

From the Principal



As we approach the end of another exciting term, I am pleased to provide you with an update on some of the noteworthy events and achievements that have taken place within the Unley High School community.

Our Outdoor Education program continues to thrive, with numerous students participating in outdoor adventures throughout the term. This program fosters important life skills, teamwork, and an appreciation for the natural world.

Throughout the term, our students have had the privilege of participating in various class excursions, which have enhanced their learning experiences beyond the classroom. These excursions have allowed our students to explore new environments, deepen their understanding of curriculum content, and create lasting memories.

Earlier this month we were honoured to welcome the Governor of South Australia, Frances Adamson AC, to our school. Her Excellency's visit was an inspiring and educational experience for our students, providing them with valuable insights into our

state's governance and the role of leadership in our society.

I am pleased to announce that our 2024 Prefect Elections have concluded, and we have elected our new prefects. The results are now available for you to read in this newsletter.

Our new basketball courts are nearing completion with the final surface and line marking taking place this week. The courts will include 8 handball courts and will be ready for students to enjoy from day one of term 4. You may have noticed some excavation taking place on our western soccer pitches. This is due to SA Water needing to upgrade easements. All work will be completed in time for students to resume activities in this area in term 4.

Also during term 4 there will be no access to the main building via the eastern main entrance due to bridge upgrades and construction work. Carpark access will also be restricted for this time. We apologise for any inconvenience this causes.

I wish all our students and their families a safe and enjoyable break.

Regards

Greg Rolton





Sports Update

Some exciting results to share from recent weeks.

Congratulations to our senior girls netball team who finished 5th in the state. Both our boys and girls senior badminton teams finished 2nd in the state only losing to Glenunga (girls) and St Peter's (boys) in the finals. All teams showed fantastic spirit and sportsmanship through all rounds.

OPEN Netball Knockout Team

Rose O
Emili R
Evie Z
Isabelle P
Lily R
Lola P
Sass C
Mackenzie G
Paige M
Lily S

*Coch- Emma Salt and Sophie Exindaris,
Teacher – Bianca Drum*



OPEN Badminton Boys Knockout Team

Kabir G
Chamuditha A
Melson S
Anthony T
Nitin K
Richard M
Coch- Matthew Tan



OPEN Girls Badminton Kockout Team

Punsisi R
Hayley F
Jinyi B
Michelle T
Yoyo C

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Year 12 Outdoor Education

The Year 12 Outdoor Education class undertook their final camp for the year in week 7 this term. This was a 3-day self-reliant Bushwalk camp in Newland Head Conservation Park, where students had to put all of their skills together to run the camp themselves over the 3 days. The students showed great resilience and leadership to complete their walk with positive attitudes, despite the adverse weather. The entire group have had a terrific year and should be incredibly proud of their efforts and the development they have shown.





Visit by the Governor of South Australia

On Monday September 11, we were very fortunate to meet Her Excellency the Honourable Frances Adamson AC Governor of South Australia, who paid a visit to Unley High School.

Her Excellency met student leaders across years 10 to 12 to discuss leadership and what it means in a school context and beyond. Her Excellency shared her wealth of experience across many roles and explained the role of the Governor of South Australia. She spoke about what being a leader meant to her, and invited student leaders to reflect on their leadership journey and share any challenges they may have encountered. Her Excellency was very generous in answering students' questions, providing advice and encouraging persistence. She inspired students to continue developing their skills as leaders within the school and in the community, and encouraged them to contact her with any questions, ideas and suggestions.

It was a very valuable, thought-provoking experience for all participants.

Ellie Saies





Inspiring Tomorrow's Biologists: A Trip to BioMed City

Education today is about real-world experiences that ignite curiosity and deepen understanding. Recently, our IBDP1 Biology class had an enlightening field trip to Fusetec, located in Adelaide's BioMed City, a thriving hub of medical and biological innovation.

Nestled in the heart of Adelaide, BioMed City is a testament to the power of experiential learning. This precinct houses institutions, organizations, and companies dedicated to advancing healthcare and biological sciences.

Students had the experience to visit Fusetec, an award-winning advanced manufacturing company renowned for its groundbreaking contributions to medical training and surgical education. Fusetec specializes in designing fully operable, soft tissue, anatomically accurate surgical training models—a revolutionary leap in medical education.

Walking through Fusetec's facilities, our students were transported into a world where biology and technology converge seamlessly. These anatomical models, designed with painstaking precision, bridge the gap between theory and practice. The students gained hands-on experience, studying the very tissues and structures they learn about in textbooks.

The pinnacle of our visit was an insightful conversation with Fusetec's CEO, Mark Roe. Mark shared the company's vision and the profound impact their surgical training models have on the medical field. His passion for innovation was evident as he discussed how these models are revolutionizing medical training, enhancing surgical skills, and ultimately improving patient care.

The excursion to BioMed City and the interaction with Fusetec exemplified the essence of experiential learning. It allowed our IB Biology students to apply classroom knowledge, engage with innovation, and meet industry leaders who inspire a passion for biology and medical sciences in our students.

Danielle Weatherley





2024 Prefect Team election

It's that time of the year when the current Prefect Team hand over the leadership of the Student Voice Council to the newly elected Prefect Team who will be leading the student body until this time in 2024.

On Wednesday 6 September, six year 11 SVC members contended for the two Head Prefect roles for next year: Amani Nunan, Leelu Isaacs, Maya Mckawy, Punsisi Rathanyake, Gemma Burley and Akshita Rattan.

This highly anticipated event was filled with many emotions, a mix of excitement and nervousness. All candidates presented a five minute speech to the year 11 cohort, PSI teachers, all SVC members and school leaders. They all spoke with great confidence and inspiration which made the decision-making very difficult!

Following the online voting process, the 2024 Prefect Team was announced to students and staff:

- Head Prefects: Leelu Isaacs and Amani Nunan
- Deputy Head Prefects: Maya Mekawy and Akshita Rattan
- Prefects: Punsisi Rathnayake and Gemma Burley

We are all very excited to represent the school as of next term and look forward to upholding the legacy that the 2023 prefects have left behind.

Amani Nunan

on behalf of the 2024 Prefect Team





Arbor Day celebrations

On Friday September 15, students from the SVC Environment and Facilities Action Group helped to plant trees at Balham Avenue Reserve, Kingswood, as part of the Mitcham City Council Arbor Day celebrations.

The group of five students joined Councillors and Council staff to help plant 11 trees, including native cypress pines and red ironbark gums at the southern end of the reserve.

As well as being part of the planting day, the students are researching the best species to purchase for a native garden at the school, using tree vouchers from the City's Arbor Day tree giveaway.

The students enjoyed helping out at the reserve, a narrow park which sits near Unley and Urrbrae High Schools.

City of Mitcham is one of nine cities across Australia and 120 worldwide declared a 'Tree City of the World' in recognition of its commitment to growing and maintaining its tree canopy.

Karmen Petric





Stories from the Archive

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John Halbert shares memories of Unley

John Halbert, after whom our Halbert House is named, has recorded a fascinating interview about his memories of the school and what Unley High School has meant to him.

John visited the school on Monday, September 25 and sat down with me to record an hour-long conversation.

It was a wonderful opportunity to record recollections of someone who attended the school and taught at the school, both when it was still located at Kyre Avenue.

His final year at Unley as a student was 1954 when he was a Prefect in his Leaving Honours year. He was later made class teacher of class 1A, the top-stream first-year class he had been in as a young student.

Among the five Old Scholars after whom our new Houses have been named, John is unique in also having been a teacher at Unley High.

Of course, John is a legend of the Sturt Football Club, and football at the state and national levels.

Stephen Murphy
Archivist





UNLEY HIGH SCHOOL



Pedal Prix update

The final event of the UniSA Australian HPV Super Series was the 24hr event held at Murray Bridge on the weekend of 16 & 17 September.

Unley High School entered 2 vehicles in the event:

UHS Mach 1 finished 2nd in the C5 class and 32nd overall.

Mach 1 rider, Justin won Under 16 Shootout Champion at the event

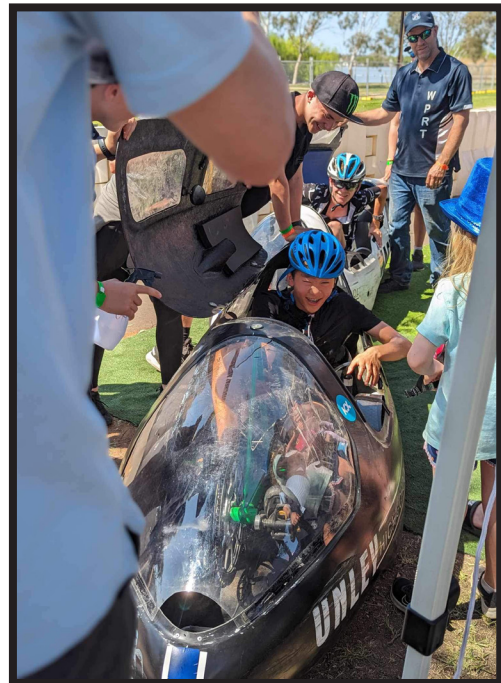
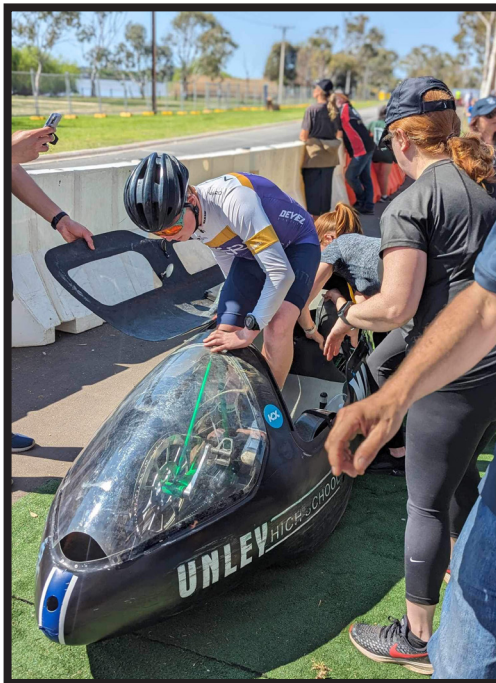
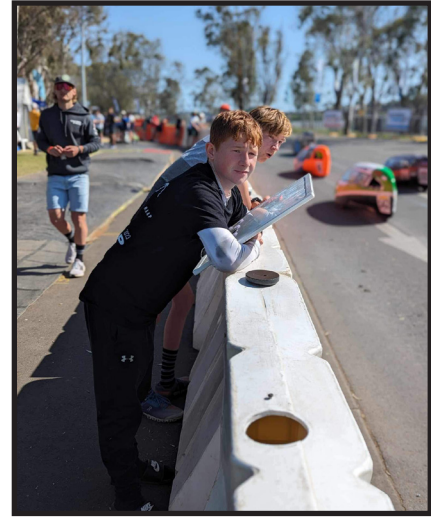
UHS Mach 1 finished 3rd in the Championship in the class and 13th overall in the series

UHS Mach 2 finished 6th in the C5 class and 115th overall

UHS Mach 2 finished 6th in the Championship in the class and 23rd overall in the series.

We had a fantastic team of supportive parents who were very proud of how all riders performed and competed across the series. Preparations are now underway for the 2024 series.

Congratulations to all involved.





Year 8 Hallett Cove Excursion

For our Landscapes and Landforms Geography unit, the Year 8 Summit English and HASS class went on a half day excursion to Hallett Cove Conservation Park, to observe geomorphic processes and landforms.

Accompanied by sublime weather, 24 degrees and sunny, the Hallett Cove boardwalk provided great opportunities for not just views and a sunny walk, but also for learning.

We set off on our adventure into the unknown, guided only by a booklet - and Ms Simpson. The first site we reached was 'The Sugarloaf'. Named for its resemblance to one, it was formed over millennia, through physical weathering and erosion. Surrounded by the also aptly-named 'Amphitheatre', the views of the ocean and surrounds were perhaps only bested by the wonder of learning.

As we continued to traverse the boardwalk, the marvels of both ocean views and geomorphic processes began to reveal themselves. Before long, we had encountered every single geomorphic process we had covered in class - how exciting!

Walking through Hallett Cove, one would not think that Hallett Cove was recently (relatively, in terms of geology) a glacier. In fact, the cliff tops were the base of a glacial lake 270 million years ago and have scrape marks from boulders moved by the glacier.

Hallett Cove is truly a remarkable place, and any of us, as we returned home perhaps a bit more sunburnt than we should have been, would vouch that it was an extraordinary excursion.

Will Pfitzner





World's Greatest Shave

PSI group 9J is presenting an assembly in Week 7 of Term 3. The focus is on The Leukemia Foundation which provides people living with blood cancer extra help including accommodation, transport, emotional, and practical support. The reason behind our decision to support our chosen charity stems down to the past of one of our fellow classmates, Fin McFadzean.

To celebrate ten years of being cancer free, Fin, and another member of our group, Rupert, will shave their heads!

When Fin was five years old, he was living in Malaysia with his mum, his dad and his younger brother. He began to feel quite sick over time and his family decided it was the right decision to get him checked out. Unfortunately, it was discovered that he had cancer which had already advanced to stage three. The cancer he was diagnosed with is known as Burkitt's Lymphoma, a type of cancer present in the lymphatic system, and was characterised by when lymph nodes become swollen due to cancerous cells collecting inside.



Thankfully, Fin was able to travel to Australia to receive appropriate healthcare. He was treated in Sydney for two months. Fin's family had difficulty finding accommodation to support the many visits to the hospital for treatment. Some of the cancer foundations unfortunately turned Fin away, but The Leukemia Foundation provided support, allowing him and his family to stay in a special centre in Sydney, before it was officially opened as a women's and children's hospital. He then flew back to Adelaide, due to family residing here, for a further five months of treatment. Following this, he underwent a further six months of treatment, then regular checkups and one ultrasound per year.

The Leukemia Foundation supported Fin and his family throughout this difficult time and continues to support thousands of families affected by blood cancer per year. Our PSI group now want to help support the foundation. We are calling on all families to support us in raising funds. Any donations we receive are very much appreciated and will provide comfort and support for many more families experiencing what our fellow classmate Fin did.

Please keep an eye out for our advice about how to donate. The information will be supplied in early Term 4.

Thank you!

Eliana and Mia, on behalf of 9J





Kuitpo Forest Geography and Orienteering Excursion

On Friday 8 September, home group 8J went on a Geography and orienteering excursion to Kuitpo Forest to consolidate their learning on maps, landscapes, and landforms.

The group, joined by teachers Ms Simpson and Mr Whitwell took a bus to the area, then stopped to have recess at an overnight cabin.

They then spent 45 minutes exploring the area taking photographs and identifying species of flora and fauna before meeting back together to begin an orienteering race.



The race involved each team collecting six codes using only a topographic map and their previous knowledge. In groups of 2-5 everyone set off a minute apart and ran to begin the race.

While searching for the codes, each group observed their amazing surroundings and in the end most groups finished in around 20 minutes. The winners of the race were then awarded a bag of owl lollies before returning to school. Overall, the excursion was extremely enjoyable and a great way to use maps while exploring the natural surroundings.

Tildy Ruchs





Unley High School Rowing Club

Season Opening Welcome and Breakfast

Daniel Ralph, the Unley High School Rowing Manager, welcomed approximately 250 rowers, coaches, families and old scholars to this season opening event held at the UHS Boatshed at the Torrens on Saturday, September 9. This was followed by a breakfast, boat christenings and the running of the Matthew Draper Cup.

Boat Christenings

Crew of 1987

In 1987 the Unley High Schoolboys VIII became the second South Australian public-school crew to win the Head of the River race since its establishment in 1922. In a time of 4 minutes 39 seconds they were 8 seconds off the record. To commemorate their win, the club named one of their new racing quad/four boats, the 'Crew of 1987'. It was amazing to have five of the nine crew members and their coach in attendance to christen the boat. They attributed the crew's success to experience as the club grew older, good coaching, strong parental and school support, and especially the dedication and discipline of the rowers. This season, we welcome back Mark Beaton and welcome Tim Whitburn to our coaching staff, both of whom were a part of this 1987 crew.



Crew of 1988

A Schoolgirl's Eight Race first became part of the Head of the River programme in SA in 1988. The Heads of Rowing (a Boy's Club) had vehemently refused the inclusion of a Schoolgirls VIII at HOR until a complaint was made to the Equal Opportunity Board, by UHS junior rowers. The board declared that the HOR can only continue if, for every boy's race, the equivalent girl's race was also conducted. UHS won this inaugural Schoolgirls 1st VIII race in 1988. Unley won again in 1989 and remains the only public school in South Australia to win the Schoolgirl VIII title at Head of River. Additionally, SA was the first state to break from tradition and include a girl's eight in their annual HOR. This effectively means that the Unley 1988 Girl's VIII was the first schoolgirl crew in Australia to win a Head of River VIII's race. The UHS Rowing Club also acknowledged the significance of this win by naming another new quad / four, 'Crew of 1989'. Once again it was great to have six of the nine crew members in attendance at the christening.



The Utmost For The Highest 2

In recent years, it was decided to name all of the Club's new eights, 'The Utmost For The Highest'. The club's newest acquisition to the racing float, 'The Utmost For The Highest 2' was christened by another former successful former UHS rower, Jo Francou (nee Lips). Jo represented Australia on many occasions at the World Championship level, culminating in a gold medal at the 2001 World Rowing Championships in the Women's Lightweight Quad. Jo's journey in rowing was elaborated on by Anna Tree, another former rower who performed admirably on the world stage, not only as a rower, but also as a coach. It was inspiring to host these ladies back at the club where their rowing journey began.



Unley High School Rowing Club

Matthew Draper Cup

Following the boat christenings, the UHS Rowing season began with the running of the Matthew Draper Cup. Matthew Draper coached at UHS for 10 years in the 1970s and 1980s. He also coached SA crews and Australian crews, later working in significant international rowing administrative roles. He is currently the High-Performance Manager for Rowing Canada.

While coaching at UHS, he fostered teamwork into all trainings, which included lots of 'fun' races. Each year, the Matthew Draper Cup is awarded to the current rower with the fastest average time across a series of races on the Torrens. Congratulations to Year 10 rower, Matthew Lea, who is the winner of the cup for the 2023/24 season.



AGM

The AGM for the Parent Support Committee was also held during the morning. An enthusiastic group of 12 parents have volunteered to assist with fundraising and general support at club activities for this forthcoming season. This is most appreciated by all rowers. However, if there are any families still keen to be involved with the Parent Support Committee, please contact Daniel Ralph.

Rowers, coaches and families are very excited to commence this new season and look forward to not only some great racing, but also putting our club at the forefront of rowing in South Australia. We wish everyone well for the season ahead.



Anita Hughes





Interhouse STEM competition

The Learning and Curriculum Action Team had a big term organising the Interhouse STEM escape rooms, encouraging house culture to be cultivated throughout all aspects of school life, not just sport.

The interhouse STEM escape rooms were a great opportunity for maths and science lovers to unite in their Houses to be challenged with difficult questions in order to ultimately find the solution to the original escape room problem.

For its inaugural year, the escape rooms were a great success, and we've certainly laid the foundations for a great tradition. We look forward to, as a group, building upon these ideas in future years to make the escape rooms, as well as house culture in general, a bigger and better thing, ultimately making it an integral component of school life as we know it at Unley High School.

It is now time to handover the leadership to the newly elected Prefect Team.

Ellie Saies



EXEMPTION FROM SCHOOL PROCESS

Please be aware if planning a holiday where it is necessary for your child to miss school for 4 days or longer, it is a Department for Education requirement that an Application for Exemption from School be submitted and approved by the Principal at least 2 weeks prior to the period of absence.

It is also the responsibility of the student to arrange with their teachers how to ensure any missed school work is completed whilst absent.

Please contact Student Services for the required form.

8394 5400

dl.0797.student.services@schools.sa.edu.au

FINANCE NEWS

The Department for Education outlines the process for schools to determine Materials & Services Charges each year, which complies with Section 129 of the Education and Children's Services Act 2019 and the Materials and Services Charges Instructions. This process is known as the watermark process.

The attached "Notice of the Charge" has been approved by the Department for Education and we invite you to attend our next Governing Council meeting to discuss the proposed charge before it is formally voted upon by Governing Council members for approval.

The Governing Council meeting will be held in the Unley High School STEM area on Tuesday 2 November commencing at 7.00pm. Parents/caregivers are invited to attend to have an opportunity to discuss the fees before the decision is made. If you are unable to attend the Governing Council meeting, parents/caregivers are welcome to express their views in writing, addressed to the Chairperson of Unley High School Governing Council.

Unley High School Governing Council has determined that the 2024 Materials & Services Charge will be \$895 plus subject fees, as attached. If you have any queries in regard to the charge, further information is available from the Business Leader, Yvonne Barlow on 8394 5400 or via email dl.0797.info@schools.sa.edu.au



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Notice of Materials and Services Charges for 2024

Notice of Charges for Years 7 - 12

| HEADING | ITEMS AND SERVICES | COST (\$) |
|---|---|-----------------|
| Printed and electronic materials related to the educational program and which are provided for the student | Workbooks | \$0.00 |
| | Text Book Hire / E-Book Access | \$67.00 |
| | Photocopied Material | \$65.00 |
| | SUBTOTAL (ZPREM) | \$132.00 |
| Stationery items that are provided for the student | Stationery Items | \$0.00 |
| | Other [please Specify] | \$0.00 |
| | Other [please Specify] | \$0.00 |
| | SUBTOTAL (ZSTAT) | \$0.00 |
| Materials and Services that are provided by the school for the student to consume or use the materials or take ownership of a finished article produced by the student with the materials | Access to Student Information Technology | \$278.00 |
| | Access to Machinery | \$0.00 |
| | Access to Equipment | \$55.00 |
| | Curriculum/Subject Supplies and Services | \$395.00 |
| | Other [please Specify] | \$0.00 |
| | Other [please Specify] | \$0.00 |
| | SUBTOTAL (ZACMS) | \$728.00 |
| Materials for inclusion in the school library and to enable use by the student | Library resources including access to borrowing library resources | \$35.00 |
| | SUBTOTAL (ZACLI) | \$35.00 |
| Total Materials and Services Charge (excluding Subject Charges) | | \$895.00 |



Notice of Materials and Services Charges for 2024

Notice of Charges for Years 7 - 12

These subject charges are in addition to the M&S Charge above for those students undertaking the following subjects.

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2023

ALL ABILITIES DAY

Friday 13 October | 1:00pm to 4:00pm

SA Athletics Stadium, Mile End.

Cost Per Athlete: \$25.00



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ADELAIDE CITY JUNIOR GIRLS

COME AND TRY

FREE kick about for girls wanting
to play in 2024

September 7th - October 12th
Every Thursday

Ages 7 - 11 from 6pm to 7pm

Ages 12 - 17 from 7pm to 8pm

Park 19, Unley

*To register your interest, please contact Liz
liz@adelaidecityfootball.club*





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Join our girls cricket teams at Goodwood Cricket Club

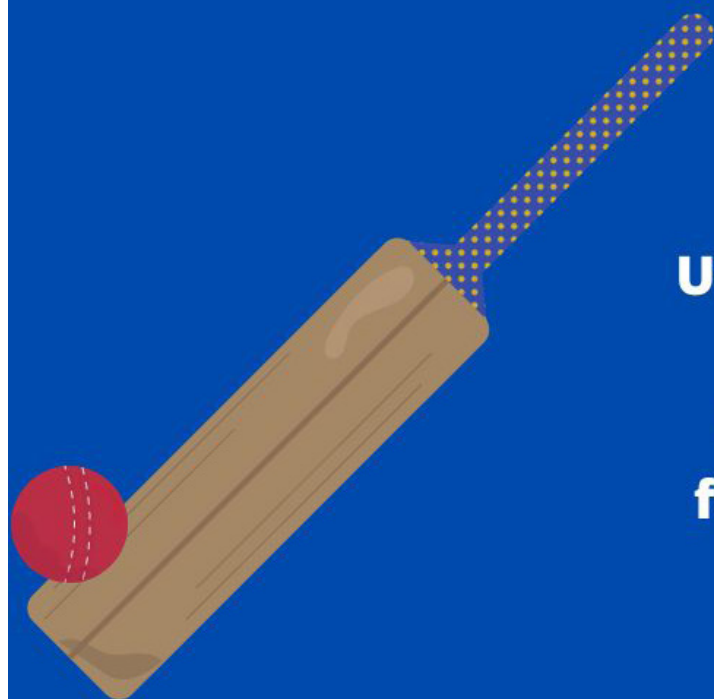
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Diary Dates

Term 4 2023

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| 16 October | First Day Term 4 | 9:00am |
| 23 October | Hellenic Cup Indoor Soccer Tournament | |
| 24 October | New Caledonia Trip Parent Information Night | 6:00pm |
| 28 October | Summit Testing | 12:30pm |
| 30 Oct - 3 Nov | Year 10 Work Experience week | |
| 6 - 16 Nov | Year 12 Exams | |
| 7 Nov | Governing Council meeting | 7:00pm |
| 9 Nov | Summit Interviews | 3:30-6:00pm |
| 14 Nov | Parent Voice meeting | 6:30pm |
| 15 Nov | Year 11 Drama production | 5:00pm |
| 17 Nov | Year 12 Graduation Ceremony | 9:00am |
| 21 Nov | Year 8 TIMMS Testing | |
| 22 Nov | Year 7-11 Awards Ceremony | |
| 28 Nov - 1 Dec | Year 11 Exams | |
| 29 Nov | EIF Tradeshow | |
| 29 Nov | Year 6 Parent Information Evening | 6:00pm |
| 1 Dec | Year 11/12 Visual Arts Exhibition - Gallery One | |
| 1 Dec | Last Day Year 10 & Year 11 | |
| 5 Dec | Governing Council | 7:00pm |
| 7 - 8 Dec | Year 6 Transition Days | |
| 15 Dec | Last Day Term 4 (early dismissal) | 12:30pm |

As part of our ongoing commitment to the environment, all Newsletters are published on our school website. Hard copies are no longer issued to students unless specifically requested.



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Department for Education