

DAME ALLAN'S Digest

MAY 2018



A welcome from the Principal

This half term, understandably, can often be a tense time for our students as they prepare for their examinations.

We witness on a daily basis how hard they all work ahead of their GCSE/IGCSE and A Level exams, and it is important they know we are proud of them, regardless of their final results.

Teaching staff are there to support them throughout and our excellent counselling service provides invaluable help and guidance if students ever feel things are getting too much. We wish those sitting examinations the very best of luck.

Ensuring that the term is not solely focused on examinations does help to keep a sense of perspective and we have enjoyed many great events in recent weeks. It was unusual for just one dancer in the leavers' show to be an actual 'leaver' from Year 13 and the brilliance of the evening's performances served to highlight the depth of talent in the Schools which augurs well for the years to come.

We have heard the quality of school music in both the Jazz Concert and the memorable Spring Concert at St James and St Basil's, with musicians from both the Junior and Senior Schools impressing in front of a large and appreciative audience. The evening was a genuinely spiritually uplifting event.

Add to that the large number of our students involved in recent outdoor activities with the cadet force and Duke of Edinburgh teams and it is clear that Allanians do manage to maintain a sensible balance in their lives allowing them the space now to focus on their vital examinations in the weeks to come.



More than 100 students came together to deliver an incredible night of music for our annual Spring Concert.

Pupils from both the Senior and Junior Schools performed excellently in front of a large audience which had assembled in the nearby St James' and St Basil's Church.

The event was a great opportunity for people in our fantastic choirs and music ensembles to play in front of friends and families, and we are all so very proud of everybody involved in the concert.



Dance moves

We were delighted to see the amount of talent on display during this year leavers' dance show. Dancers from across the schools showcased their moves during 'Asante'; an event to celebrate the fantastic work done by all our

students in their dance clubs.

This year, we only had one Year 13 pupil featuring so there was a fitting, special send off for Kayleigh who has helped develop younger dancers' talents in addition to honing her own fantastic skills.



Fun filled PSHEE

The introduction of two, fun-filled days of PSHEE (personal, social, health and economic education) activities proved a big hit at our Junior School.

The entire school all the way from Nursery to Year 6 enjoyed taking

part in a variety of tasks and challenges as they returned after the Easter holiday.

There was great fun to be had during the activities which encouraged teamwork, socialising, playing and problem solving.

Golden boy

Congratulations to Year 6 pupil Will who won a gold medal at the HMC (NE) Junior Gymnastics Championships.

He has worked incredibly hard since first competing in Year 3, and all his efforts paid off with the fantastic win.

Well done Will.



DASPA Juniors

We had a very successful summer fair on Saturday 12 May, where the sun shone and the school community came together.

Many thanks for everyone's support of donations, help or attending the fair. We raised over £3,400 to spend on items that will enhance the school lives of pupils at Dame Allan's Junior School.

DASPA

After the biggest event of the DASPA year, the Spring Ball, we are delighted to say it has been one of our best fund raising events ever! The evening was a terrific success, being enjoyed by everyone attending, and raising record profits of over £11,000.

Our thanks go to everyone involved in this fantastic achievement, both those organising the event, and to everyone else who supported it by either donating, helping or attending on the night. We now look forward to using the funds raised in exciting new projects for the benefit of both the school and its pupils. With many thanks from DASPA Seniors.

Let me tell you a story



Our very own Mrs Phillips has become a published author after winning a competition to promote an Italian town.

Mrs Phillips, who teaches English at the Senior School, was encouraged to enter a short story into the Ravello Tales Award competition to promote the resort town of Ravello as a tourist

destination while holidaying there recently. Her fictional tale 'The Fire Salamander' impressed the judges and was published in book format. As part of her prize, she was also invited back to Ravello to stay in a luxury hotel!

A big well done to Mrs Phillips. Her story can be downloaded at www.visitravello.com.

Allanian reunion

A reunion of students who left Dame Allan's in 1993 will be held in Newcastle on Saturday 30 June.

Anyone wishing to attend should contact: alumnirelations@dameallans.co.uk

Safeguarding at Dame Allan's

Mrs Banfield is one of two counsellors based at the Senior School, and is available between 10.30am and 2.30pm each Tuesday and Thursday. She is there to listen and speak, in private, to pupils who wish to talk about any problems they may be facing, such as exam stress, anxiety over choosing a university, problems at home or disputes with friends. Anyone wishing to speak to a school counsellor should book an appointment via the School Nurse.

Looking to the future...

Monday 4 June – School resumes.

Monday 11 June – Friday 15 June – Schools' Exam Week.

Monday 18 June – Sports Day (EYFS/ Years 1 & 2), 1pm.

Thursday 21 June – Years 8 & 9 Master Chef Competition.

Monday 25 June – Sports Day (Years 3-6) at Senior School, 1pm.

Monday 25 June – Friday 29 June – Year 11 Work Experience Week.

Tuesday 26 June – Year 8 House Musical Theatre Day.

Wednesday 27 June – Thursday

28 June – Year 6 Shakespeare Production, 6pm.

Thursday 28 June – DAGS Shakespeare Festival.

Friday 29 June – Music Recital

Friday 29 June – Sports Day (DABS am / DAGS pm).

Monday 2 July – Junior School

Prize Giving (Years 3-6) in Newsom Hall, 6.30pm.

Wednesday 4 July – Year 7 House Musical Theatre Day.

Wednesday 4 July – Junior School Summer Concert, 6pm.

Thursday 5 July – School Year ends at midday.



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