



THE
Clere
School
Summer Term News

Dear valued Parents, Carers and members of the community,

Welcome to this, our summer edition of our news magazine. This is our opportunity to showcase some of the amazing things that have been happening at The Clere this term.

It has continued to be a challenging time in schools with high levels of staff and student absence due to covid. Staff have, however, made a huge effort to ensure that there is some degree of normality in school life, including reinvigorating our extra-curricular programme and opportunities beyond the classroom.

There have been many highlights this term. We have been able to run some trips and visits, such as the Geography field trip, participation in the Hampshire Book Awards and our challenging D of E walks and expeditions. Miss King has been particularly busy so you will see this edition full of tales of our sporting prowess.

Students particularly enjoyed our sports competition week in school. Please do check our social media for news and photos of all trips and events.

We have been very busy with events in school. Miss Smith was able to put on a summer production this year. The students of Years 7-10 had a lot of fun learning lines, rehearsing and performing the light-hearted "Hijacked Fairy-tales" and did a fantastic job. We had work experience for the first time in a few years due to the restrictions of covid, and the students had a rewarding experience where they accounted very well for themselves. Miss Vaughan also devised, organised and ran a Wellbeing week. Staff created activities for children to engage in that were focused on mindfulness and wellbeing. Mental health is rightly high on the agenda at the moment, so it was fantastic to be able to facilitate this for students of The Clere.

A particular highlight of the term was our transition activities. We had our new intake induction day and evening which was face to face for the first time since 2019 and, of course, our amazing Year 5 days. Induction was very successful, and staff were able to get to know our future students and help them settle into school. The Year 5s had a brilliant time at the school with all reviews giving high scores for their experience.

This year, for the first time in a long time, we were able to enjoy a Year 11 leavers' assembly where the children had a fitting send off from school. We were also able to have our Prom again, where, as always, students' behaviour did us proud. The photos of the Prom were wonderful, and I particularly enjoyed the photo of the whole year group in their fancy clothes.

All these events take a considerable amount of time and effort to organise and run. They are only possible because of the dedication of our staff in volunteering to arrange, attend and complete them in their own time. Please take the time to thank them, if you feel that appropriate, at the end of what has been the most challenging year for educational staff since I began my career 24 years ago.

As always, I wish you well for the summer and hope that you have quality time with friends and family. We look forward to welcoming the students back to school in September.

Best wishes,

Mr Jon Beck - Headteacher



Year 11 Leavers

The Year 11 GCSE Examinations took place between Monday May 16th and Friday June 24th and were the first set of external examinations undertaken by students at The Clere since the summer of 2019. The students truly rose to the occasion, with attendance being excellent, minimal cases of absence due to covid and behaviour being outstanding throughout. The school employs external invigilators to supervise and support students throughout this time and the feedback received on a daily basis was that students were polite, respectful and always adhered to the guidelines given to them. We hope that this attitude and focus translates into positive outcomes for the students in the summer.

The Year 11s reached the end of their Secondary School journey in June after completing their final exam. They gathered together in the Main Hall for an official send-off including speeches, award giving and a trip down memory lane collated by Mrs Trafford capturing their achievements and moments over the past five years. Miss Vaughan and their tutors gathered to wish them well and see them off with an ice cream. The finale was the Prom, it was wonderful to see everyone for the final time with an array of colourful dresses and suits and the variety of transport organised. A wonderful evening captured by smiles and laughter, pride and thanks.



Prom!



Year 10 Exams

The Year 10 Examinations ran from Monday June 27th until Friday July 8th. These were the first formal examinations sat by this cohort and were run in a very similar fashion to the GCSE's which preceded them. As with the GCSE Exams, the students behaviour, focus and attendance were excellent throughout and our external invigilators were very impressed with the students. The outcomes of these examinations will be shared with students and parents before the end of term. Staff from a number of subject areas will be providing students with some additional coursework or exam preparation tasks to complete before their return in September, this is to ensure that students commence Year 11 in the strongest possible position to fulfil their potential in their GCSE's.

Wellbeing Week

A busy week in and out of school for all students, which hopefully broadened their experiences and enabled them to participate in some activities they hadn't tried before. Year 10 focused on work experience and engaging in opportunities more closely related to work and post school. Opportunities were taken up across the local area and students embraced the placements they attended. Year 7-9 stayed in school and chose to do different activities across the week from yoga to doodling and STEM to mindfulness. The students were in mixed year groups and able to develop their social skills making the school even more inclusive. Running through this was Sports Week, with students competing in their year groups against each other and receiving their awards at the end of the week.



Transition!



School Production of 'Hijacked Fairytales'

On the 13th of July, The Clere School ran their first school production in over 5 years! Students from Years 7-10 performed Kevin Jannett's 'Hijacked Fairytales', a light-hearted comedy to lift spirits after the pandemic! Students were involved in directing scenes, designing and operating the lighting and sound and created costumes! As well as the production elements of the show, students took ownership of their acting roles, multi-rolling between the ensemble parts too! Our drama teacher, Miss Smith never once had to ask students to learn their lines! Miss Smith added "all students who were involved in the production were a joy to work with, demonstrating passion for the subject, resilience and commitment, attending multiple after school and lunchtime rehearsals! I am so proud of all students and grateful for all of the support from our Clere School community". Over 80 people came to watch the 20 students involved on the evening, and students also did performances to Year 5 students from local primary schools. Our performing arts department has grown considerably over the last two years and we are excited for this to continue next year!



Year 5 Taster Day

Pupils from our feeder schools visited the school for an afternoon to participate in activities including Drama and D&T. The excitement of travelling on our minibuses was the first experience they had. They were then able to navigate the school site and experience a snapshot of what Secondary School life is like. It was a pleasure to welcome them to the The Clere and fantastic to hear their positive feedback.

Computing

As the 21- 22 academic year draws to a close a brief reflection shows what a busy year it has been for the computing students. The year started with a fantastic trip for all the GCSE Computer Science students to the National Museum of Computing. This was a great opportunity to see the development of computers. Certainly some of the KB storage options that were about a metre high definitely took some by surprise. However it was definitely the retro coding of snake in Basic that garnered the most enthusiasm.

Competitions followed with Bebras, Oxford University Computing Challenge, CyberFirst for Year 8 girls and more recently the Samsung Solve for Tomorrow: Next Gen. A huge well done to all participants.

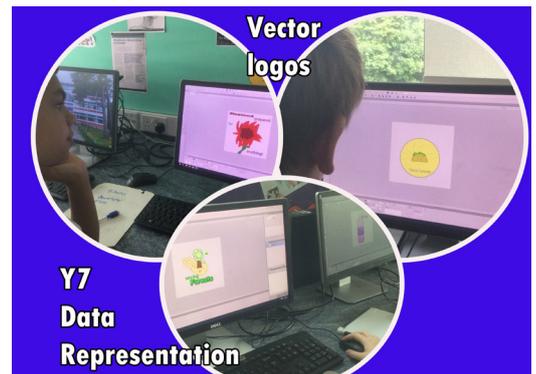
The Year 9 Cyber Ambassadors have been working hard throughout the year to support online digital awareness and safety, including giving presentations to Year 7 as part of the Stop Cyberbullying Day on the 17th June. All KS3 students were part of a Pathfinder survey for this. Their insights are greatly appreciated. Well done to all Cyber Ambassadors but a particular mention to Josh Gillate and Lydia Marks who have shown incredible resilience, resourcefulness and initiative throughout their time as a Cyber Ambassador.

In lessons it was great to see the Year 11s focussing in and really pushing themselves to get themselves in the best position possible for their exams. Not only has it been 2 years without any form of external judgement these students have faced the first exam of a brand new syllabus. For any Year 7, 8 or 9 thinking of Computer Science as an option here are some words from the class of 22

“There was lots of hands on programming, and the programming project was fun.”
- Maciek Nowak

“You gain understanding in many different aspects of computer science with basic understanding on most parts with greater understanding for things like programming and more in depth knowledge on the inner workings of the computer. I would highly recommend this subject. It is interesting and with each part leading to another, while in places it may be difficult the different stages of the course help to overcome any challenges you may face. It remains challenging throughout which may not sound appealing at first but it means that it never gets boring and you can push yourself as far as you are willing.”
- Alexandra Hammond

For the summer term, KS3 the lessons have focussed on Technology in Society for Year 9, Computational thinking for Year 8 and Data representation for Year 7. Year 8 have been programming real life scenarios using traffic lights and INVENT robot cars. Year 7 have been learning how image data is represented on a computer. They have discovered the difference between bitmap and vector graphics and produced some very creative logos. It has been inspiring to see the work produced by many of the students.



Design a Crown Competition

As we celebrate the Queen's platinum jubilee, we are thrilled to announce the winner of our 'design a crown' competition!

Each entry has demonstrated creativity and innovation in their work and approach during this extra-curricular activity. A huge thank you to all staff who have supported this during their tutor times.

As I am sure you will all agree, there is one extra-deserving winner, clearly putting in additional time, work and resources in creating their crown!

Well done to winner Phoebe Dymond (8C) who has created a wonderful purple and pink multi-textured crown with extra sparkle!

Miss C Smith



Art and Photography Update

In the Art Department we have had an industrious and exciting year creating lots of new pieces of artwork and photographs, learning a whole new range of skills and knowledge. Each year students work to a similar format throughout each project where they start with a topic title, research through critical studies different artists and movements and then developing their own ideas. Some of the skills they have learnt throughout this year are different drawing techniques, for example line and tone, colour blending and texture, the use of photomontage and collage and a whole range of different photography techniques. Some of the projects we have completed this year are climate crisis, students research the different issues we have with the climate and the reasons why. The students go on to produce a piece of work which represents this. We took part in Ink October, students draw a different image every day, using ink. We have looked at Pop Artist and how it influences modern artists of today. We have also studied different textures and colours while studying the form and shape of different insects, finally producing a symmetrical piece of artwork. assessment criteria at Key Stage 3. Please see some examples of our amazing students' Art and Photography work. Our Key Stage 4 students have managed to complete in-depth final projects which have a similar assessment criteria as Key Stage 3.



Hampshire Book Awards

On Tuesday 28 June 2022, 9 Year 8s took part in the Hampshire Book Awards in which schools from across Hampshire get together and choose the best book for teenagers published in 2021. We could not attend the event at Costello School in person so we participated through Teams.



The students involved were Shaun Chaffe, Morgan Jackman, Molly Dallaway, Katy Dyer, Sofia Mills, Annabelle Grant-Jones, Harvey Matos, Isaac Hart and Lucy Blatchford.



Over the last 3 months, we each read the 6 books on the shortlist: 'Ground Zero' by Alan Gratz; 'Cardboard Cowboys' by Brian Conaghan; 'Giften' by Leyla Suzan; 'Black Brother, Black Brother' by Jewel Parker Rhodes and 'Tsunami Girl' by Julian Sedgwick and Chie Kutsuwada. At the event, we discussed our favourites and what we like about them and then voted for the book we thought was the best.

The Clere School voted for 'Ground Zero'. This book interweaves and connects the stories of 2 children aged 12: Brandon who is in the North Tower of the World Trade Centre in New York when it is hit by a plane on 11th September 2001, and Reshmina who lives in Afghanistan when, on 11th September 2020, she meets an American soldier injured during a conflict with the Taliban. Our students liked the realism of the two stories and the way the writers conveyed the feelings of the main characters.

Second favourite was 'Tsunami Girl' which is set in Japan before, during and after the tsunami of 2011. Yuki is visiting her Grandfather when the wave hits and they get separated. The story is told through writing and through Manga (Japanese comic strip pictures). We found it exciting and mysterious and admired Yuki's emotional and physical courage.

Interestingly, the result of the vote of all Hampshire schools was the same, so the Hampshire Book Award 2022 goes to 'Ground Zero'!

There are several copies of each of the 6 books in the library if anyone would like to read them.

Mrs Thomas says thank you to all the students who took part in reading the books and participating in the award day so enthusiastically. Thank you also to all members of staff who enabled this event to happen.

A Busy Term of Sporting Achievements

Basketball Shoot Out Competition

The week beginning Monday 4th April was the start of our Basketball Shoot Out Competition. The competition was part of the house competitions and all students in Years 7 - 9 were involved and a group of Year 10s took part. Firstly students in each house had a time limit of how many baskets could be scored in a certain amount of time. The groups of students then had to nominate one student per each house to take part in an opportunity to have an extra minute and score as many baskets as they could to add to the final total. A big thank you to the Sports Captains who did a fantastic job helping to set up and score the baskets.

The results were-

- 1st Place - Beacon with 97 baskets scored
- 2nd Place - Cottington with 89 baskets scored
- 3rd Place - Joint Ladle and Sidown both scoring 88 baskets.

Congratulations to all students in Beacon!



Netball Tour 2022

After the Netball Tour had been rescheduled due to covid the students finally managed to head off on the residential trip this year. The team of 10 students, eight Year 11s and two Year 10s took part in a netball tournament at Liddington, Swindon on Friday 29th April - Sunday 1st May. The students were fantastic throughout the weekend and a real asset to the school and to me. The students came together not having played properly together since Year 8 due to covid restrictions. The girls ended up making it into the semi-finals on the Sunday and ended up claiming a bronze medal.

I was very proud of the students as the progress they made from one match to the next really showed. They were also recognised as the umpires "Team of the Tournament" for showing respect, determination, and fair play.

The reason that we attend the tournament is for students to play higher level teams and this weekend they really got to put their skills to the test against some brilliant teams.

Not only do the students compete in a netball tournament they take part in other activities throughout the weekend such as giant rope swing, abseiling, zip wire and archery.



Well done to all of the students who took part in the weekend and I wish you every success with your netball in the future.

Miss King

“Netball tour 2022 was an amazing end to our journey as a team throughout our time at The Clere. The weekend activities built our team’s confidence and brought us together to allow us our best gameplay in the matches. Once on court, it was clear that our hard work throughout the league season paid off and led us to rewarding results. Coming third in the tournament was a huge achievement and every player deserved their medal. Receiving the ‘Team of the Tournament’ award was so special to us and made me so proud of the team. Liddington was an amazing experience which allowed us to make new friends and bond as a group. It was the perfect end to a brilliant 5 years”.

- Daisy Voke (Netball Captain)



Superstars - Gifted and Talented PE Event

On 5th May students from Years 7 - 9 took part in a Superstars event at Queen Marys College. The event is designed for Gifted and Talented PE students and gives them the opportunity to compete against other students from Basingstoke Schools. The students took part in cycling, rowing, swimming, curling, sprinting and lots of other events.

Well done to all students who competed but especially to Ryan Mitchell (Year 8 student) who came 2nd and Lucy Powis (Year 9 student) who came 2nd.



Students Receive Silver Award

Congratulations to the following students who received their silver KS3 badges for representing the school in a certain number of fixtures. We are very proud of these students and the dedication and determination that they have put into their sport since September.



Year 9 & 10 District Athletics

On Friday 27th May the first big athletics event was back on this year after covid restrictions. The week before the event students flooded athletics club to practice for their events.

It was brilliant to see all the students from across 9 secondary schools attend the District Athletics in Andover. Our students showed resilience throughout the day and six students managed to get through to the County round with other successes throughout the day. A special mention has to go to Year 10 Nayi Munowenyu who broke the 100m and 200m records. It really was a fantastic day and all students should be proud of themselves.



Year 9 & 10 County Athletics

Miss King had the pleasure of attending the Year 9 & 10 County Athletics in Portsmouth on Saturday 10th June. Six students from The Clere School represented the Andover and District Team. The students were fantastic role models for the school. As the day came to a close it was fantastic to reflect on the achievements that all of the students who attended the event managed to go home with.

Here are the results of the day -

- Rosie Stockwell - 4th in her 800m heat
- Libby Stockwell - 5th in the County for 200m
- Lucy Powis - through to represent Hampshire in the Long Jump
- Jack Reynolds - 10th in the County for the 1500m
- Alfie Harrison - 8th in the County for Discus
- Chloe Cowx - 8th in the County for Shot Put
- Nayi Munowenyu - through to represent Hampshire in the 100m and 200m



Nayi Munowenyu

Nayi has been the talk of athletics for the upper school this year. Not only did he break two records at the District Athletics he managed to take this talent through to the County Athletics and got through not only for the 100m for the 200m as well. Nayi then went on to represent Hampshire at the Inter County championships in the 200m at Kingston and came second. We look forward to watching Nayi be successful in Athletics and wish him all the best for future competitions.



Year 7 & 8 Cricket Tournament

The boys have been working hard in their Cricket Club and had the opportunity to compete in a tournament on Tuesday 14th June. It was a lovely sunny afternoon at the tournament which was being held at John Hanson School. Despite it being their first tournament their resilience and progress showed. In their first match the students lost 71-17, in their second match they lost 35-34 (very close) and in their last match they won 37-34.

Well done boys!



Year 7 & 8 District Athletics

It was a very warm day on 20th June and 9 schools met at the Charlton Athletics track for the annual Year 7 & 8 District Athletics competition. Despite it being warm our students tried incredibly hard with a lot of individual successes throughout the day. Five students managed to get through to the County round which will take place in Southampton on Wednesday 13th July.

Rounders League

What a fantastic turn out it has been at Rounders Club this year. The students have enjoyed mixing with other students from other year groups and improving their skills ready for their matches.

Congratulations to the Year 7 Rounders team who came 4th in the Andover and District League. The Year 8 Rounders team have one match left to determine which position they come.



It has been an absolute pleasure teaching you after school on a Tuesday and taking you to your fixtures and watching you put the skills taught into action.

“Rounders club overall was a fun and enjoyable experience where we learnt a lot about the sport in a short space of time. At Rounders we did a couple of drills but we have always played a match with the other year groups which was enjoyable. This year I really enjoyed rounders and can’t wait to play next year. I have enjoyed being the captain of the rounders team and am pleased we came 4th in the league”.

- Joanne Mills (Year 7 Captain)

“Rounders has been a great experience. I’ve enjoyed being captain of the rounders team and having Jess Elliott support me as vice captain. It has been brilliant learning news skills in club and putting these into play in the matches. Even if we don’t win our match we always know what to improve on with help from Miss King. I am so pleased that we have had a few wins and we have one more match to find out where we come in the league”.

- Lillie Verney (Year 8 Captain)



Extra-Curricular Club Commitment

We would like to say a massive thank you to all of the students who received a certificate for their commitment and dedication to extra curricular clubs throughout this year. You are a hard working group of students who always want to learn more and make progress.

Well done and thank you for your support.



Fantastic Sporting News

We enjoy hearing and being able to share your sporting achievements with you. If you have a competition coming up or have been involved in a sporting event please let Miss King know by emailing c.king@clere.school

Fin McBriar

Year 9 student Fin McBriar made it into the Hampshire U15 squad after 3 days of hard trials at the end of June. After speaking to the District SGO he said that Fin worked incredibly hard to get into the team and there are not many students that make it through the District trials into the County team at this age. Well done Fin we look forward to hearing how you get on.



Holly Mills

A huge congratulations to former student Holly Mills (Heptathlete) on being selected for Team England at the Commonwealth Games. We look forward to watching you and cheering you on!

Swimming Gala

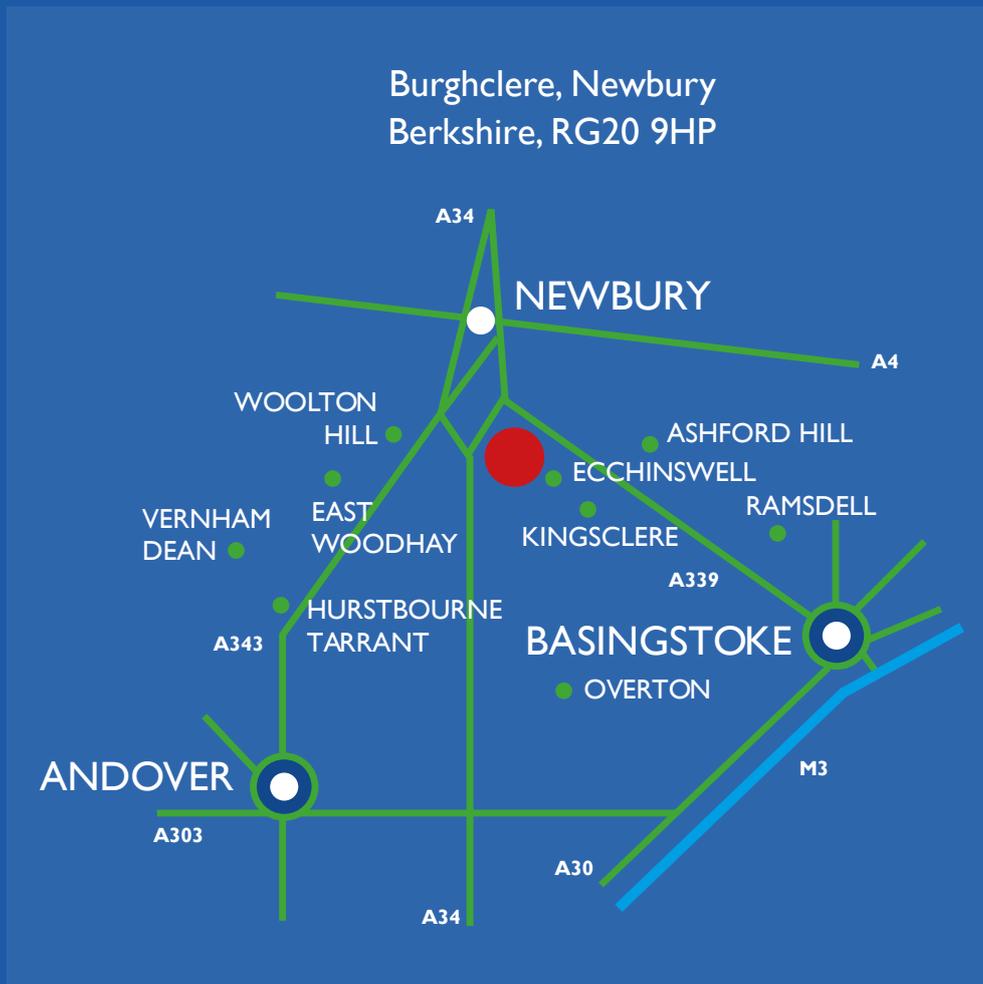
It was a beautiful sunny afternoon for the District Swimming Gala at Rookwood School on Thursday 30th June. Miss King attended this event with 12 students from different year groups. All students tried incredibly hard and worked as a team throughout the gala. Some of the swimming strokes, especially from the older students, were questionable but gave Miss King a giggle. We managed to come 6th as a team effort.

Look out in the Autumn Newsletter for:
Leaders help out at Burghclere Primary Sports Day
Sports Competition Week Successes (11th-15th July)



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“Leaders have established a culture and ethos built upon mutual respect and equality of opportunity. The school is calm and pupils are polite to one another. There are very few incidents of poor behaviour.”

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