



## Welcome from the Principal

It has been fantastic to get into the swing of things at Padworth for my second term. The students have continued to impress with their eagerness to learn and desire to take advantage of all the opportunities they have. Seeing them learn and question in the classroom, I am able to see how well our teachers support them to achieve, both stretching them at times, but equally providing a secure environment where mistakes can be made, and learning can take place.



We continue to develop our teaching spaces so that we have multiple classrooms where we can harness the vision of our founder, to provide Oxford tutorial style teaching in a school.

I hope you enjoy this newsletter, which gives you a snapshot of the busy life of all at Padworth. The students have certainly been busy, but that is just the way we like it.

I look forward to having the opportunity to meet more of you over the coming months and thank you for your ongoing support.

Best Wishes.

Crispin Dawson  
Principal



**TEAM  
PLAYER**



**KINDNESS**



**SELF-  
DISCIPLINE**



**ENGAGED**



**REFLECTIVE**

## Padworth's Five Virtues

Having spent a lot of the first term listening and talking to lots of people involved in Padworth we have developed some clarity over what Padworth is about:

*We are here to develop outstanding people in a community of belonging, achieving personal excellence.*

We want everyone in our community to develop 5 character virtues:

Team Player, Kindness, Self-Discipline, Engaged and Reflective

We have embedded these into our rewards system and are looking at ways in which we can embed these into our curriculum next year so that our students not only leave us with fantastic grades to take to the next stage in their education, but also leave as a person who can thrive in their future. A Padworth education is so much more than just grades.

## UK Universities Tour - 27 May - 4 June 2023



We are delighted to be hosting our first UK Universities Tour with UK Education Guide, during the May Half Term holiday. The Tour will visit some of the highest ranked and most prestigious universities in the UK, including University of Cambridge, Imperial College London, University of Southampton, University of Reading and St George's, University of London.

The Tour is open to **all** international students enrolled at schools in the UK, who are aged 16+ years. The Tour will highlight opportunities to pursue STEM subjects at undergraduate degree level at these universities, but general information and workshops will also be offered, benefitting all. Above all, the Tour will provide inspiration and insight for students who are now actively investigating their university options for entry in September 2024 and beyond.

For further details, please click here: <https://ukeducationguide.com/uk-universities-tour/>

Alternatively, please contact Mark Jeynes at [mark.jeynes@padworth.com](mailto:mark.jeynes@padworth.com)

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## GCSE Poetry Live - English Literature Trip

Students visited the Hexagon Theatre in Reading to listen to poets read and discuss their poems. Poets such as John Agard and Carol Ann Duffy explored the process of writing, where they got their inspiration from and what issues of life particularly moved them. All the poets seemed to enjoy answering students' questions. It was a privilege to be in such a creative environment and the event also provided practical support for the forthcoming exams!



Events for 2017-18 Poetry Conferences for GCSE students

# gcse poetry live!



Simon Armitage  
Carol Ann Duffy  
Gillian Clarke

Imtiaz Dharker  
John Agard  
Owen Sheers

Grace Nichols  
Daljit Nagra  
Maura Dooley

Sports Update

Padworth College Football Club had a busy half-term with two matches against Bradfield College. After weeks of training and with confidence high, the team accepted a challenge from Bradfield. The match started well with some great possession football being played. The Padworth team were able to hold on to and pass the ball around. Konrad, in the Padworth goal, made some excellent saves to keep the home team out and then Raiymbek capped off a fine Padworth move with a shot from 25 yards nestling nicely into the bottom corner. 1-0 Padworth.

The game was a battle of the midfields with Yousef dominating possession for Padworth College and orchestrating some lovely moves. Charlie, strong in the Padworth defence, quashed any of the opposing team's attacks. Padworth looked sharp and some crisp moves could have been rounded off to put the first half to bed. However, 40 minutes into the game the weather took a turn and the blue skies darkened leading to a near apocalyptic downpour which quickly flooded the pitch and introduced many of the Padworth team to hail stones. With the half time whistle being blown, the Padworth team took shelter from the storm, however the referee decided that the pitch was too wet to continue the game and the match was postponed.

With the weather much nicer, the repeat fixture started in a similar fashion with the Padworth boys playing some fantastic football. Unfortunately, Bradfield found the net first with a well-timed run from the striker to beat the back line and finish the move, beating the heroic Konrad at the far post. Dickson was able to drag the Padworth team back in to the match when he broke into the penalty area and finished with aplomb. Padworth nearly took the lead with another explosive run from Dickson which saw him brought down by the keeper and the referee award a penalty to Padworth. Dickson, as captain, stepped up to the mark but the keeper was equal to it and saved well. Bradfield were able to capitalise on the inexperience of the Padworth team and scored a few more to take home the victory, but the Padworth team left with their heads held high for what was a fantastic performance.

The Padworth team is made up of players of various ages and footballing backgrounds. For many of the team, this was their first 11-a-side match. They can take pride in their performance as they worked together as a team and showed excellent character and resilience. The team continues to train every Thursday night and are hoping to build on their current

achievements. Well done to all the players and staff, and a big thank you to Bradfield College for hosting us and their warm hospitality.





## Theatre Trip - To Kill A Mockingbird

At the start of the Spring Term, the Year 10s and Year 11s went to the Gielgud Theatre for a modern interpretation of the Pulitzer Prize winning classic by Harper Lee. There were captivating and sensitive performances which at times moved the audience to tears, whilst the staging was excellent. The play's exploration of the effects of racism and prejudice provided ample material for in-class discussion. For those students who were studying the novel, comparing the adaption and the original, created further insight into the themes and characterisation.



## Trips and Excursions - Highlights

We have had a busy schedule of weekend trips and excursions and extra-curricular activities on campus. Highlights have included a trip to Harry Potter World, 10-pin bowling, indoor climbing and a day in the wilderness, where students were able to learn some bushcraft skills.

Meanwhile, on campus, we have enjoyed some fabulous pancakes on Shrove Tuesday, plus our very own Valentine's Day Party!







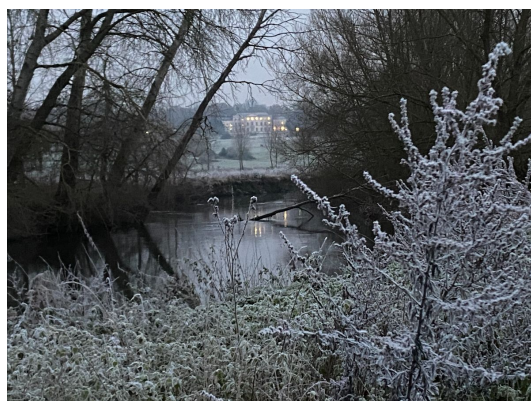




## Availability for Summer Term, 2022/23 Academic Year

We still have a limited number of places available on our Pre-Sessional Programme, commencing April 2023. Our Pre-Sessional Programme consists of intensive English language tuition and study skills support for international students who need to improve their English before enrolling on our GCSE, A Level and NCUK International Foundation Year courses. The Summer Term commences on Monday 24 April 2023. For further details, please contact Clare McNally, Registrar at [admissions@padworth.com](mailto:admissions@padworth.com)

And finally ... some images from Padworth in  
the winter months





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