



## Headlines

On Monday next week, all students at the school will bring home an important survey that we hope all parents and carers can spend 10 minutes completing. The survey is completed every two years and is used to inform the staff and governors how we are performing and if there has been progress since the previous survey. It is important that we receive responses from you and your voice does count.

## Kirkland Rowell Surveys

The survey includes a number of sections, some on academic subjects areas, some on pastoral areas and some general ones. The survey should be returned via your child to the school. Instructions will be with the survey to help you complete it. Students will be completing their own version of the survey, as will staff and this will help us to triangulate the responses. We will publish headline data as usual so that you can see how the school is performing. Thank you in advance for your help with this.

You may have read in the local papers about some criminal behaviour in the area reported by the local police. All schools have been notified of this directly and we work together to share information particularly where students may be involved. The police have also made us aware of some more local issues where students are apparently being targeted by youths with cigarettes and alcohol. The police feel this is potential grooming activity that could lead to more serious behaviour. They have requested we inform parents to be extra-vigilant and check on their children on a regular basis. If you do have any concerns please contact the school or the police directly.



Velocity is just over two weeks away now so if you are keen on coming to see this dance spectacular simply contact the SandPit box office. You will not be disappointed.

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### DIARY DATES

27 Jan	Sixth Form Open Morning Tours
	1900 Battle of the Bands
30th Jan	Y11 House Sports (LL)
	DofE Awards
31 Jan	1930 Fo\$S Pop Quiz Evening
04 Feb	Sixth Form Open Morning Tours
	Y12 PTC
05 Feb	1400 Velocity Matinee
	1830 KS4 Information Evening
07 Feb	Closing date for Sixth Form applications



Finally, on Wednesday, three lower sixth students spent the day meeting students and senior tutors at Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge. This was arranged by Miranda Perry from the World Class Schools Quality Mark and allowed us to really understand how the Cambridge System works and what is expected from potential applicants. We were joined by our partner lead school in the World Class Schools Quality Mark, St. Mary's in Hull. It was a real pleasure to spend the day with their students and staff. This was a really inspiring day and enjoyed by all. Thank you to Fitzwilliam for their hospitality.

Alan Gray  
Headteacher

## Headteacher's Commendations

### Week Ending 23rd January 2020

Aspiration		
Dimitri Smotlak	7F	Science
Milly Bagnall	7T	Science
Zoe Hilton	7T	Science
Conor Sumner	7T	Science
Katie Anfield	8N	PRE
Melissa Graham	8N	PRE
Bea Kite	8N	PRE
Hannah Darmoul	8T	PRE
Roslin McGregor	8T	PRE
Johnny Pickard	8T	PRE
Herbie Willson	8T	PRE
Hamza Shaikh	9E	Science
Jaylin Solanki	9E	Science
Grace MacMurray	9J	Music
Bella Pratt	10E	Music
Confidence		
Yavor Yordanov	10A	Science
Confidence & Resilience		
Eva Goss	7E	Music
Zakira Khan	7E	Dance
Eve Turner	7E	Dance
Leah Whittington	7E	Dance
Sophia Parsons	7F	Dance
Bryony Russell	7F	Dance
Eliana Seymour	7F	Dance
Lizzy Stagg	7F	Dance
Katie Anfield	8N	Dance
Lily David	8N	Dance
Laura Holliday	8N	Dance
Olivia Huke	8N	Dance
Emma McCree	8N	Dance
Lily-Anna Saltmer	8N	Dance
Josie Lush	8S	Dance
Ellie Norman	8S	Dance
Jess Pratt	8S	Dance
Beckie Cray	8T	Dance
Clarissa Elvers	8T	Dance
Maisie Gibson	8T	Dance
Abi Gower	8T	Dance
Roslin McGregor	8T	Dance
Seren Weaver	8T	Dance
Keira Bushell	9A	Dance
Isabelle Field	9A	Dance
Keerthana Appandairaj	9H	Dance
Olivia Clarke	9H	Dance
Lara Rafot	9H	Dance
Liberty Twigg	9H	Dance
Amber Dalziel	9N	Dance
Sophie Lord	9N	Dance
Emily Reed	9N	Dance
Zoe Webb	9N	Dance
Lily Hill	9S	Dance
Lydia Illingworth	9S	Dance
Ellen Park	9S	Dance
Sophie Vaile	9S	Dance

## Confidence & Resilience cont.

Frieda Callf	10N	Dance
Ruby King	10N	Dance

### Resilience

Bea Boucher	7E	Music
Denise Chawira	7E	Music
Rhia Hylton	7E	Music
Micah Onwuemena	7E	Music
Sonnie Towner	7E	Music

### Integrity

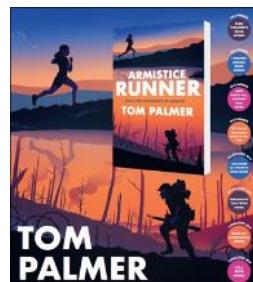
Hassan Akbar	8H	Music
Talya Frankl	8H	Music
Dhanu Goonaratne	8H	Music
Olivia Hakim	8H	Music
Sarah Head	8H	Music
Jonah Howgego	8H	Music
Livia Klag-Horne	8H	Music
Nandhana Pillai	8H	Music
Katie Wong	8H	Music

### Tolerance

Adam Knox-Cudd	8S	English
Adam Saley	8S	English

## Literacy News

### The Whole School Read 2019 - 'Armistice Runner' by Tom Palmer

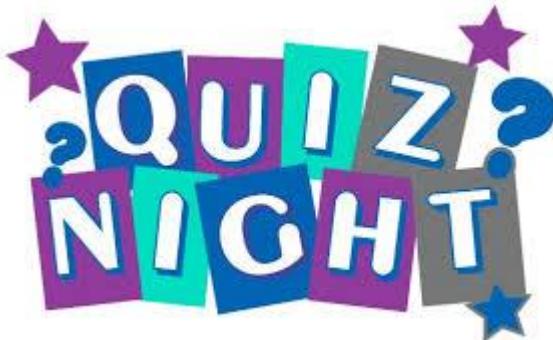


This week sees the final chapters of our audiobook version of 'Armistice Runner' uploaded to the Google Classroom, meaning that the whole book is now available for you to listen to! Can you spot which teachers have read which chapters? There are some very familiar voices featured! If you'd rather listen than read, join the Google Classroom now – the class code is: ov3h11. Enjoy reading, collect your badge and house points from the library and tweet your reviews to @SandringhamRead.

*Kelly Bulbeck  
Literacy Co-ordinator*

## Fo\$\$ News

POP QUIZ Friday 31st Jan



Book your tickets for the Pop Quiz on Fri 31st Jan. Doors open at 7 for a 7.30 start

Tickets are on sale through the Sandpit Box office or the website. £12 including a fish supper (other options available)

Teams of 8 or book tickets for a pot luck team!

Pop trivia, Cheap bar and Fish supper - what more could you wish for?

### Second Hand Uniform

Thank you for all your donations of uniform. We no longer require shirts and trousers, however, we would be delighted to receive any sports kit / school shirts that you no longer need. As ever please could you drop these at

15 Skyswood Road, St Albans.

Fo\$\$ Team



### U is for.... Usurp (verb)

Definition: Take over (a position of power or importance) illegally or by force.

Example: Richard usurped the throne.

Synonyms: Annex, supplant, wrest

Antonyms: Give, offer, release

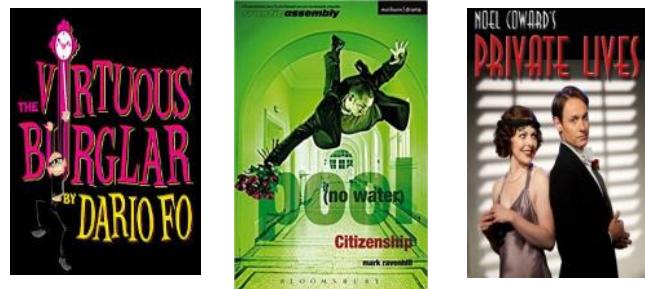
## Drama News

National Youth Theatre Auditions  
Monday 16th March 2020



We were really pleased with the number of enthusiastic students who attended the meeting about NYT Auditions, but don't worry if you couldn't make it, it's not too late to sign up to be part of all the action! Please speak to Mrs Hardacre for more information and a letter providing all the details needed for the audition day. We can't wait to see what you'll be up to! If you have a letter and will be participating, please return your slip by Wednesday 12th February.

### A Level Examination Showcase Wednesday 29th January



On Wednesday 29th January, we will be busy preparing for the Year 13 A Level Drama examination and would love to see lots of support from family and friends. There will be three performances consisting of The Virtuous Burglar by Dario Fo, Private Lives by Noel Coward and Pool, (no water) by Mark Ravenhill. Each performance will last approximately 30 minutes and the showcase will begin at 3:30pm. Audience members are reminded that this will be a live exam, therefore please consider this when attending as there will be breaks in between each performance to allow for marking and change of set. If you attended the 'Into the Sixth' event and are considering Drama, it's a fantastic opportunity to see Year 13's doing what they do best!

Charlotte Hardacre  
Director of Learning: Drama

## Library News

### BBC Radio 2 Competition



The BBC Radio 2 writing competition is now open to children aged 13 or under on 12 June 2020). All you have to do is write a story of up to 500 words on any subject before the deadline of Thurs 27 Feb 2020.

The authors of the top three stories will each **win**:

- a large pile of books for themselves
- 500 books for their school library
- their story read by a famous actor and illustrated by a famous artist.

This year there will also be a random prize winner (a story picked out at random regardless of quality) making it worthwhile for everyone to enter, no matter how good at writing you consider yourself to be!

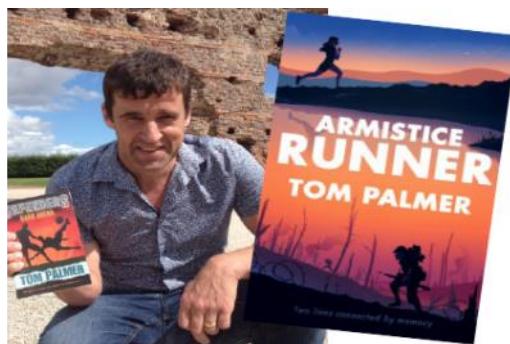
This year, the amazing live final event will be held on **12 June at Buckingham Palace**! Every child who takes part, and every teacher and librarian who helps with the judging, will be entered into a draw to attend the event.



The Write Stuff Writing Club will be working on entries for the competition for the rest of this half term. They meet at 1.30 in the Library on Thursdays. All are welcome. Alternatively you can send any draft stories by email to Mrs Peachman for feedback and advice on: [peachmana@mysandstorm.org](mailto:peachmana@mysandstorm.org).

For more information and lots of helpful material, visit: [bbc.co.uk/500words2020](http://bbc.co.uk/500words2020).

### Tom Palmer: Author Visit



On Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February, we will have Tom Palmer, the author of our Whole School Read, to visit for the whole of Year 7 in the Sandpit. Parents of Year 7s will receive a letter through parentmail listing Tom's books that will be on sale and Tom will sign the books on the day.

We may not have enough copies/ titles on the day, so please send the list back with any requests and the payment, to guarantee a copy. Please also specify if you wish Tom to write a dedication in the book.

Keep reading!

*The Library Team*

### **Thank a Teacher**



An amazing teacher makes all the difference at school. Say 'thank you' to a teacher at Sandringham School today and The Teaching Awards Trust will send them a lovely card through the post with your personal message, for free. Any 'thank you' received before 12<sup>th</sup> February 2020 will give the teacher the opportunity to enter the 2020 National Teaching Awards which are televised by the BBC. Just click on the link below:

<https://thankateacher.co.uk/>

*Claire Oakes  
Assist. Headteacher, Sandringham School*

# THE SANDPIT THEATRE

## The SandPit Theatre News

Congratulations to all of those who were involved with House Choreography. You all did yourselves proud! We are very excited to see the winners in this year's Velocity show – there are still tickets remaining for these performances, but they are disappearing fast.

### What's coming up?

#### Mon 27<sup>th</sup> Jan– Battle of the Bands – 7pm



Enjoy an evening of student bands from rock to acoustic duos as they battle it out to win the title and be crowned the ultimate music band. Taking inspiration from the old rock legends to modern day pop groups—bands of all types are invited to play covers or original songs. To get involved please see the Music Faculty at Sandringham School.

#### Weds 29<sup>th</sup> Jan– 3.30pm A Level Drama Evening



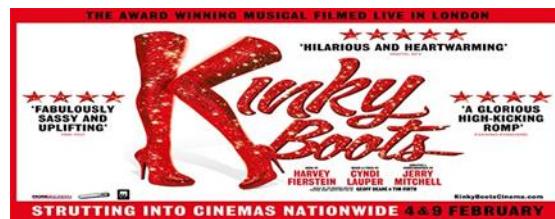
Sandringham School's Year 13 Drama A Level class present an evening of scripted pieces. Late-comers will not be permitted entry, as it is an examination. This event is FREE.

#### Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> – Sat 8<sup>th</sup> Feb– Velocity 2020 7pm & 2pm Sat Matinee



It's back! Sandringham Dance Faculty bring you the ever-growing Velocity Dance Show. Sure to be an absolute show stopper - it is not one you want to miss. There is limited availability on VIP tickets so hurry up and book!. Tickets £10/£7 VIP, £8/£6 Standard.

#### Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February – Kinky Boots – 7pm



Kinky Boots The Musical, filmed live at the Adelphi Theatre in the heart of London's West End, is strutting onto the big screen! With songs from Grammy and Tony award winning pop icon Cyndi Lauper, writing by legendary Broadway playwright Harvey Fierstein (La Cage Aux Folles), and direction and choreography by Jerry Mitchell (Legally Blonde, Hairspray), the musical is based on the film written by Geoff Deane and Tim Firth.

Inspired by true events, this huge-hearted hit tells the story of two people with nothing in common – or so they think. Charlie (Killian Donnelly) is a factory owner struggling to save his family business, and Lola (Matt Henry) is a fabulous entertainer with a wildly exciting idea. With a little compassion and a lot of understanding, this unexpected pair learn to embrace their differences and create a line of sturdy stilettos unlike any the world has ever seen! But in the end, their most sensational achievement is their friendship. This unmissable musical theatre event celebrates a joyous story of British grit transforming into a high-heeled hit as it takes you from the factory floor of Northampton to the glamorous catwalks of Milan!

#### Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March – An Evening with Steve Perryman & Ossie Ardiles – 7:30pm



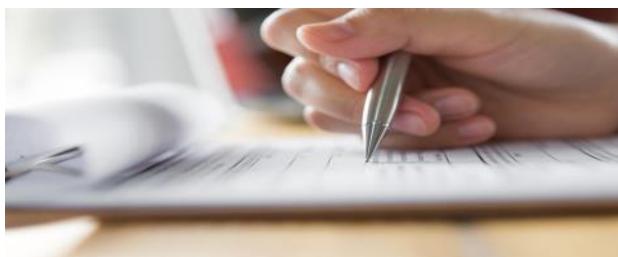
Appearing exclusively together, two of the Spurs greatest Legends Steve Perryman and Ossie Ardiles! With a record 866 appearances for the Club during the 1970's and '80's, Steve Perryman was a member of the Football League Cup teams in 1971 & 1973, UEFA Cup teams in 1972 & 1984 and FA Cup teams in 1981 & 1982. Ossie Ardiles was also Tottenham Hotspur Captain and inspirational leader throughout the mid-seventies through to the Club's triumphs in the eighties.

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The box office is open from 11.30am – 3.30pm Monday to Friday. Alternatively, you can call us on 01727 799565 or visit [www.sandpittheatre.co.uk](http://www.sandpittheatre.co.uk)

Steven Cotton  
Box Office Supervisor

## Kirkland Rowell



On Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January, all students at the school will be issued with a survey for completion by their parent / carer. This survey represents a comprehensive assessment of all aspects of the school's performance and we would ask that completion is prioritised to ensure the highest possible response rate to the survey. Completed surveys should be returned to form tutors as soon as possible with a deadline of **Friday 31 January 2020**.

*Mark Nicholls  
Deputy Headteacher*

## Music News

### Battle of the Bands - Mon 27th Jan 7pm

This year we have a fantastic line up for Battle of the Bands and tickets are available from the Sandpit Theatre Box Office, so buy yours now!



### Senior Recital Evening - Mon 10th Feb 6:30pm

The Senior Recital Evening is an opportunity for musicians in Years 10-13 to perform pieces they have been working on during the year. All students are welcome to sign up to perform, either as soloists or small ensembles. For more information and to sign up, speak to a member of the Music department.

## Music News cont.

### Opportunities and workshops

#### Rock School



Rock school is up and running and is always keen to welcome new members! It runs on Thursdays after school and is run by Phil Spinelli, an experienced drummer and rock musician with lots of touring and performing experience. We are particularly interested in hearing from guitarist and singers so if you have wondered what it would be like to be in a band, then come and get an information leaflet from your music teacher to find out more!

#### Herts Jazz Hive - Sun 22nd March



The Herts Music Service are offering a free event, led by the National Youth Jazz Orchestra that introduces young musicians to jazz. It is aimed at young people who are aged between 11-18 and are between Grades 3-8. To register via Eventbrite on <http://jazzhive.eventbrite.co.uk>

#### Sound and Music Summer School



This week long residential is based in The Purcell School of Music and focuses on composition, offering students the opportunity to work with professional musicians and composers to create their own work. We have had a number of students successfully gain places on this in the past, who have all spoken very highly of the experience and would recommend it. For more information, including on how to apply visit <http://www.soundandmusic.org/summerschool>

*Amy Stothard  
Director of Music*

## Maths News

The Maths Department are running a Puzzle of the Week. Who can solve the puzzle the quickest in your house?

# Maths Puzzle of the Week!

?  
100  
140  
90

Find the value of the question mark

Scan here to enter!

Hannah Fryer  
Maths Department

## Vacancies

**Sandringham School**

Sandringham School is a high performing and extremely popular Outstanding School situated in the picturesque city of Saint Albans, conveniently located just 20 minutes by train from London.

**Cleaner**

- Required from February 24<sup>th</sup> 2020
- From 3pm, 5 days per week, 3 hours per day
- Term time only
- Rate of pay HB1 – equivalent to £9.32 per hour including fringe

**Application Deadline: Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2020**

**Applications should be sent to:** Kate Ward, HR Manager, Sandringham School, The Ridgeway, St Albans, AL4 9NX, Tel 01727 799560. Email [appointments@sandringham.herts.sch.uk](mailto:appointments@sandringham.herts.sch.uk)  
We cannot accept CVs for this position please use the school application form

Sandringham School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. This post is subject to an enhanced DBS check and references. We are strongly committed to promoting equality of opportunity and the elimination of unlawful discrimination.

## UAL Future Creatives



Couldn't make it to one of our autumn courses? Never fear! UAL Future Creatives are running brand new classes at the Sandringham School and there's still time to book.

After a fun-filled first term, Future Creatives' after school, weekend, and holiday classes for 7-11 and 11-17 year olds will bring you fresh new content and the opportunity to try out even more art and design techniques suitable for both first-time and repeat learners. If you've already completed a course, you can take 10% off your next booking with the code School10 – valid until 31/1/20.

The courses are taught by expert teachers specifically selected by UAL including Sarah Manning. Sarah has more than 20 years of industry experience and teaches UAL Visual Merchandising short courses at Central Saint Martins and London College of Fashion. She will be leading Future Creatives Saturday classes for 11-17 year olds from 18 January.

Visit <https://www.arts.ac.uk/study-at-ual/short-courses/future-creatives/art-classes-st-albans> for all the details and to book.

Katie Gleeson  
Future Creatives Mark

### ABSENCE LINE 01727 799564

Absence Email: (Available 24 hours)

[absence@sandringham.herts.sch.uk](mailto:absence@sandringham.herts.sch.uk)

Please report **ALL** absences before **9:15am** on the first day of absence and every morning thereafter

Stuart Kemp, Assistant Headteacher

## Duke of Edinburgh News



The annual presentation evening is taking place on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2020 at 7pm. Invites have been posted and students should also have received an email confirming their invitation. RSVP to [dofe@sandringham.herts.sch.uk](mailto:dofe@sandringham.herts.sch.uk) by Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January.

Alison Cuneen  
The Duke of Edinburgh's Award co-ordinator

## Student Success



Lucy Pether in Year 10 has just received the results for two dance exams that she took at the end of the summer term.



ISTD Grade 6 Ballet - Merit  
ISTD Grade 6 Tap - Distinction

Well done Lucy!

We are always delighted to celebrate student success in our weekly Sandprint and would love to hear from you.

Please contact Melissa Holian with any details ([melissa.holian@sandringham.herts.sch.uk](mailto:melissa.holian@sandringham.herts.sch.uk))

## **PE News**

### **Fixtures**

- Mon 27<sup>th</sup> Jan: Y8 Basketball V Queens (A)  
Y9 Hockey V Queenswood (A)
- Tues 28<sup>th</sup> Jan: Senior Basketball V Parmiters (A)  
Weds 29<sup>th</sup> Jan: Y8 Basketball V Beaumont (A)  
1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> XI Football V  
St. Columba's College (H)
- Thurs 30<sup>th</sup> Jan: Y7 Basketball V Beaumont (H)  
Y10 Girls BBall V Ridgeway (A)

### **News**



The Y10 boys were in action on Saturday as sole representatives due to waterlogged pitches. They played Beaumont at home on the astro in what was a tough game. The visitors arrived with a fixed game plan and set up with 11 players behind the ball to stifle our attack. The plan worked for a large amount of the game, however after Liam Watters won a free kick for us, the tides changed. It was whipped in by waters and after an initial save from the Beaumont keeper and an attempted clearance, Jack Muskett was able to get his body in the way and block the ball resulting in it finding its way into the net to take a scrappy 1-0 win.

On Monday the U15 girls football team travelled up the M1 to play Wootton Park school in the last 32 of the English schools national cup. Despite not being at full strength, the team was determined to play their best and progress into the next round. The game didn't start as Sandringham would have hoped as an excellent through ball saw Wootton's very quick striker score early in the first half. Although Sandringham had most of the possession, our team couldn't beat the strong Wootton defence and we went into half time, 1-0 down. The start of the second half continued to see things not go Sandringham's way as our defence struggled to stop Wootton's striker who scored another brilliant goal putting the opposition 2-0 in front. However, Sandringham refused to be beaten and worked tirelessly to improve their performance.

A fantastic goal from Eliza Telford lifted the team, giving all the belief that they still had time to win the game. Excellent leadership from captain Ida Sondergaard, saw the defence of the whole team improve and that allowed our attacking players to have more opportunities on goal. The work of the attack meant that Katie Leigh was able to score three goals in quick succession, putting Sandringham comfortably on front. At the final whistle, Sandringham was crowned the victor and therefore are now in the last 16 teams in the country! Well done to the whole squad but special mentions go to player's player Katie Leigh for her hat trick and coach's player, Yasmin Howgego for her amazing resilience and work rate.

The Y11 boys basketball team also played Ridgeway Academy on Monday and after a break for their trial exams, they were rusty yet eager to play. The team started very well with our offence clicking nicely and a free flowing passing attack that saw us take a comfortable 10 point lead. The game changed, however as mistakes and complacency crept in. The hosts were out-rebounding us and it took a final quarter surge to see them off and take a well-deserved win.



On Tuesday the Y7 rugby team played host to Katherine Warrington School from Harpenden on the astro. The team, 19 strong were ready to demonstrate many of the well-rehearsed skills that they have been developing over the last few weeks. The start of the game saw us concede very quickly to KWS, however an exciting next 10 minutes put us 4-1 up with a flurry of fast paced runs and tries from the team. As the match wore on KWS got themselves back into the game and led for a short period 6-5 with 10 minutes to play. The team showed resilience and character in the final few minutes with three spirited tries to take the win 8-6. Well played boys.

The Y7 basketball team travelled to St. Albans School on Wednesday afternoon for their district league clash with the boys' school. A well controlled first quarter saw us trade baskets with St. Albans before the team picked things up leading in to half time. Alfie Mair and Tommy Everitt were excellent on offence and really led the team in points and attacking the basket. We eventually took the game 38-10 to keep our unbeaten record intact in the District League.

## PE News cont

On Wednesday, the U12 girls football team were drawn against Chesham Grammar School in the third round of the national ESFA cup. The opposition came out strong and dominated the first 20 minutes of half term, and even a few breaks from our offence were not enough to get any goals in the first half. The defence played unbelievably as a unit to prevent conceding! After a needed tactical half time break the girls went out hard in the second half. Some fantastic attacking pressure dominated the second half, Mimi scored an unbelievable goal in the top left corner and not long after we went 2-0 up with a goal from Eda Pozder! Chesham Grammar fought hard and scored in the last 10 minutes but it wasn't enough to equalise. A real team effort was shown by all and I am looking forward to seeing the girls play in round 4! Well done to Rebecca Smith who received oppositions player and Hannah Gould for coaches player – well done to all involved!



On Thursday the U15 girls basketball team travelled to Queens school to compete in the County League. After a bit of a slow start, we finished the first quarter down by 8 points. However, not to be deterred, the girls got their heads down and kept on fighting, only conceding one basket in the second quarter...suddenly, it was game on! The third quarter started strongly, bringing us within a basket, as the fourth quarter commenced, we managed to take the lead by one point, Queens committed a foul and Jess Foster held her nerve to score a free throw...we were two points ahead! With just 14 seconds to go, Queens called for a time out, where they set a play and managed to score, taking the game to 22-22. After a closely contested 3minutes of extra time, Queens managed to go 2 points ahead and win the game. Such a fantastic game, well done to all who were involved.

For more news, fixtures, team sheets and results don't forget to follow us @SandringhamPE on Twitter and at [www.sandringhamsport.co.uk](http://www.sandringhamsport.co.uk)

*Andrew Cracknell  
Director of Learning: PE*

## Health and Safety

### Cycle Helmets



A polite reminder to all students cycling to school—the school rules are that a cycle helmet must be worn during the entire journey for your own safety.

Many thanks in advance for your cooperation.

*Paul Chandler  
Campus Manager*



### Families First Portal – Information for families, parents or carers

The Families First Portal is a website which helps Hertfordshire families find:

Information, advice and guidance on local and national services for families, parents or carers.

Many of the services are free for families to access and are accessible on mobile devices.

<http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/familiesfirst>

**NEVER MIND  
GLOOMY JANUARY,  
HERE'S THE**



**Sandringham School**

'Everybody can be Somebody'

**FOSS POP QUIZ**

**Friday 31st  
January  
7.15pm for  
a 7.30pm start**

**Teams of up to 8 or  
join a team on the  
night**

**01727 799565  
or from the  
Sandpit Box Office**

**Supper and quiz  
tickets £12.00**

**Tickets available  
[www.sandpittheatre.co.uk](http://www.sandpittheatre.co.uk)**

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# Parental Leave Coaching



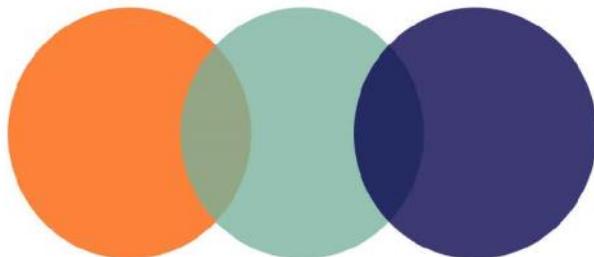
At the Alban Teaching School Alliance we invest in our staff development at every stage of their teaching journey. (Thanks to funding from the DfE Equalities and Diversity team), We have partnered with The MaternityTeacher PaternityTeacher Project to offer coaching to teachers choosing to complete CPD on parental leave.

We know that supporting staff members effectively whilst they are on parental leave will help to retain excellent teachers and diversify the leadership pipeline. The MTPT Project offer three coaching models:

- A two-module **Accreditation** unit for teachers choosing to complete personal and professional development whilst they are on parental leave
- **Return to work** coaching for teachers returning from parental leave
- **Transition** coaching for teachers who have returned to work following parental leave within the last five years

The Alban Teaching School Alliance knows that this support is a key enabler of talent progression and a crucial contributor to achieving a more equal gender balance in school leadership.

Explore further at [www.mpt.org.uk/accreditation](http://www.mpt.org.uk/accreditation) or email [enquiries@albantsa.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@albantsa.co.uk) for more information.



## MTPT Project

inspire, empower, connect

# Matrix Challenge

Cyber security competition and events exclusively for young people across the UK



## What is Matrix Challenge?

The [Matrix Challenge](#) is an innovative cyber competition designed and lead by the Yorkshire and Humber Regional Cyber Crime Unit. The Matrix Challenge is delivered in partnership with the regional organised crime units across the UK.

### What does Matrix Challenge deliver to students?



Cyber security skills



Fun & interactive activities



Network of friends & contacts

### What skills do you need to play?



Curiosity



Communication



Creativity



Problem Solving

## How is the programme structured?

### Learn



Officers and staff will be visiting schools across the UK to give an online safety input and guide students as they play the Matrix Challenge game. Roadshows start in January 2020.

### Play



Play an online game designed to test your cyber knowledge. The game takes around 30 minutes to complete and can be done at home or in school.

### Final



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You must either live or go to school/college or be in elective home education within the UK.

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