

# EXTRA CURRICULAR



After school and during lunchtimes me and my sister go to extra-curricular clubs at school. Some of these are not run by school like BSL (British Sign Language), Boxercise and Martial Arts. We joined British Sign Language as a way to learn a new language (and also to have a secret code that only us at home could understand!) We like doing this club as it is fun and we get to learn a new language as well as playing games. We have also joined Martial Arts at lunchtime on Tuesday's and Martial Arts after school on Thursday's. They are very similar and run by the same people. It is fun and we sometimes use focus pads and play games. My sister and I have enjoyed these clubs because they are fun and they're very easy to learn/do.

By Ivy Temple, Year 7



Martial Arts not only helps you get in shape, but the longer you do it, the better you get at it. Martial Arts really boosted my self confidence and that's why I like it so much. I also go to Geography Club. I love Geography Club because it helps me understand the world around me. Doing geography club helped me become more globally and environmentally informed, making me more thoughtful, enquiring global citizens.

By Nicole Akowe



Noah and Georgie at Geography Club.



# TERM 2 SPORTS CLUBS

**A**nother fantastic term of PE extra-curricular sport. Here is a brief roundup of our core and additional sports.

## Netball

This season, the Year 7 Girls' Netball Team have been incredible. Their growth in confidence and performance has been nothing short of incredible. From shaky beginnings to dominating the court, they've shown immense dedication and teamwork. Winning two league games, and coming 5th out of 9 schools in the District Tournament were highlights. I am very excited for this team next year!

Well done to the Year 8 Netball Team who finished the season off with a league win. They entered the District Tournament as strong favourites but were placed in a pool with both SWP's and Gordon's who had not taken part in the leagues this year. They lost 8-4 to SWP's in the first game (8 minute games) which





shows the speed and intensity of the game. Second game saw a decisive win 10-0 against King's, followed by a loss of 6-3 to Gordon's. Our last game in the pool was an 11-2 win against Collingwood. The two losses meant we missed out on the semi finals and were in the playoffs for 4th & 5th spots. This was played off against Chertsey High and resulted in a win of 8-1. So once again congratulations to an outstanding team!

The Year 9 girls have had a fabulous season coming first in their pool in the netball league and to top it all off, their brilliant commitment and determination has resulted in them coming third in the District League (only being beaten by Gordon's and Sir William Perkins).



The Year 10 girls were absolutely chuffed with the progress they made in the district tournament this year. This resulted in coming 5th out of 9 schools in the District. It's clear to see they've made great progress throughout the season and finished strongly. Well done to all who have played in the team this season.



What a season the sixth form girls have had. They deserve huge recognition and congratulations as a result of their hard work and camaraderie this year. They currently lie 4th in the surrey sixth form league BUT they still have 3 games left!





### Girls Football

The Year 7 Girls Football Team have started their time at SJB with an amazing season. We can now officially say they are undefeated in the Woking District League. With wins against Winston, Fullbrook, and Salesian this term and scoring 16 goals and conceding only 2, we await to hear about the finals for the District League.



Our Year 8 and 9 Girl's Football Team have truly stepped up their game! From the first whistle to the final kick, they've grown in confidence and worked seamlessly together on the pitch. Their unity and determination have been nothing short of inspiring. After defeat at the beginning in our first two games, our final two games saw us take the win! A huge well done to this team, we are very proud.





With another 2 wins this term for the Year 10 & 11 girls against Saleisan and Winston, we wait to hear if they qualify for the District Final. They've shown some great play on the pitch this term, so our fingers are crossed for them.



### Boys Football

The year 7 Boys Football Team have played four matches this term against Chertsey High, BDB, Woking High and Fullbrook, winning 3 and losing just 1; scoring 16 goals and conceding just 5, so a very impressive effort this term.

The Year 8 Football Team have had a great season making huge improvements this year. They have played 8, won 5, drawn 2 and lost just one game! They have really gelled well as a team and consistently produced an excellent level of football. We now await other results to see if we have finished in the top 2 in the league which would qualify us for the District Final.

The Year 8s have had a tough run of fixtures against good opposition in the local District League. After winning the competition last year the team have become the ones to beat amongst local schools! Tough games against Winston and Chertsey High have both resulted in losses, nonetheless, the boys continue to come to training every week and have shown their commitment and dedication to improving as a year group throughout the season.



The Year 10 boys have continued to be unbeaten this year, highlighted by a 6-0 win away at Chertsey High. They have booked themselves into the district final.

A busy half term for the sixth form boys football team has seen a mix of results - 2 wins, 2 draws and 2 losses. The highlight being a 7-1 victory over our neighbours Woking College. Thanks to all the boys for representing the school this year, and a particular thank you to our Year 13 players, Ross, Sam, Nabel and Luca who leave us at the end of this year.



### Boys Basketball

The Year 7 boys won the overall District Tournament and are awaiting the next round of the Junior NBA where they are seeded #2! Club numbers have been massive too with an average of 30-40 students each week.

# Extra Curricular

Our variety of extracurricular clubs have continued this term with regular commitment every week from our dedicated and enthusiastic students. Here are a few reviews from our students about why they love attending their chosen club...

4.30pm in Room 110, ask Mr Weston for more info.

By Luca Mallia 8MD

## Debate Club

In Debate Club, we have been preparing for a Public Speaking Competition to compete against other secondary schools in the Xavier Catholic Education Trust. We have been practising different roles such as the speaker, the chairman and the questioner. I enjoy debate club as it helps develop vital skills which can be used for multiple subjects. I have learned skills such as critical thinking, the ability to form balanced and informed arguments, oral and written communication skills and developing effective tools for research, organisation and presentation. These skills are extremely useful to a future employer or university. I also enjoy listening to like-minded peers in the club and hearing different perspectives from them. Ask Mr Petrie for more info.

By Liliana Foy 12KAH/EF

## Dungeons and Dragons

Do you want to have fun with your friends and go on an amazing fantasy adventure? If so, then DnD club is for you.

Dungeons and Dragons is a tabletop roleplaying game where you can play many different creatures such as gnomes, devils, half-dragons, elves, bird people and more, and go on amazing adventures around fantastical lands, fighting vampires, dragons, zombies and any monsters you can imagine! It is so much fun and it is a great way to meet new people.

It will be great to have some new people come along and join our DnD community! Every Tuesday 3.30-



# DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD

Once again our upper school students have been given the chance to complete their DofE award.

In Year 10, over 100 students have signed up for Bronze. Each student must complete periods of 3-6 months of learning a new skill, volunteering within the community and completing a physical activity. Alongside this they have trained to complete a two day/ one night expedition. This involves navigating along a planned route carrying everything they need to be self sufficient for the weekend. Option 1 have completed their expedition, while Option 2 are ready to complete their expedition in September.

Our Silver students have just completed their expedition in the New Forest and, despite the sideways rain, had a great experience!

Thank you to all the staff, parents and carers who have supported the students with any of the sections! Please keep encouraging them to finish the job by uploading their assessor reports to the eDofE website so they can receive their certificate.

By Miss Sears





**T**he PE department has been blown away by the huge numbers we've had attending clubs this term. It's amazing to see such a vast amount of our SJB community taking the opportunity to be physically active before, during and after school hours. We've seen volleyball, basketball, climbing, trampolining, netball, football, rugby, archery tag, indoor cricket and fitness club this term. With the new lunch sports, we've seen high numbers taking the opportunity to play at lunch by simply bringing trainers along.

A brief roundup on our core and additional sports

### **Girls Basketball**

This year sees our biggest intake of girls for the school basketball team! Our Year 7s have been particularly impressive with their dedication week on week. We had such a good turnout we were able to take two teams to the district tournament. The girls have been working tirelessly on their dribbling and lay ups. Our amazing Year 10 coaches, Oskar, George and Alban have been crucial in officiating their games in practice. Their effort really paid off in the first round of tournaments. Recently in the district tournaments Year 8 came 2nd and Year 9 came 3rd place.

### **Girls Football**

The Lionesses certainly set the standard during the summer holidays and the SJB girls have lived up to that showing an enormous amount of pride when training and representing the school this term. We've been so impressed with the commitment to training and eagerness to learn and work hard.

The Year 7 girls have had a steaming start to the season winning both league games and placing 3rd in the District 6-a-side tournament. The girls have been playing some beautiful football and I look forward to







seeing what is to come next term. They won team of the term in their year group for the Sports awards assembly, go girls! Year 8&9 have had a tougher start to the season losing both league games but did themselves really proud at the District 6 a side tournament placing 5th out of 9. Keep pushing and training hard and we will see the results in the new year. Year 10&11 are reunited once again to make a strong side. Winning their first league game comfortably and placing 5th in the District 6-a- side tournament we can see they are creating a supportive cohesive team. They will hit the ground running in the new year when they play against Winston on 9th January.



### Netball

Netball started with a BANG in September with over 100 girls turning up to train regularly. These ladies have been committed members of the club. We are also really grateful to our Year 11 helpers who help to make our netball club run smoothly and get the most out of our teams. Thank you to Izzy, Natalie and Ciara!

Our new Year 7 ladies have now all had the opportunity to represent the school in their first netball fixture. They've made a great start to their SJB sporting career and had a convincing win against Hoe Valley in their league game. The Year 8 and Year 9 squads have currently gone unbeaten in all their games. What an impressive start to the season, let's keep it up going into the new year. Year 10 had a challenging start to the season against Woking High and Salesian but are bringing it back with more games to play next term. Year 11 represented the school in the best light,



coming 5th in the District tournament. The girls really did themselves proud and went onto win their next friendly match against BDB who we drew with last season, great progression.

Onto Sixth Form netball; who are competing in the Surrey Sixth Form League. We have a talented squad of 13 students and have started the season strong with a comfortable win against Salesian School (25-8). Our latest game brought the girls resilience and determination against Reigate College. The team found themselves behind after every quarter, until a surprising turn of events led to a win (31-19). A massive thank you has to be said to Lillie who has been working behind the scenes to order some netball dresses sorted for the squad.





### Additional Sports

Alongside our core sports we've also seen a lot of action in climbing, archery tag, trampolining, girls fitness, volleyball and girls indoor cricket. All clubs have had a great turn out. Some special mentions must go to our amazing sixth form helpers for volleyball club (Giulia, Yzabella, Kirsten, Zach, Deon, Peter, Vincent, Mogen and Royce)! They have been dedicated coaches and have been hugely influential in the development of the student's confidence and technical ability. The KS4 and 5 students had their first EVER volleyball game on the 6th December against Salesian School. The U13 girls have competed in the Lady Tavener cricket competition and go through to the plate finals.

### Boys Football

This has been a super positive start for Year 7 with over 50 boys attending club each week, which makes picking a team of 9 very difficult as competition is very high. We have played three of our league games so far, winning one and losing two, but the performance wasn't worthy of a defeat so fingers crossed in the new year we will be able to be on the right side of the result a few more times. A highlight was a 6-0 win against Hoe Valley where we played some great passing football to create many opportunities to score. Year 8 have made a solid start to their campaign this year. They have developed as a team enormously

since Year 7 and we are very excited by their potential for the rest of the year. Year 9 won one game in the National Cup and have shown great enthusiasm and have had high numbers in training each week. They've had a mixed start to the season, but we will push on after Christmas and hope to finish replicating last season when they won the district football title at Woking FC. Year 10 have been incredibly committed to training this term. The B team have won both of their games and even beat BDB's first team. There have been great performances from both A&B teams.

There was an exceptional turnout of both Year 12 and 13 students at trials back in September, which meant it was very difficult to select a team. Since then, the team has been building a strong team spirit and has won 3 games, drew 3 very close contests which on another day could have all been won, and lost one fixture. The boys put on consistently good performances, but it has been Bartek and Ethan who have stood out with a number of excellent performances. Watch this space with many more fixtures to come in the new year.



## Boys Basketball

Year 7 showed the district they are the team to beat. In their recent tournament the A team came 1st and the B team came 5th. A special shout out to Carol, JT, Dela, Ryan and Andrew for their amazing refereeing which was commented on by other PE teachers in the district. The Year 7 team have been entered into the Jr NBA competition and beat both schools in their first round. The Year 8 boys are another team who have made a fantastic start to the year achieving second place in the first round of district tournaments, but narrowly lost to Woking High in the final. The Year 8 team have also been entered into the Jr NBA competition and beat both Winston and Bohunt school. Bring on the new year. Year 10 are in the district league and have started their campaign strongly. There are many more games to play for when the new year comes.

The Sixth Form Basketball Team have made a positive start to the season. Although being on the wrong end of some results we hope the new year brings about more positive outcomes. They've lost 4 and won 1, but the points difference shows how close it was. They've scored a total of 268 points and conceded 265. The highlight of the season so far was the game against Godalming, where we were trailing by 12 points in the third quarter and scored with the last shot of the game to tie the game. In the final play of the second overtime period, we were down by 1 point with 15 seconds to go, a time out was called, and our plan was created. Unfortunately, it wasn't executed, and Godalming stole the ball and won the game.



## Rugby

Although there have been a small number of girls attending the club, they have been committed every week and have loved every session. We hope they will be more girls wanting to play next term so we can organise some fixtures.

Numbers have been hard to come by for Year 7 boys rugby, but we managed to get a squad together to enter the Chobham tournament where we were undefeated and hopefully rugby will now go from strength to strength for year 7. They won all of their games, a great result. At the Chobham District Tournament the Year 9 boys saw the elements were against them with boggy pitches and harsh weather, but they worked hard in all 4 of their games. Our main area of attack was sending our big hitters up through the middle of the defensive line, which worked more efficiently against some teams than others! Our back line held their depth well in all games and they realised that passing the ball wide and running the ball into the space would pay off! With a selection of well worked tries in all of their games, the boys should be really proud of their performance. The Year 10 boys have managed to attend two tournaments this academic year so far. There were four schools at the district tournament where we won 2 games and lost 1. The boys grew as they played, adapting their game to an offload style which brought more success. In November we welcomed new recruits and won 3 games and lost 1. The boys played some outstanding flowing rugby which was a pleasure to watch.

By Miss Jeppeson

# SJB BAKE OFF



I decided to enter the bake off as I really enjoy baking and haven't had the chance to do so recently. The autumn theme reminded me of my grandmother's mushroom biscuits which is what I decided to bake for the first round. It consists of a simple recipe for the dough, however it takes time to assemble each biscuit as it gets quite fiddly.

The final round was more challenging as I wanted to attempt to make a log cake in about an hour, therefore the recipe had to be very quick. Autumn is usually associated with colourful leaves, which is something

I wanted to replicate as a decoration for the cake. The leaves turned out to be the most difficult task, as they were made from white chocolate and required enough time to set. The lack of time for this resulted in them melting as soon as they were handled, which is why I had my friend make several in hopes of a few of them succeeding, while I worked on the cake sponge. Overall, we managed to complete the cake within the time limit and I was impressed with how the presentation turned out.

By Zina Stamenova 12VS



# Extra Curricular

Our extra curricular clubs have kick started this term with high attendance and regular commitment every week. We have had a number of new clubs start this term which have been extremely popular including Martial Arts, British Sign Language, Dungeons and Dragons and Yoga. Here are a few reviews from our students about why they love attending their club...

## British Sign Language

In BSL club, which happens after school on a Monday, we have been learning the basics of how to communicate to our teacher who has impaired hearing. First, we learnt the alphabet and directions and then we learnt about families. This week we started learning how to sign a Christmas Story and all the different characters. I enjoy BSL because it is a way to communicate to those who can't hear us, we can understand a way of words without speaking, like a communication of silence. The teachers we have are very patient with all of us trying to help us all individually learn, they encourage us to use BSL outside of school and continue praising us for our effort!

By Harriet Lawlor 8RCC



## Martial Arts

At martial arts you learn new things like defence tactics. We learn front kicks, sidekicks and front jabs. I get to meet new people that join and I like helping people that find it difficult. I do martial arts outside of school as well and so I like to help lead the warm up and support others. We do fun activities such as cone games and man hunt. I like the instructors because they are funny and engaging.

By Archie McManus 8KS



# Chess Club

At Chess Club we learn new tactics, get better at chess and learn how to beat our opponents. We have learnt different ways to check mate a king with limited pieces. We like meeting new people and playing against different opponents. This term we played a chess competition against Gordon's school which was challenging and exciting. We won by half a point!

By Lincoln Hill 7LPE & Daniel Uzcategui 7CWY

