

# Summerhill School Newsletter

September 2022

## A Word from the Head

Dear parents/carers

I hope that this newsletter finds you and your families safe and well. I cannot believe that we are at half term, it has gone so quickly!

We have had a great start to the academic year. The year started with the best GCSE results in the history of Summerhill, placing us at the top of all schools in Dudley.

	Rank in Dudley	Summerhill	Dudley	National
Progress 8	1	+0.55	0	0
Attainment 8	1	55.4	43.4	48.7
Level 5 in English and Maths	1	68%	45%	50%

These outcomes were astonishing when we think of the learning time lost due to covid. It is testament to the students, staff and families for how hard they worked to ensure the outcomes were so fantastic. As a community we wish the leavers of 2022 all the very best in their next steps and life after Summerhill. We look forward to seeing you at our certificate presentation evening on 22nd November.

The half term has been a busy one. We had the privilege of welcoming over 1000 people to our Open Evening for our new intake 2023. This was followed by a week of Open mornings of which we had to put on two extra sessions due to demand. The evening and mornings were a great way to showcase our school and the best part of it...our students. Families were extremely positive and commented on how calm and effective the school was with over 1000 students in. We have also had our Year 7 welcome evening, Year 11 Exam Preparation Evening, Careers & Higher Education Evening and Prefect Presentation Evening. The attendance to all of these evenings was fantastic and the support of families working with the school is outstanding.

As we arrive at the half term, we say goodbye to two long serving members of staff. Mrs Quirke has been with Summerhill for 5 years and has worked in various roles during her time here. She has supported both staff and students brilliantly over this time and is great member of the Summerhill team. We wish Mrs Quirke all the very best in her new position at Albrighton Primary.

Mrs Yeung has been a member of our science team, as technician, for 12 years and has supported the team brilliantly during that time. We wish Mrs Yeung all the very best in her life after Summerhill. The support that you have provided the team has been invaluable Mrs Yeung, thank you.

Please enjoy reading the newsletter and thank you for your continued support throughout this half term.

Take care



Mr Harris



We have had an amazing amount of interest so far for Annie the Musical which we will be performing in June! If your child is interested in being a part of the show, including backstage, please ask them to speak to a member of the Performing Arts Team!

**Summerhill School proudly presents**



# **Annie**

**15th - 16th June 2023**

**Tickets £6**

**More information to be  
announced soon!**



**Book by  
THOMAS MEEHAN**

**Music by  
CHARLES STROUSE**

**Lyrics by  
MARTIN CHARNIN**

**Original Broadway Production Directed by Martin Charnin**

**Presented on Broadway by Mike Nichols**

**Produced by**

**Irwin Meyer, Stephen R. Friedman, Lewis Allen, Alvin Nederlander Associates Inc., The John F. Kennedy Center for Performing  
Productions.**

**Based on "Little Orphan Annie"®**

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# WELCOME YEAR 7

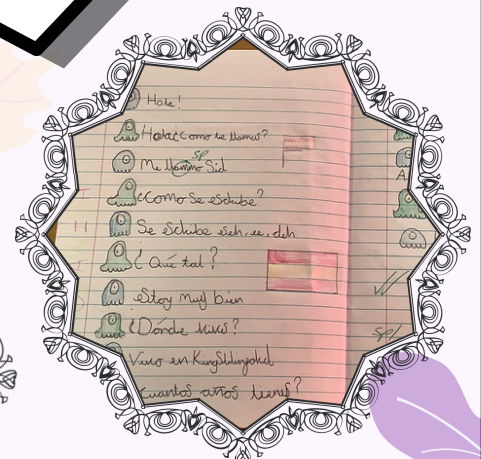
We hope that all of our new year 7's have had a fantastic first half term! Here is a little snap shot of what they've been up to:

A massive well done to all students in 7Z2 for producing fantastically detailed models of different cells, I am beyond proud of you all!  
Miss Durham



Well done to year 7s who attend Band Club on a Tuesday after school and well done to you all of your Djembe Drumming this half term.

These are 3 comic strips produced by 3 of our new Year 7 linguists. Stunning effort and work! Very well done!  
Mrs Darby





# MUSIC

Mr Sabin, Mr Reynolds and year 11 GCSE Music Group will be going up to The Resonance Music studio in Dudley in November and experience a full day working/recording in a professional studio.

Well done to all students who performed at Open Evening. You were amazing!

Well done to all students who have performed in the assemblies so far this year.



# DANCE

Year 8 Netballers fresh from a 21-0 win over Pegasus Academy, in a game where exceptional leadership qualities were on display.



Scarlett (UJM) leading a phenomenal piece of choreography to KS3 pupils in extracurricular Dance club

GCSE Dancers getting stuck into practising their exam choreography in rehearsals.





## Boys Football:

U16's

Summerhill vs Crestwood (Won 1-0)

U15's

Summerhill vs Highfields (Won 4-0)

Summerhill vs Kingswinford (Won 5-2)

Summerhill vs Crestwood (Won 4-0)

Summerhill vs The Grange Academy  
(Postponed - new date tbc)

U14's

Summerhill vs St Mattias (Postponed -  
rearranged 2nd Nov)

U13's

Summerhill vs Crestwood (Won 11-2)

U12's

Summerhill vs Phoenix Collegiate (Won  
8-0)

Summerhill vs Kingswinford (Lost 3-1)

Summerhill vs Crestwood (Won 2-1)

## Girls Football:

U16's

Summerhill vs Kingswinford (Won 9-4)

U14's

Summerhill vs Kingswinford (Won 7-0)

U12's

Summerhill vs Phoenix Collegiate (Won  
11-0)

# PE

## Netball:

U16's

Tournament joint 3rd.

U15's

Summerhill vs Pegasus (Awaiting result  
playing 20/10)

U14's

Summerhill vs Wombourne (Won 14-1)

Summerhill vs Ellowes Hall (Won 15-12)

U13's

Summerhill vs Wombourne (Lost 7-4)

Summerhill vs Pegasus Academy (Won  
21-0)

Summerhill vs Ellowes Hall (Won 12-4)



Under 12s Football Team

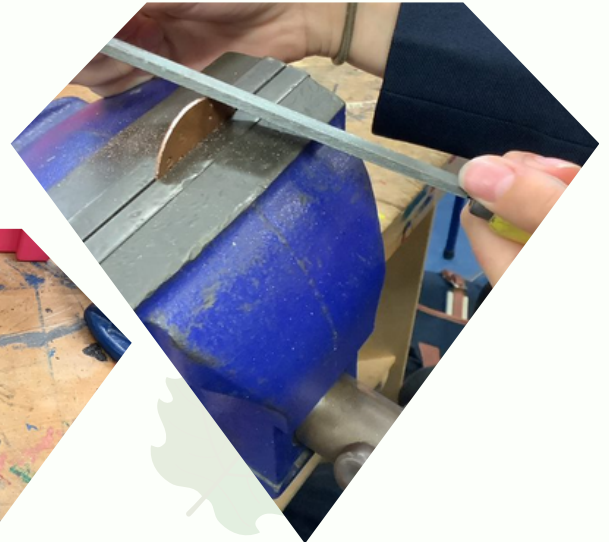


## LET'S GET KRISTOF TO THE WORLD TRANSPLANT GAMES!!!!

This amazing young man is setting his sights high to make his liver donor proud - If you can help and spare a few pounds please click on the below link:

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/get-kristof-to-the-world-transplant-games-2023>

# JEWELLERY CLUB



**The students in jewellery club have been busily making pieces of jewellery out of copper and brass.**

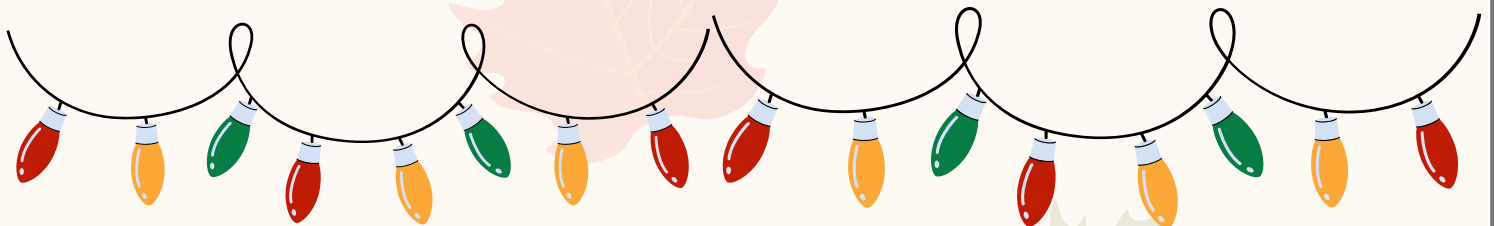




# PARENTAL COURSES

Summerhill school is working closely with the Dudley Local Authority to support the local community in developing skills and gaining new qualifications. Please see the link below, which will direct you to the Dudley Council 'Adult and Community Learning hub', where there are a number of courses available to support career and professional development at all levels.

<https://www.dudley.gov.uk/residents/learning-and-school/adult-and-community-learning/>



# DATES FOR THE DIARY

Monday 24th - Friday 28th October	Half Term
Monday 31st October	Term starts
Monday 14th - Friday 18th November 2022	Maths Week
Tuesday 22nd November 2022	Presentation Day
Friday 25th November 2022	Inset Day (School closed to all students)
Saturday 3rd December 2022	Christmas Fayre
Monday 5th - Friday 16th December 2022	Year 11 Mocks
Friday 16th December 2022	End of Term (Early Finish)
Tuesday 3rd January 2023	Inset Day
Monday 9th January 2023	Food Bank Appeal
Monday 9th - Friday 13th January 2023	Orion Charity Week
Tuesday 17th January 2023	Year 11 Mock Results day
Thursday 19th January 2023	Year 11 Progress Evening
Tuesday 24th January 2023	Year 11 Progress Evening
Monday 13th - Friday 17th February 2023	Science Week
Friday 17th February 2023	End of Term

## REMINDER....

Please remember that we are a nut free school. We therefore ask that you do not bring any food containing nuts into school.

Thank you



## LOST PROPERTY

Mr Watkins has quite a collection of lost property building up in the First Aid room. If your child has lost any uniform, coats, jackets, hoodies, bags or shoes please ask them to pop down to Mr Watkins to have a look through the lost property. If it is not claimed in September it will be sent to charity.

