



From the  
Headmaster

Welcome to the Lamb, the St John's weekly newsletter. The timing of our Charity Fundraising Day cannot have been better to mark the end of the Summer exams. Whilst the Pre-Prep enjoyed a carousel of activities Year 3 to 8 worked in teams to tackle the challenge of the St John's Orienteering Course. I hope you enjoy the photographs. I am sorry we had to cancel the BBQ today due to the weather. Thank you for all the parental support towards our fundraising efforts for Magic Breakfast.

The Robins, Squirrels and Lambs have been busy learning about Eid thanks to our three visiting parents. Miss Morgan and I led Friday assemblies with an important discussion about the 75th Anniversary of the D-Day Normandy Landings.

Our sixteen horse riders are going from strength to strength at the local stables whilst Year 3 tested their egg mobiles for Humpty.

In sport we have had some excellent matches against Merchant Taylors' Prep this week. I would like to wish the 1st XI cricketers all the best in the York House Super Sixes Competition tomorrow.

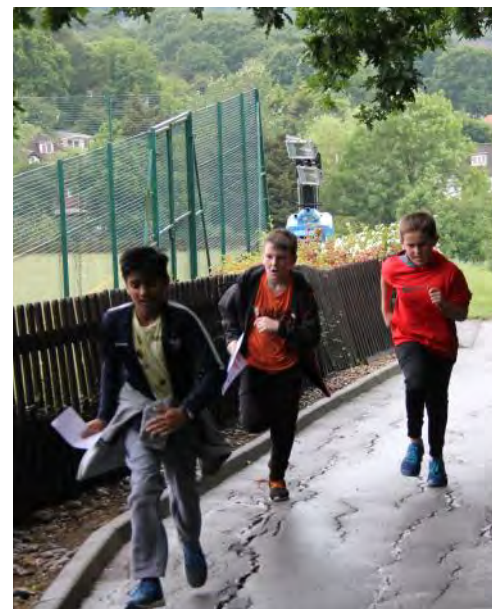
I look forward to seeing some of you at St Barnabas Day at Merchant Taylors' tomorrow morning and at the new Year 3 Parents' Evening on Monday.

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## Charity Day today



**Today the whole school celebrated Charity Day in aid of Magic Breakfast** After an assembly focussed on the D-Day 75th anniversary the Prep boys took to the grounds on a rather soggy orienteering mission. Much fun was had following the map and racing back to the finish line. The younger boys enjoyed teaming up with the Years 7 and 8 who really took them under their wing. Yesterday the Pre-Prep took part in a series of seven challenges out on the field which included limbo dancing, space-hopping and boules. There will have been some very tired little boys last night! The tuck shop never fails to impress even after a fish and chip lunch - it was just a shame that we had to cancel the afternoon BBQ because of the weather but looking outside now it was definitely the right call. Very many thanks to our Association for all their hard work as ever and to all parents who have helped boys raise money for this important cause.







## Charity Day in pictures







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## Learning about Eid in Early Years



**On Tuesday Mrs Dhanji visited the Robins and Squirrels to read them a story about Eid. They enjoyed listening to the story and are looking forward to the Eid treats that are coming in at the end of the week. Mrs Ismail and Mrs Paxton came into the Lambs and showed us different items used when practising their faith, finishing off with a tasty date to eat.**







# Horse riding update



**See how far our boys, together with some of the senior chaps,** have come in just 4 weeks! Each week they are happily greeting their horse and most are riding ‘off rein’. The rise and fall of the trot is now part of the routine, one has even managed to master a canter! They are beginning to get to know their horse and to work together, a different type of team work from school but equally as important. A challenge called ‘around the world’ where they had to change direction whilst sitting on the horse and let go of the reins was a great achievement last night. This is proving to be a very enjoyable and popular club giving the boys confidence in a new skill. A big thank you to Mrs McSween for organising it.







## ‘Eggcellent egg racing!’



**Year 3** have been designing and making their egg mobiles for Humpty for a number of weeks now in their Design and Technology lessons. Tension was high as each boy tested out their model down the ramp to see how far it would travel. Important lessons about triumph and disaster were learnt as well as reinforcing our measuring skills. Well done to Year 3!







## Colts & U10s v St Martin's Friday 24th May

**Colts A v St Martin's Lost by 36 runs. St Martin's 72 for 5 off 20 overs, St John's 36 for 10 off 16.4 overs**

**Outstanding performances:** Arian 2 for 5, Harmann 1 for 3, Panagiotis 1 for 9

The Colts A's started really strong and managed to restrict St Martin's to only 72 runs off their full innings, dismissing their key batters early on. As a whole really good bowling from the St John's squad. Everyone got to bowl their two overs and the improvement is clear. Good focus in the field too although we need to try and be better at constricted the singles. Unfortunately Harman and Arian were dismissed quite early on in our attack with the bat. As a squad we are really trying to improve on our shot selection and decision making and are aiming for betting consistency in this department. The lower batting order actually did really well to get us to 36 runs considering we were only on 10 runs after 7 overs. This shows progress and especially a bit more patience with the bat from Nishil, Vish, Nikhil and Aaryan. Well done.



**Colts B v St Martin's Lost. St John's 239 runs off 18 overs, St Martin's 267 runs off 18 overs**

This was a competitive match, although played with a soft ball, which added an element of unfamiliarity to the game. St John's began in the field and there were several good performances, particularly from Rayaana who took two wickets for 13 runs, and Noah who bowled the first maiden over of the season. St Martin's set an attainable target for us of 267 runs and Louis and Sam G made a good start to our innings. The boys were batting in pairs with three overs of play per pair. Yusuf scored the highest number of runs with 14. However some rather wild and careless batting led to a plethora of wickets which lowered our total considerably. Performance at the crease remains a key area to work for this team to work on for the future.



**U10 A v St Martin's Won by 18 runs. St John's all out for 104 runs in the 20th over, St Martin's all out for 86 in the 19th over**

**Outstanding performances:** Sahib S for his excellent display with both the bat and the ball.

St Martin's won the toss and chose to field first on a really good wicket at Harefield Cricket Club. St John's had a poor start to their innings losing a couple of quick wickets, but managed to gather themselves and built up a good total of 104 runs through some solid batting. However, St John's really showed their quality when it came to their turn to bowl. Wickets fell regularly through a combination of batsmen being clean bowled and some outstanding catches, notably from Nayan, who caught out two batsmen, Ansh with a one-handed effort and Oliver. Zac put in a super display behind the stumps and the side as a whole were sharp and lively in the field. This restricted St Martin's to 86 runs all out in the nineteenth over giving St John's a really well-fought victory. Very well done to all of the team with Sahib S earning the man-of-the-match accolade for his excellent display with both the bat and the ball.

**U10 B v St Martin's Lost by 43 runs. St John's 240 after 18 overs, St Martin's 283 after 18 overs.**

**Outstanding performances:** Yash

We batted first and we lost some early wickets with good bowling from St Martin's. We did manage to score runs but at the same time we lost wickets. This in turn meant we never quite got enough runs. Throughout the innings we lost 12 wickets which meant we lost 60 runs. We managed to score 240 after 18 overs. St Martin's went into bat and they started well without losing any wickets. Yash came on to bowl and he took a hat trick which was a tremendous effort. We took some good catches but St Martin's were still able to hit the ball for four on a regular basis. We really needed to take more wickets but our fielding in the last 8 overs really improved. Ishaan bowled very well by taking 3 wickets but in the end St Martin's just scored more runs than us. This was a great effort from the team and we just need to work a little more on our bowling and batting. Well done!





## U9 teams v Merchant Taylors' Prep 4th June

### U9 A v MTP Lost by 9 runs

#### St John's 261 for 15, MTP 270 for 13

This was an absolute thriller with entertaining cricket enjoyed by the boys, parents and umpires. St John's lost the toss and batted first. Conditions were tough on the day with two rain delays. The great thing was that the boys just wanted to play no matter what. Merchant Taylors' Prep were solid in the field and took some great catches and totalled 15 wickets meaning -75 off our score. This did not deter our boys. They were equally enthusiastic in the field and with their bowling claiming 13 wickets of MTP. 3 balls left of the entire match and scores were level. Credit to the MTP batters who managed to see this through on this occasion. Well done to Nishant, Rafi, Kian J and Kush who also took wickets. Excellent game from both sides. Also because we were playing with 8 players in the end. Great support from the parents from both schools.

#### Outstanding performance: Kian P

### U9 B v MTP Won by 54 runs

#### St John's 295 after 15 overs, MTP 241 after 15 overs

#### Outstanding performances: The whole team

We batted first and every pair which came into bat ran well between the wickets and hit the bad ball to keep the scoreboard ticking along. The confidence and will to score runs at every opportunity enabled us to post a very good total for 295. Archie and Rehaan were the last batting pair who scored 33 runs which was a great effort.

We fielded and bowled superbly and immediately put the opposition batsmen under pressure. Wickets tumbled and Merchant Taylors' Prep could never really get started. They had one strong pair and even though we were playing with only 7 players we managed to field and take some excellent wickets. Rahul had a great over by taking three wickets. But he was also supported really well by the other players. Everyone played their part and well done to all the boys in the U9 B team.







## U9 teams v Merchant Taylors' Prep 4th June

### U9 C v MTP Abandoned before final over

**Outstanding performances:** The whole team

MTP batted first and put on a score of 35 runs with some excellent bowling from Satyen and Remika with 2 wickets between them. All bowlers showed noticeable improvement from the last match with much better lines and lengths. When it came to our batting innings, the standout performances were from George and Jimi scoring 24 and Daniel and Shane scoring 18 contributing a to score of 46 runs.

Although our batting was looking promising the game was abandoned before the result could be finalised. The fielding showed improvements both in accuracy of throwing and backing up. We could still improve by getting our bodies behind the ball to stop those extra few runs. Well done boys.



### U9 D v MTP Abandoned with 2 overs to go

**Outstanding performances:** The whole team

The U9 D team were put into bat and made a great total of 159 runs for 2 wickets off 10 overs. All the boys batted well in tricky wet conditions. They ran well between the wickets and backed each other up with great communication. The MTP team bowled well and the fielding was solid considering the conditions. All the St John's boys bowled exceptionally and limited the batters to 28 runs off 6 overs and 3 balls. Sadly the weather was not kind in the end and the game was abandoned. Well done to all the boys involved.







# Senior teams v Merchant Taylors' Prep 5th June

## 1st XI v MTP Lost by 8 wickets

St John's 112 runs all out off 19 overs, MTP 114 for 2 off 13 overs

### Outstanding performance: Shane

With St John's winning the toss and batting first on this 25 over match we played steadily but each partnership managed to get out just as they started to get into the game. Overall 6 lbws and 2 run outs. The lbws came from batsmen over covering their stumps and as a result losing wickets rapidly. We managed to get to 86 for 5 off 15 overs with Shivam, Shane and Alex all playing some good shots with 2 6's from Alex and Aadil. The key partnership then was Aadil and Shane who were unfortunately run out as a result of Shane calling to run on a miss field which was marginal and the decision given against us. Aadil and Skye hit some good blows and ran exceptionally between the wickets. The tail went cheaply setting 113 as a target. We had to be on top of our game for the 2nd innings and key wickets that Shane produced an excellent opening spell but the chances went down and with both MTP's openers scoring big the match went away from the team despite some eye catching fielding and their best efforts.



## 2nd XI v MTP Lost by 3 wickets

St John's 87 for 8, MTP 88 for 7

### Outstanding performances: Rohan P and Kianu

This was an excellent game with St John's going into bat first. We lost Rohan M in the first over but against some good bowling, Rohan P and Kianu batted very well to make 21 runs each. However, against some good bowling we still managed to score runs and we made 87 runs after 20 overs.

Merchant Taylors' Prep went into bat and Saam took a wicket in the first over. All the players bowled well and Zac, Josh, Oliver A and Oliver S all bowled well. Wickets started to tumble and the fielding was very good as we got 3 run outs. However, the tail end batters for Merchant Taylors' Prep were able to stay in and score the runs to win the match in the 17th over. This was a very competitive match and well done to all the boys who played for the 2nd XI.







## Senior teams v Merchant Taylors' Prep 5th June

**3rd XI v MTP Lost by 9 wickets**

**St John's 47 all out, MTP 48 for 1**

**Outstanding performances:** The whole team

The St John's team lost the toss and were put into bat. The MTP's bowlers bowled with great line, length and accuracy. Our top order batsmen were put under extensive pressure early on. Mason and Max manage a couple of runs, Louis played some fine shots to produce a boundary and four additional runs. However, our middle order and tail end struggled with the consistency and accuracy of the MTP bowlers and were eventually bowled out for 47 runs. The St John's bowling and fielding was tight early on and we had an early breakthrough from a fine wicket bowled by Matthew D and a great wicket keeper's catch by Louis. It was always going to be a tall order to protect a low score and in the end MTP's achieved 48 for 1. Well done to all the boys involved. Areas to work on are our forward and backward defensive shots, moving our feet and playing with a straight bat.







# U8 teams v Merchant Taylors' Prep 4th June

**U8 A v MTP Won by 10 runs**

**St John's 274, MTP 264**

**Outstanding performances:** The whole team

This was the first match for the U8's A team against MTP at St John's. We fielded first and all our bowlers bowled well. The fielding was excellent and we took a number of great catches to get 5 wickets from the opposition team. We managed to keep MTP to 264. St John's went into bat and all our pairs contributed runs towards the winning total. The running and calling between the wickets was excellent and some of the hitting was impressive. This was a real team effort. Well done!

**U8 B v MTP Won by 9 runs**

**St John's 275 for 2, MTP 266 for 6**

**Outstanding performances:** Marcus, Arti and Aubrey

What a great first cricket match for their school. St John's batted first with Arti and Marcus hitting a 31 run partnership. The boys were quick to listen to feedback in between overs on their batting and equally quick to experiment in their decision making. Aubrey also batted well scoring 13 runs of 9 balls. St John's finished on 275 runs. Merchant Taylors' had some strong batters and after 10 overs they were already on 270 runs, potentially making this look like a comfortable victory. Huge well done to the St John's team for what followed. Off the last 5 overs they kept being competitive and were really pushing for the wickets. Their hard work paid off and they averaged 1 wicket per over of the last 5. Thomas C took the catch of the day where the ball was clearly flying away for a 6, full extended reach and I think even Thomas was surprised to see the ball in his hands. Really well done to all for what was an enjoyable and entertaining afternoon.

**U8 C v MTP Lost by 20 runs**

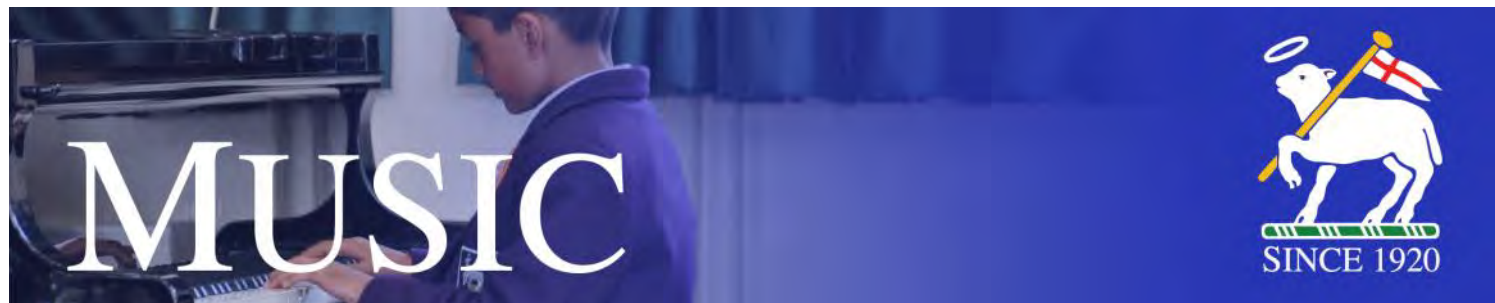
**St John's 207, MTP 227**

**Outstanding performances:** The whole team

St. John's batted first and scored good runs off the bat only to lose some wickets going for tight runs. Mehul, Thomas and Matthew all hit fours while Otto and Joshua ran well between the wickets. The bowling of the team was generally good with creditable accuracy and 3 bowled wickets to record. With a number of missed balls in the field not helping the cause the boys did keep their focus well and showed excellent improvement in their fielding as the match progressed. In the end MTP managed to chase to the end but this was a very enjoyable first game for this team.







## Which instrument might you like to learn?



Yesterday the **Badgers and Eagles** were treated to a lovely concert given by boys in Years 4 and 5. The aim was to demonstrate the different instruments on offer to learn at St John's and the younger boys were clearly mesmerised by the performances. Thank you to Vivaan, Rafi, Alistair, Daniel, Aryan, Ansh A, Aarav, George and Mihir for preparing their pieces so well and answering questions so eloquently.







## House Art Competition Winners



**With the Centenary coming up**, we decided that the theme for the House Art Competition should be '100 Years of St John's'. All boys from Years 3-8 entered and the standard was absolutely amazing. There were such a variety of designs we found it very difficult to judge. We certainly have many talented artists in this school! Well done boys.







# House Art Competition Winners



3H Owen

3W Rian

4C Oliver

4M Rafi

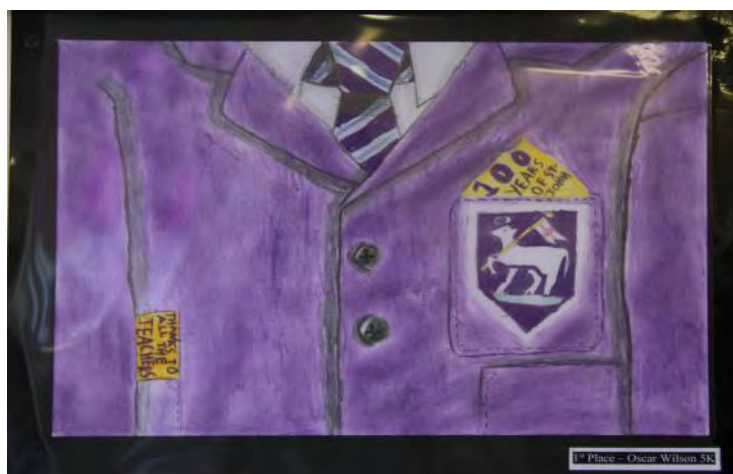
5K Oscar

5R Oliver

6C Yusuf

7H Sami

8C Zain







## 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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## **SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING AND MATHS**

**ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL,  
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**SUMMER 2019**

**WEEK 1 – 15TH TO 19TH JULY**

**WEEK 2 – 22ND TO 26TH JULY**

**WEEK 3 – 19TH TO 23RD AUGUST**

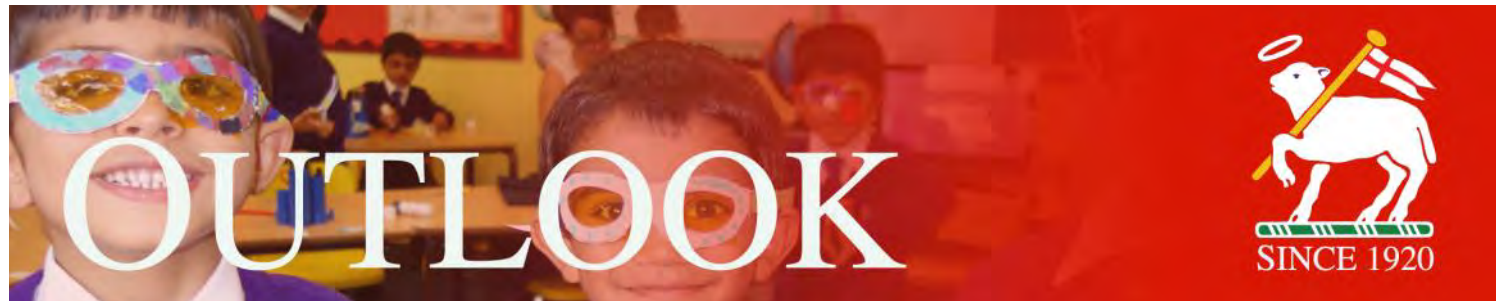
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Sunday  
30TH JUNE  
2019  
11AM-3PM

# 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

**Saturday 8th June:** York House U13 Cricket Tournament (10.00am)

**Monday 10th June:** 50th London Prep Schools Athletics Meeting Eton (10.00am)  
7+ Parents Information Evening (7.00pm)

**Tuesday 11th June:** Year 8 Trip to Royal Albert Hall and South Bank  
Cricket v Gayhurst: U9 A, B, C, D (a) (2.15pm)  
Tennis v St Martin's: U13, U11 (h) (4.15pm)

**Wednesday 12th June:** School Council  
Years 3 & 4 Parents' Meeting (4.30pm)

**Thursday 13th June:** Lambs Outing to Bekonscot  
Reception Outing to Odds Farm  
Year 8 Drugs Talk (9.15am)  
Primary Schools Cricket Festival (2.00pm)  
Senior Drama Extended Rehearsal (2.45pm-6.15pm)  
Drugs Talk for Years 6-8 Parents (7.00pm)

**Friday 14th June:** Year 8 Teamwork Challenge  
Aldenham U12 Cricket Festival (9.30am)  
Cricket v Davenies: U10 A (h), U10 B (a) (2.15pm)



**Saavan** (Badgers) came 2nd in the Northwood Gymnastics Annual Championship in his age group age group. Well done!

## 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  @stjohnsnorthwood.

**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](mailto:Lamb.Editor@stjohnsnorthwood.org.uk). 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

**Sponsor forms.** Please help your son to collect as many sponsors as possible from our charity day and a reminder that the forms should be brought to school by 14th June at the latest. Thank you very much.

**Trophies and plates.** Please can you kindly return any trophies and plates awarded at Prize-Giving or end of term assembly last summer by **Friday 14th June** at the latest. Don't forget to engrave them where necessary.

**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.

**Senior Drama.** A reminder that there is an extended rehearsal on Thursday 13th June which finishes at 6.15pm. Tea will be provided. Please support the boys at either of our performances of 'Joseph' on Tuesday 25th or Thursday 27th June both starting at 7.00pm.

**Stem Den.** Please see the flyer on page 17 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.

**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: **Do social media companies listen enough to young people?** Yes 40.2% No 59.8%. New question: **Would you pay for a better grade?**

**House Point Update.** Churchill **119.55**; Lincoln **116.37**; Oates **115.54**; Lawrence **110.53**

All the best to our U13 cricketers tomorrow and enjoy the weekend.