



From the  
Headmaster

## National Poetry Day 2022

**This year's National Poetry Day** theme is 'The Environment'. Inspired by this, 8B wrote their own poems, using innovative and powerful language, to reflect their views on the world's changing environment.



**This week, boys'** learning has been inspired by innovative and creative interactions with the world around us. We have enjoyed highly successful musical and sporting performances, with some impressive victories. Our senior boys contributed to National Poetry Day, crafting and performing imaginative poems inspired by Maya Angelou and the environment.

Teachers and older boys celebrated neurodiversity and learnt about tolerance and respect for all types of learners in our community. I am proud of the inclusive, empathetic atmosphere at St John's, and am grateful for the ongoing learning opportunities in this important area.

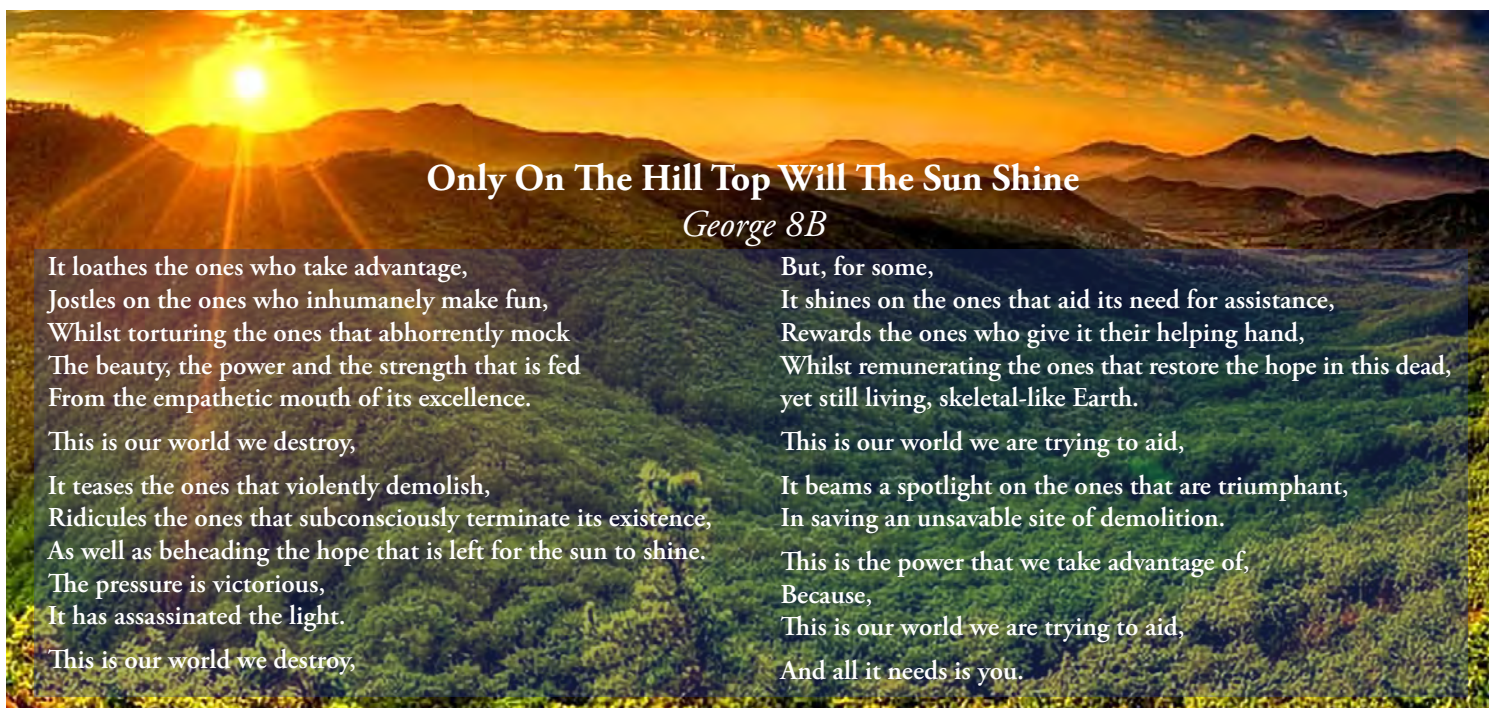
Elsewhere, boys learnt through plenty of role playing and games, bringing to life a diverse range of topics from Goldilocks to money to mathematical probability! Drama workshops for Year 5s encouraged empathy for others, and our Juniors have been investigating bugs! We encourage all families to talk about innovation and creativity in the world around us – a topic we will continue with next week.

*T Jenkins*



## National Poetry Day 2022 cont...

**The boys presented** their work in a thought-provoking assembly. Mr Lawrence, our school Eco leader, thanked them, saying “Your poetry is a really effective way of conveying the important message about changing our world for the better.” He welcomed all boys to come along to Eco Club on Friday lunchtime and to share their ideas with the Eco Council reps. You can read more of 8B’s poems about the environment [at this link](#).





## Year 6 have been exploring probability



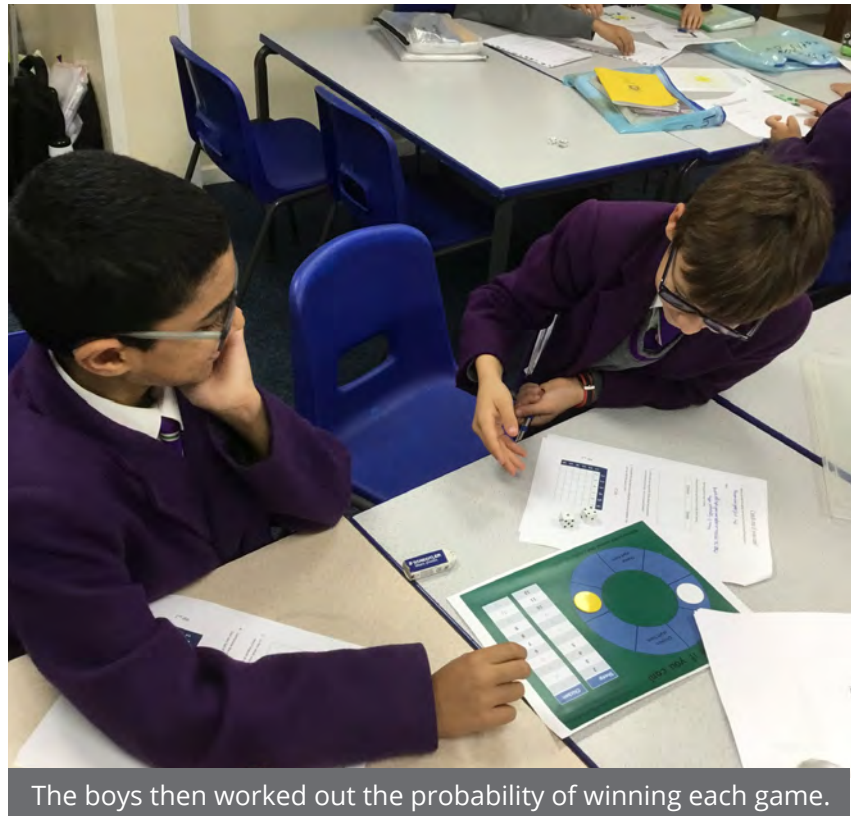
The boys enjoyed playing maths games



But it wasn't just good fun



Each game was skewed to favour one player



The boys then worked out the probability of winning each game.



## Neurodiversity and Mental Health

**This week, our** Year 3 to 8 boys were very lucky to have a visit from Sam Garner, a Mental Health and Inclusion Consultant. Sam gave an engaging talk on Neurodiversity covering learning differences such as ADHD, Autism, Dyslexia and Anxiety. The boys were shown short videos on how these learning differences affect our everyday lives and the strategies that we can use to help us especially, at school.



## Innovative presentation

**Mihir in 8B** presented his Earth in Space summer project in a very innovative way, creating a display which features all the answers to the assignment questions.





# Using drama to see history through fresh eyes

Year 5 enjoyed an English and Drama workshop led by Mrs Long during which they explored situations and emotions beyond their direct experience, described in the historical novel "Street Child" by Berlie Doherty





# More things going on around the School



Gardening club are working as a team



Making shapes in Reception



Lining up for a fanfare



A different approach in Senior Choir



# Learning about families in the Nursery

The Lambs have been learning about families. They listened to the story of 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears.' They got into character being Daddy bear, Mummy bear, Baby bear and thoroughly enjoyed acting out the story.





Reception have been exploring the forest



“ Digging for rocks is fun ”

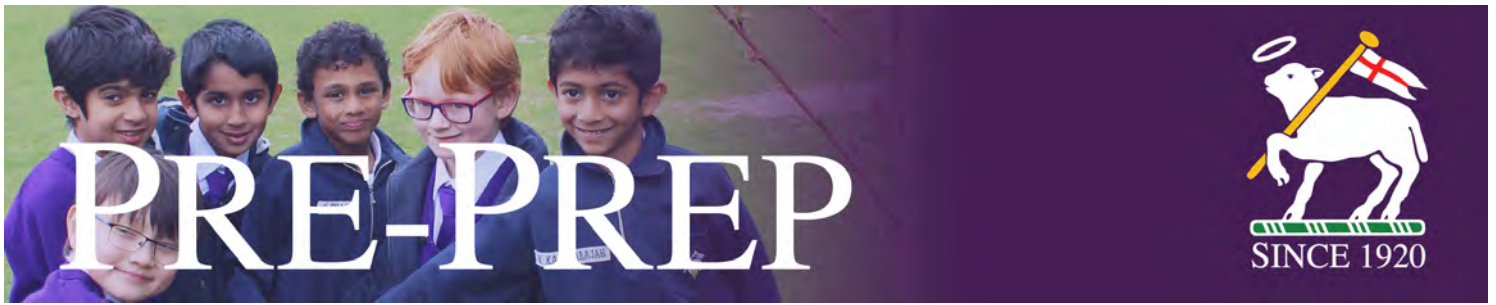


“ We love digging in the forest ”



“ We made a fire. I can smell smoke ”





## Year 1 say: "Show us the money"

**This week the** Otters and Owls have started a Maths topic about 'money'. It has been a good chance to practise number skills in a new way!





Year 3 have been learning to cross the road





## Year 4 are fascinated by bugs

**Year 4** have been looking at bugs this week as part of their study of invertebrates. 'Are they real?' asked one small boy. 'They're horrible,' said another. Fortunately, both classes bravely made notes on the array of insects and arachnids put in front of them. Unlike the bugs, Year 4 demonstrated real backbone and settled to the task in hand with enthusiasm.



# MUSIC



## Starting our musical journeys



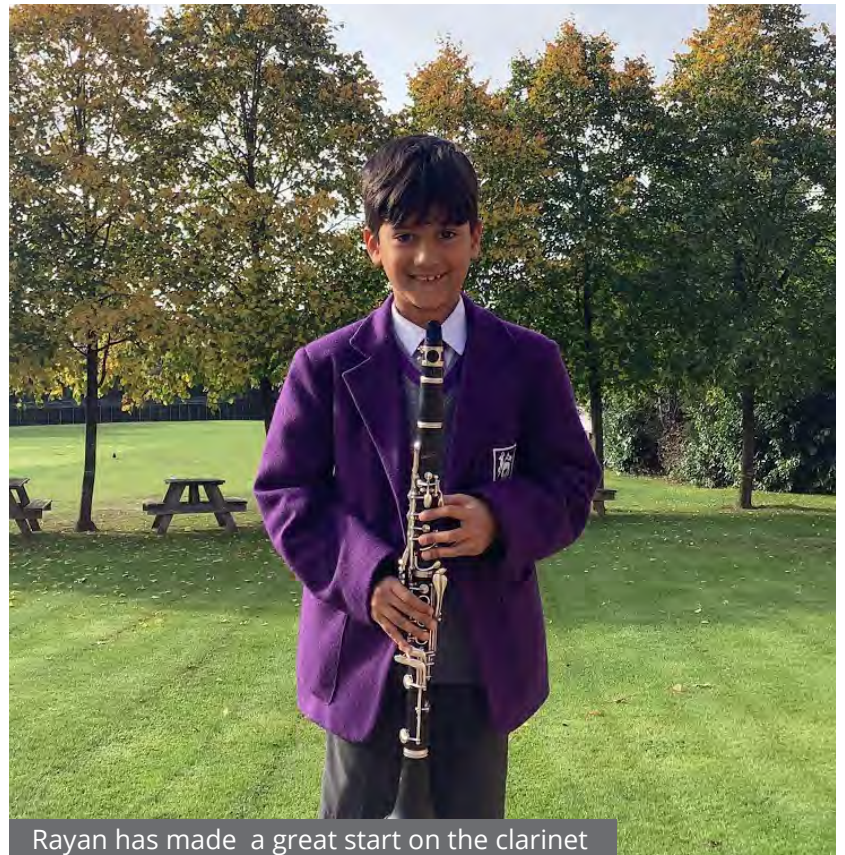
Aaran was introduced to the curved-head flute



Super sax work from Vivek



Bhagat is starting with pizzicato



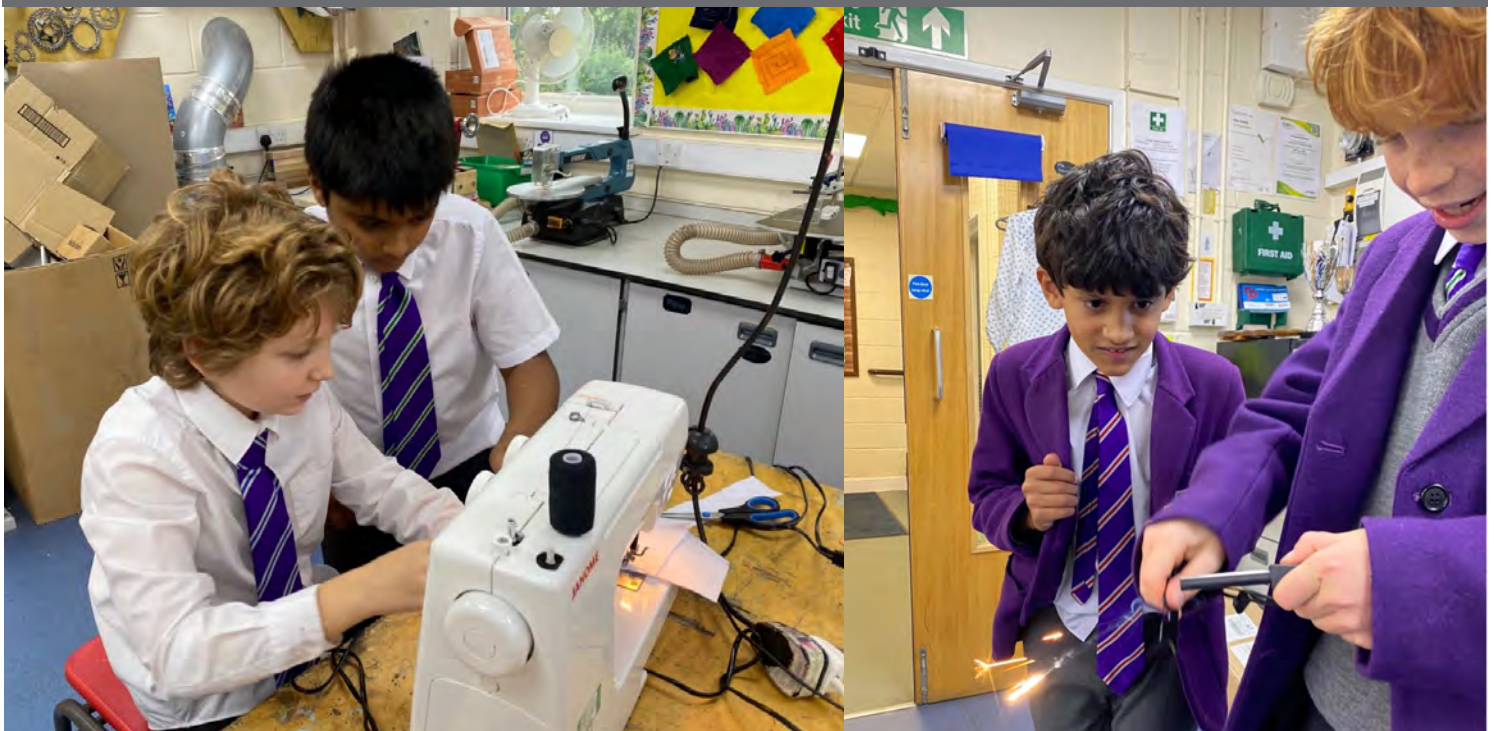
Rayan has made a great start on the clarinet



# Full range of tools being used this week



Year 3 are designing Minecraft pictures and testing out their measuring



Dhilan and Theo - getting by with a little help from a friend

Oliver and Luca making sparks from flint and steel



Wow! Seeing the laser cutter for the first time!



Abbas and Raphael in creative happiness



*“I am drilling a hole in a piece of wood”*



*“I loved chiselling for the first time”*



*“The bandfacer is great for trimming wood”*



## The U13s met Thorpe House



### U13A

Win 40-0 win

Try scorers: Shane x5 Kabir x1 Rafi x1 Alistair x1

"I'm really happy with the team's performance. We all stepped

up from last week and came away with a great win. It was great to see other players pushing for positions. This only improves our performance. I am loving the journey the team are on this season." Shane, Rugby Captain



## The U13s vs Thorpe House



**U13B**  
Won 5-1

On a damp day for rugby, the U13B team played Thorpe House. The boys played really well, showing much more physicality and scored some really good tries. Man of the match was Kush for his hat-trick of tries. Roshan and Kian P both also played really well



# SPORT



## Our U12As met Thorpe House



### U12A

Won 30 – 0

Tries from Leo 2, Freddie 1, Gen 2, Thomas 1

A very open game with both sides playing attacking rugby. We took our chances and that was the difference between the two sides.



# ST JOHN'S SCHOOL

# OPEN MORNING

Come and visit us on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October, 2022. Register online via the website. Tours depart at 9.15 a.m with the Headmaster's address at 10.45 a.m.

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# Krüger Sports Camps



[www.krugercamps.co.uk](http://www.krugercamps.co.uk)



## October Sports Camp

Krüger Camp is back after spectacular support and attendance during the summer, thank you! Ready and set for the coming half term, to play and be active with our friends.

As it is getting close to the football season, we thought we would offer more of what the boys (and girls) love so dearly!

For more information go to [www.krugercamps.co.uk](http://www.krugercamps.co.uk)

Find out more - [www@stemden.com](http://www@stemden.com)

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**Ages 5-13 years!**



# Lord Mayor's Show Saturday 12th November 2022

A unique occasion in the history of the  
Merchant Taylors' Company and a fun day out!

The Lord Mayor's Show is a parade of floats and marching bands, during which Merchant Taylor Alderman Nick Lyons will appear as Lord Mayor for the first time.

You will get a map of the route nearer the time.

St John's will be part of the show both as musicians on a float and the beacon bearer who will open the entire parade. All members of the School community are invited to attend so we hope to see you there!

## ST JOHN'S FIREWORKS NIGHT THURSDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> NOVEMBER



Food served from 5:15pm  
Fireworks Display starts at 7pm

Mulled Wine,  
Hot Chocolate stalls  
&  
Crepes

Guy competition

Bonfire

Pumpkin competition

Menu

Vegan Burger

Jumbo Chicken  
Hot dog  
(Halal)

Tickets:  
Child £11  
Adult £13

*Food served with chips and a drink*

*Tickets include food and drink*

*Designed by Mithil Patel (8B)*



THE LORD MAYOR'S SHOW 2022

# PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION CITIES

The Merchant Taylors' Company is inviting all pupils and staff to enter a competition to celebrate the Lord Mayor's Show 2022.

We are looking for the best photographs on the theme of Cities. You can enter in one of three age categories: Junior (Years 1 to 8), Senior (Years 9 to 13) and Staff.

If you win in your category, you will be invited to attend a Winners' Tea at Merchant Taylors' Hall in early 2023.

Please read the important information below and good luck!

- Only one entry per pupil.
- Submit your photograph as an unretouched jpg file, with your name and age category (Junior, Senior or Staff) included in the file name, to the teacher named and by the date shown in the box below.
- The winning photographs will be announced in December.

*Mrs McSween  
Tuesday 1st November*



THE LORD MAYOR'S SHOW 2022

# ESSAY COMPETITION

FOR 11 TO 15 YEAR OLDS

**How can the Lord Mayor's Show theme of "Charities, children and communities" best be reflected in the work of the Merchant Taylors' Company?**

The Merchant Taylors' Company is inviting all pupils aged between 11 and 15 to enter a competition to celebrate the Lord Mayor's Show 2022.

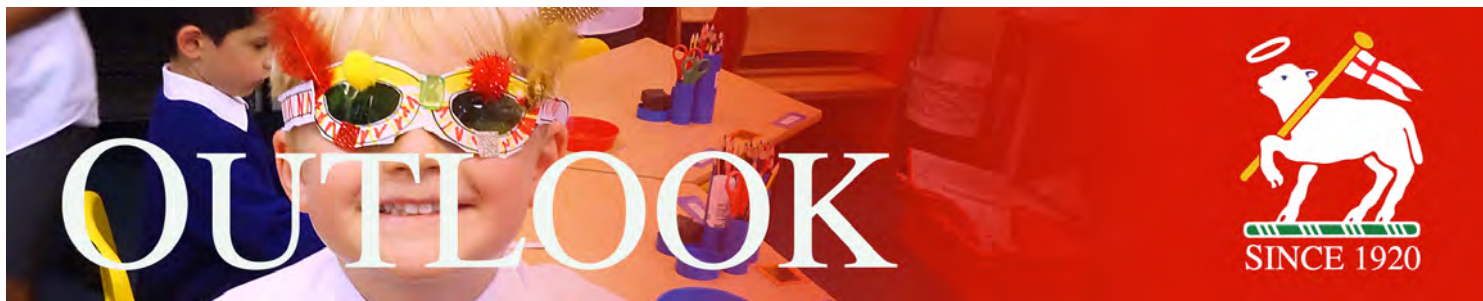
We are looking for the best essay, of up to 500 words, on the subject How can the Lord Mayor's Show theme of "Charities, children and communities" best be reflected in the work of the Merchant Taylors' Company?

If you win, you will be invited to attend a Winners' Tea at Merchant Taylors' Hall in early 2023.

Please read the important information below and good luck!

- Only one entry per pupil.
- Submit your essay as a PDF file, with your name and class at the top and a note of the wordcount at the end, to the teacher named and by the date shown in the box below.
- The winning essay will be announced in December.

*Please submit your essay to Mr Russo by  
31st October at the latest  
Exam@st-johns.org.uk*



## Calendar & important dates

- Monday 10th October:** ISEB Pre-Tests for Berkhamsted this week
- Tuesday 11th October:** Years 3 & 4 Parents' Meeting (4.00pm-6.00pm)  
Pre-Prep Parents' Meeting (6.00pm-8.00pm)
- Wednesday 12th October:** Open Morning for Prospective Parents (9.15am)
- Thursday 13th October:** Pre-Prep Parents' Meeting (3.30pm-5.30pm)  
Years 3 & 4 Parents' Meeting (6.00pm-8.00pm)
- Friday 14th October:** Pre-Prep Harvest Festival (9.30am)  
Rugby v St Benedict's: U10A, B, C, D (a), U11A, B, C, D (h) (2.15pm)
- Monday 17th October:** Hunter Jones Poetry Recitation (10.00am)  
3+ Assessments, Nursery closed
- Tuesday 18th October:** 3+ Assessments, Nursery closed
- Wednesday 19th October:** 3+ Assessments, Nursery closed
- Thursday 20th October – 28th October inclusive:** Half Term

## Contact details

**Updates:** Please continue to visit [www.st-johns.org.uk](http://www.st-johns.org.uk) for all the latest information on sports fixtures and results. The website will have announcements in case of emergency.



You can also follow us on twitter @stjohnsnorthwood and our sports department @StJohnsNwSport

**Mailings:** If you would like to be sent a copy of the Lamb each week, please email: Lamb Editor. Let us know your contact details and you will be added to the list.

**Photographs:** Do please continue to send in pictures to [lambeditor@st-johns.org.uk](mailto:lambeditor@st-johns.org.uk) for inclusion in The Lamb. Many thanks.

## Notices and reminders

**Open Morning Wednesday 12th October 2022:** Please see the flyer on page 18 and invite any families you know who might be interested.

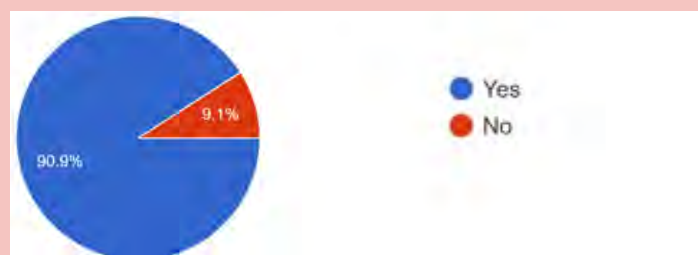
**Lord Mayor's Photography Competition:** Please see page 22 for details of this year's competition. Entries should be submitted to Mrs McSween by 1st November.

**Lord Mayor's Essay Competition:** Please see page 23 for details and submit entries to Mr Russo as soon as possible and by 31st October at the latest. Submissions should be emailed to [Exams@st-johns.org.uk](mailto:Exams@st-johns.org.uk)

**Lord Mayor's Show Invitation 12th November 2022:** See page 21 for details and a link to a map of the parade.

**String Chamber Music Course 24th to 26th October 2022:** A 3-day non-residential course at Merchant Taylors' School for string players who are Grade 3 and above. Please e-mail [leading.notes@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:leading.notes@hotmail.co.uk) for more information

**Votes for schools:** Last week's question: Would you buy second hand clothes to help the environment?



Next week's question: Does the internet change how we feel about ourselves?

**House Points:** 1st Lincoln 19.67, 2nd Churchill 19.60, 3rd Oates 18.07, 4th Lawrence 17.39

**The Lamb:** The next edition of The Lamb will be produced on Wednesday 19th October, the end of this half term.

Have a lovely weekend.