

## THE HIVE

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## SPRINGING INTO A NEW TERM

**It's finally here - the start of the Spring Term!**  
**In true St Bees style, we've jumped right in and hit the ground running...**

Our fantastic teachers have been busy planning over the Christmas period to ensure that we're starting 2022 off right.

But first, we would like to welcome our new international students who have joined us this term. We have 8 new students who have joined us from Germany, Spain, Hong Kong and China.

They have made an incredible impression on the staff and students, and are already settling in to life at St Bees, both in school and in the Boarding House.

Our teachers have been planning some creative, hands-on lessons to fully engage students and their brains after the Christmas break.

Miss Cole has been guiding our junior students through the process of learning emergency first aid. From knowing what to do when coming across a casualty and COVID-safe CPR techniques, to how to perform the correct recovery position, students now have a basic understanding of what to do if they come across someone who needs their help.

These are vital life skills that we want every St Bees student to be able to develop - you never know when they may need to be used to save someone's life.

We are finally underway with our first school drama

production - *Alice in a Musical Wonderland*.

Students from all years were invited to attend a relaxed audition on Monday evening this week for a number of roles. We were extremely impressed with the performances we saw.

Students will also be helping Mrs Bettinson with the planning and directing processes, as well as special effects makeup, set and prop design.

We will be releasing more information about the performance in the coming months, so keep an eye out on our social media platforms and The Hive... let's just say we are *very* excited!

Eco Club students are also feeling re-energised after a cold, dark winter and are raring to get going to make our school an even greener place to be.

As such, they are asking the school community for donations of any gardening equipment or seeds/cuttings/young plants to help start off the spring planting season in a few months. If you do have any items or plant seeds/cuttings, please get in touch with us.

Finally, we have a range of House events coming up this term, including junior and senior swimming and the inter-house singing competition. Which House will you be rooting for?

Good luck Elizabeth, Bega, Foundation and Grindal!  
 May the best House win!



**Chinese New Year Celebration**  
 Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2022



**Drama Production:**  
 Alice in a Musical Wonderland - dates and ticket information will be announced soon



**Sixth Form**  
 Applications for Sixth Form are still open for 2022 - get in touch today!



## POEM: WRITER'S BLOCK BY YASMIN, YEAR 9

*"I've forgotten how to write a poem.  
 It seems as though the words have leaked out of my head  
 And the linguistic devices have faded into nonexistence.  
 No longer will I orchestrate a symphony of simile  
 Or dance with a melody of metaphors  
 There will never be another alliterative aurora  
 Of adjectives silently singing through the air  
 I bid farewell to the cacophony of the onomatopoeia  
 Farewell to the twin snakes of assonance and dissonance  
 Farewell to the myriad of punctuation  
 I would like to say goodbye, but I've forgotten how to end poems."*