



Timaru Girls' High School

Scientia potestas est; knowledge is power

March 2016



Renee Tomkinson Year 9, who not only was our Under 14 champion for 2016 but also ran in the Chrissy Castle Cup (fastest 8 girls in the school) and finished 1st. Well done Renee!

from the Principal

With just under four weeks of school to go this term, I look back at the huge amount of activities that have happened!

I would like to thank all of you who have supported our students in participating and achieving the huge range of co-curricular activities in the school. In the last weekend alone, 12 Duke of Edinburgh students tramped over Mt Nessing into the Hakataramea Valley, and back, over three days. The cricket girls (and Mrs Baker) won the South Canterbury women's club 20/20 competition, the rowers participated with distinction at the South Island Secondary Schools' competition at Lake Ruataniwha, and rehearsals continued for the combined TBHS/TGHS school production of Lion King Junior.

I am also aware of the pending deadlines for assessments as the school term starts to come to an end. I hope that if your daughter has had time out of class with various activities, she has been able to complete and manage these important dates. Please do not hesitate to contact teachers of any subjects if you are concerned about how your daughter is managing her workload.

We are aware that many students at our school are hugely busy; we want to make sure they know when academic deadlines are approaching so that they are able to do the best they are capable of.

Last week we told students that they are able to wear winter uniform now if they wish. We ask that all are in winter uniform for Distinction Assembly on the last day of this term (15 April).

I hope that the Easter break gives your family a chance to have a break before the last push of the term.

Thank you again for what has been a fantastic start to the school year.

Regards

Sarah Davis

Attendance: Attendance is important as it allows for continuation of teaching and learning. When a girl is absent the expectation is that she catches up the work that she has missed.

All students who leave the school grounds for an appointment or with special permission must bring a note from a parent/caregiver. Where possible appointments should be made out of school time. If in school time, students should bring a note to the office before school starts and a red card may be issued. Students must report to the school office, with their red card, to sign out when they are leaving and sign in again on returning.

Requests for leave of absence requires a parent/caregiver to write a note well in advance giving the name of the student, her form class, date(s) requested for leave, and the reason. Please note that leave should only be requested for exceptional circumstances.

Uniform: Timaru Girls' High School girls are expected to wear their uniform with pride. Here are a few reminders of what is expected:

- Hair must be neat, clean and tidy and kept back off the face. Hair ties or bands must be navy or black only. No coloured or decorative hair clips, or other hair ornamentation is permitted.
- Extreme hair colouring and styles are not permitted. Senior staff reserve the right to decide what constitutes extreme.
- Students are not permitted to wear make-up when they are wearing their school uniform.
- No coloured nail varnish is permitted.
- No visible body piercing, other than one plain gold or silver stud or keeper in the lower lobe of each ear is permitted.
- Students may wear a wrist watch but no other jewellery is permitted.

Students not adhering to these uniform regulations are considered to be in breach of school rules and can expect to be dealt with through the discipline system.

NOTICE TO PARENTS

On Thursday 31 March students will be released at the end of period 5 (2:35pm) for staff to take part in professional development.

Rural buses will run at normal times.

Supervision will be available for any girls requiring this. Please inform the office if needed.

KOTAHITANGA DAY TERM 1



On Monday 14 March, I was involved in Kotahitanga Day with my fellow students who support te ao Maori. Kotahitanga Day is an event where we all get together and share and find information about each other. I really enjoyed getting to know the Year 9 and 10 students and it was a great opportunity for me to meet them. We worked in our house group teams and each team completed a quiz, my team Konini (aka Ngati Gee) won the quiz. We played Rapuhia where we had to find people who could explain different Maori based questions around iwi (tribes). I learnt to pronounce my team name better 'Ngaio'. I encourage more people to come along and get involved as it is a great opportunity to make friends. Na Chloe :)

By Chloe Akurangi, 12BC

INTERNATIONAL CAMP



On Friday morning of 26 February, 31 out of the 32 International Students from Timaru Boys' and Timaru Girls' High, three staff members and two helpers headed to John Scott Lodge. The weather was extremely blustery and we thought it would deter us from having the fun we were expecting, but it didn't. The students who walked into the lodge loved it. The ones who were driven in still enjoyed the drive.

The confidence course, kayaking, shooting and a games team started their rotation. Kayaking and shooting seemed to be the most popular two activities with the students wanting to kayak down the river. There were games of cards being played, many conversations and then games played in the evening with heaps of laughter from all involved. The two nights and two days went quickly with us all heading back to Timaru all the better for a weekend away in the high country. Many of the students are wishing for another chance to head back to John Scott Lodge.

Thanks to Sarah Shaw, Kyle Smith, Anna Scadden and Barry Stewart for making this weekend happen.

SPORTS NEWS

Athletic Sports: Our annual TGHS Athletic Sports for 2016 was held on Thursday 3rd March and the weatherman turned on a lovely day for us. The girls' participation on the day was fantastic with record numbers of entries in many events. House spirit was definitely a highlight and it was great to see all the creative costumes and participation in the novelty events.

Results:

U14: 1st Renee Tomkinson, 2nd Tillie Hollyer, 3rd Meg Simpson

U15: 1st= Zoe Borman/Neave Munro, 3rd= Kiya Dominey/Melissa Pateman

U16: 1st Jenna-Rae McIntyre, 2nd Brooke Smith, 3rd Emily Bell

U19: 1st Jessica Hope, 2nd Savannah Bruce, 3rd Danielle Huntington

Overall house points for the day:

1st Konini = 762 3rd Kowhai = 560

2nd Rata = 626 4th Ngaio = 527



A special mention must go to our record breakers for the day. Tillie Hollyer (pictured above) who smashed both the U14 1500m and also the Open 3000m, and Jenna-Rae McIntyre who broke the U16 Discus record. Jenna-Rae now holds both the U15 and U16 Discus records at TGHS. Congratulations girls!

Swimming Sports: While the weather wasn't at its best it certainly didn't stop the girls recording some fantastic results at the Timaru Girls' High School Swimming Sports.

Participation was the highest it had been for years with a couple of girls breaking records! Olivia Moore finally got her hands on the 200m freestyle record after missing by a whisker in 2015. Olivia took the record off the one and only past head girl and more recently Physical Education teacher at Timaru Girls' High School Miss Megan Robinson. Year 10 pupil Eva Cloake hit top speed smashing her own record she set in 2015 in the 100m backstroke a record that no one has got anywhere near breaking for 30 years! There were some great races across all age groups with a number of swimmers breaking their own personal bests.

House results:

1 st Rata	3 rd Konini
2 nd Kowhai	4 th Ngaio

Swimming Champions

Junior: Winner Eva Cloake, Runner-up Isy Wilson

Intermediate: Winner Olivia Moore

Senior: Winner Tessa Wright, Runner-up Bailey Whitnack

Waitaki Summer Exchange: On 1st March Archery, Cricket, Touch Rugby, Volleyball and Special Olympics girls boarded a bus to Waitaki Girls' High School for the annual Summer Exchange.

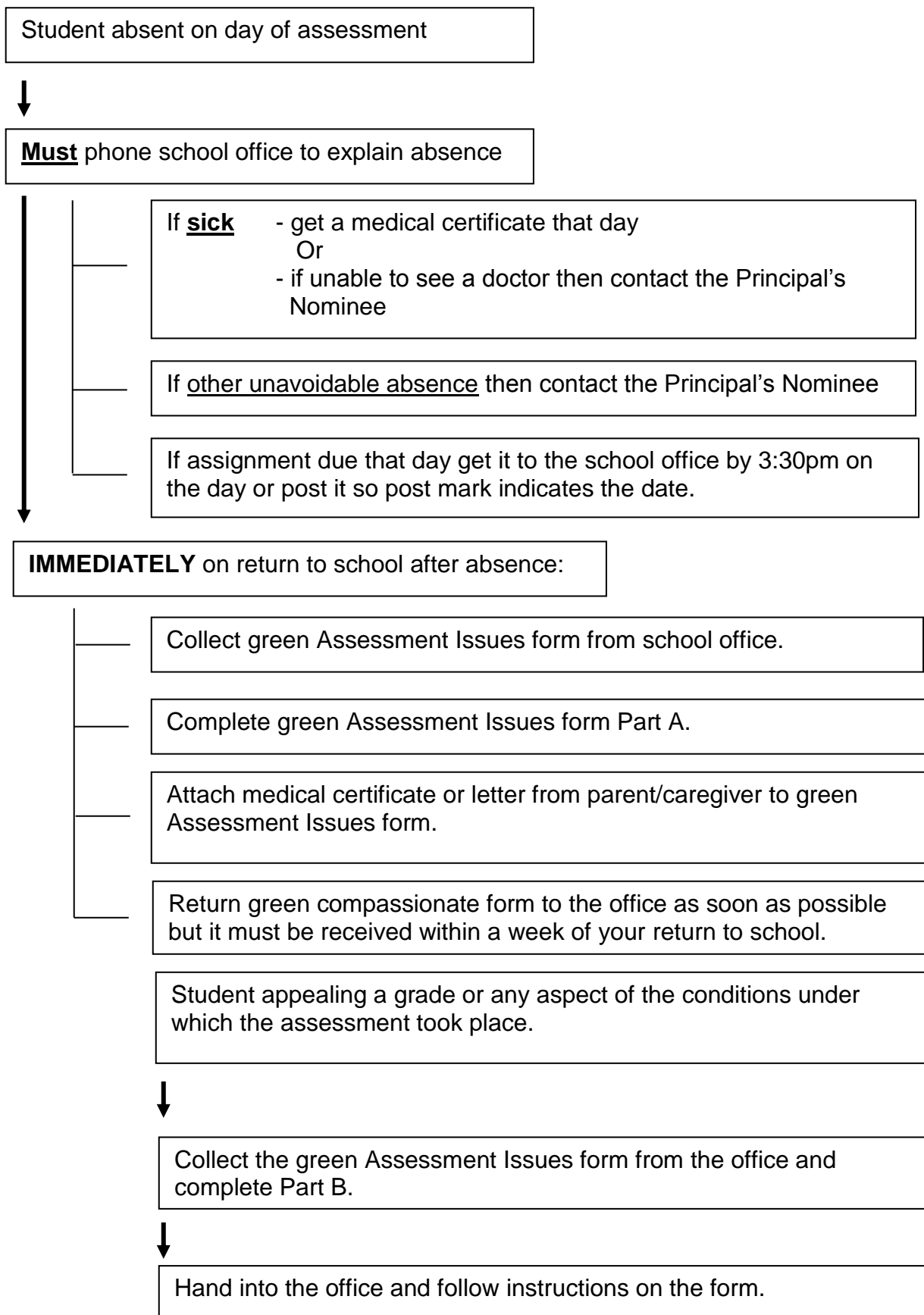
Cricket and Archery came out firing in the morning with both recording convincing wins. Waitaki Girls' came out and evened the results after the Junior and Senior Touch Rugby games recording wins in both encounters. The afternoon saw the Volleyball girls take the court with Waitaki Girls' winning both of those matches in what could only be described as nail biting with both matches decided on the final points of the sets. Our Special Olympic girls competed against their Waitaki rivals in the afternoon and pulled one back for Timaru Girls' winning their ten pin bowling.

Overall result was a win to Waitaki Girls' 4-3.

Big thanks to Malfy, Mrs Quinonez, Mrs Baker, Miss Scott and Mrs Baird for accompanying the girls for the day.

2016 Examination Timetable						
	Day	Date/Time	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Scholarship
Day 1	Wed 9 Nov	9.30am 2.00pm				Drama
Day 2	Thurs 10 Nov	9.30am 2.00pm	English	Spanish Earth and Space Science	Biology	English
Canterbury Anniversary Day Weekend						
Day 3	Mon 14 Nov	9.30am 2.00pm	Science Agricultural and Horticultural Science	Classical Studies Agricultural and Horticultural Science	Agricultural and Horticultural Science Making Music	History Chemistry
Day 4	Tues 15 Nov	9.30am 2.00pm	Economics Physics	Physics Economics	Latin Physics	Economics French
Day 5	Wed 16 Nov	9.30am 2.00pm	Geography Dance	Dance Geography	Geography Dance	Japanese Physics
Day 6	Thurs 17 Nov	9.30am 2.00pm	Mathematics		Spanish	Statistics Biology
Day 7	Fri 18 Nov	9.30am 2.00pm		English Biology	History Accounting	Spanish Music
Weekend						
Day 8	Mon 21 Nov	9.30am 2.00pm	Home Economics Chemistry	Chemistry Home Economics	Home Economics Chemistry	Geography Te Reo Māori
Day 9	Tues 22 Nov	9.30am 2.00pm	Accounting Te Reo Māori	Art History Accounting	Classical Studies English	Chinese
Day 10	Wed 23 Nov	9.30am 2.00pm	Biology Chinese / German	History Latin	Art History / Calculus Music Studies	Agricultural and Horticultural Science Samoan / Te Reo Rangatira
Day 11	Thurs 24 Nov	9.30am 2.00pm		Mathematics		Art History
Day 12	Fri 25 Nov	9.30am 2.00pm	Business Studies Music	Samoan / Te Reo Rangatira Business Studies	Business Studies Economics	Calculus Earth and Space Science
Weekend						
Day 13	Mon 28 Nov	9.30am 2.00pm	Health French	French Health	Health French	Latin
Day 14	Tues 29 Nov	9.30am 2.00pm	Latin Media Studies	Media Studies Chinese / German	Chinese / German Media Studies	Classical Studies
Day 15	Wed 30 Nov	9.30am 2.00pm	Samoan / Te Reo Rangatira Social Studies	Social Studies Music	Samoan / Te Reo Rangatira Earth and Space Science	Accounting German
Day 16	Thurs 1 Dec	9.30am 2.00pm	Japanese Classical Studies	Te Reo Māori Japanese	Japanese Te Reo Māori	Media Studies
Day 17	Fri 2 Dec	9.30am 2.00pm	Drama Art History	Education for Sustainability Drama	Drama Social Studies	
Weekend						

Please contact Ms Bailey, on 688-1122 if you have NZQA issues.



You will be notified of the decision as soon as possible.

SCHOOL DIARIES

Each year our Year 9 & 10 students are issued with a diary free of charge.

These diaries are sponsored by many local businesses and we acknowledge and appreciate their support of Timaru Girls' High School. Our sincere thanks go to the following:

Paul Crowther Orthodontics
Timaru District Library
Grant Jenkins Contracting
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Pampered to Perfection
Blakely Pacific Limited
Go Girl Physique

Laser Electrical Timaru
Revolution 4 Hair
Silvermoon
Avenue Motor Lodge
Copper Café
Embellish It
Novus South Canterbury

Harcourts – Tracey Shaw
Bike Barn Timaru
Just Eat Cake
South Canterbury
Community College
Vaughan Motors Ltd



SWIMMING CHAMPION

Huge congratulations to Olivia Moore (pictured left) who has returned home from the National Division Two Swimming Championships in Invercargill with numerous medals to her name. Olivia won Gold in the 50m, 100m and also the 200m Fly, Silver in the 200m Freestyle and Bronze in the 200m Individual Medley and 400m Individual Medley and was also second on points overall in the individual points of all girls at the meet from across New Zealand.

Awesome work Olivia Moore!

COMING EVENTS	
Tuesday 22 March	Aoraki Swimming
Tuesday 22 March	Aoraki Volleyball
23/24 March	Year 12 Leadership Camp – Christchurch
Wednesday 23 March	BOT Meeting
Thursday 24 March	Year 13 Biology trip to Orana Park
Friday 25 March	GOOD FRIDAY
Monday/Tuesday 28/29 March	EASTER MONDAY/TUESDAY
Thursday 31 March	Brainwave presentation 7pm staffroom
Thursday 31 March	Shakespeare Festival 7pm TGHS
2/3 April	DOE Silver Tramp
4-8 April	Summer Tournament Maadi Cup
5/6 April	Year 9 Science Field Trip
Friday 15 April	Distinction Assembly
Monday 2 May	Term 2 begins



Pictured above from left: Emma Palmer, Hannah-Paige Kearney and Caitlin-Rose Hamilton proudly displaying their Baskets of Preserves made in Year 12 Home Economics as part of the topic 'Evaluating Sustainable Food Practices'.

CANTERBURY INTER-SCHOOLS SHOW JUMPING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Congratulations to the three students from TGHS who recently competed at the Canterbury Inter-Schools' Show Jumping Championships in Christchurch. Each of the girls received individual placings in their respective class and both Rhiannon and Melissa received placings in the Show Hunter classes that they participated in. Overall the girls were placed 9th out of 29 teams, a very credible placing for TGHSs first time competing at this event. We look forward to further developing the equestrian team at TGHS.

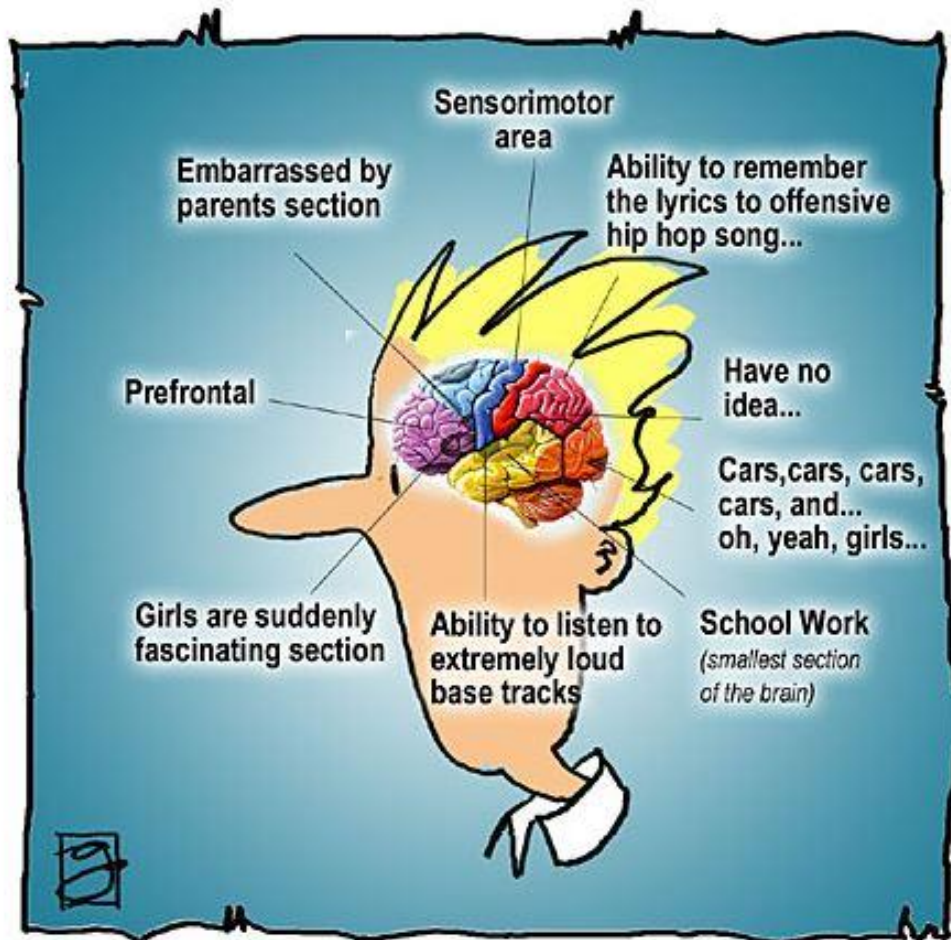
A big thanks to the parents and horse owners who helped out on the day.



Above left to Right:
Shavaughan Bell Cascade - Take A Chance,
Melissa Pateman - Blue Mountain Sunset
Rhiannon Simpson - Rednaligh Meeuws



Unravelling the Mystery of the Adolescent Brain!



Do you live with or work with a teenager?

Timaru Girls' High School invites you to attend a seminar by 'Brainwave' that delves into understanding the unique state of the teenage brain.

Everyone welcome – makes no difference if your teenager is male or female! Come along and gather some valuable information about how to co-exist with these wonderful creatures that we call TEENAGERS!

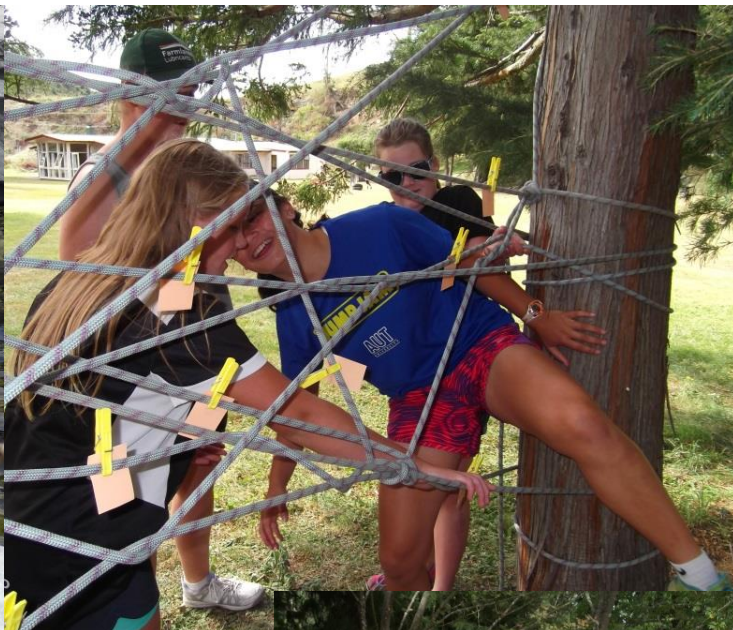
WHERE:	Timaru Girls' High School Staffroom
WHEN:	Thursday 31 March 2016
TIME:	7:00pm
COST	Gold coin donation



TGHS Athletics Sports 2016







MATHS CAMP 2016

Maths Camp was such a great way to spend a weekend. There were fun problem-solving games throughout the day, with breaks in between. The food was delicious. Choosing our own bunkroom was awesome. At night, there were outdoor games to keep us entertained. It was fun to carpool with our friends and everyone liked the Easter egg hunt. It didn't even feel like we were doing Mathematics. A big thanks to Miss Pitchford, Year 13 helpers and the Maths department for a fun camp.

