



From the  
Headmaster

Welcome to the 187th edition of the Lamb. I had the privilege of attending St Barnabas Day at Merchant Taylors' last Saturday. It was particularly special to catch up with many Old Boys as they received recognition for their efforts.

In assembly today I was pleased to recognise Taiga and Aden's achievements in the Merchant Taylors' entry examinations.

There have been some educational visits this week: Reception had their annual summer outing to Odds Farm and Year 8 had a special tour of the Royal Albert Hall. As part of the Year 8 Post Exam Curriculum took part in a Teamwork Challenge day today, led by the lower sixth boys from MTS. Yesterday Simon Leigh gave a very informative presentation about the facts around drugs and this was followed up with a talk to the parents in the evening.

Year 5 delivered thought provoking assemblies on the theme of our School Code of Conduct.

Much of the planned sporting programme has been affected by the rain. However the athletes were able to take part in most of the events at the Regional Competition at Eton and the tennis squad enjoyed a competitive fixture against St Martin's.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the Pre-Prep Sports on Monday afternoon.

S. Rob

## Year 8 Teamwork Challenge



**And they're off! Another blizzard of collaboration,** problem solving and lateral thinking as Year 8 dive head first into this year's Teamwork Challenge. Devised by Mr Horrocks, the boys are tested across the board. They score points that feed directly into the prestigious Mark Jones Award and so they take it seriously! Some stands require basic pioneering knowledge whilst others are less specialist but everything involves a challenge. It's a long day with 5 x 50 minute initiative exercises running back to back. All the stands are staffed by volunteer students from Merchant Taylors'.





# THIS WEEK



## Year 8 Teamwork Challenge







## Year 8 drug awareness talk



**Yesterday morning, as part of the Year 8 post exam curriculum,** our oldest boys listened to a presentation about drug awareness. Simon Leigh from Addiction Therapy gave a very frank and practical talk about the dangers of drug abuse and the serious consequences of getting involved with drugs. Hopefully the boys are now able to make informed choices and decisions in this area as they move on to their senior schools. Then in the evening Simon spoke to parents of boys in Years 6 - 8 to further reiterate the potential harm caused by drug taking. This is the first time the school has invited parents and the presentation was very well received by all the audience.







## Code of Conduct explored in assemblies



**Year 5 battle against the dark side** of the mischievous prefixes “dis “ and “un” but defeat the world of negativity by using the stronger force of positivity and the St John’s Code of Conduct. At St John’s School, we really value our Code of Conduct which is full of positive words, leading to positive behaviour and attitudes. In 5R’s assemblies, a naughty devil with her mischievous prefixes turned some of our positive words into negative words and the boys behaved accordingly! Respectful became disrespectful, kind turned into unkind, helpful was transformed into unhelpful, happy became unhappy, honest changed into dishonest and finally positive turned into negative. Fear not! A much stronger St John’s hero, dressed as a purple cat, waved his more powerful wand and turned them all back into our delightful boys! Valuable lessons for school and life were learnt through mime, movement in the form of competitive exercise routines, and most importantly fun! Well done, 5R; you are all stars!







## Final School Council meeting of this year



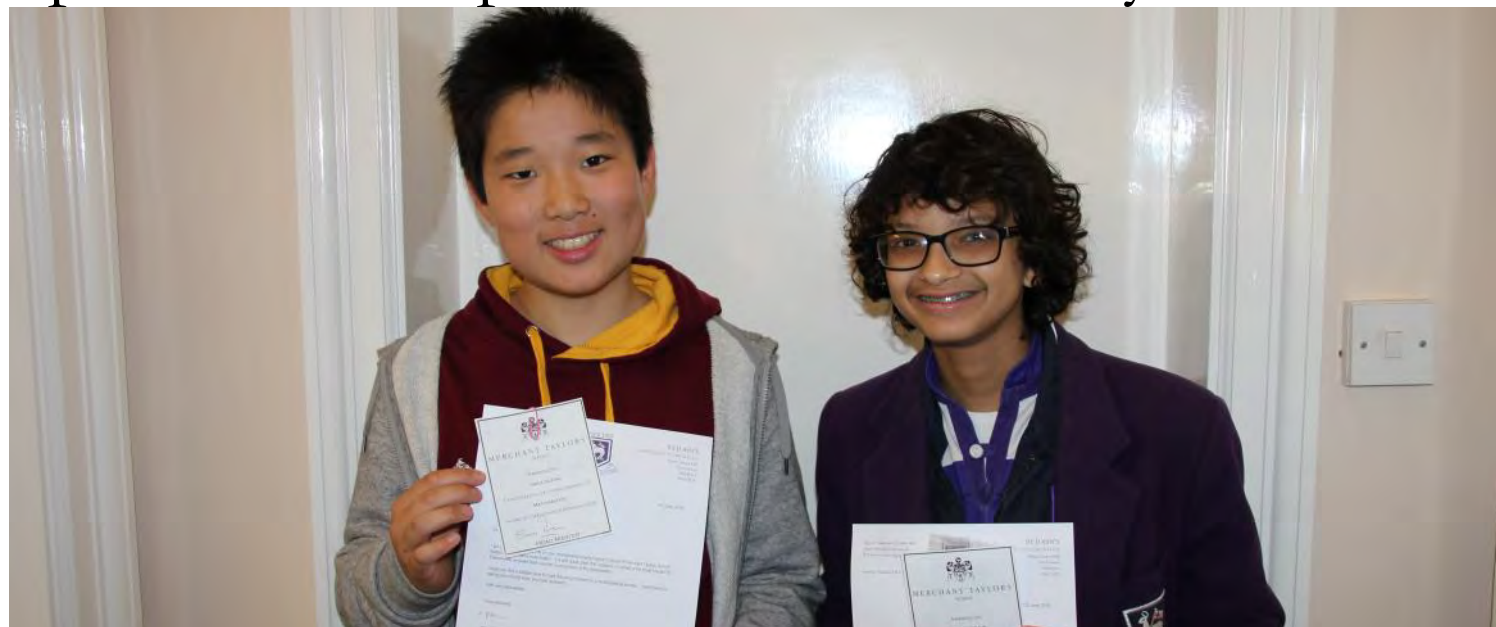
**On Wednesday June the School Council** met for the final time this year. The meeting was very productive and all the boys from Pre-Prep, Junior and Prep made most valuable contributions throughout. The first item on the agenda was new sports equipment for the playground, where the Council decided on the items that they needed for break times and lunchtimes. The second item was spent working on brainstorming ideas for a possible traverse climbing wall in the future. The boys came up with some excellent ideas on design, colour and creativity for this. The third item we discussed was food and there were some great ideas and suggestions made in this area. As you are aware the sports hall development is now under way and the boys were given an opportunity to give some ideas of sports and activities that they would like to see taking place in the new building. We have had some great discussions, questions and debates over the year and this was a very constructive and positive final meeting for the School Council moving forward.







## Special awards presented in assembly



As well as awarding scholarships as a result of the 13+ examination, Merchant Taylors' also gives special awards to individual boys who have performed exceptionally in a particular subject. These are boys who have achieved the highest marks in the whole cohort of applicants. This Year Taiga (8C) and Aden (8C) have received such awards for their outstanding efforts in Maths and Latin respectively. Many congratulations to them both.

## Delicious treats for the staff room!



Mrs Memon, mother of Aydin (6M), brought a smile to the faces of staff as she delivered delicious (warm) food to celebrate Eid. Needless to say it didn't last long! Thank you very much from an appreciative staff room.

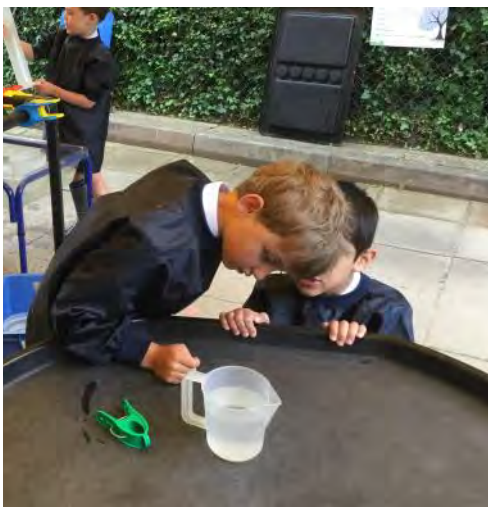




# Splish, splash, splosh!



**The Otters and Owls have been learning about capacity.** They have learnt to use millilitres and litres when measuring liquids and have learnt that 1000 millilitres is the same as 1 litre. They have been experimenting by measuring and comparing the amount of water held by a variety of containers in the outdoor area. All good watery fun!







# PRE-PREP



## Meeting some Rainforest animals in Year 1



As part of our topic about 'Rainforests', the Otters and Owls were lucky enough to see and touch some animals who live in rainforests, without travelling all the way to the Tropics! Amongst our animal visitors were colourful Chameleons, a Corn Snake, Fire-bellied Toads, a Praying Mantis, and an Orchid Mantis. Thank you Mr Khan and Mr Lawrence for making this wonderful learning experience possible.







# PRE-PREP

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## Reception visit Odds Farm



**Despite the wet weather everyone had a great day at Odds Farm yesterday.** With so many things to see and do our feet barely touched the ground! A tractor ride, feeding the goats and sheep, bottle feeding baby goats, watching Zebedee the cow being milked, feeding the hens and collecting their eggs. No doubt everyone slept well after that!







## Year 3 compete for the Willcox Plate



Year 3 have been working hard completing various **'Team Building'** activities for their Willcox Plate award. The boys had to work with a partner from the adjacent class, who was picked at random, and complete a range of challenges. The activities included threading Cheerios onto a strawberry lace using one hand each and 'Kim's Game' which involved one boy describing how an assortment of items were arranged for the partner to re-create and designing a Logo. They also worked together to invent a secret code using actions which they then acted out to reveal the hidden message. Mrs Wagemaker and Mrs Hallett were impressed with the skills the boys used and will reveal the winners next week!







## Year 4 compete for the Willcox Plate



**In Year 4 yesterday the boys teamed up in pairs** to complete the first part of the Willcox Challenge Plate. This is an annual competition in which the boys are encouraged to work together to complete three challenges co-operatively. The first challenge this year was the puzzle challenge; boys were given two pictures, cut up and placed in an envelope. They had to sort the pieces and put them together to make two complete pictures. It was good to hear their busy chatter as they discussed the task, encouraged each other and enjoyed a tricky challenge. The next two challenges were scheduled for today but as one of the boys is away, they have been postponed until Monday. See next week's Lamb for an update!







## London Regional Athletics at Eton 10th June



### Notable Results:

**Thomas J** - 3rd 800m (2.41.27)

**Rohan M** - 4th 800m (2.27)

**Skye** - 5th 200m (28.76)

**Yuri** - 7th 300m (44.60)

**Ethan P** - 8th 800m (2.49.24)

**Oliver** - 11th Long Jump (3.40)

**Alex** - 11th Shot Put (6.65)

**Krish M** - 11th 800m (2.53.39)

### Outstanding performance:

Thomas J (5K)



**Well done to all the boys who competed at this regional event**, you all did extremely well and represented the School superbly. Extremely tough conditions meant it was much harder to compete against the top athletes with shivering bodies waiting to start their events. Everyone gave 100% and each athlete competed closely for a podium spot; even if some of the results don't reflect that. You each did the school proud but also yourselves and displayed great sportsmanship on the day. Train hard and see you again next year! A big thank you to the Year 8 helpers on the day (Taiga, Aden, Ashok and Matthew H) who each did a superb job and helped out massively! Also a big thank you to Mr Pawson who ensured every athlete turned up to their event correctly and on time whilst braving the conditions to support each athlete when they competed!





## Tennis v St Martin's Tuesday 11th June



**U11 team v St Martin's: Won 8 out of 9 matches**



**U13 team v St Martin's: Won 5 out of 9 matches**

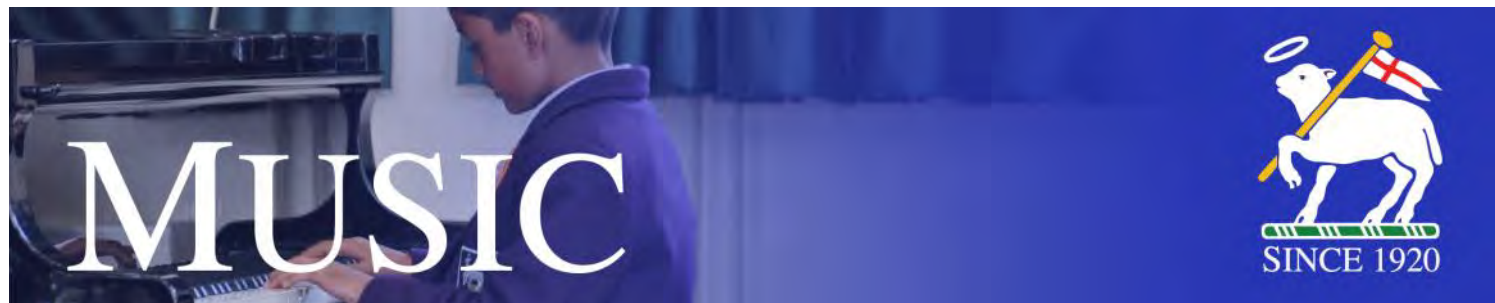
The U11 and U13 St John's tennis squads played against St Martin's School on a dry summer's evening. All matches were played in a terrific spirit, where the boys umpired their matches and played some fantastic tennis against each other. The format was three pairs and each pair played against each other at U11 and U13 level. There were some excellent matches which were keenly fought and the standard of tennis was great throughout. The serving, groundstrokes and volleys from both sides was excellent. Well done to all the boys involved. Congratulations to all and a big thank you for all the parents who turned up to support.

## Year 5 boy becomes National Tennis Champion



**Trian (5K) and Middlesex Tennis had a very successful weekend** in Sunderland and are the newly crowned National County Boys U10 champions. This was an exceptional achievement as unseeded Middlesex had to overcome the favourite and number 1 seeds Hertfordshire in their first match. Middlesex then beat the 3rd seeds Yorkshire and subsequently won all of their ties in the group going in to the final unbeaten. The final against Kent was fantastic. Kent were up 2-1 in the singles rubbers meaning Middlesex (Trian and his partner) had to win the remaining doubles rubber to get to 2-2 and then win championship tie break which they did emphatically. Middlesex last won this cup 10 years ago. There were 44 counties in the draw this year. This was a wonderful and unforgettable experience for Trian. He played singles and doubles against the best players in Great Britain and is now a National champion.

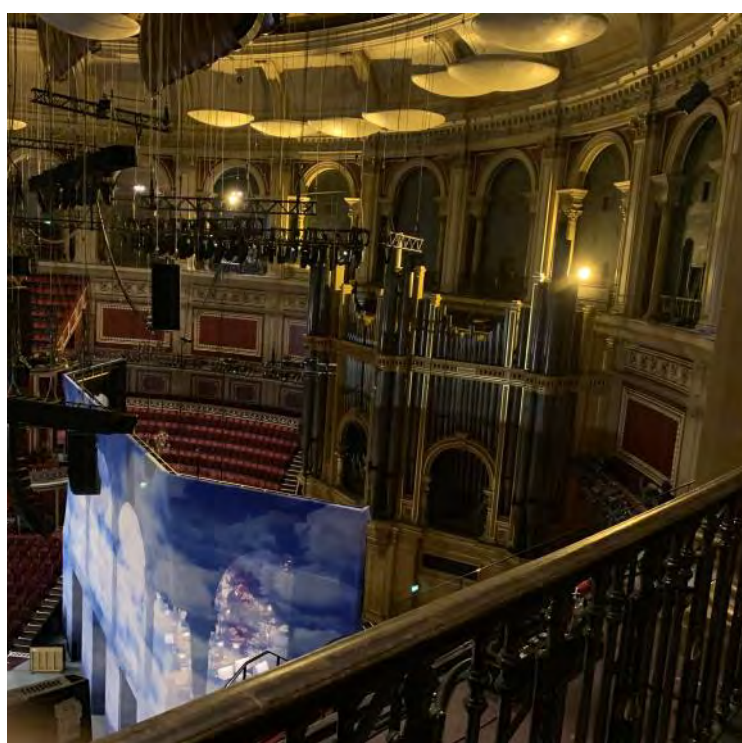




## Year 8 visit to two iconic concert halls



**On Tuesday the whole of Year 8** spent the day in London visiting the Royal Albert Hall and the Royal Festival Hall. They were given a private tour of the Albert Hall and including special access behind the scenes to restricted areas. They learnt about the history and saw photographs of some very famous people who have performed there over the years. They even had the opportunity to sit in one of the Loggia Boxes and view the set of 'Cinderella' currently being staged by the English National Ballet. After lunch in Hyde Park in the sunshine they travelled on to the South Bank Centre which houses the Royal Festival Hall, Queen Elizabeth Hall and the Purcell Room, three more very famous concert halls. They were amazed by the enormity of the complex, the sheer number of concerts which are put on each year and, of course, the stunning location overlooking the Thames. A very educational day out.







## Year 6 create Fairground rides



**Year 6 Fairground Rides projects** are developing really well now. After considerable research and designing, the construction is taking shape. The next stages include programming motors using Crumble and 3D printing the seats for our Lego characters. We are looking forward to adding the final decoration and branding. There have been many setbacks along the way and developing a growth mindset to making mistakes has really helped us move our learning forward. Keep up the good work Year 6!







1. **Owen** in Year 3 has created a lovely rainforest picture based on the work of artist Henri Rousseau.
2. **Anay** and **Adam** in Year 4 have designed some colourful graffiti art.
3. **Oscar** and **Amos** in Year 5 have designed a self portrait in a cubist style.
4. A lovely initial made of thread, by **James** in Year 6.
5. Tonal shoe drawings by **Richard** and **Zain** in Year 7.







# **MOOR PARK** **10<sup>k</sup> & funruns**



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**Sunday 29th September 2019**  
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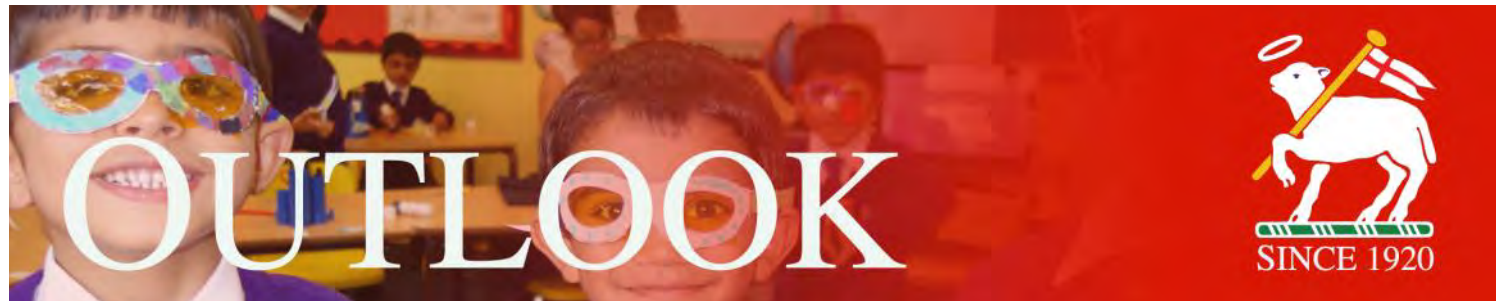
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**WEEK 3 – 19TH TO 23RD AUGUST**

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## RPLF Summer Activity 2019

The RPLF has a single goal, **TO BUILD LEADERS**. The RPLF have run many events where we have taught young people;

- How to do some basic first aid, that could one day help you be a hero!
- How to navigate the old fashioned way, using a map and compass!
- How to be a leader, leading a group of people a similar age as you to try and solve problems.
- How to work as part of a team, solving challenges you can't solve on your own.
- Important survival skills.



And now we are back!

With the RPLF Summer Activity, our biggest event yet, we are running four days of exciting outdoor activities where young people work together to become leaders. It is during these days they will save the world, bring criminals to justice and meet new people.



At the end of the four days, these new Beginners will achieve a RPLF Command Task badge, get a great t-shirt, and will be equipped with skills for many years to come!

Our events have been described by attendees as 'The best holiday camp ever! Can you run it for the whole summer?', with parents saying 'My kids loved it! They were so tired they slept the whole way home!'

So why not come along?  
We can't wait to see you!

Dates: 27th to 30th August 2019  
Time: 10:00 - 16:00  
Location: Mill Hill School  
Costs: £100.00 for four days, or £30.00 a day  
Ages: 10 – 14 years old

If you want to help create the Leaders of tomorrow, then why not come along! Contact us;

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Sunday  
30TH JUNE  
2019  
11AM-3PM

# ST JOHN'S SUMMER FUN DAY

Bring along the whole family and join the rest of the school for our annual fun day. There will be lots to do for all ages.

Laser Quest - Traversing Wall - Bouncy Castle - Last Man Standing  
Pitch Burst - Crazy Golf - Bowling - Table Tennis - Tug of War  
BBQ - PIMMS - Ice Cream - Snacks  
...and many more!

**FUN DAY RAFFLE**  
Lots of prizes to be won!

If you are able to donate a prize for the Raffle such as theatre tickets, vouchers, an experience or day out, toys or any new unwanted gifts, please contact Gaby Gower at [gaby222@me.com](mailto:gaby222@me.com) or on 07970954521





## Calendar and important dates

**Monday 17th June:** Pre-Prep Sports Afternoon (1.15pm)  
Athletics Trials for Sports Day (Years 7 & 8)  
Years 3 & 4 Parents' Meeting (4.30pm)

**Tuesday 18th June:** York House U8 Cricket Festival (2.00pm)

**Wednesday 19th June:** Meet the Teachers Afternoon Pre-Prep (1.45pm)  
Nearly New Uniform Sale (Norman Hall) (1.45pm)  
Cricket v The Beacon: 1st XI (a), 2nd XI (h), 3rd XI (a) (2.15pm)  
Miss Bullock and Mr Brown's Pupil Concert (Norman Hall) (4.15pm)

**Thursday 20th June:** Cricket v St Martin's: U9 A, B, C (h), U9 D, E (a) (2.15pm)  
Year 2 Visit Year 3 Classes (2.15pm)  
Extended Senior Drama Rehearsal (3.00pm-6.30pm)

**Friday 21st June:** House Meetings  
Year 8 Business Enterprise Sale (Norman Hall) (12.00pm)  
Cricket v The Beacon: U10 A (a), B, C, D (h) (2.00pm)  
St John's Putter (5.00pm)

**Sunday 23rd June:** Senior Drama Rehearsal (9.30am-1.00pm)

## Contact details

**Updates:** please continue to visit [www.st-johns.org.uk](http://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](https://twitter.com/stjnsnorthwood).



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

## Notices and Reminders

**St John's Association Fun Day on 30th June.** Please see the advert on the previous page and support our excellent Association if you can. If you are able to donate a raffle prize then please bring it to the school office.

**Stem Den.** Please see the flyer on page 19 and book your place early as spaces are limited.

**Moor Park Fun Run.** Registration for the Moor Park Fun Run at Merchant Taylors' School on 29th September is now open. Please click [here](#) for the link. We are aiming to be the school with the most entries so don't be shy - it's a wonderful day out for the whole family and all for a great cause, the Lynda Jackson Macmillan Centre.

**Senior Drama.** A reminder that there is an extended rehearsal on Thursday 20th June which finishes at 6.30pm. Tea will be provided. There is also a full rehearsal on Sunday 23rd June from 9.30am-1.00pm. The dress rehearsal follows on Monday 24th June at 9.15am. Please support the boys at either of our performances of 'Joseph' on Tuesday 25th or Thursday 27th June both starting at 7.00pm.

**Charity Day update.** As of today the total raised after our Charity Day last Friday is an amazing **£4000**. Thank you very much for your generosity and support - this is a **fantastic** amount! If you have yet to return your sponsor form it is not too late - simply bring it into the school office during the course of next week.

**Tempest Photographs Online Ordering.** The recent photographs taken by Tempest are ready for you to view and purchase online. The password and link have been sent to you by email. The photos consist of Year 8 Leavers, Scholars, Year 6 group photo, Junior class photos, along with cricket and athletics teams.

**Votes for Schools.** Outgoing question: **Would you pay for a better grade?** Yes 22.2% No 77.8%. New question: **Should the public get a vote on the next Prime Minister?**



**House Point Update:**  
Churchill **122.87**; Lincoln **119.94**; Oates **118.90**; Lawrence **113.25**  
Enjoy a drier weekend, hopefully.