



SGS BOARDING

The Boarding Review

Wow, what a start to the year. You have all settled in so well and it has been great watching you get involved in all of the opportunities that SGS Boarding has to offer. When I look through this booklet, I am reminded of just how much we have had going on this half term and how much you have already achieved. Over the Summer, last year's boarders benefitted from SGS students achieving record results for us as a school. This is not an accident or coincidence, but a result of a tireless pursuit towards excellence - from both dedicated staff and ambitious students. In our Welcome Ceremony at St Andrew and St Cuthman's Church in September, I stood in front of you all and spoke about the importance of opting in and having high aspirations for yourself. Aspirations that the team at SGS will support you to achieve. My challenge to you was simple:

Don't wait for opportunities to come to you. Look for them. And when they come, be brave enough to take them.

Have high aspirations. And I mean genuinely high aspirations. Do not set your ambitions according to what you think you are *supposed* to achieve. Don't make your goals smaller because you are worried about failing. Don't convince yourself that something is "not for people like me."

Be unapologetically ambitious. Dream big.

Daniel Bridle, Director of Boarding.



Getting To Know Each Other

Our new Year 12 students arrived first and got to know each other a little with a few activities including the classic spaghetti and marshmallow tower.



It was great to see our new students mixing. Ironically, they couldn't seem to unmix themselves having linked hands in a human tangle.

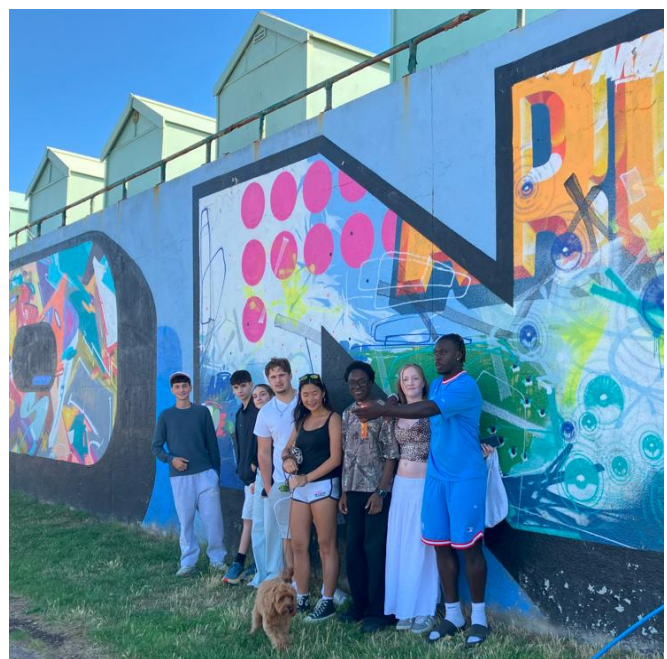
It was a great first day and they all seemed to settle into their new rooms quickly with some early friendships made.



We Do Like To Be Beside The Seaside



Our new Year 10 and 12 students went to Hove, near Brighton, to visit the Lagoon Fest. Hove Lagoon is a shallow area specialising in motor-pulled waterskiing. Every year they run a small festival with activities, food and drink.



Plant Companions

Boarding students were invited to create their own pot plants for their rooms under the watchful eye of Mrs Oliver. Hopefully these will flourish and provide a green and natural touch on their desks or windowsills.



Exploring Brighton



At the start of each year Boarding students are taken to Brighton to explore the city. Brighton is great for shops as well as being a tourist trap. This means that students get the best of both worlds, exploring the famous Lanes, scoping out the shops and also locating the train station with its direct links to London.

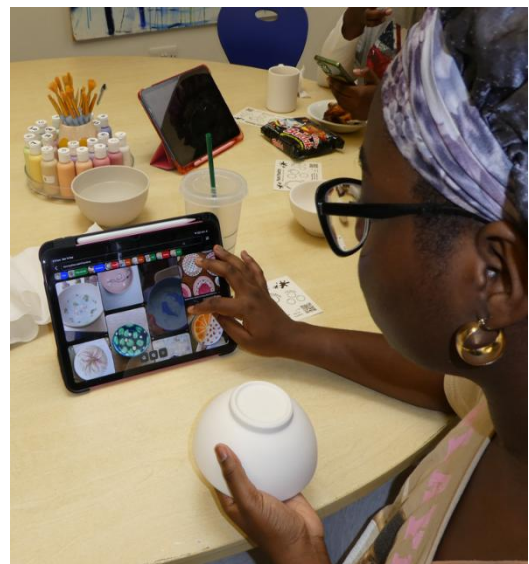


We had fine weather and, at the end of the day, it was pizza time at Al Duomo's pizza restaurant before returning home.



Pottery Painting

Pottery painting has proved incredibly popular in the past and this year was no exception. Boarders chose from a number of bisque fired shapes to decorate. Pen holders, bowls and mugs were by far the most popular.

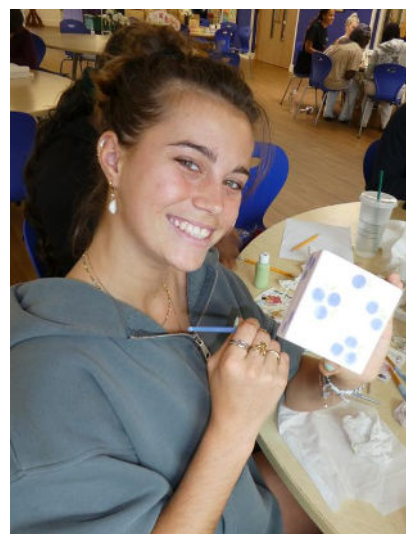


There was a choice of over 20 coloured liquid pigments to use which, when glazed and fired, would produce some



vibrant colours. Some made their own designs whilst others trawled the internet for inspiration.

As the session continued it was clear that we had some talented artists in the group with designs ranging from geometric to animals and plants in form.



Boards are eagerly awaiting the finished glazed pottery which will be fired and ready in in two weeks.



Church Welcome Service

Upon the return of all of our students we walked over the road for our welcome service at St Andrew & St Cuthman church. This is our local parish church and a place of worship has been on this site for well over a thousand years. You can look up the story of St Cuthman if you are interested. It is well worth a read.



The message was given by Rev Neill Stannard with a short introduction from our new Director of Boarding, Mr Daniel Bridle. Our student leadership team gave the readings and prayers.





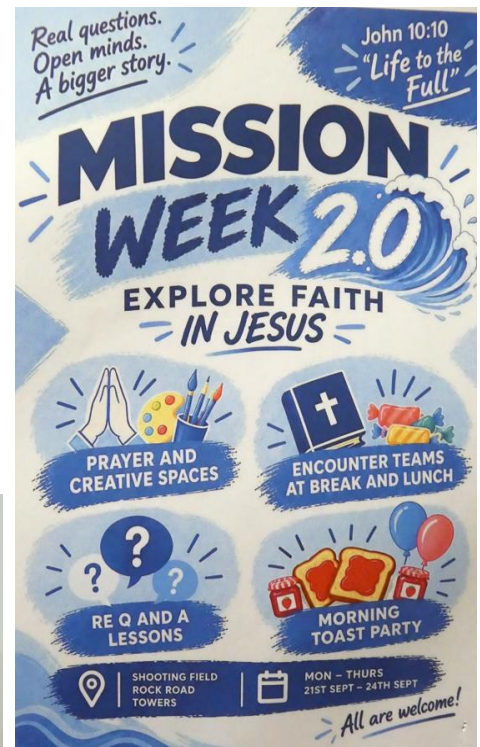
Pamper Night

Boarding students tried various pamper and makeup skills including nail varnish, face masks and self-adhesive gemstones. The results were surprisingly effective.



Mission Week

The members of the school chaplaincy team running Mission Week came to Boarding one evening for a crafting session. Students made bracelets, bookmarks and place mats with prayer and Bible text themes.



Thorpe Park

The Friday INSET day was spent at Thorpe Park by our Boarding students. The secret of getting a lot of rides in is to stay until the 5pm closing time as most people on coach trips leave an hour before this.



Hyperia



Stealth



THE SWARM





The rollercoasters were popular but some preferred pitting their driving skills against each other on the bumper cars.



Pizza Making

One of the most popular activities in boarding is pizza making. Each student starts off with some dough mix and, after washing their hands, begins the messy process of making their pizza base. Some bases are nicely rolled and thin whilst others... After the tomato base and cheese, the toppings are piled on.

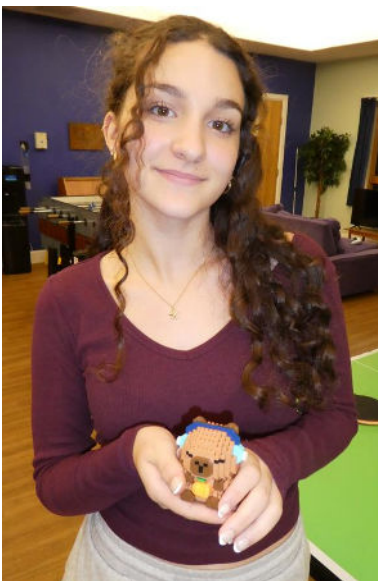




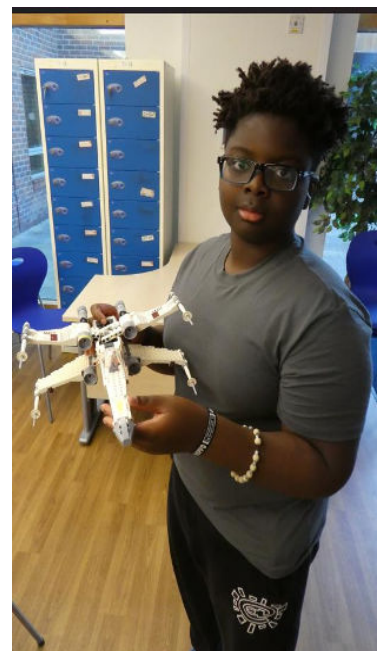


Model Club - Lego

On Monday afternoons students meet for model club. This term it's Lego style models. The first week started with small and simple "microbrick" kits.



After week one the models get a lot more serious! Two students teamed up to build the Millenium Falcon whilst Odein, a veteran from last year, took on the X-Wing. Jara began a street scene made up of four minions based kits.



Tie-Dye and Crafting

Boarding students love to make tie-dye t-shirts and the balmy October weather gave the perfect opportunity as this is very much an outdoor activity.



Meanwhile, indoors, there were bracelets and feathered dreamcatchers being made, with a little Origami folding on the side as well.



Boarding Birthdays

It's quite hard for students to be away for their birthday, particularly their 18th. In Boarding we decorate their doors and have a gathering with a cake, often sent by parents, and balloons.



The lemon cake was a specially ordered gluten free one so that all of our students could join in the celebration.



Go Flip

Mrs Hammond took all of our boarders to “Flip Out” in Chichester. This is a trampoline park with a variety of bounce-based activities and was thoroughly enjoyed by our students.



Finished Pottery



Halloween

Celebrations for Halloween were a week early in Boarding due to the half-term holidays. Activities included pumpkin carving and a variety of games.





Activities included “Pumpkin-Pong”, apple bobbing and Mummy wrapping. There was a competition for the best carving which was won by Jara.



Bingo

Bingo is an ever-popular game in Boarding. Prizes are given, cumulatively, for one line, then two and finally for a full house. In a tie the first person to call out “Bingo!” wins. In this game the prizes increased with each new round making it very competitive.

