

Big Write – big success!

Before Easter saw the grand finale of Sarum Academy's annual Big Write Competition. Every year the academy challenge pupils to write fiction and non-fiction pieces based around a theme. The very best pieces are picked out and scoured over by judges from across the community.



This year's theme was metamorphosis and saw a record number of entries from across Years 7 to 11 with over 400 pieces submitted. This included responses to work in such diverse subjects as PSHCE, RE, Photography, Food Technology and Science.

The 400 pieces were whittled down to 40 finalists who were put before this year's judging panel. The panel included local author Julia Edwards, David Parker from Valley News, Alex Ewing from youth project The Bridge, Rebecca Foster from St. Edmund's School and Wiltshire Creative's Kate Robinson. This panel of experts spent hours poring over the pupils' writing to decide the overall winners.

This year's winners walked away with prizes such as Kindle Fire HD tablets, theatre tickets, gift cards and Easter eggs courtesy of the competition's main sponsors, Valley News, Cube Design of Ringwood and Salisbury Playhouse.

This year's outstanding winners included Lance Smith of Year 10 for his epic fantasy piece, Mabel Bradley for her essay on the painting "Jesus on the Tube," Lauren Brant from Year 8 for her excellent depiction of a werewolf's transformation and Nathan Fierling in Year 7 for his highly original take on a caterpillar's metamorphosis into a butterfly.

Sarum Academy's Curriculum Leader for English, Mike Mineur, said, "This has been the best Big Write competition yet. With a record number of entries from a record range of subject areas this competition is not only firing up the writers of tomorrow, but also raising the standard of writing across Sarum Academy."

The full list of finalists; Callum Adey, Jasmine Antunovic-Fry, Lola Bailey, Lauren Brant, Mabel Bradley, Daniel Bruton, Eve Bunney, Sadie Burgess, Shaya Callacher, Daisy Clark, Josie Clark, Bradley Cooper, Aimee Edwards, Nathan Fierling, Lewis Hayes, Jessica Hillier, Fahema Khatun, Alex Langford, Ryan McIntosh, Freya Miller, Kim Rolt, Logan Scott, Jess Shergold, Lance Smith, Jacob Wheeler, Lauren Wingrove, Chloe Yates.

Healthy Schools Award Winners - Silver



We have just been notified of our success in achieving the nationally recognised Healthy Schools Silver Award. In achieving this we are the only secondary school in Wiltshire to receive this

award. Well done to all staff involved in particular Mrs Bell – Curriculum Team Leader PSHCE. Look out in the summer for our well-being publication coming to all parents. This will outline how the academy supports all young people and will allow you as parents to access services directly through the school.

School Photograph

On Tuesday we all enjoyed taking part in the School Photograph. This was a real marker in terms of how the school has developed in the last few years and a proud moment for us all. We will continue this tradition every two years. Photographs will be on sale soon. Further details to follow.



Welcome to new staff

A warm welcome to Miss Rees and Mrs Twinn to our staff team. They are already adding massively to the work of the Learning Support team and we wish them every success and happiness at our fantastic school.

Baby News



Congratulations to Mr & Mrs Gale on the birth of their son Arthur over Easter. I am sure you will join me in wishing them every happiness.

Wedding Bells

Congratulations to Mrs Murphy and her new husband on their marriage just before Easter. A new chapter in your life begins and we wish you every good fortune and blessing.

Year 4 Day

On Thursday we welcomed a record 187 Year 4 pupils into the Academy to enjoy a day of creativity and problem solving. A thoroughly enjoyable day was had by staff and pupils. Many parents took the opportunity to tour the Academy and see our school in action. This open door policy really demonstrates the excellent work that is going on day-after-day.

Maths success

Well done to the following pupils in achieving the very top grades in the most recent Maths

assessments. Pupils in Year 9 sat full GCSE papers as part of their ongoing maths assessments. Congratulations must also go to the many children who are already on track to exceed their targets for the end of Year 9.

Callum Adey

Jasmine Antunovic-Fry

Harry Barnett

Callum Bradburn

Mabel Bradley

Eve Bunney

Daisy Gardner

Benjamin Major

Shae-Louise Rawlins

Ellie White

Mrs Russell – Curriculum Team Leader Maths

Sports update

Bronze at Regional Boccia

Congratulations to Kieran Diaper, Connor Sanderson and Lewis Woolford who managed to win a bronze medal in the recent South West Counties Boccia Competition. The boys only lost a couple of games throughout the whole day and it's a great achievement to come third in a regional event.

Gold and Bronze in Seated Volleyball

Sarum became Salisbury Champions at seated volleyball in a recent event held at St Edmunds school. Sarum took two teams to the event and both performed brilliantly with the Sarum A (Connor Sanderson, Lewis Woolford, Kieran Diaper and Callum Adey) taking first place after narrowly beating St Josephs in the final. Sarum B (Cameron McCafferty, Ryan Devine, Jude Telford and Bradley Townsend) achieving a bronze medal. Both teams will now take part in the school games (Wiltshire competition in June/July).

Trampoline Enrichment

Sarum have been running a trampoline enrichment this term in conjunction with Total Coaching Solutions. Running on a Monday 3-4pm. Ben Trebble has been coming in to coach our pupils the basics of trampolining. The children have loved this and are now able to forward summersault and are starting to put routines together. We would like to thank Ben and look forward to this continuing after Easter. Any pupil wishing to join must pay Pupil Services £12 for six weeks.

Girls Football Festival

Sarum hosted the annual Salisbury Schools Girls football recently with teams from Years 7-11 participating from Sarum. All teams did a great job and managed to get to the final of their age groups with the school finishing 2nd overall. Great work by all the girls involved and well done to the Sarum Southampton FC BTEC programme pupils for successfully running this event.

Design the Shirt

Four Year 9 pupils were lucky enough to attend the "Make your kit" workshop hosted by Canterbury. Within this event the children were shown how to design rugby tops from thumb prints to using Photoshop. The pupils then spent the rest of the day designing a top for Sarum which you can see looks fabulous. Congratulations to Dylan Antunovic-Fry, Bradley Cave, Daisy Gardener and Jess Shergold for their great work and the team look forward to using it in the future.



Mr Pearce – Curriculum Team Leader Physical Education

Year 11 and Year 13 Examinations

The very best wishes to all pupils in Year 11 and Year 13 who are taking examinations this year. We look forward to achieving some excellent results in the Summer. Keep up the revision – hard work always pays off!

A must for pupils doing exams

Check out the TES (Times Education Supplement) website for massive amounts of revision materials, advice and guidance. It includes information for parents.

<https://www.tes.com/teaching-resources/gcse-exam-revision>



Key Stage 3 Exams

The timetable is now published for the Year 7 and Year 8 examinations which begin on Monday 30th April. Only one week left to revise.

Year 11 GCSE Photography

Well done to all those pupils who sat their 10 hour Photography GCSE exam. Some fantastic pieces produced which I am sure will deliver the deserved results. Good luck to pupils in their Art exam next week. Be sure to be well prepared.

DofE

At the time of writing many pupils will be waking up under canvas as part of their practice expedition for their DofE. This is a fantastic award and one which we would encourage all pupils to get involved in. If you are in Year 9 or above (or going in to Year 9 next year) and would like to sign up for next year please contact Mr Jones.



Places still available

We still have some places available for Year 7s in September 2018. Please spread the word...!



Changing minds!
It is not too late to apply. We still have spaces for September. Come and see for yourself.
Email: enquiries@sarumacademy.org to book a tour.

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Community Clay Morning

Don't forget the next community clay morning is coming up next Saturday the 28th April.



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More pupils are choosing Sarum Academy for their Post 16 study and here are some reasons why:

- 100% Pass rate**
- Academic results to be proud of:** An average grade of Distinction in vocational learning
- Judged 'Good' by OfSTED in all areas—November 2017
- High quality 'all through' teaching** leading to high academic achievement.
- Wide ranging curriculum** offering both vocational and academic pathways at Level 3 with specialist teachers.
- Outstanding pastoral care:** A strong sense of community.
- Excellent careers education and guidance** leading to 100% further education or full employment.
- Full access to the **very best facilities** and technology.
- Financial Support:** Means tested bursaries for pupils.

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