

SIXTH FORM ARTICLE – Written by Clive and Annabella our Head Boy and Girl

Since September we have had three charity days Botolph, Avilla and Edmund - all of which have been a great success! Students have really got on board with raising money, with events like a COVID secure Bake Sale and a whole school Raffle Competition. As well as our beloved House Captains helping to manage it all. It's great to see students in every year group taking part and doing their bit. So, a massive THANK YOU to all the students and parents for their continued generosity and support!

The Sixth Form Instagram Takeover Day is a new addition to the Sixth Form, managed by some of our students, shout out to Emily, Georgia and Anangan for taking charge of the Instagram story and posting pictures of their Sixth Form day. We hope that this can give prospective students an insight into what being a Sixth Former at St Alban's is like. With positive responses from both staff and students, we have decided to make it a regular initiative to help promote the school's Sixth Form - so be sure to follow the school's Instagram page to keep updated! (@stalbanhigh_ipswich)



In Year 12 the students have started to think about university applications and the types of things they can get involved in now – to better prepare themselves for next year. They have had a presentation on personal statements, a workshop lead by the University of East Anglia and a session presented by former student Sam, who is currently studying for a Masters at the University of Oxford. Others have attended workshops about applying for creative subjects at university as well as teaching – presented by former student Molly. There is also a big focus on future careers, with a number of students taking part in the new Career Ready programme – an exciting scheme which partners students with industry mentors. These sessions have really helped the year 12 students gain a clearer understanding of university applications and their future plans.

This term, our Sixth Form has been busy organising events for Black History Month. Some of our Sixth Formers hosted and took part in a privilege race to help develop and raise awareness of the privileges that they may possess - a great way to encourage conversation about diversity and inclusion. This alongside a display, focussing on the impact of influential black figures was part of our efforts to celebrate Black History.

We would also like to say a big thank you to all the Sixth Formers who helped contribute with organising and putting up the Leadership Roles boards in our Sixth form block!



Finally, we as the Sixth Form Council felt that we should do more events - to have fun and to just bring Year 12 and 13, closer together. And so, this half term has been packed with activities such as 'Cake and Colouring', 'The Great Debate' and 'Brilliant Board Games'. We've also been getting into the festive spirit, giving the whole of the Sixth Form a 'Christmas Glow Up' – with tinsel, lights and ornaments. It looks amazing and that's thanks to the efforts of students from both year groups – special thanks to our Deputy Head Charlotte for leading it all! With the upcoming, 'Christmas Jumper day', 'Wreath Making' and 'Christmas Window Challenge' we are certainly enjoying the holiday season.

All in all, it has been a great term especially considering the difficulties we have faced. We hope everyone stays safe and has a lovely break, Happy Christmas!

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