



From the
Headmaster

I am delighted to be able to write the introduction to the one hundred and ninety fourth edition of The Lamb. In assembly this week we have been focussing on National Poetry Day with Year 8 reciting their own poems on the theme of 'Truth'.

Mr Lawrence, visiting speaker Stewart Coulter and their helpers delivered a fascinating insight into the Apollo programme at the Astronomy evening last night, which coincided with the alignment of the Earth, the Moon and Jupiter!

The Lambs have been enjoying acting out popular fairy tales; Year 2 carried out friction experiments whilst Year 4 have been using the new sports hall building site as inspiration for their creative writing.

I enjoyed seeing the hundred strong team take part in the Moor Park Fun Run at Merchant Taylors' School last weekend and particular congratulations to the trophy winners especially the Under 7s team and Thomas who won the U12 race. Parents, thank you for your support at this community event.

I look forward to hearing how the Year 7 team get on in the Merchant Taylors' Mathematics Competition this afternoon.

S. Roberts

National Poetry Day



The 2019 National Poetry Day theme yesterday was "Truth", a notion so close to the heart for everyone at St John's, as it is part of our school motto, "Vitam Impendere Vero"! The boys explored ideas around truthfulness, trust and honesty towards oneself and towards one another. We heard some incredible poems written and read by Year 8 boys, which marked the start of The Hunter Jones season with great success. The boys' poems were very moving and well received by students as well as teachers in the school. Everyone will get an opportunity to read these, as they will be in the Annual School Magazine. Thank you for your hard work boys.





Astronomy evening last night



Last night was St John's Astronomy Evening. There was a massive turnout with over 60 pupils and parents in attendance. Unfortunately tropical storm Lorenzo plagued the skies and we couldn't see any stars but we had fun watching the planes at Heathrow! After the observation session on the White House terrace everyone gathered in the Norman Hall for a short talk on "Getting Started in Astronomy" by Mr Lawrence followed by a talk on the Apollo Missions to the moon by Mr Stewart Coulter from WOLAS (West of London Astronomical Society). He talked about the missions and the science developed during the "Space Race" and then looked to the future space mission planned for the Moon and beyond. Afterwards some of the boys and parents looked at how telescopes are made and we finished with hot chocolate, orange juice and Penguins! A big thanks to all the staff and Year 8 and 7 boys who turned up early to help set up the hall and helped the younger boys use the telescopes. If you missed the evening or would just like to get more involved, this weekend there are WOLAS's observation evenings at Ruislip Lido, where you can go along and see the Moon, Jupiter and Saturn, as well as other rarer celestial bodies! Details are at the end of The Lamb.





Friction in Year 2



Things were going downhill in Year 2 this week. Both classes are learning about forces this term and this week's topic was friction. Fortunately the friction created related to cars travelling down ramps and across differing surfaces rather than small boys who were unable to get along. The boys thoroughly enjoyed the activity and were able to use the maths they had learned this week to measure accurately. In class they asked some perceptive questions once the practical work was over. Well done, Badgers and Eagles!





'I'll blow your house down'



After listening to the story of 'The Three Little Pigs' the Lambs got all the costumes out and had turns at being a character. We also enjoyed making houses out of straw, sticks and bricks.





Creative writing inspired by diggers!



The Year 4 boys have a bird's eye view of the Sports hall building site and have used these images to inspire their creative writing. Here are some examples:

Through the window I could see diggers clanking in the squelching mud. Barriers blocked any sign of entrance to the extraordinary construction site. A lonely apple tree, next to the trenches, showed sadness. The diggers, like angry dinosaurs were using their big shovels to dish out the mud, making trenches filled with water. Trees on the outside of the fence were not anxious under the gorgeous sun. Lego man like people shouting orders are determined to finish this so it looks like a beautiful Sports Hall. Vibrant coloured diggers, still attacking the sticky md to make foundations were working like mad. The pale blue sky was looking down on the amazing building site. Boys, unaware of the frantic mess behind the white cloth fence were walking past the perfect Year 5 classrooms. **Otto**

In the middle of the building site the machines whirred and creaked. Suddenly a man plunged into a hole and started digging with his jagged shovel, He dug for wiring and utilities because there needed to be toilets and Wi-Fi in the new Sports Hall. **Aiden**

I peeked out of the window and saw a proud digger dropping its load onto the dark brown squelchy mud. I could see the vast building site with holes, looking as if a meteorite had hit it! The sad looking apple tree was drooping on the edge of the site, with golden yellow apples hanging on the weak, lonely branches. I could see the other trees drooping forward in interest, with their dark green leaves swaying in the breeze. The workers, looking like Lego men or ants are calling orders to each other. The blue grey sky looked dull. I knew that soon, in front of me was going to be an extraordinary looking Gymnasium. **Darsh**

Nearby, in St John's School, a gym was getting destroyed, wrecked, shattered and taken apart one piece at a time. The diggers breaking the old gym will be making the new gym which will be improved in loads of ways. The trees are scared to death about being destroyed. From outside the Junior Block the noise is extremely loud, it is almost deafening.

James

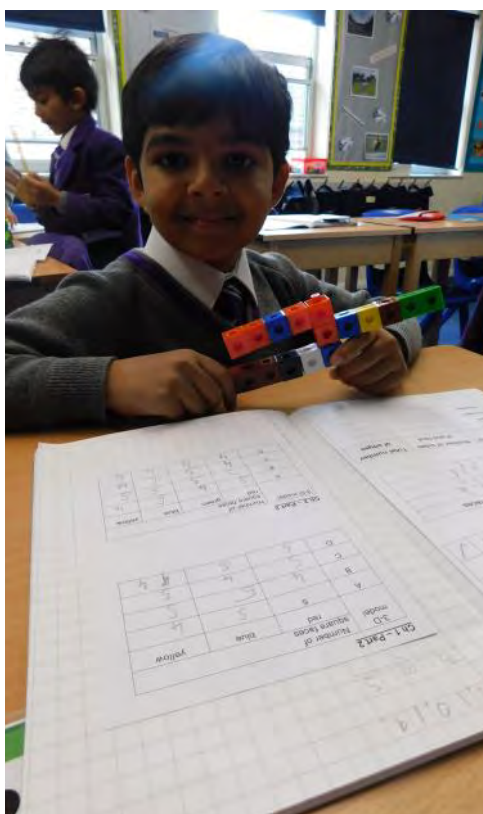
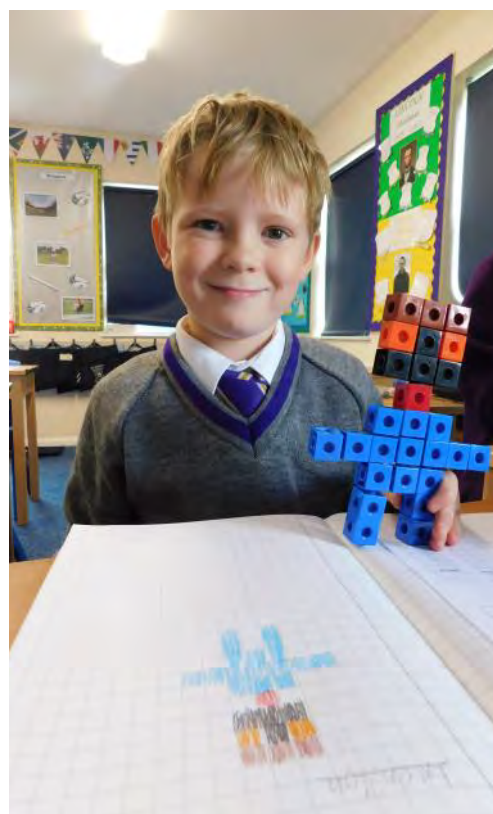




Understanding 3D shapes in Maths



The Year 3 boys have been very busy in their Maths lessons this week. We have looked at naming, recognising and classifying 3-D shapes. They have also discussed the different properties that the shapes have in detail. The boys have built their own 3D shapes from either cubes or paper nets.





Colts rugby v Belmont 27th September

Colts A v Belmont (home)

Try Scorers: Jacob 1

Outstanding performance: Jacob and Sahib S

This was a physical and bruising affair played on a bigger pitch. Our handling let us down in the first half with far too many loose passes and mistakes. We enjoyed most of the possession but failed to get the ball into space. Belmont scored two tries. In the second half, we played a more direct game, with a lot of one out running and good recycling. Jacob scored a good try, charging over from a pass off. Whilst we had lots of ball in Belmont's 25, they defended very well and we just could not cross the line and secure an equaliser. Lots of bruised bodies, an excellent effort but we need to use possession better.

Colts B v Belmont (home)

Try Scorers: William 1, Rohan S 1, Albert 1

Outstanding performance: The whole team

The boys had a brilliant first half, trialling positional zones for the first time as we are aiming to add some structure and organisation to our game. This half was closely contested by both sides attacking and defending well. Unfortunately in the second we were playing too narrow and passing less. Belmont on the other hand played a wider game. Valuable lessons, let's take this forward into our match against Merchant Taylors'.





Colts rugby v Belmont 27th September

Colts C v Belmont (home)

Try Scorers: Nayan 1, Ansh 1, Aarav 1, Zian 1, Hamza 1

Outstanding performance: Hamza, Nayan and Aaron

We played up the hill in the first half against an athletic Belmont team who were able to go through us on a number of occasions with their speed. At times we needed to close down the space and make earlier tackles. In the second half with the slope with us we were much stronger and Hamza, Nayan and Aaron all run well with the ball in attack. There were times we just needed to support the ball carrier more often and form a line in attack and defence from the ruck area. However, a very good second half for the team.

Colts D v Belmont (home)

Try Scorers: Darwin 4, Rian 1, Niam 3, Leon 3, Vivaan 2, Aayan 2

Outstanding performance: Darwin

The Colts D played down the slope in the first half which assisted the attack, in particular the great individual runs and numerous tries scored from the Colts D players. In particular Darwin with four great solo tries, Leon with three and Niam with three. In the second half the Belmont boys struck back and used the down hill to support their attack and scored many unanswered tries. The St John's team tackled well in the first half, but tired in the second half and fell off a number of tackles. However, we finished the game strongly and scored a further five tries. Congratulations to all the boys involved.

Well done.





U10 teams v Belmont 27th September

U10 A v Belmont (away)

Try Scorers: Rafi 3, Shane 2, Satyen 1, Kush 1, Archie 1, Emeka 1, Jimi 1

Outstanding performance: Archie for his fantastic attitude which turned the game around at half time.

Belmont started the game brightly, scoring shortly after the first whistle. They continued to score at regular intervals throughout the first half, capitalising on errors from St John's. However, St John's kept in touch through two well-worked tries of their own from Shane and Rafi. Something then happened as the teams swapped ends at half time which lit a fire under the team, notably Archie. The defence became completely watertight and the quality of the attacking play was a joy to watch. Even when Belmont tried their own attacks, St John's just stole the ball off them and scored at the other end. A wonderful performance from the whole team and a special mention to Archie for his never-say-die attitude which turned the game around. Very well done.

U10 B v Belmont (away)

Try Scorers: Adam 3, Rehaan 3, Alistair 4, Luca 1, Krish 1, Mithil 1

Outstanding performance: Rehaan

The boys played with bags more confidence and purpose. In the opening attack Rehaan scorched up the wing to score in the corner. This had a great effect on the other boys who all attacked with more speed and determination. Adam and Rehaan on the wings demonstrated lovely balanced running and Alistair tremendous speed all over the pitch. The biggest improvement came with their defence lead by Daniel but with all boys tackling more as a team. This was a very encouraging performance.





U10 teams v Belmont 27th September

U10 C v Belmont (away)

Try Scorers: Kabir 1, Kian P 1, Jamie 1

Outstanding performance: Jamie and Ahaan

The match was a hard fought contest from start to finish, that was made all the more fraught by the diminutive size of the pitch, which made tackling an even more crucial aspect of the game. To their credit the boys played with strong hearts throughout and tries came from Jamie and Kian P. Our best play came in the second half, when Ahaan made a superb try-saving tackle by our own try line, and an excellent passage of team play led to a try that was well taken by Kabir. Well done to all of the boys on a great game.



U10 D v Belmont (away)

Try Scorers: Abdullah 6, Aarav 2, Roshan 2, Mihir 1, Kian 2, James C 2, Luke 1

Outstanding performances: Kian and Abdullah

This was a very exciting game of rugby played on a small pitch which enforced strong running from both sides. In the first we fronted up well to their physicality with Kian leading the way in tackles with Anay, Abdullah, Luke and Roshan all in pursuit with some good low tackles. Early tries came from James and Abdullah with straight hard running into the space which proved too much for this Belmont side. At the beginning of the second half we began to let them back into the game with some soft passes. But leadership from James, Mihir and George sorted out our defensive line, forcing Belmont to knock on the ball repetitively to give us back possession. Towards the end of the game we struggled to score but made up for it in some strong carries by Aarav and a monster hit for James and Luke to stop a certain try by putting their bodies on the line. It was truly a great game to watch and hopefully we can carry this form into the next game.





Success at the Moor Park Fun Run 29th Sept



What a fantastic turnout by the boys and parents in aid of Lynda Jackson The Macmillan Centre, thank you! The big purple gazebo was out in force and came in really handy this year as the rain hit hard during the U10 and U7 races. As always, it was spectacular having so many boys together from different year groups socialising and cheering each other on in the different races. The boys were looking smart and super sporty, wearing their St John's P.E. kit. Well done to all boys for taking part with such enthusiasm, dedication and enjoyment. Congratulations to **Teddy** and **Hari M**, both in Badgers who had a tight sprint for the finish line and came joint 2nd in the U7 race over 850m with the same time of 4m 51sec. Many St John's boys ran in this race and we had no less than 9 boys finish in the top 20 positions. Deservedly the under 7's won the team shield. **Thomas J** (Year 6) who won the U10 race last year, ran superbly to win the U12 race this year over a distance of 2.6km with a time of 11min 37sec. A really strong performance considering he is a year young.

In the school entry competition St John's came 2nd with 34% to Charlotte House who retained the shield with 40% entries. A superb effort indeed. Thank you to all parents for encouraging your boys to come along to this event, especially for braving the rain and muddy conditions! Really well done indeed.





Success at the Moor Park Fun Run 29th Sept





Senior rugby v St John's Beaumont 2nd October

U13 A v St John's Beaumont (away) Lost 30-0

U13 A v Oratory (away) Won 15-10

Try Scorers: Charlie, Yusuf, Oliver

Outstanding performance: Bradley

The boys picked up from where they were with their first match of the season against Belmont, playing with both intensity and passion.

St John's Beaumont were a big and capable side so the key was for the St John's team to make them work hard, tackle in numbers and move the ball when they could.

The arrival of Bradley at half time lead to the first significant line break.

This form was taken into the second match and the team pressurised Oratory well with Bradley at the forefront of some big ball carries ending with Charlie crashing over from a penalty.

The winning scores came in the last 5 minutes with a return KO by Zac A who ran hard before giving a great off load to Yusuf. The last try by Oliver came at the end of a full team effort. More improvements today and more confidence also gained.

U13 B v St John's Beaumont (away) Lost 50-5

Try Scorers: Sami 1

Outstanding performance: Sami and Vishal

The Under 13 B team played against a strong St John's Beaumont team. The boys never gave up throughout the game and made some excellent individual runs in both the first half and second half of the game. One great solo effort led to a great try for Sami. The boys made some important tackles throughout the game, but also fell off a number of tackles which led to a number of opposition tries. We tried hard at the breakdown but the St John's Beaumont team had the upper hand in the rucks which resulted in a number of turnovers. It was a great effort from the team and they never gave up. Well done to all the boys involved.





Senior rugby v St John's Beaumont 2nd October

U12 A v St John's Beaumont
(away) Lost 50-0

Outstanding performance:

Ethan ,Rodrigo, Jaidev, Freddie

We played against a very able St John's Beaumont team who showed good passing and quick counter attack play when they got the ball from us. We made a number of errors in contact but when we kept the ball we did make good ground. In the second half, we played so much better and our good ruck play enabled us to attack the opposition team with more success. When we had quick ball from the ruck we still needed to realign and run from depth. Ethan, Rodrigo, Jaidev and Freddie played strongly but as a team I was very pleased with the whole team's efforts.



U12 B v St John's Beaumont
(away) Lost 70-0

U12 B v Oratory (away) Lost 35-0

Outstanding performance: Nishil

This was a triangular tournament. In the first game we were up against a well -drilled and strong St John's Beaumont team who passed the ball well and were quick to the rucks and mauls.

Unfortunately we missed too many tackles and were unable to get a foothold in the game. In the second game against the Oratory we played much better, competed well in the rucks and mauls and played with more self-belief in the second half.

Nishil, Hillesh and Jesse played strongly.





U8 rugby v Haberdashers' 1st October

U8 A v Haberdashers' (away)

Try Scorers: Zachariah 2, Tanay 1

Outstanding performance: Zachariah and Maximilian

A fast and exciting game with two teams running the ball from anywhere. Zachariah ran very well and Maximilian supported really well and managed to carry on various attacks. We tended to run too much on our own but when we passed the ball it created so much more space and opportunities for the team. In defence, we still need to keep a straight line and move up. However, the passing is improving and we are now trying to support the ball carrier and move the ball along the line at pace. A good team effort today.



U8 B v Haberdashers' (away)

Outstanding performance: Noah

A great team effort today from everyone involved. The boys passed the ball well into space causing opportunities to score but the opposition's defence was very strong. Our defence has improved considerably from our last game and we are working together to put pressure on the attacking team. We still need to work on not panicking and taking our time whilst passing to each other. Well played boys.



U8 C v Haberdashers' (away)

Try Scorers: Caiden and Agastya

Outstanding performance: Caiden and Niam

A great performance from the U8 Cs as they are already showing great improvement. In attack the boys looked aggressive, with Caiden and Niam leading the charge with their amazing running, and in defence we held our line well with some amazing tracking by Enzo if any of the Haberdashers' boys broke the line. The Cs are very clearly a team with great potential.





U8 rugby v Haberdashers' 1st October

U8 D v Haberdashers' (away)

Try Scorers: Dhilan, Arun and Josh

Outstanding performance: The whole team

Tag last week and touch today meant the boys had to get used to playing faster. Bit by bit their organisation became a little more spread out and less bunched and they were able to cover more of the pitch. They ran hard and showed improvements in their passing and tackling.

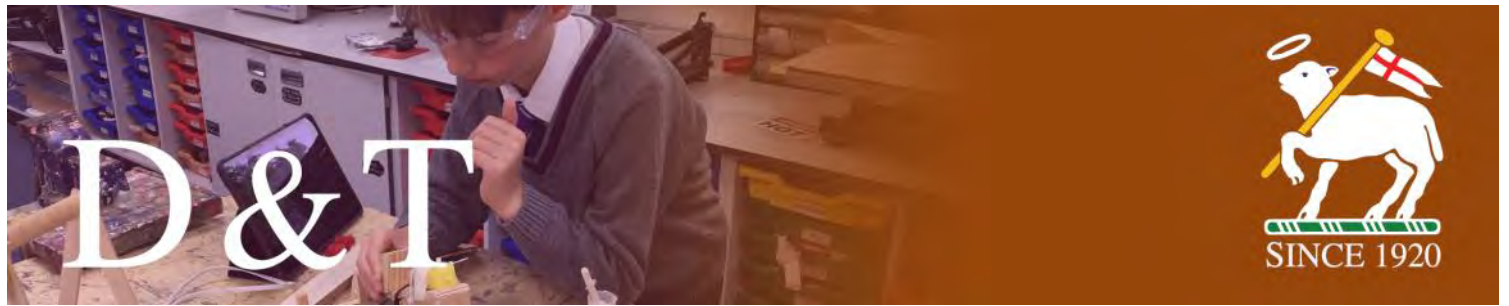
U8 E v Haberdashers' (away)

Try Scorers: Ansh R 2, Shay 1, Cato 1

Outstanding performance: The whole team

The U8 E team played well and better than their previous match. Their understanding of the game is clearly growing and they are beginning to run more forwards and into the wider spaces. We will continue to work on handling, closing down quicker in defence and reaction speed when the ball goes to ground. Lovely spirit and enjoyment in these fixtures.

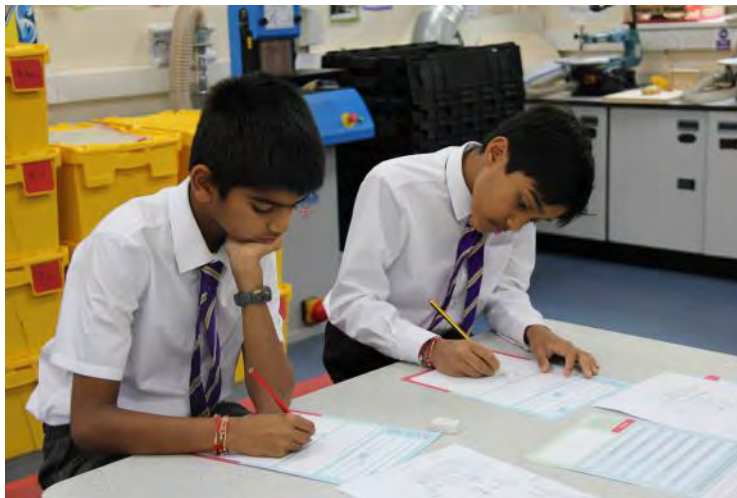




Year 5 inventors at work



This week boys in Year 5 were charged with the task of coming up with a new invention which would be fit for our future world. Although only at design stage the imagination enveloping the D&T workshop was amazing to see with ideas including an electro-powered shoe, a plane which ran on rubbish, a trampoline park and even a magnet powered scarecrow intended to prevent cheaters from eating crops in Africa. Watch out Mr Dyson!





1. **Liam** in Year 3 has made this beautiful Egyptian Nemes headdress.
2. **Matthew** in Year 4 has created a lovely spooky painting using tinting and shading.
3. **Year 5** are continuing their painting of clay fruit and vegetables which will be used to create a portrait.

4. **Amos** has worked hard on this bird painting using watercolour.
5. **Zain** is in the process of drawing a beautiful tiger in Portfolio club.
6. **Charlie** and **Krish** in Year 8 have designed these yummy looking oil pastel drawings based on the artist Wayne Thiebaud.

St John's Association Fireworks 2019

Thursday 7th November

5.30pm to 7.30pm



Tickets available in the school office from 30th September and in the car park at pick up from 14th Oct to 18th October.

- Adults - £12
- Children - £8

Prices include hot food and a choice of drink served from 5.30pm. Please choose from fish & chips or vegan burger & chips

Mulled wine, beer, hot drinks, novelties and treats available on the night!

Guy and Pumpkin carving competition for Yrs 3 to 8. Prizes awarded on the night by Mr Robinson!

**Bonfire lit at 6.30pm
Fireworks at 7.10pm**

As there is limited parking available in the school, cars will be directed to Pinner Hill Golf club from where you can walk. Please avoid parking on Potter Street Hill as it causes congestion and please do not park on the private Gatehill Estate. Thank you for your cooperation.

OUTLOOK



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OUTLOOK



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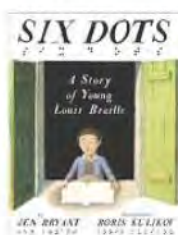
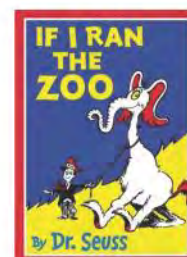
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Our October program of study brings together our love for books and STEM.

Monday 28th October - 'If I ran the Zoo', by Dr Zeus.

A look at zoos in general and the role they play in conservation.

Differentiated practical activities based around keeping animals safe, secure and stimulated.



Tuesday 29th October - 'Six dots' by Jen Bryant.

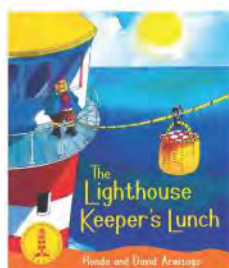
The inspiring story of the young Louis Braille. A hand on exploration of different methods of communication through the ages, including braille, morse code, semaphore and telephone.

Wednesday 30th October - The Iron Man, by Ted Hughes

Find out about magnetism as we read about the Iron Man. Design and make an Iron Man of your own using simple circuits which you can take away with you or Crumble* programming kits.



Thursday 31st October - Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch, by Ronda & David



Armitage or for our older children, Grace Darling by Anita Ganeri

Find out the science behind floating and sinking. Build a lighthouse with working lights, learn about how LDRs can be used as a switch when it gets dark. An opportunity to use Crumble.*



Book early to avoid disappointment.

Stem Den runs from 8.30am until 4.30pm at St. John's School in Northwood and is for boys and girls from age 5 to 13 years.

Check out the website for more details. www.stemden.co.uk



OUTLOOK



Merchant Taylors' School in collaboration with St Helen's School
Presents

A musical by ALAN BOUBLIL and CLAUDE-MICHEL SCHÖNBERG

Les Misérables

SCHOOL EDITION

Performed entirely by students

The Great Hall,
Merchant Taylors' School



Wednesday 27th November 7pm, Thursday 28th November 7pm,
Friday 29th November 7pm

Tickets from <http://development.mtsn.org.uk/musical>

Adults £15 Concessions (Under 18) £10

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Calendar and important dates

Monday 7th October: Full Staff Meeting (4.15pm-6.00pm)

Tuesday 8th October:

Wednesday 9th October: Chess v Lochinver (Years 5-8) (a)

Thursday 10th October: Rugby v Merchant Taylors' Prep: U8 A, B (h), U8 C, D (a) (2.15pm)

Friday 11th October: Rugby v Thorpe House: Colts A, B, C (a) (2.30pm)
Rugby v St John's Beaumont: U10 A, B, C, D (h) (2.30pm)

Saturday 12th October: Screening of England v France in the Norman Hall (8.45am)

Contact details

Updates: please continue to visit www.st-johns.org.uk for all the latest information on sports fixtures and results. The website will have announcements in case of emergency. You can also follow us on twitter @stjnsnorthwood.



Mailings: if you have received The Lamb from someone else and would like to be sent your own copy direct each week, please email: Lamb Editor. Let us know your contact details and you will be added to the list.

Photographs: Do please continue to send in any photographs which could be included in The Lamb.

Notices and Reminders

Individual Photographs: Years 3-8. Your son should have brought home the proof of his individual photograph taken last Tuesday. Please order online using this link:

<https://www.tempest-orders.co.uk/>

Potter Street Hill After School Care. Please make sure that you are registered for this service by visiting www.pottersthillasc.co.uk

Les Misérables at Merchant Taylors' School. Please see the flyer on page 23. Two of our recent Old Boys have leading roles in what promises to be a fabulous production.

England-France screening at St John's. On Saturday, 12th October we will be screening the England against France World Cup rugby match in the Norman Hall. Doors open at 8.40am for breakfast cooked on the BBQ. The game will kick off at 9:15am and we hope to see many of you there. Please fill out the Google Form below to confirm attendance so we can cater for the correct number of people. Feel free to bring friends and family. Don't forget to support your World Cup nation by wearing your team's jersey on the day!

[Attendance and dietary confirmation](#)

Fireworks Night. This is one of our most popular events in the School calendar. Make sure you put November 7th in your diary. Tickets are now available from the school office. Further details can be found on the flyer on page 19.

West of London Astronomical Society. WOLAS are holding public observing sessions at Ruislip Lido today, tomorrow and Sunday between 7.00pm and 9.00pm. Please check their website for further details. <https://www.wolas.org.uk/>

Votes for Schools. Last week's question: Could we live without single use plastic?

Yes 74.1%, No 25.9%.

New question: Do we expect too much from Sportspeople? Please discuss at home over the weekend in advance of voting which will take place next week. (Years 3-8)

House Point Totals.

Oates: 17.50, Lincoln: 17.20, Churchill: 16.76, Lawrence: 16.05

Enjoy the weekend (and the rugby).

