

THE ORIEL view



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WELCOME

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to the latest edition of 'The Oriel View'. It has been so good to return to our more usual ways of working with students moving around the school and going to the specialist facilities for their different subjects.

This newsletter captures just some of the activities and events that have taken place in our school in this first term of the academic

year and I hope that you will enjoy reading about them as they illustrate that we are truly back to business as usual. To be able to come together as a school community for our Armistice Service was very special. We have held this service in our courtyard every year for the last 10 years apart from last year due to our covid-19 controls. The fact that we are putting on a school production again is uplifting

and I am very much looking forward to attending it. We are truly making the most of the fact that we are operating in a more normal way again and I hope that you get a sense of this enjoyment through reading our newsletter and I thank you for taking the time to read it.

Philip Stack,
Headteacher



FAST FORWARD

KEY DIARY DATES...

DECEMBER 2021

December 17th – Celebration assembly, 12.45pm closure, Last day of term

December 20th 2021 – January 3rd 2022
– CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

Spring Term 2022

JANUARY 2022

January 4th – Students return to school

January 27th – Holocaust Memorial Day Service

ORIEL PRESENTS CHICAGO

The Oriel Creative Arts Faculty is very excited to stage the hit musical Chicago in the Main Hall in December 2021.

Students and staff have been working on staging this ambitious production since May 2021 and we will be performing over the course of three nights from the 8th – 10 December 2021.

Set in the roaring 20s Chicago, the story follows the crime and trial of our main protagonist Roxie Hart and her rival Velma Kelly. Both women are imprisoned for murder, and relying on the talents of their charismatic lawyer Billy Flynn to save their lives. The musical follows the ups and downs of their time in jail and their quest to turn their criminal deeds into a lucrative future, performing on stage.

We hope that you can come along to catch the show. Tickets are available to purchase online from the 1st November (using ParentPay) and are priced at £9 each or 4 tickets for £30.

We look forward to you joining us as we aim to Razzle Dazzle you this December.





ANIMAZING

At the end of October, as part of their studies about global ecosystems, our Year 8 Geographers were invited to take part in Animazing. The Animazing Group are professional animal keepers who specialise in animals that exist in other climatic zones, bringing them into schools for students to both study and handle. Students received a presentation by Steve, from Animazing, and then a hands-on demonstration of various animal adaptations and their habits.

Students met a range of animals including cockroaches, a python, a tarantula, stick insects, Netherlands dwarf rabbits and tortoise, as well as Terry the toad, Sticky the tree frog, Angel the barn owl, Shelia the blue-tongued skink and Hettie the Madagascan pygmy hedgehog.

All of the students involved thoroughly enjoyed the experience and many were brave enough to hold some of the animals. Animazing will be back in March 2022, when our Year 7 students will be invited to take part.





ARMISTICE AT ORIEL



It was a genuine privilege for our school, once again, to be able to congregate as a school and sixth form community in the courtyard for our traditional Armistice Service. Given the recent challenges and disruptions brought to our school in the last 20 months by COVID, this was a special moment also for our Year 7 and Year 8 students to have an opportunity to see our school community at its best – solemn, silent and respectful.

The service paid tribute to the members, volunteers and staff who have been at the heart of the Royal British Legion since its formation in 1921; and the exceptional work and vital funds that they continue to provide for our veterans and their families. A big thank you to our Sixth Form Students who circulated all of the school during Armistice Week with the Poppy Appeal collections.

Mr Stack in his opening remarks welcomed the students, staff, governors and family members of the parade group and explained how important this annual event is for our school community. Mr Jayasuriya (Armistice Events coordinator) then explained the historical context of the Armistice Service and the importance of remembrance. Students Luke Newton (Year 11), Maria Santos (Year 12) and Bailey Head (Year 11) did readings of 'In Flanders Field' (John McCrae), 'And Death Shall Have No Dominion' (Dylan Thomas) and the 'Kohima Epitaph'. Mr Stack read 'For the Fallen' (Lawrence Binyon).

Music, once again, played a significant part of the service: with a choir and instruments to accompany some of our hymns – I Vow to Thee My Country and Jerusalem. Mr Van Galen took centre stage, as our trumpeter, playing 'The Last Post' and 'Reveille' to signal the start and end of the two-minute silence. Dylan Ledlie (Year 13) and Tom Taylor-Waters (Year 11) demonstrated excellent leadership on behalf of the cadets this year – ensuring perfect precision with participants of our drill and marches in and out this year. The school is, once again, grateful to one of our ex-students, James Aird, who came in specially to guide our Cadet Band. The school also welcomed students outside of the school, but fellow peers from RAF Cadets Crawley Squadron, Eddie and Luke – our Piper and Standard Bearer respectively.

Mr Jayasuriya (Armistice Events coordinator) and Mr Stack would like to congratulate and thank all the participating students (Cadets, Scouts, Y11 and Y13 Student Headship teams, Choir and music, Sports Captains and Sound Tech, Media unit) for their intense preparation and participation in this years' service – representing the best of our student community leading the service. Mr Jayasuriya and Mr Stack would also like to thank Mr Golding (Media), Mr Page (Sound Tech), Mr Van Galen and Miss Coventry (Music and Choir) for their valuable time, contributions and expertise for this significant whole-school event.



ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

- 15TH – 19TH NOVEMBER 2021

During Anti Bullying week this year our Anti Bullying Ambassadors delivered a series of assemblies to the whole school to raise the profile of the work they do within school but also to share that kindness is important. Kindness is more important today than it has ever been. The isolation of the last year has underlined how little acts of consideration can break down barriers and brighten the lives of the people around us. This is one of the reasons, that 'One Kind Word' was chosen as the theme of Anti-Bullying Week.

Would you like to join Oriel's Anti-bullying Team?

- ❖ Are you passionate about helping people?
- ❖ Would you like to make a difference?
- ❖ Would you like to make a positive impact on the people around you?
- ❖ Why not join our Anti-Bullying Team?
- ❖ Come to the Youth Wing to find out more

What do we do?

- ❖ Comment box in library – for you to raise any worries
- ❖ Meet on a weekly basis
- ❖ Lead assemblies for Anti-Bullying week
- ❖ Help other students with their problems
- ❖ Plan activities to celebrate kind students
- ❖ Work towards earning Diana Award Badges



Where?
Oriel Youth Wing

When?
Monday PM
mentor

Who?
Students from
Years 7-11

All welcome ☺



Our call to action:

ASK IF SOMEONE'S OK.

In a world that can sometimes feel like it's filled with negativity, one kind word can provide a moment of hope. It can be a turning point. It can change someone's perspective. It can change their day. It can change the course of a conversation and break the cycle of bullying.

Best of all, one kind word leads to another. Kindness fuels kindness. So, from the courtyard to Parliament, and from our phones to our homes, together, our actions can fire a chain reaction that powers positivity.

IT STARTS WITH ONE KIND WORD.

AFRICAN DRUMMING WORKSHOP

At the beginning of November Year 7 students were invited to part in an un 'beat' able experience. Using traditional African djembe drums, students learnt how to create sounds and music from the African continent. Every student got to immerse themselves in a different culture whilst experiencing a feeling of unity as part of a drum circle. This was a great introduction to rhythm and basic percussion techniques for all the students involved.



WOW, WELL WHAT A YEAR IT HAS BEEN...

...we are very proud to still have offered many enrichment activities here at Oriel High School. These included our annual sponsored walk, sports day, activities week along with some extracurricular clubs.

Your generous sponsorship for our annual sponsored walk raised £12,418 for The Give a Duck Foundation and Dementia UK. We received this thank you from The Give a Duck Foundation which I would like to share with you:

"I am writing on behalf of everyone at Give A Duck, the Play Leaders who use Chemo Duck and the children who receive them to say a huge thank you for your support. The amount of money you have raised is a real game changer for us and you have enabled us to grow the work we do. For those of you who don't know about us we supply Chemo Ducks and Huggable Hopes to children with cancer and their siblings. Chemo Ducks are fitted with medical lines and ports to mirror those of the children and are used, through play therapy to prepare them for the long, challenging and, sometimes, painful journey they have to endure. Huggable Hopes help siblings with their own challenges. We constantly hear from families that Chemo Duck makes life easier for their child and helps any anxieties they may have.

You are enabling us to continue to supply these Ducks to hospitals like the Royal Marsden and Great Ormond Street as well as increasing the number of children we are able to support. We have a number of developments we had to put on hold during the pandemic but now, with your help, we are looking into providing other resources including a book to help siblings, a grant for families of newly diagnosed children and the offer of a Chemo Duck Clinic for children to use in playrooms.

Please take a moment to think about the help you have given to children with cancer, you have made life a little easier for them and, in turn, their families. BE PROUD."

This year we are still very fortunate to start to offer a wide range of extracurricular activities that your child/children can get involved in. These always run at the end of the normal school day. Please refer to the school website for a current full list of activities on offer this term. Everyone is welcome so come and try something new!

We also provide a huge range of after-school activities that support the curriculum. The SSC (student support centre) provides homework support every evening, and each department in the school provides a range of revision, coursework and general catch-up sessions over the course of the two-week timetable. On average there is an extra 50 hours of taught sessions after school each week to help either support students learning or enrich their experience of school life.

At Oriel we truly value learning outside of the classroom and see these experiences as key to students developing both social and academic skills. You can see the results of some of these trips and activities on the school Twitter page @OrielHighSchool and we have many subject specific Instagram accounts that you can also follow @oriel_pe @oriel_sixthform @oriel_geog @oriel_science @oriel_hsc @orielbusiness @oriel_history. This is used a lot to give immediate results from sporting fixtures, updates on return times for school trips and also photographs of the students enjoying themselves whilst participating in and out of school hours.



In July we are excited to still be offering our three day off timetable activities week. This is hugely successful and is something that all year 7 to 9 students look forward to. Our staff work incredibly hard to give our students an opportunity to mix with different ages and interact whilst learning a new skill or experience whilst out or inside of the school environment. Please ensure you have sent your reply slip with your child/children's choices on for activities week 2022 as the deadline has now passed. We have a wide range of in and out of school activities again this year. We have residential to Rome and Berlin and Surfing in Newquay. This year you can learn to scuba dive and gain a PADI qualification which means you can dive all around the world. We are also offering day trips to Chessington, Multi sports events, London and Brighton trips, Paintballing and Go-Karting to name a few and outdoor and education trips. We also offer in school activities like scientific mayhem, football and computing and board games to name a few from our extensive list. It is a huge undertaking to get around 1000 students on activities of their choice, but we feel so strongly about the benefits of this event that we always try our best to accommodate everyone. We are a proactive and forward-thinking school and, we are always on the lookout for suggestions for new activities, clubs and trips to run. So if you have an idea for an after school club, or a school trip that you think other students would be interested in then contact me at the school and we will try and make it happen. Most importantly, if you are a student who doesn't stay behind for any of these activities, it might be worth noting that in our experience, those students who do participate in after-school activities have a much more rewarding experience of school and do better in their final exams. So, take these great opportunities and get involved.

We are looking forward to another full and fun packed year of enrichment opportunities for your child/children to get involved with.

Mrs Ashleigh-Morris

Enrichment Lead



THE BIG DRAW 2021

The Big Draw is an international annual event and as a school we always enjoy taking part. This year The 2021 Big Draw Festival theme, Make the Change, is a timely development on last year's exploration into the relationship between people and our living environments.

Year 7 students in art responded in a variety of ways and have produced some wonderful work. They have looked at eco systems and for homework collected used plastic bottles and other minimal use plastic and created amazing sculptures including plants and sea life. We also explored origami and cranes as a symbol of hope for the future.

Here are some of the amazing results which will be displayed in school shortly.



ECO CLUB AT ORIEL

This term the Oriel Eco Team have been working on their environmental review of the school as part of the work they are doing towards achieving the Green Flag awarded as part on the Eco Schools programme. Part of the review is to look at ways to make the school more environmentally friendly and champion the good work that is already happening within school. They have identified that as a school we are doing really well when it comes to recycling, looking after our school grounds, and how we manage waste.

Once the review has been completed the team will create an action plan to plan what changes and events they would like to complete during the year and work towards the application and encourage others to be greener, recycle more and get involved in making the world a more environmentally aware place.

We continue to raise funds for Autism Sussex by recycling crisp packets as part of the Terra Cycle recycling scheme. So far, we have recycled a massive 22,322 packets which is around 106kg of waste. Thank you everyone for putting your crisp packets in the recycling bins at school. The bins are located in the Youth Wing and DT corridor.

If you would like to know more the Eco Team meet every Wednesday during PM mentor time.

ORIEL PLASTIC BANNERS

Oriel High School now has a Campaign Group called the Oriel Plastic Banners, it is their aim to ban single use plastics in our local environment. They are working with the charity Surfers Against Sewage to make this change and be a registered Plastic Free Community.

To begin with the group members conducted a survey, making a note of where single use plastics are used regularly. To promote their campaign the group have written and delivered an assembly to every community and followed this up with a petition to show the support of the school in making the banning of single use plastic a reality.

The signed petition will be taken to Mr Sallows. Watch this space to see how they do!



ART TRIP TO THE KNITTING AND STITCHING SHOW – OCTOBER 2021

Art students from year 11, 12 and 13 recently went on a school trip to The Knitting and Stitching Show at Alexandra Palace, London. It has always been a favourite outing for the Art Department but due to Covid had not taken place for the last couple of years.

The venue is stunning, and the view from the top of the hill where Alexandra Palace is located embraces the iconic London landscape with views of prominent structures such as The Shard, St Paul's Cathedral and Canary Wharf. The Palace itself is beautiful, with intriguing architecture and a foyer full of palm trees!

Visiting as a small group with students who are studying Textile Art at A level and GCSE, they were able to browse through huge rooms and meet artists, look at installations and artwork, visit a huge variety of stalls and discover techniques and tips. One of the artists who currently features prominently in their coursework was there, and it was a wonderful experience for the students to have the opportunity of asking questions directly to the artist and to see her work in 'the flesh'.

It was a particularly interesting body of artwork this year, with many of the artists reflecting on the pandemic and its effect upon

them and their friends and family. One of the pieces pictured depicted the artists 'Zoom' interactions, coming together in a stitched collage, representing the individuals she 'met' with during these unusual times.

There were several artists that the students felt inspired by and some are taking forward ideas and techniques from the visit to use within their own work. School trips can be a wonderful way of widening horizons, doing something 'out of the ordinary', enhancing learning and to also see potential pathway options after leaving school.

Ms Luxford and Mrs Faulkner

ORIEL SIXTH FORM LEADERSHIP

Oriel Sixth Formers have made a fantastic start to the new year and we were delighted to welcome our new Year 12 cohort in September, as well as welcoming back our Year 13 students. Several of these senior students applied to be on our new Sixth Form Student Leadership team and have already made an impact by arranging a fantastic raising and giving opportunity in October. With staff and Sixth Formers dressing in yellow and contributing to a yellow handprint mural, we raised more than £120 for the Young Minds charity's #HelloYellow day. This awareness of mental health issues will be a feature of the team's

mission this year. Our Sixth Formers also represented the school and Sixth Form at our two Open Evenings and will continue to do so at future events, such as Armistice Day and the Spirit of Christmas Awards. Preparations are well under way for the Sixth Form Festive Fair on 15th December, which involves our entire Sixth Form community.

The Leadership Team are Lottie Edwards (Senior Head Girl); Dylan Colyer (Senior Head Boy); Lily Butler; Amelia Buxton; Sadie Edwards; Charlotte Flack; Adele Groves; Emma McKinney; Ben McWilliam; Jennifer Ndukuba; Lilly Phillips and Sarah Smith.



**JENNIFER
NDUKUBA**



**LILY
BUTLER**

EMMA MCKINNEY

I chose Oriel Sixth Form after looking around several other colleges and although I really liked these nothing compared to the community at Oriel or the relationships that I'd already built up with my teachers. I am studying Fine Art, Geography, and German, I really enjoy these subjects particularly how small some of the classes are which makes them feel very tailored to personal learning and makes it easy to communicate with teachers if you don't understand anything. Sixth form in general has a great atmosphere and support network that I feel I can turn to if I ever need extra help or advice. To me, being on the leadership team means that my voice can be heard and that I can help others to get their voices heard, along with helping charities and raising money for great causes.

LILY BUTLER

For the next chapter of my educational journey, after my GCSEs, I continued at oriel high school sixth form where I study english literature, history and sociology. These subjects not only broaden my knowledge, but they also increase my awareness of the world. One of the main reasons I chose to stay was due to the immense support given by teachers, staff etc, as they have undeniably helped me become my most confident self, now a proud member of the Senior Leadership Team.

ADELE GROVES

Choosing to stay at Oriel High School sixth form was one of the best choices I have made and a very easy decision. From the immense support that is evident from the onset of my time in sixth form to the welcoming atmosphere created in the wider sixth form life, I knew this was the correct choice for me. Having a broad range of subjects to choose from was something that appealed greatly to me as I didn't feel tied down to a certain pathway as many other colleges appeared to. On top of the subjects I study, the extracurriculars and in-school event days provide moral and a real community environment, myself working closely in the Drama department and in the upcoming production of Chicago. I have always felt supported and free to express myself, all while working in a way that is productive to me. Having the trust of teachers in sixth form helps to make us feel independent where possible and aid in the transition between teenagers to adults, something I will forever be grateful for!"



CHARLOTTE EDWARDS

"When I finished my GCSEs, I chose to study my A levels at a different college as I felt like this level of independence would be a good change, but after the first 8 weeks realised it wasn't for me. Coming back to oriel was one of the best decisions I made. The teachers here are dedicated to providing the best teaching experience, with great support and passion for their subjects. Nothing is too much trouble for them, and they go out of their



way to help in whatever way they can. The community at Oriel Sixth Form is welcoming and inclusive which made it easy to make friends with people I had never met before, and Oriel Sixth Form has helped me grow as a person by providing experiences and opportunities that allow me to gain confidence and independence. I'm looking forward to future events at Oriel Sixth Form and am proud to be part of the headship team."

DYLAN COLYER

I think we can come together and agree that the last 18 months have been a struggle. Covid did hit our 6th form and school life hard, causing no prom for end of year 11 and missing valuable lesson time due to a positive covid tests, but the way we have overcome and set ourselves back on track really does overshadow the struggles we have had to face.

The transition into Oriel sixth form from year 11 felt fully supported, what made moving into sixth form so seamless, was that the relationships that we had built up with our teachers from year 7 to year 11 allowed us to feel fully comfortable and relaxed whilst taking on new challenges.



**ADELE
GROVES**



**LILY
PHILIPS**



**BEN
MCWILLIAM**



**CHARLOTTE
FLACK**



**SARAH
SMITH**



**EMMA
MCKINNEY**



**AMELIA
BUXTON**



**SADIE
EDWARDS**

AMELIA BUXTON

I chose Oriel Sixth form as I was impressed by the support shown throughout, academic and personal. I always felt comfortable and at home at Oriel and knew that I was surrounded by a friendly network of teachers and students. I am studying Psychology, Sociology and Business and thoroughly enjoy all my subjects. I look forward to my lessons and as the class sizes are smaller than lower school, it is easier to gain help, engage in conversations and grasp a true understanding of topics. Most lessons end in a debate or discussion about the topic which helpfully reinforces the learning and keeps lessons interesting. I am enjoying my experience at Oriel Sixth form and love spending time with my friends in the social areas. You are treated with a high level of respect and personal responsibility at Oriel Sixth Form, which brilliantly teaches us the skill of independence whilst still having support if needed. All teachers have been extremely flexible and helpful through the disruptive learning due to the pandemic. All of my teachers offered online 1-1 lessons out of hours to help if you were falling behind and still managed to keep online schooling interesting and engaging. I would really recommend joining Oriel Sixth Form for a positive, enjoyable A level experience.

CHARLOTTE FLACK

Choosing to stay at oriel is definitely one of the easiest choices I've ever made. Throughout my time here i have felt so supported and encouraged by all of my teachers, especially during the uncertain period of online learning.

The atmosphere at sixth form is so welcoming and friendly and has made my a level experience the best it could be.

I am proud to be part of the leadership team and look forward to continuing the great work done by the team last year.

SARAH SMITH

Personally, I chose to study at Oriel Sixth form post-16 because I wanted the independence and change that it would bring, with the familiarity of my school environment. Already having a knowledge of the school, it's staff, and the students made it an ideal place of study for me; although it is very different from the lower years as you have more freedom, choice, and a more relaxed environment.

At Sixth Form, I study Psychology, Sociology and Human Biology, which are interesting as they have given me the ability to explore alternative explanations and ideas. They are subjects that will be useful beyond my school years- I'll have knowledge that I can use and apply in my adult life. These are also subjects that you can't study in the lower years, providing a change that I really enjoy. Sixth form life allows room for your own growth by giving you more space and

independence- you have your free periods, you can leave the school building etc, but you never feel left alone. Support is still given through tutorials, assemblies, and one-on-one sessions, meaning that you still receive help where you need it. There's a perfect balance between the two. The environment is much calmer than the lower years. It's easier to form much closer connections with other classmates as the class sizes are smaller, which makes Sixth Form a much less intimidating environment than other Post 16 places. People are also more eager to do well and are ambitious- you can clearly see them studying during free periods and helping each other. It's a really good place for people who want to flourish in their studies with like-minded people who also have the desire to do well.

As mentioned before, you receive good support here. I can tell the teachers have

a passion for their subjects. Occasionally, there'll be donuts or other goods left out on the tables for us to take, which just reminds us that they appreciate us and the hard work that we try to put in. It's touching to know that there are people who care.

I joined the headship team so that I could give back. I was never the type of person to do something like this, but I wanted to be part of a change and make a difference. I want to brighten the lives of others through charity work, as well as improve the lives of the students through forwarding improvement ideas to teachers. It also teaches leadership skills which will be valuable to me, as well as cooperation and communication skills. One of the best things you can do is show kindness through giving- which being on the leadership team has allowed me to do.

JENNIFER NDUKUBA

I do A levels in Psychology, Sociology, and a BTEC in Human Biology. I made the choice to come to Sixth Form because of the safe and welcoming environment of Oriel along with the confidence I had that I would receive extra help from staff and how these two years would be an enjoyable experience. There is always someone in Sixth Form you can go to for help and the support you receive is excellent. The sense of community created in Oriel reassured me that my Sixth Form journey was going to be very positive. So, joining the headship team allows me to be actively involved in what makes Oriel such a remarkable place to go to school.

SADIE EDWARDS

I chose Oriel Sixth Form as I already felt supported by the school community and I was familiar with the teachers and students in my year, which I knew would help me feel comfortable learning and growing in my A-Levels. I am currently studying Fine Art, German and English Literature. I enjoy all three courses; this is important as they require hard work and focus, which is made easier by my enjoyment of them. Alongside the academic part of Sixth Form, I also love the overall vibe of Sixth Form life. I always feel comfortable and enjoy spending time with friends outside of lessons. There is a variety of places to study together and help each other with work, whilst having fun at the same time! Despite the challenges of online and in person teaching this academic year, I have always felt supported and cared for when in the unknown as I was able to communicate with teachers when I needed help and guidance. Being in the leadership team has given me confidence in voicing my opinions and bringing forward ideas for change in Sixth Form. I feel that I have a say in the function of Sixth Form and differences we can make in the school community.

BOYS' FOOTBALL

It has been another busy start to the year with after school clubs and sports fixtures.

Our U16 footballers have competed well in friendly, league and County Cup matches so far this term, most notably in the North Sussex District League, in which they beat Gatwick 10-0, St Wilfrid's 10-3, featuring five goals for Luke S, and Thomas Bennett 4-3, including a well taken brace from Tom B to secure third place overall.

A 6-4 loss for the Year 11s in the Sussex Schools' FA County Cup means they qualify for the County Shield competition, in which they reached the semi-final in Year 7 and will be hoping to go one step further this time around.

Our Year 10 footballers have been mightily impressive in winning their two ESFA PlayStation Schools' (National) Cup games, 9-1 against Patcham High School, featuring four goals from Liam M and 6-0 against Oaks Park High School, including a brace from Fin Southwell in rounds 2 and 3, having secured a bye in round 1. They will look to progress after half term once the identity of their opponents is known, and will also begin the defence of their Sussex Schools' FA County Cup title against Cavendish School in early November.

Our U14 footballers have also begun their league season in very impressive fashion with a 1-0 win against St Wilfrid's, featuring a clean sheet from Jamie F and an equally important Morgan E goal, and a 9-0 win against Holy Trinity, a game in which Cayden E scored a hatrick and a midfield axis of Jeremy C and Fin M ran the show. Those victories meant that they faced Hazelwick in the North Sussex District League Final in a very close game at the end of last half term which ended 1-1 after Cayden Early scored first, then Hazelwick replied in the final 10 minutes. It was decided that rather than conclude the game with extra-time and penalties, a replay of the final would be scheduled for a date yet to be confirmed; good luck boys.

Like our Year 11 team, our Year 9s bowed out of the Sussex Schools' FA County Cup with a 2-1 defeat away to Blatchington Mill School, with Harvey J grabbing Oriol's goal and have qualified for the County Shield competition. Again, this competition holds good memories, with the team having reached the semi-final in Year 7 before COVID cancelled the competition that year; they too will be hoping for another successful campaign this time around.

Our Year 7 and 8 teams are yet to begin their Sussex Schools' FA County Cup campaigns at the time of writing, however the Year 7



team have begun their North Sussex District League campaign with a 5-2 loss against Thomas Bennett, with Josh H and William H scoring their first goals for Oriol; they'll be looking to grab their first win in their next game against Hazelwick. Good luck boys.

NETBALL

The U16 netball team had an extremely successful league winning 7-2 against Holy Trinity and narrowly losing 6-8 against Hazelwick. This result meant that they played against Thomas Bennett in the third and fourth playoff. The girls won this game resulting in them finishing third in the North Sussex District League. Congratulations to: Alice B, Amie H, Amy A, Charlotte W, Ellie B, Evie G, Georgia S and Tianne S.

It has been a very strong year for the U14 netball teams and we have been able to enter two teams into the league. Oriol A team won their pool with convincing score lines of 12-0 against ICC, 14-3 against Hazelwick and 6-0 against St Wilfrid's. Oriol B team have also achieved very impressive league results, winning 11-0 against Gatwick and against 19-1 against Thomas Bennett; these results also mean that they have also won their pool for the North Sussex District League. Congratulations to: Amy N, Caitlin Y, Eloise S, Aimee J, Emie B, Emily G, Erin B, Erin M, Georgia T, Grace S, Hannah C, Isla W, Leila A, Nieve H, Poppy W, Rachel O and Ruby C.

The year 7 netball team recently played in their first North Sussex District tournament and were very lucky to have a strong squad of ten committed girls who put up a gallant effort, winning two, drawing one, and losing two matches. Well done girls and congratulations to Ameera B, Anya C, Bea F, Eliza T, Ela-May F, Evie H-H, Lilly O, Madeleine B, Mela S and Olivia A.





YEAR 7 BOYS' RUGBY

Although the Year 7 boys yet to play their first fixture, there have been really encouraging signs, with a large number of keen and motivated boys attending to prepare to compete for the school. We look forward to welcoming Tanbridge House within the next couple of weeks before we travel over the Worthing to play Bohunt School the week after.

YEAR 8 BOYS' RUGBY

Our Year 8 boys recently showed great grit and determination in what was their first ever rugby game for some, as they played Tanbridge House. They are certainly looking forward to the upcoming rugby tournament at Worth School where they hope to really get their season going.

YEAR 9 BOYS' RUGBY

The Year 9 boys hosted Bohunt Horsham in their first game of the season in the U14 Sussex County Cup and secured an excellent 35–20 win. Not only did they show great individual ability, but also that they could play well as a team. Zach lead by example through his role as captain which earned him MotM, along with the two tries he scored. Zach was not the only scorer and had company on the scoresheet from Tommy, Ethan, Nathan, Finlay and Shaun. The boys should feel confident as a team to go far in the competition.

YEAR 10 BOYS' RUGBY

So far the boys have played one game, in which they came up against a very well drilled team from The Weald School. The boys played well and built upon their performance as the game went on, by the end holding the own. The boys stuck together and worked hard showing great attitude and belief in themselves, which will stand them in good stead for their next game.

U12 GIRLS' FOOTBALL

The U12's have been training hard during the first term, turning up every Monday to play games and getting to play together as a new team. Just the one fixture under their belts so far – a friendly against Millais which they came away with a 10-2 win with goals flying in from many players.

U14 GIRLS' FOOTBALL

Oriel have fielded an U14 team in the league as well as the Sussex Schools' FA County Cup at this age group. In the league they have played 3 so far, opening with a narrow loss to Millais, a 3-2 win over rivals Hazelwick, and then a convincing 5-1 win away at Sackville School. Top scorer Molly has floated in some amazing long-range top corner goals from the right, Ava and Tatianna following closely with a few on the scoresheet. Elsewhere on the pitch great performances from Eloise and Emily on the wings, Lulu in the middle, as well as Miriam, Lily and Nieve in defence have helped the team to wins. The girls were drawn against Millais in the First Round of the County Cup; a poor start in the first half saw the concession of two penalties and the half 0-4. A reinvigorated second half however enabled the girls to get a goal back early on from Tatianna and only allowed Millais to score once more.

U16 GIRLS' FOOTBALL

The girls had a tough first fixture in the Mid-Sussex League against Warden Park who always field a strong team. After going 3-0 down in the half, the girls fought back with Player of the Match Issy scoring 2 great goals to finish the game with a 4-2 loss; stand in goalkeeper Tianne did a fantastic job, particularly in the second half.



Alfie is on the Swim England Talent pathway, currently training to compete at the Para Nationals in Swansea 11-12th Dec.

The outcome of this event will depend on whether he's kept on for phase 2 of the Swim England programme, he is training hard, swimming on average 9 hours a week, which will increase, and he's added PT sessions also into his busy college & swimming week.

He is also supported by Sports Aid, a charity that supports talented athletes with personal development opportunities and financial support.

For their 45th Anniversary Alfie was asked to act as Ambassador for Para swimming to help promote them as a charity and share what a typical week looks like for him.

He's shown real dedication and is working extremely hard towards his goals, Paris 2024 being one of them.

Well done Alfie!





YOUTH WING COOKING CLUB

Since September we have been running our weekly cooking club in the Youth Wing after school to give students the opportunity to cook in a relaxed environment, cook with their friends, develop their knowledge and skills and sit together to eat on a regular basis.

Using simple recipes, we help students to cook from scratch, focusing on reducing food waste through weekly meal planning, batch cooking and most importantly giving them confidence in the kitchen.

Through the weekly sessions we aim to:

- Bring people together through food
- Encourage people to cook from scratch
- Educate people about making healthy food choices
- Support and encourage young people to create healthy eating habits
- Provide the skills and knowledge to prepare healthy meals on a budget
- Giving people the confidence to cook

This term we have cooked a variety of meals including macaroni cheese, tomato and red pepper pasta, fruit skewers, cheese and tomato swirls and apple puffs. During next term we will be making pitta bread and dips, homemade pot noodles and breakfast muffins.

Cooking club runs after school on a Tuesday. If you would like to sign up for cooking club please visit the Youth Wing for more details.



At Oriel High School we are committed fully to Safeguarding our Students. We promote the welfare of our students and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. All staff undergo Child Protection Training and screening, including reference checks with previous employers and an enhanced criminal records bureau check with the Disclosure and Barring Service.

The Designated Safeguarding Lead for Oriel High School is - **Mark Harrison** (Assistant Headteacher)

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