

DAME ALLAN'S Digest



JULY 2017



A welcome from the Principal

The end of the academic year is always a time of celebration, transition and reflection. This has been a successful, exciting and busy year at Dame Allan's and I am pleased to be able to look back on many positives as we break for the summer holiday. It has been an intense exam period for many of our students and I hope they are able to switch off and rest after a year of hard work. I am sure the results days in August will be a huge success and I look forward to celebrating with our students. Of course, those who are waiting for their A Level results will also be leaving us to go on to university, travelling and other adventures. We wish them the best of luck and though they will be missed, I look forward to keeping in touch with them through our Allanian Society. This newsletter comes with thanks for your support over the course of the year, we hope you have an enjoyable summer.



Good sports

This year we enjoyed an excellent Sports Awards Evening at the Newcastle Falcons. The event celebrated the sporting achievements of our students, who work so hard to represent the Schools, county and country in a wide range of sports. Over 250 people attended the dinner which included a talk by Olympic medallist Gail Emms

MBE, it was inspirational for both the students and adults. We were delighted to be able to present a number of awards, including Sportswoman of the Year which went to Ellie Kilner in Year 13 and Sportsman of the Year which went to Sam Aiston in Year 8. The Excellence in Sports awards went to Poppy Chennels for her

success in fencing and Jamie Setch for his contribution to rowing. Photographs are available from www.chrisjgillphotography.co.uk There was a collection for the RVI on the evening, in support of one of our strength and conditioning coaches. If anyone would still like to make a donation you can do so via the Schools' office.



Passed with flying colours

Well done to our Year 13 student Charlotte for passing her bad weather rating pilot exam recently, which enables her to fly in all weathers. Charlotte started flying at the age of 17 having received a gift voucher for a trial flight, by the age of 18 she had passed her

Private Pilot Licence test which allowed her to take passengers during daylight hours and more recently she gained her night rating licence. Charlotte is hoping to study Aerospace Engineering at University and her ultimate goal is to be an Air Crash Investigator.





Play makers

Our Year 5 children had a brilliant opportunity this term to take part in the PlayMaker Award. This initiative offers an introduction into leadership, giving children knowledge of how to organise small games and activities. The award develops leadership skills and helps to build confidence and self-esteem.

Once our children complete the second half of the course they will become qualified PlayMakers and will be able to organise small activities and games under supervision. There are also further opportunities to complete leadership challenges in Year 6 which allows children to become bronze, silver or gold PlayMakers.

Engineering Sophie

Our Junior School pupils were recently invited to enter the Primary Engineer Leaders Award where they were asked to invent something that would improve everyday life.

Five of our children had their designs chosen to go on public display at the Discovery Museum, and Ben and Sophie were awarded trophies for their designs. Well done!



Sophie receiving her award from the Primary Engineers Leaders Awards.

Charlie gets his kicks

Well done to our Year 8 student Charlie who was recently awarded a black belt in Taekwondo. This is a huge achievement for anyone and for Charlie to have been awarded it at just 13 years old is very impressive. Charlie first started Taekwondo, which is a modern martial art best known for its fast, high and spinning kicks, in 2011 and has worked his way up through the belt grades. To pass the test for a black belt Charlie had to take part in a sparring challenge against someone who already had a black belt. Well done – this is a brilliant achievement.



Kiwi squash

Congratulations to Laura Neill in Year 12 who has been selected to represent Ireland in the Junior U19 squash championships. The event is being held in Tauranga, New Zealand, and Laura will be competing in individual and team

events between 19 – 29 July. This is an exceptional achievement for Laura, who also captains the Dame Allan's squash team, and we look forward to hearing about the championship when she returns. Good luck!

Cricket bats!

We are delighted to have a number of students who represent the county in cricket. Anya in Year 8 has done particularly well after being selected for the U13 Northumberland Cricket county tours to Lancashire and Worcestershire. Anya started playing cricket last summer and was quickly put into the

Northumberland Cricket development squad. After a lot of training and strong performances she is now at the top of the batting order and is developing into a very strong fielder. We are delighted that Anya is so passionate about her sport and we are very proud of her success. Well done!

Sports Day

We enjoyed some excellent sports days this half term. The Early Years children took part in a range of activities on the MUGA pitch at the Junior School and Years 3 – 6 held their sports day at the Senior site in Fenham. The activities included the egg and spoon race, the sack race, obstacle courses and the much anticipated tug of war. Unfortunately, the British weather put a bit of a dampener on the Senior sport days, though the girls were still able to take part in some activities inside with the space hopper race a firm favourite!



Fun District

As ever, our Year 5 children enjoyed an excellent trip to Wastwater in the Lake District this term. This annual trip is run to help prepare Year 5 children to take on more responsibilities in

their role as senior pupils in Year 6 at the Junior School. They took part in a number of activities including canoeing, ghyll scrambling and orienteering.



DASPA

As this school year draws to a close, DASPA at the Senior School would like to say a heartfelt thank you to everyone for their continued support which has allowed us to fund some fantastic projects this year. We look forward to an exciting and busy start to next year, with dates already set for both the Christmas Bazaar and our biennial Spring Ball, which we hope will continue to be popular and successful events. Don't forget that you can help the Schools to raise money by booking your holiday or doing your internet shopping via www.giveasyoulive.com. We wish everyone a lovely summer!

DASPA Juniors

DASPA – J had a successful uniform sale for move up day and urgently need new donations of Junior School uniform for our sale in September, any donations would be greatly appreciated. We are also busy organising a 1970s themed Year 6 leavers' disco. Congratulations to Henry Johnson on winning the DASPA-J sponsored Nursery Colouring Competition.

Allanian London Event

Join us for an informal drinks and networking event at UBS Bank, Broadgate, London on 14 September. We are delighted to run the networking event for Allanians living in London and the South East again this year. This

event is always popular and offers the chance to build networks and meet up with old school friends. Tickets are £20 and include a drink and buffet. Tickets are available via the Dame Allan's website.

We were delighted to hold a Woodland Ways event for parents of children in Reception this half term. The children were able to show their parents around the much loved forest classroom and take part in a range of activities. The event signified the children moving up from Early Years into Year 1.

Nature's way

Safeguarding at Dame Allan's

If your child wants to share photos and videos of what they are getting up to in their summer holidays online, talk to them about what types of photos are appropriate to share, and who they are safe to share with. Photos can hold clues that give away personal information.

For example, if they share a selfie of themselves and friends, are there any landmarks or street signs that give away their location? It's also important to remind your child that even if they have been chatting to a friendly person on a site or in a game for a while, if your child

only knows them from being online they are still a stranger and they should not give out any personal details to them. With this in mind there have been further serious concerns around the safety of the Musical.ly app. Recent developments to Snapchat mean the app now has a

snap map feature which is of concern as it allows people who are not friends with a user to find out their exact location. This feature can be switched off via the Snapchat menu. If you are worried about an adult pressuring your child online, you should contact the Police and report it to CEOP.

Looking to the future...

Thursday 6 July – Term ends, 12noon

Thursday 17 August – A Level results

Thursday 24 August – GCSE results

Thursday 7 September – Start of school year

Thursday 14 September – London Alumni

Event, 5.30pm

Wednesday 20 September – Speech Day, 6.30pm The Rt Hon, The Viscount Ridley, DL, FRSL, FMedSci (Senior School closed all day)

Saturday 23 September – Junior School

Open Morning

Tuesday 26 September – Allanian Society AGM

Saturday 30 September – Senior School Open Morning

Saturday 21 October – Allanian 1994 reunion



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