

NEWSLETTER SUMMER 2017



SGS TAKES BRONZE AT THE DRET SUMMER CUP

Students at Skegness Grammar School are celebrating after securing third place at the David Ross Education Trust (DRET) Summer Cup - the biggest event within the network's sporting calendar.

The incredible sporting festival, held at the Grantham Meres Stadium in Lincolnshire, saw over 1,400 students from across the Trust compete in a number of events including athletics, swimming, hockey and table tennis, in a bid to secure the prestigious title.

The spectacular event welcomed a number of sporting stars to inspire and support the students as they represented their academies with pride. The star-studded line-up included the likes of Sir Steve Redgrave, Colin Jackson CBE, Crista Cullen MBE, Goldie Sayers, and Joe Roebuck.

Five-time Olympic gold medallist rower and this year's VIP Special Guest, Sir Steve Redgrave, was impressed with the talent he saw.

He said: "I have seen some outstanding performances and thrilling medal celebrations, but there were also students that were just so proud to compete and be part of this incredible event.

"Getting involved in sport is such an important part of a child's education. From health and wellbeing to developing important communication skills, not only does sport prepare young people for living in a competitive world, but it also plays a vital part in bringing communities together.

"The mutual respect and sportsmanship I have witnessed amongst competitors today has been wonderful to see."

Former Olympic hurdler and BBC commentator, Colin Jackson, also returned to the Summer Cup for the second year as the event's official commentator. Colin was on hand to interview students throughout the day, whilst live footage was aired on the largest TV screen in the UK.

Speaking about his Summer Cup experience, Colin Jackson commented: "It has been so inspiring to see the students really engaging with sport and giving it their all.

"The real camaraderie on show has been very special, and that's exactly what makes sport so great. They have all done a fantastic job of cheering on their team mates and encouraging them to push themselves to the limit and to do their very best."

Heather Scott, Interim Principal at Skegness Grammar School, said: "The Summer Cup is always full of incredible sporting talent and we are so proud to finish in third place.

"Everyone played their part throughout the competition and tried their absolute best.

"The students cannot wait to come back and compete next year."



WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY COMPETITION

To celebrate World Environment Day 2017, we encouraged our students to submit photographs of a treasured spot of nature for a special international photo competition.

After capturing images of stunning local landscapes, wildlife and greenery we are delighted to announce that two of our students were selected as winners.

Seren Ovington was commended for her image of the

sun breaking through the clouds over the beach. Tato Hernandez (featured photo) also took home first prize after submitting a snapshot from the cliffs overlooking the waves.

Heather Scott, Interim Principal, said: "We saw a fantastic range of entries for this competition. The students really enjoyed the opportunity to go outside and breathe in the beauty of nature."

EXPLORING GIBRALTAIR POINT



As part of their A-Level Biology course, a group of Year 12 students have been exploring the incredible landscapes of Gibraltar Point.

Under the guidance of a specialist field instructor, the students sampled the vegetation of the sand dunes and carried out an aquatic survey of the fresh water ponds. Gemma Atkins, Science Teacher, said: "The students were fascinated by what they found and spent hours analysing their data and calculating statistical tests. This will now count towards the practical element of their A-Level."

YEAR 5 TASTER DAYS

It was a pleasure to welcome Year 5 pupils from our local primary schools for a day of science, maths and sport challenges this term.

Amanda Black, Assistant Principal, said: "Our Year 7 transition mentors did an incredible job of showing pupils around and telling them more about life at SGS. It really was a fantastic day, our students rose to the challenge of looking after the primary school pupils and ensuring that they had an enjoyable experience."



NOTTINGHAM CONTEMPORARY ART GALLERY

Some of our budding artists had the chance to join students from across DRET for a visit to Nottingham Contemporary Art Gallery.

The Year 9 and 10 students were invited to the renowned gallery for a guided tour, followed by a range of artist-led workshops to discuss and explore their inspirations.

As part of an exclusive partnership with DRET, the gallery will eventually see student artwork displayed in a public exhibition.

Using a wide variety of artistic techniques such as photography, painting and collages, the students are now working on their own masterpieces for the special event.



DAVID ROSS EDUCATION TRUST INSPIRATION FUND

Raising aspirations, inspiring interests and enabling young people to see the opportunities the world has to offer are at the heart of everything we do at the David Ross Education Trust.

The DRET Inspiration Fund aims to enhance the Trust's enrichment programme, by delivering thousands of new enrichment opportunities for our pupils.

Our students have been taking part in lots of fundraising activities this term, in order to raise as much money as possible for next year's enrichment programme.

To contribute to the DRET Inspiration Fund visit our website to find out more.

ROCK CLIMBING



Year 10 students put their rock climbing skills to the test during a trip to the brand new David Ross Sports Village in Nottingham.

Throughout the two-day visit, a group of 16 students were able to develop their skills and techniques for the practical GCSE PE examinations.

One student said: "It was an incredibly challenging but rewarding two days."

SPORT



TOUR OF TEAM GB HQ

Talented SGS athletes joined students from across the Trust for a day at the Team GB Head Office in London.

As part of the event, students were given an exclusive tour of the organisation, allowing them to find out more about how the British Olympic Association helps elite athletes to prepare for sporting events.

During their visit, three-time javelin Olympian, Goldie Sayers, spoke to the students about her career and provided an insight into life as an athlete.

Alice Page, Sports Enrichment Officer, said: "It was a fantastic opportunity for the students to see what goes on behind the scenes at Team GB HQ."



SGS NETBALLATHON

Sports enthusiasts at Skegness Grammar School recently took part in a sponsored 12-hour netball match to raise money for the DRET Inspiration Fund.

The team worked extremely hard in an effort to beat their fundraising target. Spectators showed incredible support for the players as they cheered the competitors on throughout the event.

Susanna Temp, DRET Secondary Enrichment Co-ordinator, said: "Thank you to all of the students, staff and parents for their incredible support. It was impressive to see the students come together and show such commitment in what was a real test of endurance."



ROWING SUCCESS AT INDOOR ROWING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Year 10 student, James Toynton, took home a bronze medal following an outstanding performance at the National Junior Indoor Rowing Championships.

Held at the Lee Valley Athletics Centre in London, the event brought together secondary school students from across the country to compete in the world's biggest junior indoor rowing competition. James celebrated as he secured third place in the Year 10 Boys' race, and was named in the top eight rowers across DRET.



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