



Welcome from the Principal

It has been a wonderful first year for me at Padworth. There have been so many highlights, from low key conversations with students who have a smile on their face and the confidence to take the next step forward, to bigger events like Speech Day in June when we had a full marquee of students, parents and guardians to celebrate everything that is Padworth. Awarding prizes to a large number of students who have impressed their teachers is a huge privilege, and the award winners who have given so much to the College were particular highlights.



Particular praise must go to our Head Girl, Fareedah, who was the recipient of the most prestigious Principal's Award. In my speech I encouraged all of our students to aim high and to head off into the world and make a difference. They will always belong to the Padworth community and we will always be here for them.

None of this would be possible without our wonderful staff, both teaching and administrative. Every single one of them wants to help our students develop and grow as people and as students. I have been very impressed by all our teachers, and as our student numbers increase we have been fortunate to bring in some further outstanding teachers to add to the quality teaching that Padworth is able to provide.

I know all of the students and staff will enjoy the rest over summer, but I am already looking forward to next year when I know Padworth will continue to develop. We have exciting plans for how we will be developing what happens in the classroom and how our students will be even better prepared to thrive at university and beyond. I thank you all for your support for Padworth over this year and look forward to working with you in the future.

Best Wishes.

Crispin Dawson
Principal

Summer Ball

At the end of May, our students had a wonderful evening at the annual Summer Ball.

The Ball provided an opportunity to reflect on the past year and celebrate all of the achievements and successes of our students. It also gave us a chance to say goodbye to our Year 13 A Level and NCUK students.

We had an amazing dinner, cooked by Raf and his kitchen team, followed by an evening of entertainment. Overall, a wonderful time was had by all!





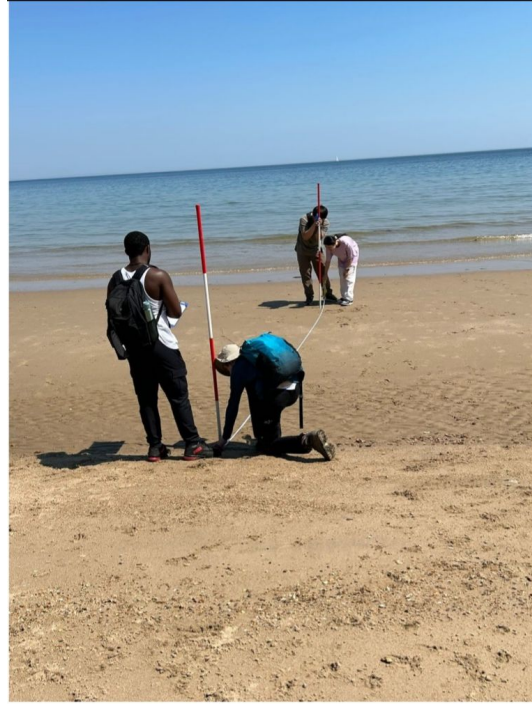
Geography Field Trip



This term the Year 10 Geography students travelled from Padworth College to Swanage Bay on the Jurassic Coast to complete their GCSE Geography Fieldwork Investigation. Prior to the trip, students spent time developing fieldwork skills and planning their projects.

It was a hot and sunny day, but despite the heat, the students all worked incredibly hard and managed to collect a brilliant set of data. The trip to Swanage Bay provided an excellent opportunity for students to connect the

coastal environments topic to the wider world and see the theory learnt in the classroom brought to life.



Art Show

Padworth students and staff enjoyed seeing all the creative ideas on display at the GCSE Art Show. We were fortunate to have a lovely sunny day and the creamed teas were delicious.

Parents, relatives and guardians were also able to view all the art work on display a few days later during Speech Day, and see how hard the students have worked. Well done to all of our artists!



*You are invited to
Padworth College Art Show
on Friday 9th June
at 2:30 pm in the Art Room*

The PadCol MedSoc Congratulates Students

At Padworth College we have a student-led Medical Society. Members elect a President (Dickson) and Vice-President (Ekaterina), as well as suitable candidates for other key positions, decided by the cohort. This is a friendly, mutually supportive society that encourages students to strive to

meet their goals in medically (including veterinary) related careers.

During the course of the year, members of MedSoc have practiced for UCAT tests and discussed UCAT test techniques, as well as prepared and presented, a medically related whole school assembly. Within MedSoc meetings, students have had discussions about scientific and sociological challenges relating to Medicine and the NHS. They have also had online careers discussions with four hospital consultants employed in different disciplines ranging from Anaesthetists to ENT and ophthalmic surgeons.

Two 'in person' lectures were given by visitors to Padworth College. The first by Philippa Francis-West who is Professor of Developmental and Cell Biology at King's College London and the second by a Cardiff University Biosciences BSc and Masters graduate about alternative routes to Medical School and the challenges of student life.

Those students who secured interviews for Medical School, benefitted from mock interviews (with doctors, teachers and peers) and practice role plays for mock Multi Mini Interviews. These proved to be a lot of fun and very useful to all concerned.

Overall, the Medical Society had a very successful year and would like to congratulate both Chiamaka and Mary Jane, who were offered places to study Medicine at university and to several other students, for securing offers of places to study Nursing and Biomedical Sciences.



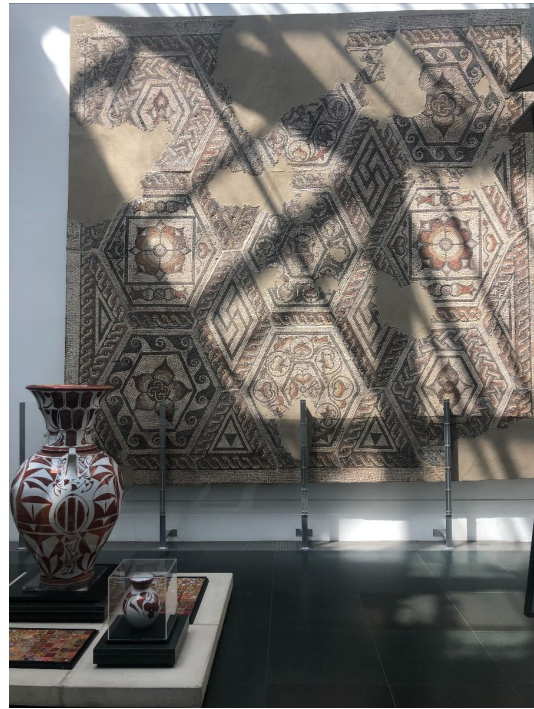
Out and About - Reading Museum

Year 10 and Pre-Sessional students ventured into Reading for the day of the Summer solstice (Wednesday 21 June). We travelled by train and visited Reading Museum first.

The museum curator showed us around and talked in detail about the Bayeux Tapestry, one of the world's most famous pieces of medieval art. It is 70 metres long, and chronicles the legendary tale of the Norman conquest of England, when William the Conqueror invaded and defeated King Harold in 1066. The version of the Tapestry on display was copied from photographs of the original (which is displayed in France) during the reign of Queen Victoria. We spent another hour in the museum viewing displays of abstract art and learning about Reading's Roman past in neighbouring Silchester.

Students were then treated to a walking tour of the town taking in the significant landmarks including The Forbury and Abbey Ruins and Banksy's famous mural - reportedly worth £10 million - on the wall of Reading prison, finishing in Forbury gardens with a picnic. We then returned to the station for the quick journey back to Padworth by train.





News from the English Department

This term our focus has been squarely on the exams. In early May, Year 11 sat the English Literature IGCSE examination. This year, was the first year since the pandemic that a full paper was set. The students were well prepared and emerged from the exam feeling confident. In early June, both English language papers were taken. The first paper a gruelling 2 ¼ hours long! The second paper a shorter 1 ½ hours. The students had worked hard and had the great satisfaction of seeing their hard work pay off. On Speech Day, English prizes were given to students in both Year 10 and 11 because of the high calibre of the work and choosing which students to award prizes to was difficult because of the all-round excellent, hardworking and mature attitude within these year groups.

Young Teachers at Padworth

In a new feature in our termly newsletters, we would like to introduce two of the newer members of our staff - **Lucy Ball** and **Joe Mattocks**.

After graduating from Durham University in Geography, Lucy spent a year working at Sanyu Babies' Home in Kampala, Uganda. Upon her return, Lucy joined the boarding team at Padworth College. A vacancy arose in our Geography department and Lucy stepped easily into this role becoming a residential teacher in training here, with boarding responsibilities.



Padworth College has supported Lucy to gain her PGCE, which she has now finished, attaining Distinction level on every facet of her qualification. In addition to being recognised by her students and staff mentors as an outstanding teacher, Lucy also immerses herself in every aspect of college life and notably, there is always laughter coming from the boarding houses when Lucy is on duty. In her social life, Lucy is an avid hockey player and plays regular matches at weekends for her local team. She brings her sporting prowess to Padworth and supervises P.E. sessions of Hockey, Basketball, Badminton and Volleyball, as well as supervising use of the Padworth Gym by students. Lucy has continued to maintain her connection with Uganda, spending her Christmas break volunteering and she will be returning for 6 weeks this summer. We hope that students from Padworth will have the opportunity to volunteer at Sanyu Babies' Home in future years.

The photograph shows Lucy at Swanage Bay on the Geography Field Trip in June 2023.



Joe graduated from the University of Southampton with a degree in Biology in 2016. He then took a Masters' degree in Agrobiolgy at Aarhus University in Denmark. His early teaching experience was gained in Bucharest in Romania where he taught IGCSE Science.

Joe came to Padworth College this year and is supported here as an early career teacher. Our students have benefitted from his expertise in Biology, Chemistry and Physics.

Joe is a popular teacher who delivers engaging lessons and always tries to include practical science experiments to support the theory whenever possible. Our Padworth students love his good nature, humour and readily seek Joe out for additional help when they needed. This year Joe ran an extra-curricular book club and studied some interesting literature with students. Joe is a cat lover and rescued a cat when working in Romania. He called his cat 'Vasilica' which translates to 'Basil' in English. Joe is a cyclist and commutes frequently from Reading to Padworth on his bicycle.

The images below show Joe with his bicycle which has Vasilica sitting in the basket strapped to the back (Spring 2023).

Availability for Autumn Term 2023

We still have a limited number of places available on all of our academic and pre-sessional programmes, commencing September 2023. The Autumn Term commences on Monday 4 September 2023. For further details, please contact Clare McNally, Registrar at admissions@padworth.com

And finally ... some images from the recent Art Show





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