualifying in 1989.

Diana subsequently joined her family business and gained experience in all aspects of the business. She is now the Finance Director, and her principal day to day role revolves around the financial and administrative management of the company including HR and Company Secretarial work.

Diana is married with one daughter who was educated at Talbot Heath. She has been a PSS Year Group Representative in both the Junior and Senior Schools.

ANDREW MAIN is a 'hybrid' with 17 years in industry and the last 20 as a lecturer and academic manager at Bournemouth University.

He grew up in London, gained a PhD in engineering computation, was employed for eight years and freelance in the Bournemouth area for nine, working with manufacturing and process industries process quality and productivity.

He joined the Dorset Institute of Higher Education in 1989 (which in quick succession became Bournemouth Polytechnic and then Bournemouth University), where he is Associate Dean (Students), School of Design, Engineering & Computing He also teaches computing.

Academic management focuses on the student experience. His own company has undertaken IT projects in his free time.

His five children all went to school in Bournemouth and he was previously a governor of St Mark's School in Talbot Village and Bournemouth School for Girls.

CHRISTINE NORMAN was Public Relations Manager for a large housing charity for nine years with a particular responsibility for organising annual conferences and major fundraising banquets. She is now a legal assistant/secretary in her husband's private legal practice.

Her daughter was educated at Talbot Heath and during that time she became very involved in the Parent Staff Society, retiring as Deputy Chairman in 2000.

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CHRISTOPHER RUTLEDGE read Sociology at London University, Theology at Sarum Theological College and Cambridge University, and took an MPhil and a PhD at the University of Wales.

He was ordained in the Anglican Church in 1970 and for the past 28 years has been Vicar of St Mark's, Talbot Village. He served on the Salisbury Diocesan Board of Education for 10 years, and is a Canon of Salisbury Cathedral.

From 2004 to 2009 he was the Chaplain of Talbot Heath School, and his daughter was educated here.

RACHEL SMALL started her career in the City but retrained as a solicitor, qualifying in 1993. Rachel moved with her family to Bournemouth in 1998 and was a partner of Lester Aldridge solicitors from 2000-07, predominantly dealing in commercial litigation.

Rachel is now Head of Legal & Deputy Company Secretary for LV=, Liverpool Victoria Friendly Society, leading a team of 10 lawyers and assistants for the LV= Group.

Rachel has been involved with the Talbot Heath Parent Staff Society since her two daughters started Junior School in 1998/9 and was Treasurer of the PSS from 2007-10. She was appointed as a Governor in 2010.

CLODIE SUTCLIFFE was educated at Talbot Heath from 1980 to 1987, following in her mother's footsteps. She was Deputy Head Girl in her final year.

She graduated from Warwick University with a degree in Physical Education and Mathematics and then went on to teach at Wentworth College, where she was Head of Physical Education.

In 1999 she had a change of career, joining the Dorset Police and being promoted to Sergeant in 2004 and to Inspector in 2008. Her current role is as a Critical Incident Inspector, covering Bournemouth, Poole and Christchurch.

She lives locally with her husband and three energetic spaniels and competes in triathlons!

DAVID TOWNEND is an experienced entrepreneur. He was born in London and brought up in Bath.

Since moving to Bournemouth in 1983, he has supported a number of businesses and driven them to achieve significant growth. His background is in IT and he has extensive experience in the aviation, energy and internet sectors and he currently has a number of local business interests.

His youngest daughter was educated at Talbot Heath from 2003 to 2009.

*A selection of pupils were asked to describe Talbot Heath
in one word. This is what they said.*

INDIVIDUAL
EMPOWERING
ENCOURAGING
WARM
HELPFUL
WELCOMING
FAMILY
INSPIRATIONAL
MOTIVATIONAL
DIFFERENT
SPECIAL
HOMELY
HAPPY



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