

THIS WEEK AT ST FAITH'S

6th May 2022

I would like to begin by commending our Year 7 pupils, who completed their exams this week, throughout having shown impressive diligence and application. Following on from Spanish assessments sat last week, this week the pupils sat written papers across a range of subjects. Not only do these assessments allow the children to assimilate all they have learned this year, but they also help to develop exam technique, which is an important part of preparation for senior school and beyond. Congratulations to all Year 7 pupils for demonstrating such maturity and dedication in their studies.

Independent Research Projects

As our Year 8 pupils look forward to joining their senior schools in September, they continue to embrace the St Faith's Learning Habits in their classes, including Independence, Curiosity and Creativity. By way of example of how these skills are developed further, in Humanities pupils have been set an essay project to explore independently an issue related to China. The diverse array of topics under investigation have included 'How has Artificial Intelligence developed in China' and 'Why is Taiwan a Disputed Region?'

The first groups have submitted work of an exceptionally high standard and many of the children commented on how much the project had challenged them in a positive way, particularly developing new skills of research. We are looking forward to the second group of pupils completing their projects after half-term.

You can find a copy of the St Faith's Learning Habits [on the school website](#).

In the Classrooms

Year 2 pupils have been very busy this week, learning all about directions in their Mathematics lessons and exploring adjectives in English. They have also been learning about rhythm and dynamics in Music, whilst our Year 6 pupils have been investigating the origins of rap and beat Music. In the Science laboratories, Year 5 children have been busy continuing their work with acids and alkalis, as well as practising making conversions between fractions, decimals and percentages in Mathematics.

Digital Photography in The Botanic Garden



Making the most of the early summer weather, Year 8 pupils visited The Cambridge University Botanic Garden on Tuesday afternoon. We are very fortunate to have this fascinating place so close to our school. The trip provided an opportunity for the group to view the 'International Garden Photographer of the Year Exhibition' and to be inspired to explore similar themes, working with digital photography. Our Year 8s also had the opportunity to tour the garden and glass-houses and to work on some botanic art there, as well as back in the Art room in follow-up lessons.