



Two Boats School

Newsletter

9th March 2023



Hello Everyone,

Term 2B has got off to a fantastic start and the students have all settled back in. This term students in Year 11 and the Year 10 Triple Scientists are preparing for their examinations. The early practical exam period has started with the bulk of the written exams starting on 2nd May. Staff and Students are to be commended for giving up their holiday and after school time for extra tuition. Here's hoping that the hard work pays off.

We still have vacancies for invigilators for the exam period. Training will be provided and you will be paid for your time so if this is something you are interested in then please get in touch via the school office.



In our assembly this morning we welcomed to school Inspector Scott who came along to introduce himself to the staff and students. Welcome Inspector Scott and we hope you enjoy your time here on Ascension!



Joining the TBS team this term is our new HLTA Miss Alaina Crowie. Miss Crowie has undergone teacher training back in St Helena and will no doubt be a valuable addition to the team. Welcome to the team Alaina and we hope you enjoy your time

here with us. You will hear more from our teaching support team in the coming weeks.



As it normal practice we held our Pastoral and star of the term assembly today. Mr Duncan led the assembly which focussed on one of our new school values – RESPECT. Thank you Mr D and huge congratulations to all those receiving a star of the term award.

World Book Day was celebrated on Thursday 2 March but as we were on half term break we celebrated World Book Day today Friday 10th March. Well done to all those who dressed up as their favourite book characters. Thank you to the Parents for your part in making the costumes, fabulous job as always. Students each donated £1, which will go to buying more books for our school Library. In the Primary school the teachers rotated and spent 15 minutes reading a story to the different classes and Mrs Giles put together a Masked Reader Quiz for the students to take part in. Thank you all, it was a truly fun morning.



THANK YOU

As you are aware Mr Arnold is on overseas leave. We would like to thank AIG Motor & Transport Teams for providing cover for the bus runs. Thank you Gerald for your help, we wish you well for the future! Mr Mervyn is in for a few hours a day to do some of the Caretaker duties.

That's it for this week!

Tania Maggott
Head Teacher





Greetings from Year 10

Hi again... we are almost two thirds of the way through this school year and we are still plodding along with our iGCSE subjects and for some of us (i.e. triple science students), even preparing for real exams at the end of this school year.

During our Form time, we have been looking at the following two days:

International Women's Day

Every year on 8th March (which was on Wednesday), International Women's Day is celebrated to commemorate and honour women's accomplishments, raise awareness about gender disparities and discrimination, as well as promote global support for all women.

In 1917, women in Russia chose to protest and strike under the slogan "Bread and Peace" on the last Sunday in February. Their movement ultimately led to the enactment of women's suffrage in Russia. International Women's Day sees a number of missions to help forge a gender equal world.

Celebrating women's achievements and increasing visibility, while calling out inequality, is key to achieving this.

There are many examples of women and girls having a lower position in society than men and boys. They have fewer opportunities and they suffer specific injustices and problems because they are women.

Did you know that, around the world:

- teenage girls aged 10 to 14 are twice as likely to do more than 21 hours a week of housework as boys of the same age
- nearly a quarter of teenage girls aged 15 to 19 are not in school, compared to only 13 per cent of boys
- less than half of the world's countries offer girls and boys equal access to education
- many more girls than boys are married while they are still children
- child marriage often means stopping school, getting pregnant early, isolation and an increased risk of violence
- one in five teenage girls have experienced violence from their partner?

Here are some quotes from famous women and also our young, aspiring Year 10 'women':

"There is no limit to what we as women can accomplish"

Michelle Obama

Kyra Rose
- Yr. 10

"Behind every successful woman there is herself"

"We realize the importance of our voice when we are silenced"

Malala Yousafzai

Izzy -
Yr. 10

"Strong women don't have 'attitudes', we have standards"

"A girl should be two things: WHO and WHAT she wants. No-one can tell her any different"

Kylie Rose
- Yr. 10

Liana -
Yr. 10

"A woman is someone who never gives up"

"She believed she could, so she did"

Allie -
Yr. 10



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Commonwealth Day 2023

Every year on the second Monday in March is Commonwealth Day. This year Commonwealth Day will be next week on **Monday 13th March**.

It is an annual celebration observed by people across the 56 member countries.

Most of the countries in the Commonwealth were previously governed by Britain as part of the British Empire. After the countries declared independence, the Commonwealth was formed. The countries are considered a family that can work together and help each other.

The theme for Commonwealth Day 2023 is **'Forging a sustainable and peaceful common future'**.

The theme combines the active commitment of member states to support the promotion of peace, prosperity and sustainability, especially through climate action, so as to secure a better future for our young people and improve the lives of all Commonwealth citizens.

This year is the first year for His Majesty King Charles III, who is now the new Head of the Commonwealth.

The Commonwealth Games is an international sporting event held every 4 years in which different teams from Commonwealth countries can participate.

Apart from 1942 and 1946 immediately after WW2, it has been continuously held since 1930.

The purpose of the Games is to unite the Commonwealth family through a glorious festival of sport.

The next Commonwealth Games will be in 2026.

Trinidad and Tobago will host the Commonwealth Youth Games 2023. There are 74 expected nations with 1000 athletes.

Facts about the Commonwealth:

- There are over 2 billion people in the Commonwealth!
- 1 out of 3 people on the planet are part of the Commonwealth.
- Very small islands, such as Nauru in the Pacific are part of the Commonwealth.
- Australia, Canada, New Zealand and South Africa were the first countries to join Britain in the Commonwealth.
- India joined the Commonwealth in 1947 after a long struggle for independence.
- South Africa left the Commonwealth in 1961 and didn't return to the Commonwealth until 1994.
- In 1990, Namibia became the first country that was never governed by Britain to join the Commonwealth.
- In 2009, the Commonwealth countries celebrated the 60th Anniversary of the Commonwealth.