



NEWS letter



Together We Succeed

Summer 2019

We have reached the end of another academic year and what a busy term it has been! This time of year is always dominated by the GCSE exams and the Year 11 leavers, but we have also made time to enjoy a wealth of extra-curricular experiences that really make such a difference to the cultural life of the school and all of us here. There have been so many wonderful trips and in-school events this term but highlights include university and college taster days, careers visits for those studying Food Science, BTEC Sport and Health and Social Care, Year 10 Geography fieldwork at Carding Mill Valley, the Year 7s put on a terrific Shakespeare Festival performing scenes from Hamlet, Macbeth, Twelfth Night, The Tempest, As You Like It and A Midsummer Night's Dream as well as enjoying creative writing with a



professional author and performance poet. We were also honoured to be chosen by Network Rail to host their live interactive broadcast to other schools across the country to help young people in secondary schools stay safe on the railway. Well done to all involved. As I write this school seems very quiet without the many Year 7s currently at Acorns Activity Centre in the Brecon Beacons enjoying the great outdoors for a few days and the Year 10s and 11s in Belgium visiting the battle fields and memorials of World War



One, and no doubt the chocolate and waffle shops of Ypres and Bruges (hope they bring some back!).

We said a fond farewell to the Year 11s at their Leaver's Assembly and then danced the night away at Prom held at the Birmingham University where they



arrived by a variety of transportation, even in Cinderella's glass coach complete with horses.



Everyone looked fabulous in their Prom attire, including a very snazzy pair of light-up boots and we even had Elvis escorting one Year 11 as her Prom Date! A great time was had by all.

Although it has been a nerve wracking time for them, we are sure our pupils will do themselves, their parents / carers and us proud on results day which is on Thursday 22nd August (school opens from 10.30am).

Safeguarding

We have worked continuously throughout the year to ensure our pupils are able to keep themselves safe out of school and in the community. We instil a culture of always finding someone to talk to if they or a friend

needs help. For parents we have produced an information pack on 'Keeping Your Daughter Safe' which was sent out via Parentmail earlier in the year. This pack is also available on the school website if you need to locate it. As we begin the long summer holidays it is

important to know where your child is, who they are with and what they are doing as much as you can. The hot weather, as we have recently

heard in the news, also brings its hazards along the waterways, canals and rivers. Please alert your children to the dangers around water, railways and general safety in the community.

Throughout the year we have also given pupils invaluable information through presentations, workshops, assemblies, Computer Science and PSHE lessons on waterways, railways, healthy relationships and personal and online safety. Please take the time to talk about these topics with your daughter. Links and more information can be found on our website.



I would like to thank you all for your support throughout the year and wish you all a happy and safe summer holiday!



Ms Hall
Deputy Headteacher

Some of our Year 9 pupils who have an interest in healthcare careers or animal care recently took part in a workshop run by Medical Mavericks. Our pupils learnt a lot about medical careers, including the range of careers and qualifications needed. They also had the opportunity to

experience a variety of medical equipment, taking measurements as well as practising taking blood with a needle (on a model), taking ECGs and using an ultrasound.

Our thanks to Medical Mavericks for a really fun and informative session and well done to the pupils taking part who were complimented on their behaviour and attitude.

Mr Jackson

MOTTE & BAILEY

A massive well done to pupils in my two Year 7 History groups who produced amazing versions of Motte and Bailey Castles for a recent project. They made models, yummy cakes and beautiful pictures and paintings and I was very impressed by all of their work. Brilliant!

Mrs McAuley



Learn Live Rail Safety

On Tuesday 25th June, Years 7,8 and 9 pupils took part in a Rail Safety Live event. A large cast of technical crew and broadcasters visited our school to create a studio effect in our Main Hall that was similar to how 'Top Gear' is filmed. Our pupils provided the audience for the live broadcast which was streamed to around 50,000 school pupils country wide. The pupils were given information and advice on how to keep safe around railway lines and had the opportunity to meet professionals

from Network Rail and the Transport Police as well as a survivor from a serious railway line accident. The event was a great success with the organisers, Learn Live commenting on how well behaved and engaged our pupils were throughout. Well done to all involved.



CARDING MILL VALLEY

On Tuesday 25th June Year 10 Geographers braved the VERY wet weather to visit the National Trust site at Carding Mill Valley, Shropshire. Girls collected data by measuring the stream and did really well to stay upright in some places as the water was moving at some speed at times! Thankfully the rain dried up after lunch and they were able to enjoy the great outdoors for the rest of the day. Well done to all the pupils that attended, they were fantastic and worked really hard in some difficult conditions.



China

Year 8 have recently been learning all about the exciting and intriguing country of China. They were set a homework project to produce a fact file about it and display this in whatever way they saw fit. A few girls decided to make edible fact files which the class really enjoyed nibbling on at the end of the lesson!

Fantastic effort from everyone.

Mrs Howes





Year 9 recently went on a trip to Millenium Point for "World of STEM Day". Pupils had the chance to speak to representatives from colleges, Universities and employers etc. about the fantastic opportunities in STEM careers.

We also attended a session with "Gastronaut" Stefan Gates to watch lots of fun (and funny) demonstrations

about the science of food and the digestion. Thanks to parents for their support with this trip, including the later than anticipated return to school.
Mr Jackson



This year, we have welcomed 16 local primary schools to TGGs to come and join us for a variety of activities and have also gone out and visited many of these. Girls from the Year 5 classes from these schools came in and took part in various activities including Medieval and Rainforest Animal workshops, P.E activities, Technology, Cookery, Art and Science. It was a great opportunity for these primary school children to experience life at TGGs and it was a pleasure to have them visit our school!

Year 8 Peer Buddies have helped look after the children whilst they have been with us and done a fantastic job. Thank you and well done to: Poppy, Lucy, Alannah, Abbie, Jessica Hope, Phoebe, Paige, Bethany, Sara, Mia, Lily and Lauren.

We also welcomed our new Year 7 intake for Induction Day on Wednesday 3rd July. It was lovely to meet the new Year 7's, they were immaculately behaved and I look forward to being their Year Head in September! The girls seemed to enjoy the day too with Jessica from West Heath Primary School saying: 'I am looking forward to September because I have already made some new friends and I can't wait to see them and be with them properly in September'.



Mrs Reeves (Head of Year 7)

The Year 9 Peer Buddies:

Chloe, Megan, Holly, Laura, Romi, Lily, Manisha, Chloe, Mia, Nabira, Emily, Lucy, Lisa and Elli.



HEALTH EATING

The 'Healthy Breakfast' Initiative at TGGs continues to go from strength to strength with over half of our pupils taking advantage of a free, tasty bagel for breakfast in form time every morning. The number of pupils eating breakfast at school has risen steadily since January and we hope to see this trend continue. The website opposite will take you to a blog about the success of the breakfast provision at TGGs.

<https://www.family-action.org.uk/our-voices/2019/06/10/motivating-students-to-eat-a-healthy-breakfast/>

A huge thank you goes to Mrs Peters and the bagel preparation team of Abbie, Alannah, Shobia, Lucy, Hannah C, Hannah G, Mae, Tegan, Parys and Mollie-Mai who give up their time every morning to ensure that large quantities of warm, buttered bagels are ready to go out to pupils every morning.

Shakefest

Shakespeare never wrote his plays to be read. They were to be performed and at this year's 'Shakefest', the Year 7's did just that. It was an amazing and truly creative event indeed and I can honestly say all pupils and teachers who were involved or



even simply popped in to see the spectacle enjoyed it very much. Over a series of about four lessons the different Year 7 English groups had been studying Shakespeare plays whilst working on performances to showcase to the rest of the year as a whole. The success of this event means we all, students and teachers can't wait to do it next year as well.



Mr Yentumi



Acorn adventure



Last week we took 71 Year 7's away on our annual residential trip to Acorn Adventure in the beautiful Brecon Beacons, Wales. We had a fantastic time and the girls should be



proud of the personal achievements they made. Some conquered their fear of height, some overcame their anxiety of being away from home

and they all proved that they can survive without their mobiles!

Here's what Poppy, Lily and Lauren had to say about the trip:

"Acorn was really fun! There was a variety of activities we could do and the staff/ instructors helped us achieve our goals and complete the tasks set. Some of our favourite activities were: kata kanu, where we almost fell off our boats; night-line, where we got really dirty because we were blindfolded, and the hill walk, which was really tiring but the view at the top was extraordinary and totally worth it!! If we had the chance to go again we would definitely do it because

everything about the trip was amazing!"

It's always a very rewarding trip and we look forward to taking the new year 7's in July 2020.

Mrs Miller



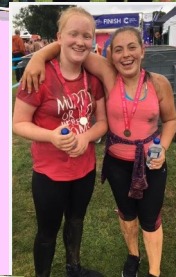
Race for Life...



A total of 57 students and 5 staff signed up to take part in the Birmingham Pretty Muddy 5k on the 13th of July in



Cofton Park. The weather was kind however we are sure they had more mud than in previous years! Once again the smiles never left our pupils faces as they seemed to get muddier than ever, navigating various obstacles, water guns and buckets of muddy water being thrown in their direction!! A real team spirit meant everyone helped and supported each other to cross the finish line and once again each participant made us really proud and were definitely deserving of their medal at the finishing line! Thank you



to the many family and friends of our school community who came along on the day to support the girls.

Students have once again amazed us with their fundraising efforts, the money is still coming in but we are hopeful that we will be able to send a large cheque off to Cancer Research UK by the end of term. Thank you to everyone who supported them in collecting this sponsorship money. It makes us very proud to see our pupils come together in such a positive way against something which we know affects so many people in our school community and beyond. You can still sponsor us by visiting our fundraising page <https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/team/>

Let those creative juices flow...

Creative Writing Day is an annual event that is a fantastic opportunity for our girls to let their hair down and express themselves through the art of writing.

This year the girls were

introduced to the skill of Spoken Word. The poet and musician Joe Cook opened up a new world for our girls with a fantastic day that included workshops in lyrical writing, poetry, raps, body percussion and performing to an audience.

The girls totally embraced the day, a shining example of enthusiasm, talent and teamwork.





JUNIOR AND INTERMEDIATE MATHS CHALLENGE

The Mathematical Challenges have been around for over 25 years and serve the purpose of setting interesting problems and puzzles for the top 10% of pupils studying Maths across the UK. Each year the Mathematics department enters pupils in Years 7-10 for the various challenges at one of three levels; Junior, Intermediate or Senior. In April, Year 8 pupils entered for the Junior Maths Challenge achieved a total of 9 awards in May, the best from one year group the Maths department has had. The 3 Silver certificates went to Hannah C, Oluwakemi and Erin and 6 Bronze certificates to Jade, Lucy, Hannah G, Poppy Keziah and Paige S. For two pupils, Hannah and Poppy, this is their second year taking part and gaining a certificate. Congratulations to everyone who took part this year.

Here are two questions from this year's paper for you to try, calculator NOT allowed:

- Which of these is equal to $(0.1+0.2+0.3-0.4) \div 0.5$?**
 a. 0.01 b. 0.02 c. 0.04
 d. 0.1 e. 0.4

Sam has eaten three-quarters of the grapes. What is the ratio of the number of grapes that remain to the number Sam has eaten?

- a. 1 : 3 b. 1 : 4 c. 1 : 5 d. 1 : 6
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Answers at the bottom of the page



9 Year 10 pupils attended a work experience visit in the City Centre as a part of Professional Services Week. We attended 2 workshops on working in insurance, delivered by Beazely and an architectural workshop led by Genslar. We finished the day visiting Mazar, a financial institution in the City Centre. We heard all about the range of careers available in the financial sector. We were made to feel very welcome!



HISTORY VISIT TO BELGIUM AND FRANCE

Year 10 and 11 pupils spent a week in Belgium and France, visiting sites of World War One. We visited battlefields, experienced the trenches and saw many memorials, like Thiepval and Vimy Ridge. We heard stories of teenage soldiers, such as a 15 year old who was killed at Ypres. Pupils also has the chance to visit a Belgian chocolate shop and buy some gifts. The last day we went to Bruges for the day, so pupils could explore the old city and get a taste of life in Belgium.



Halesowen College Taster Day



Year 9 went to Halesowen College for the day to take part in a variety of workshops. Some pupils took part in animal care, handling some of the animals in the college. Others went to A level tasters in Business and Law. Pupils did some boxing lessons and also ran the obstacle course. Ms Hanratty had her nails done by Phebe! A valuable experience of Further Education.



ANSWERS
 E Note that $(0.1+0.2+0.3-0.4) \div 0.5 = (0.6-0.4) \div 0.5 = 0.2 \div 0.5 = 2 \div 5 = 0.4$.
 A Sam has eaten three-quarters of the grapes. So one-quarter of the grapes remain.
 Therefore the required ratio is $1/4 : 3/4 = 1 : 3$.



'End of an Era'



The Turves Green Prom for Turves Green Girls' and Boys' School took place on Friday 21st June at Birmingham University. Pupils all looked stunning in their wonderful and glamorous outfits and the sun made an appearance after all the rain, making a lovely backdrop for photos.

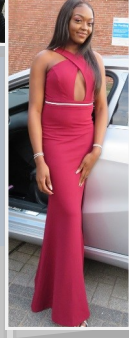
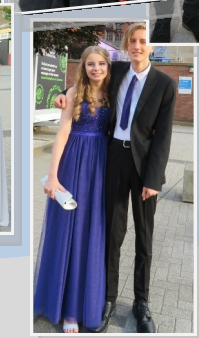
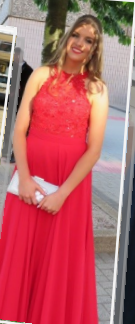
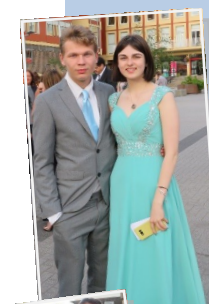
Many of the pupils arrived in amazing vehicles, ranging from a Rolls Royce to a horse and glass carriage. Their proud parents also following behind were eagerly taking photos, as were all of the staff that were there to welcome them. Party goers were greeted with a huge balloon arch and beautifully decorated

tables organised by the fabulous Prom committee. This made for some lovely photos and many of the girls ended up draped in balloons at the end of the night.

Throughout the night there was an opportunity for pictures to be taken by our fabulous photographers Holly and Jenna, the official photographers from 'Jolly Media'. Pupils and staff from both the Boys' and Girls' School hit the dance floor and danced the night away. The DJ, from Jam Productions was absolutely fantastic and made sure he played a good selection of songs that kept all of the pupils on the dance floor.

After lots of fun, dancing and eating there were lots of tired guests with sore feet at the end of the night and some girls left carrying their shoes rather than wearing them. All in all, it was a fantastic night and a great way to celebrate 5 years at Turves Green. We wish all of our lovely Year 11 pupils the best of luck for the future and we will see them in August for results day.

Mrs Summers
Head of Year 11



DANCE FESTIVAL

On 20th May 2019, Turves Green Girls School hosted a dance festival in Main Hall. It was a very positive and happy occasion and parents, staff and pupils in the audience all commented on what a wonderful afternoon it was.

The show comprised of 13 dance acts and included pupils from Years 8-11 at TGGs as well as Year 5 pupils from 2 local primary schools. All of the acts were different and enjoyable and showed the talent and creativity of the pupils. Some of the acts were choreographed by the pupils themselves and it is good to see so many talented dancers and choreographers at Turves Green Girls' School.



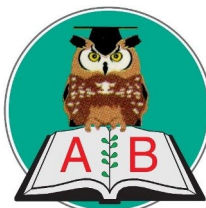
but the pupils rose to the challenge. Poppy and Kemi in Year 8 accompanied me to both schools, they really enjoyed meeting all of the Year 5 girls and were really impressed with the effort, enthusiasm and talent on show!

A final mention to 3 of our Year 11 leavers that performed for the last time on stage at TGGs. Poppy B, Bethany and Katie who have been fabulous role models to the younger pupils and have showcased some amazing performances throughout their 5 years at school. They finished on a high with a spectacular contemporary dance which was very emotional for them. They will be sadly missed in the dance and PE department but we wish them luck in the future.

Mrs Simcox



The 2 primary schools involved were Albert Bradbeer and Turves Green Primary School and both schools were very accommodating in allowing us to visit and teach the pupils a dance. Not an easy task in about an hour and half



SCHOOL UNIFORM



As the end of term approaches, we would appreciate your help in ensuring all pupils continue to adhere to uniform regulations. In particular, that skirts are an appropriate length and not the short, tight, stretchy variety and that black shoes are being worn not trainers. If there are any issues with uniform, please contact your daughter's Head of Year.



Please be aware that we are now a nut free school!

We have a number of pupils in school with nut/peanut allergies, one in particular has a severe allergy. Because of the seriousness of this we are asking that pupils **DO NOT** bring items containing nut properties into school. We thank you in advance for your co-operation.

STAFF NEWS

At the end of the summer term we have some hellos and goodbyes to say at Turves Green Girls' School.

Firstly we would like to welcome **Kimberley Stansbie** - Head of Maths, **Jessica Barstow** - Maths Teacher, **Emily Carroll** - Food Teacher, **Alice Jones** - English Teacher, **Jade Hall** - Senior Learning Mentor and last but not least some of you may know **Richard Crookes** - Temporary Science Teacher.

Unfortunately we say goodbye to **Mike Reeves** - Geography Teacher, **Abigail Howl** - Science Teacher and

Laura Twyford - Cover Supervisor. We wish them all the very best for the future.



Sadly we say goodbye to Rachel Broughton - Co-opted Governor who served on the Governing Board for a period of 2 years. We wish her every success in her new role and all the best for the future.

PLEASE NOTE: OFFICE HOURS ARE Mon-Fri 8 am-4pm

NEW HEAD AND DEPUTY HEAD GIRL 2019-20

Congratulations to Madeline Head Girl and Romi Deputy Head Girl, both have been nominated to these special posts. We are sure they will do well and wish them the best of luck!



Madeline Head Girl



Romi Deputy Head Girl

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SPORTS UP-DATE

Outdoor Athletics 2019

South Birmingham District Trials for the West Midlands Championships
23rd May 2019.

There were some outstanding performances at the South Birmingham District Athletics trials in May. As a result 6 girls went on to represent the District in the West Midlands County Championships at Alexander Stadium on the 8th June. Ellie-



Mae achieved the highest finishing position of 2nd in the Year 7 Girls Discus. Well done to all those that competed.

West Midlands County Championships 2019

There are over 200 schools in the West Midlands and it was a great achievement for 6 of our girls to be selected to represent the District of South Birmingham in the West Midlands Championship. It was a day when the rain was pouring down all day, but it didn't stop the girls performing well.



- Katie** - Year 7 Long Jump 4th 3.82m & Relay 1st
- Lauren** - Year 7 1500m - 7th 6.02m
- Ellie-Mae** - Year 7 Discus - 2nd 13.71m
- Azra** - Year 7 Shot - 5th 5.82m
- Mali** - Junior 200m - 5th 28.97secs & Relay
- Emily** - Junior Girls Discus - 6th 15.92m

King Edwards Five Ways Open Meeting

Tuesday 18th June 2018

A number of athletes, from Years 7, 8 & 9, competed in an Open Meeting at King Edwards High School and there were some excellent results below

1st Places		
Ellie-Mae	Discus	14m38cm
Mali	High Jump	1m35cm
Amelie	200m	30.13
Lilly	Discus	16m10cm
Zainab	Discus	15.96
Zainab	800m	3.14.90
2 nd Places		
Azra	200m	30.73
Lauren	800m	2.57.00
Amelie	Discus	13.98
3 rd Places		
Savannah	Discus	13m80cm
Katie	High Jump	1m05cm
Katie	Discus	10m55cm
Amy	200m	31.26

South Birmingham Cup

Thursday 4th July 2019
Years 7,8,9 & 10

Congratulations to the Outdoor Athletics teams from Years 7,8,9 & 10 who finished a close 2nd to King Edwards Five Ways in the South Birmingham Cup. The team competition was close from the very start, with just a few centimetres or tenths of a second separating the 2 schools in a number of events.



Years 7,8,9,& 10 Outdoor Athletics 2019 Competitors at the South Birmingham Cup Abbey Stadium Redditch Second Place Overall

Level 2 District Athletics Team Competitor. Qualifier for the All Birmingham Games Final

YEAR 7 & YEAR 8
Tuesday July 2nd 2019

The Year 7 team performed really well and had a very close competition with King Edwards Five Ways. The scores were so close there were 2 recounts. King Edwards won by 4 points and it was they who qualified for the All Birmingham Final. The Year 8 team also performed well, finishing 2nd overall. However, an outstanding St Thomas Aquinas team beat them and qualified for the All Birmingham Final. Well Done to all the athletes that competed in this competition.



King Edwards Five Ways Triathlon Events

Thursday 23rd May 2019

These 2 competitions included teams of 4 with all athletes competing in 3 different events. Heptathlon scoring tables were used for results in each event. There was a team and individual competition

100m Long Jump & Shot

Overall Team positions Year 7- 1st, Year 8 - 1st and Year 9 - 3rd

Best overall Individual results (All 3 events combined)
Year 7 - **Katie** - 2nd
Year 8 - **Mali** - 1st and **Amelie** - 2nd

SPORTS AMBASSADORS

Thank you to Lucy, who has helped with the Indoor Athletics teams during the school year. Also a big thank you to Emmie 10B, for all the help she has given to me in 3 different sports over the last school year. She has helped to coach lower school Netball players and both the Indoor Athletics and Outdoor Athletics teams. She has regularly been to practices and competitions and I am extremely grateful for all the time and effort she has given.

