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AGSNEWSLETTER

SUMMER TERM 2022



Members of the Eco-Team gardening club relaxing in the urban garden after a spot of weeding....

Welcome to the Summer edition of the AGS Newsletter....And so another school year comes to an end and it certainly feels as though everyone has thoroughly earned a relaxing summer break! We have been so impressed with how students have emerged from the gradually reducing shadow of covid restrictions and associated effects and so many of the activities, visits and enrichment which accompany our core curriculum have come back with a bang, culminating in this very busy summer term. Here is a snapshot.....enjoy.

Mr G Dallas - Editor



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Eco-Schools Green Flag Award 2022

We are pleased to report that we have secured our first ever Green Flag award as part of the Eco-Schools network. Not only is this the culmination of a year-long specific application process for the award, but in general the Eco-Team and its various offshoot have been coordinating projects in school for much longer.

Our garden projects were of particular interest to the Eco-Schools assessors – How we have turned little used pieces of waste ground on our already small site into purposeful areas and how the students have been involved in the planning, building and now maintaining of these sites.

Improvements to our site with initiatives such as mixed recycling bins, spent battery collections, book swap recycling box and global citizenship work such as our charity work in Malawi all led us to our successful Green Flag application for 2022.

We now look forward to progressing further, maintaining and enhancing our Green Flag status and coordinating a new whole-school environmental strategy to ensure our school is as energy efficient and future proof as it can be.



House Competitions 2022

The first complete House programme since 2019 saw keenly fought contests across both trophies throughout the year. Going into the final event of the Brodie trophy (House Athletics) it was a two-horse race between Hampden and Lee.

Hampden won the event and so took home Brodie gold in the overall standings too. A fantastic achievement for Hampden and Mr McGill especially since this is Hampden's first Brodie win since 1998. A dawn of a new era perhaps?

In the Watson trophy it was even tighter as the final few events came to their conclusion. Realistically it was always looking like the winners would come from Phillips, Paterson or Hampden. Ultimately, in similar dramatic fashion and against the historical run of play as with the Brodie competition it was Phillips House who emerged on top by just half a point!

Phillips hadn't lifted the Watson trophy since 2006 – needless to say Mr Goodchild and all the Phillips family were ecstatic with the win and have proved to themselves that they are a more than capable force and perhaps they may now be able to put 'a run together' as they say.

Many thanks to all the Heads of House and their students for a fantastic year of House competitions and we look forward to all that the 2022-23 season will bring!

Want to read more about the history of our House system and browse the results?.....

<https://www.ags.bucks.sch.uk/the-house-system/>

BRODIE TROPHY RESULTS 2021-22



- 1st – **Hampden (42 pts)**
- 2nd – **Lee (38.5 pts)**
- 3rd – **Paterson (31.5 pts)**
- 4th – **Phillips (28.5 pts)**
- 5th – **Denson (24.5 pts)**
- 6th – **Ridley (24 pts)**

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WATSON TROPHY RESULTS 2021-22



- 1st – **Phillips (25.5 pts)**
- 2nd – **Paterson (25pts)**
- 3rd – **Hampden (23 pts)**
- 4th – **Ridley (19.5 pts)**
- 5th – **Lee (18 pts)**
- 6th – **Denson (15 pts)**

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Eco-Team – Looking for donations, can you help??

We would love to decorate our flower garden and in conjunction with our Art department we are looking for donations of metal watering cans which could be turned into a fantastic Art installation.

Any donations of new, or old (that can be easily cleaned up) cans would be gratefully received as would any glass/plastic beads perhaps from lampshades or costume jewelry. Please message Mr Dallas or Mrs Gunter-Jones if you can help – Thank you!

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Cricket

Most cricket reports usually include the theme of bemoaning the changeable British weather with tales of rained off fixtures, but this year definitely bucked that trend. OK, we still lost one or two fixtures to rain but all in all a very full and busy season with a mixture of highs and lows in terms of performances!



The U12 team (pictured left) finished as Bucks Cup runners up, one place better off than the U13s who managed a creditable third place in their respective competition.

The 1st XI enjoyed a mixed season overall but did manage to take the bragging rights in the annual match vs the Old Aylesburians, (pictured below)



AGS History

With the founding of AGS dating back to 1598 clearly a great deal has happened since then! Staff and students come and go and all of us who inhabit these buildings, classrooms and walk the corridors now are simply the current custodians of this great institution we call Aylesbury Grammar School.

For those who would like to find out exactly how we have arrived at this point, we try to highlight some of the interesting periods and moments in our nearly 425 year existence, how the school functions and to this day interacts with the local area and community.

If you would like to see some of what has been unearthed and rediscovered do please head over to our History page on the school website where you will hopefully find some interesting stories and articles from the wider AGS timeline. And, if you ever have a question with a historical context you would like to know the answer to, please get in touch – we always love a challenge!

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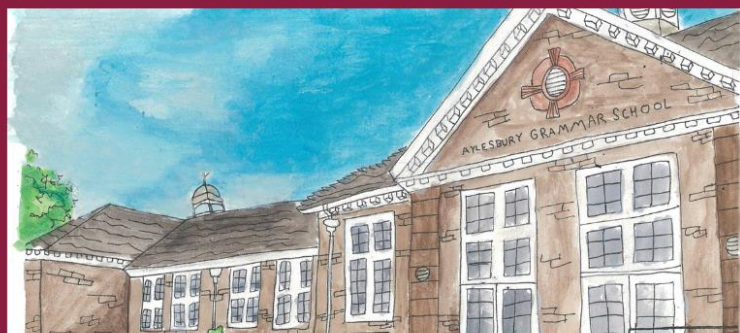


Illustration created by Oliver (Ph12)

Thank you

This has been a year of significant momentum in the AGS Community's engagement and giving, with the completion of our brand new Art, DT & Engineering building, and now donations for our Student Support provision through our Aylesburian Annual Fund, taking us a step closer to achieving our vision of enhancing our current provision. For our students and staff, being able to tap into the expertise and experience of our OAs, Parents and the wider community is an enormous asset, and can have a tremendous impact on our young people's lives.

The engagement and donations we have received has been even more extraordinary considering that much of this support has been following some of the most challenging times that we have faced. It says so much about who we are as a School and a community, and how, collectively, we can achieve and support our students on their journey through AGS and beyond.

Thank you to everyone who has given their time, treasure and expertise. We are all very grateful.



AGS Development

The Aylesburian Annual Fund

Thank you to those parents who continue to support their child's School – the Aylesburian Annual Fund is making a huge impact and it is wonderful that you are motivated to help.

Donations to our School are our lifeblood. They enable us meet essential needs and to enrich the learning and teaching at AGS. They help to make us the School we are today and will enable us to plan refurbishments and improve some of our facilities that are no longer fit for purpose. Contributions can be regular or one-off donations, but given our precarious financial position, absolutely any level of donation makes a significant difference to each and every one of the students and staff at AGS.

We are trying to make supporting AGS as easy as possible as we know everyone is busy. Earlier this week you will have received a mailing from the School's Development Office to remind you to support us if you can. Please read it and click on the links in the email or follow the links below. It really does take just a minute to set up your support.

We hope you can see the benefits of this fund and how the projects they facilitate are an integral part of our fantastic heritage and our future. We have been nurturing character since 1598 and will continue to do so for many years to come, inspiring and enabling our students to flourish throughout their lives.

Please consider supporting us if you can.

Alison Cox, Development Director

How to give...

- Contact the Development Director, Alison Cox acox@ags.bucks.sch.uk Head up your email with TAAF and Just say 'YES' - she will then contact you.
- Go to <https://www.ags.bucks.sch.uk/support-us/the-aylesburian-annual-fund/>
- Scan below to set up a regular donation on our community site (scroll down to donate now)



- Or simply log onto your ParentPay account where there is the opportunity to donate

...Thank you!

Uniform update

Please take note of this significant uniform update for September. This information has previously been emailed directly to all parents/carers and students and is available in the parents' section of the school website:



UNIFORM – FOOTWEAR GUIDANCE

All students Years 7 - 13

School shoes must be plain black and able to be polished (no suede), with no motifs, logos, coloured stitching or reflective areas. Laces should also be plain black.

Please note that black trainers or any kind of canvas shoes are not permitted as uniform shoes; this includes plimsol or Converse-style shoes, in either leather or fabric. Boots are not permitted at all in Years 7-11. Some boot styles are permitted in Years 12/13 – Chelsea boot style or similar close fitting ankle boots as long as they are plain black and able to be polished.

If parents/carers or students are uncertain about any aspect of school footwear they are advised to contact the school before purchasing.

EXAMPLES OF ACCEPTABLE SHOE STYLES



EXAMPLES OF UNACCEPTABLE SHOE STYLES



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Year 8 at the Olympic Park



As part of their Geography studies all our Year 8 students visited the Olympic Park, learning about the infrastructure required to host such a huge series of events and the lasting legacy the 2012 games have left in the area. An added unexpected bonus was bumping into Lord Coe and Denise Lewis who were filming for TV as part of the 10th Anniversary celebrations. We're not sure who was more thrilled to meet who but it was a great photo opportunity all round!



It's been a hugely busy and 'full steam ahead' kind of year but we wouldn't have it or want it any other way! Please do enjoy your well-deserved summer break and we look forward to welcoming everyone back in September.





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