



## Welcome back!

22nd April 2022

The Summer Term is a time that makes everyone in education feel a little bit more at ease. It is amazing the difference some sunshine and warmth can make to our moods – and, of course, the Senior boys can wear shorts if they want to!

We hope that everyone had a recuperative and peaceful Easter break - although I am hearing several reports that some were laid low with 'you know what'.

Hopefully we can leave that behind us .....

Boys from our two oldest year groups toured Barbados. Mr Peyton gives a brief summary of events on the following page – but, I would like to express my personal pride in the boys and staff following the numerous reports I have received concerning their stupendous behaviour and attitude. Bravo to everybody concerned!

The end of the Summer Term involves a series of much anticipated social events, excursions etc – there are also some necessary summative assessments (exams) for most of the boys. We will approach all of the above with enthusiasm and above all, confidence.

Meanwhile, whilst most classes were content with following the generic instruction of 'read lots of books' during the holidays; Mr Morris set Year 4 the task of constructing a model of The Colosseum... Many structures were carefully carried up/down the road to the gate of 188; the transportation of this version made by Jasper was a feat of engineering in itself!



You can see more photos of the boys' work on the last page!



# Tower House School

## BARBADOS TRIP

The pictures give a flavour of what was a fantastic tour all round. The 35 boys who travelled I hope will remember the trip for a lifetime and feel they have experienced something pretty unique.

The compliments that we, as staff, received about the boys from the airport lounge, cabin crew, hotel staff and guests, trip staff and members of the public - and even on the beach - can make us very proud of the strength of what makes THS boys so special.

My thanks to Mr Mullan, Mr Morris and Mr Geary for helping to run things so smoothly but also to the boys for their fabulous company, the laughs, the exemplary behaviour, the good humour in tough conditions, their amazing efforts on the cricket front and finally for constantly keeping us all entertained!

MrP



Thanks to William Thomson in Year 8 who put this amazing video together! Click on the link below to view (password: Barbados)

<https://vimeo.com/702013417>







## PROXIMA UPDATE!

I don't need to tell most families how hard the boys, parents and staff have been working getting our latest feature film filmed and ready for editing. 70% of the scenes are 'in the can' - set in a wide variety of locations far too numerous to mention. However, our young actors were treated to the experience of filming at a truly remarkable set of locations earlier this week. Mr Geary explains below:

Dean Valley Studios (being used by Netflix this week) was the location for our latest two-day filming adventure on Monday and Tuesday. A brilliant dystopian setting, perfect for Proxima!

Usually way, way beyond our budgetary means (being a professional film set) they allocate one budget shoot per year to schools, universities or colleges.

THS was selected for their 2022 budget shoot!

Elke Hojer, who owns the studios, was so impressed with how polite, well-meaning and kind our boys were that she has already given us the opportunity to come back next year as their budget shoot again. I think most the boys know how incredibly lucky they are to have been given the opportunity to film at such a special place.







### Games this term

A reminder again that we are using Sheen Cricket for games this term. Boys may be collected at 3.45pm from the lay-by at the entrance or 4.05pm from school.

Boys may wear PE kit or cricket whites for training and matches (the older boys should have cricket whites) and all protective equipment is provided; boys may bring their own in Year 6 and above if they are playing hard ball cricket. We ask that boys do not wear cricket kit from outside school clubs etc. with different logos (so plain or the school logoed kit please) and that for matches when wearing cricket whites, trainers are predominantly white.

When it comes to matches I will be sending out team sheets via ClarionCall in the same way as last term. Please note that due to the current facilities available most matches are away so please can I, in advance, ask for as much support as possible when it comes to transport and getting boys to and from fixtures. It is only with your help that we are able to give so many boys as many opportunities as possible to play games and so therefore we are very grateful.

### Senior School Clubs Next Week

Please Note that senior school clubs and music ensembles etc. will not start until the week after next (Tuesday 3rd May) due to staff and boys out on residential trips next week. The only exceptions are drama on Monday for Years 4 & 5 and drama on Tuesday for Year 8 which will still run. In addition, touch typing and games club on Thursday for Years 4 & 5 will also go ahead.

### Birthday Treats

It is always wonderful to celebrate one of the boys' birthdays and to bring in a treat for the class. However, can we please remind parents that there is a strict no nut policy in school. This also applies to any products that say "may contain nuts" and this unfortunately applies to Krispy Kremes.

Thank you for your support.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

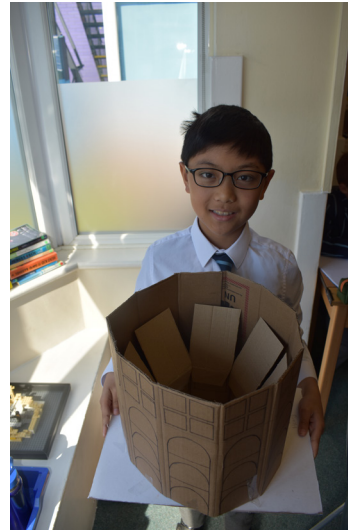
Residentials week for Years 6 and 7

Year 7 - Calshot - Mr Orme, Mr Wolf, Mr Churches

Year 6 - France - Mrs Burnett, Mr Morris, Mrs Adams, Mr Satterthwaite

Mon 25th - Clubs start for the Junior School  
Senior clubs start following week due to trips

Fri 29th - Japanese themed lunch  
- Years 6 and 7 return from residentials



## Have a lovely weekend!

Mr Gregory Evans, Headmaster

