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After 2 years of unsteady schedules and abrupt cancellations due to the pandemic - this

significant amount of hope on getting back on track after covid particularly since this year is the first summer exams since 2019. With results out it is clear that students who took the GCSEs throughout UK have achieved outstanding success getting grade 4 or above was 80%! Which is good but comparing this to the national average in 2019 (when the last exams were sat) this is a

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lot higher That is not expected amount of all. In interviewing Mrs progress that the Percival, she said that government has 60% of exams which is calculated and is something that we all should be proud of.

And keeping in mind the last two distressing years - to still say that is an extraordinary accomplishment.

When looking at overall results throughout all the subjects

84% of all exams sat were grade 4 or above a solid stately pass. Furthermore, 33% of exams that Gilbertians sat accomplished a grade 7 or above not an easy triumph.

When looking at the to the overall results in the UK we can see that our students have done exceedingly well.

Our Progress 8 is 0.33. Which means that we are 0.33 higher than the national average.

This is well above the

To conclude, Gilbert GCSE results this year were exceptional, especially considering the many challenges students have faced with having to study virtually with less support and a huge setback on their learning of 2 years. This expresses the amount of arduous work both students and teachers undertook to make sure that education was not stopped.

To quote Mrs Percival when asked about the results while acknowledging the pandemic she said that our proficient

resilience and how our students coped well

And I could not agree more.





SPORTS DAY MAKES A RETURN!



This year we saw the return of our beloved sports day.

On sports day we saw students from every year group taking part in events such as Shot Put, Long Jump,

Discus and the Javelin.

I experienced the year 7 girls Shot Put throw and although it was their first sports day it was incredible.

The shotput is a track and field event involving throwing a heavy spherical ball as far as





you can.

Each competitor had

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member from Holmes

was able to make a -1

meter improvement

on their second throw,

this was extremely

impressive.

For year 7, this was

their first sports day

and for some, their

first time doing the

Shot Put.

Freya Pittman

illustrated her

excitement for the

event, when I asked

her,

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was something new,

however nervous as it

is very different to

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All the girls gave it

their best go in the

shotput and got into

the spirit whilst

competing against

one another!

Our winning throw

came from Sarah

Soetan from Holmes,

followed by our

second place throw.

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It was amazing to

see everyone getting

involved and overall

was an exhilarating

day.

Sports Day





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A sense of team spirit hung in the air as the 15th of July slowly rolled around.

The first Gilberd sports day in three years was bound to be a day no one would forget, and I was not disappointed.

The Year 10 girls events I visited were Long Jump and Javelin and as my first Gilberd sports day, they really made an impression on me.

The long jump was the

first event I went to. This was one of my favourite sports to watch. Not only did the competitors put so much effort into it, but so did the students who raked the sand to keep it as even as possible!

Everyone who competed got three goes.

In third place came Lucia Ana Langton, in second place Ellie Magae and in first place . . . Izzy Hyde.

Congratulations and well done for all the effort put into this activity by other competitors.

Jumping onto the Javelin event, the energy was still in the air I as head cadet Grace Byers jokingly

g U] X ž · Ð = · k U Greek Olympian and go back in time. (Referring to why she choose Javelin as her Sports 8 U m · U Wh] j] h m Javelin was run very similarly to Long Jump with there being a white line you cannot pass and cones that marked each player's spot. Also thank you to Bracken Kennedy for explaining everything to me about this sport.

And the moment you have alllllll been waiting for . . . in third place . . . Elena Rothery, in second place . . . Emily Cutler, and finally in first place . . . Ella Mar Sarasons.

And finally, a thank you to all the P.e staff and helpers. This was truly an amazing event. This sports day was a slam

dunk!!!

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Gilberd School!

With sports day finally back, everyone was thrilled to be back on the field competing for their houses.

In an exclusive interview with Bianca Moncanu, representing her house Penney, she revealed her excitement for the discus competition.

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After a tough competition Bianca was announced the winner,

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to do it all again next year! I give Gilberd
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Congratulations to Penney for this exciting win and well done Bianca!

Gilberd sports day was incredibly organised and all the students who participated were so grateful to the PE staff and everyone who helped arrange it. Sports day is a way of bringing together the students of the Gilberd for a day of excitement and fun.

It was a joy to watch everyone cheering for their teammates and the sense of team spirit was phenomenal.

The year 7 girls discus was a fierce competition this year. All the girls competing were determined and enthusiastic but above all they were so excited to be a part of their first ever sports day at the

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Sports Day 2023!



Year 9 boys 100m



At the end of term students are exhausted. Since many students have had a full term of school without online classes.

Everyone is eager for the summer holidays to start and many put less and less energy into their schoolwork as the days till the holidays get closer and this one Friday everyone managed to find a spark of energy within

them which empowered them to give it their all.

On sports day I covered the year 9 boys 100m.

They stood staggered along the oval-like track filled with adrenaline and anticipating the starting sound.

Finally, after what seemed like an eternity of waiting the race commenced, immediately Tudor Dragomir zoomed in front followed closely by Billy Pettyfier and not far behind was Ewan Jones chasing after them. They were far in front of everyone and it was almost as if it was a head to head race only between the two (as Ewan and the others were a bit behind), either side of the track screams of encouragement from Franklin were urging Tudor to go faster and right beside them Holmes were shouting with encouragement for

Billy to go faster, and on the opposing side Penney were cheering Ewan on, this evoked a sense of inspiration within him making him power through to now only being a metre away from Billy, despite this though, all eyes were on Billy and Tudour.

With only one question harmoniously shared between the competing houses:

Who's the fastest?

But in those few seconds before the race was won there was a moment of deafening discord from both houses; hoping to ignite a spark of inspiration into their fellow teammate, but these few seconds soon quickly passed in a flash. Tudor Dragomir came

1st followed extremely closely by Billy Pettyfier in 2nd place, and not far behind was Ewan Jones who sprinted into 3rd place.

In the end they were all knackered with a sense of gratification from knowing that they tried their very best with what little energy they had left in them.

Year 8 Long Jump



Nearly all forms have good practise jumps.

Victor from Wren is the first jump, a solid jump to start of the competition. Penny replies with two outstanding jumps! Shackleton have some good jumps but not quite reaching the heights of Penny and Wren. Holmes first team comes in with a no jump but then a fantastic jump by the other Holmes team. Austin do not have a great run of jumps hopefully they do better next round. Franklin's jumps are only just better than Austin.

The second round of jumps begin. A very nice jump by wren. Penny had another great round of jumps they are looking exceptionally good so far. Shackleton are so close to the distance of Penny but do not quite reach it. Austin had good jumps despite the bad run up in which he slowed down. Franklin did not have their best

jumps however the last few jumps were better.

The final round commences; this could decide the winning team! Wren had a no jump, and the other jump is not their best, hopefully the last run of jumps can keep them in this competition! Penny were practically flying in the air, another amazing round of jumps. Shackleton have decent jumps but not as good as last time. Holmes also do not reach the length of their last. Franklin had a crazy jump by Dylan to end!

Although they did not have a superior performance in the first 2 rounds, Dylan from Franklin claims the win with a distance of 4.33m!!!





Year 10 long jump



Girls long jump :

Wren starts things of with two njumps. Next, gets two legal jumps which put them into the lead but are straight away overtaken by Shackleton. The first Holmes girl makes a spectacular jump and moves into first place by quite a X] g h U b WY " : f U b _ `] b Ñ g . jumps do not get near to Holmes. Now, Wren kicks of the second round and improve but still trail behind Holmes. Penney fails to get a better jump

to get a better jump whilst Shackleton continue to progress. Franklin and Holmes do not improve but Holmes are still in first, going into the final round. Wren put in a great jump and make it to second place. Both Penney participants put in a great jump and exceed to first place. Shackleton improve yet again, but it is not enough. Franklin fails to improve. On the final jump the Holmes participant dramatically overtakes Penney to win the year 10 girls' long jump! To conclude Holmes came first place with both Penney students just behind them.

Boys long jump :

Wren starts off with two reasonable jumps. C b Y ` c Z ` D Y b b Y m Ñ g . ^ i a d g . exceeds all the way into first. Both Shackleton

first. Both Shackleton participants do not have enough to get past Penney. Holmes make an instant impact and go all the way into first position. Now, Austen and Franklin are both unable to get past Holmes. Wren does improve. Shackleton and Holmes both fail to beat their previous jump. Austen and Franklin improve but it is still not enough to get ahead of Holmes first jump. The third round begins with Wren and Penney not improving their jumps. Shackleton put in a good jump but still cannot get ahead of Holmes, Wren, or Penney. The rest of the participants fail to improve their jumps which means Holmes win with Wren and Penney in near second and first.

Year 7 Boys Javelin

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Sports Day. The culmination of our Gilberdian house spirit and determination. No Year group shows this more fiercely than the Year 7 boys. One of the most savage events was javelin, which all the contestants threw themselves into immediately. Their determination and hope was prominent and helped them muster up the courage to carry on. Even when the javelin match started a considerable amount of

time later, their flare impressive feat. At the still remained strong. end of the exciting On their first try with event, first place was the javelins, most taken by the Franklin grasped how to use it thrower, second by very quickly, landing Riley and third by an them extremely far. unknown Trinity This safety throw student. Well done to presented that it would all Year 7 boys on a be an awfully close tremendous effort in game. As the boys all events, especially in started their official javelin!

throws, the tension grew to heights unimaginable. However, some athletes threw foul throws, which placed them immediately low on the leaderboard. After a few disappointing throws, a Franklin thrower stepped forward, thrust a powerful go, and stuck himself in the lead. This throw struck a match in the other athletes, encouraging them to keep going. After some amazing throws, an Austen player, by the name of Riley Hazlewood, released a powerful throw that kept Franklin on edge the entire afternoon, an

Year 9 Javelin

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On Thursday the 21st of July, our school celebrated Sports Day with great enthusiasm. This major school event consisted of many athletic

competitions one of which being, year 9 boys javelin.

This javelin event in particular started 9:00am. The atmosphere was very energetic that day as people gathered with their friends and fellow students to watch preparations, and competition whilst having a social gathering.

Miss Pleasants and some students set up to get ready for the spectacular event. As it nears 9:03am the participants being to line up one behind the other. This had allowed the students to have two quick practice throws. In order to recall their techniques. At 9:13 each person has finished their second throw.

Eventually, the real competition begins

Overall, Sandy Cecins comes first with 22.65 as a score, second is Finn Godwin with a score of 20.97 and finally Finn Case comes third with a score of 20.62. In general this was a very successful event with an amazing outcome in which everyone should be proud of.



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Sports Day.



We are currently outside watching the 200m and the 800m races of years 7,8,9 and 10.

It is blazing hot with the sun at its peak point time ticks slowly as everyone gets ready for the first race. As the first race begins (year 7) the newly emerging Trinity students enthusiastically run faster than most leading to them overtaking everyone else participating. The tremendous Trinity student keeps going as the speediest out of all year 7s with the sounds of the teams cheering full of motivation and excitement to motivate them.

As the race finishes, we have trinity coming up as first place. The

year 8 race begins rapidly after the first with Franklin speeding ahead with great power. Suddenly they are overtaken by Austen which ends the race with Austen claiming first and Franklin sadly claiming second.

Year 9 take their places as their race starts with Wren violently claiming the lead. Quickly followed by Holmes trying to take their place. The two students race head-to-head with each other, it is a race worth watching, anyone could win. Behind us we hear the audience shouting



and cheering for their teams. After a jawdropping race Wren takes first place while Holmes follows behind with second.

Year 10 races begin, and it starts off well with everyone in line with each other. It seems they all have the same average speed.

Shackleton takes the lead closely followed by Franklin. The audience get louder each race so now it is very loud. As the races end the audience quiets down, congratulations to all the partakers!



Junior Prefects

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When the opportunity to become junior prefects was announced in assembly, we knew that it was a role we had to try and achieve.

The application process was arduous and initially daunting, however it was all worth it in the end.

For the written application, we were required to answer several questions to see if we possessed the leadership qualities needed in a head junior prefect. We put in as much effort as we could to create a good impression. This was the first step to becoming head junior prefects.

From this, some potential Lead and Head prefects were selected to conduct a student panel, to assess their confidence and dedication qualities.

Nearing the end of the school year, all applicants were required to assist with

the running of the current year 7 induction days. This meant we had to take on a leadership role to display the range of skills essential to become a junior prefect. Students were given different roles to assess their leadership skills. This opportunity was great to meet the b Y k m Y U f + expand our leadership skills. Finally, interviews were conducted for potential Head and Lead junior prefects. We were asked a series of questions including why we wanted the f c Y U b X \ c benefit from it.

On the last day of the academic year, our newly appointed roles were announced. This was an amazing achievement and we all knew that the role of

junior prefect required commitment and hard work. When we started in September, we began our duties by organising a rota for junior prefects duty points. Then all junior prefects took part in tours for potential new students.

These roles are challenging but are very rewarding and being a junior prefect requires a lot of commitment which we all have shown so far. We cannot wait to see what this year holds.

This was an
amazing
achievement.



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Year 9 Prefects

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Abed,

Ghenwa Ajjan,

Grace Allen,

Rebecca Almond,

Ayesha Asif,

Eva Aukselyte,

Darasimi Bakare,

William Banes,

Charlotte Barnes,

Ziva Barrick,

Evie Bousfield,

Olivia Bradder,

Rebecca Brown,

Evelyn Buckley,

Caelan Bull,

Anaya Butt,

Abigail Canham,

Poppy Carden,

Eve Carey,

Harry Carter,

Stephanie Chase,

Aimee Chenery,

Jayden Cheung,

Wynn Chia,

Caliana Cifra,

Ruby Cook,

Isabelle Cooper,

Polly Cousins,

Emma Cowling,

Izaak Curtis,

Zane Curtis,

James Dalipe,

Jack Davis,

Maxwell Dellar,

Jessica Dines,

Thomas Downes,

Georgia Dungate-
Hodges,

Harrison Edwards,

Lewis Enefer,

William Estall,

Francesca

Etheridge,

Thomas Evans,

Molly Faircloth,

Caitlin Frisby,

Hanna George

Keeley Giles,

Amelia Gray,

Anna Groves,

Mia Gujyte,

Oleksandra Guliuk,

Rosie Hadfield-

Richards,

Finley Hampton,

Evie Harding,

Annabelle Hart,

Sophia Hart,

Ryan Harvey,

Alexander Hesita,

India Hill

Faith Hollingworth,

Dylan Hyde,	Harriet Mold,	Fathimath Shaheed,
Aaminah Iftikhar,	Alexander Moncur,	Eliza Shippey,
Caiden Jackson,	James Montgomery,	Raul Shrestha,
Rohan Jagarlamudi,	Amy Moseley,	Sienna Sim,
Gabriel Jefford,	Evan Mullis,	Emilia Smith,
Grace Jennings,	Victor Odujoko,	Eva Smith,
Lana Jennings,	Leah O'Halloran,	Lucas Taylor,
Maria Jorge,	Temitola Olawoye,	Samara Tha,
Ameer Khan	William Osborne,	Jessica Toon,
Henry Larwood,	Hermione Parsons,	Ragavarshini Vimal
Danielle Lemin,	Miriam Peel,	Summer Wheeler,
Megan Lester,	Olivia Playle,	Ellie Wilkin,
Pixie Lister,	Reuben Pomroy,	Sian Williams,
Jessica Mackay,	Isabella Pope,	Maximilian Wills,
Amarra Maqsood,	Wiktorja Recucka	Daisy Wilson,
Lauren Marshall,	William Rickett,	Charles Woodward,
Layla Marshall,	Matei Rotaru,	Finley Wright,
Ruth Mayne,	Thalleia Roubani,	Ethan Xu,
Thomas Mcfadden,	Sophie Ryan,	Ryouma Yamaguchi,
Christopher Merrett,	Daniel Samulionis,	Pranav Yuvaraj,
Evie Lei Millbourne,	Natalia Saville,	
Jacob Moffat,	Envy Scott,	





Senior Prefects

The Senior XXVIII
2022/23.

Back row:

Bracken Kennedy
(Ambassador)

Gabriel Cotiata
(Ambassador)

Lucas Millis

(Ambassador)

Aaliyah Thomas
(Ambassador)

Glerys Bera
(Ambassador)

Dylan White
(Ambassador)

Delme Tanton
(Ambassador)

Lily Whitnell
(Ambassador)

Amelia Bullen
(Ambassador)

Middle row:

Grace Byford
(Head Cadet)

Megan Rogers
(Ambassador)

Aysha Maqsood
(Ambassador)

Esme Kittle
(Ambassador)

Mathilde Marsh
(Ambassador)

Ollie Pipa

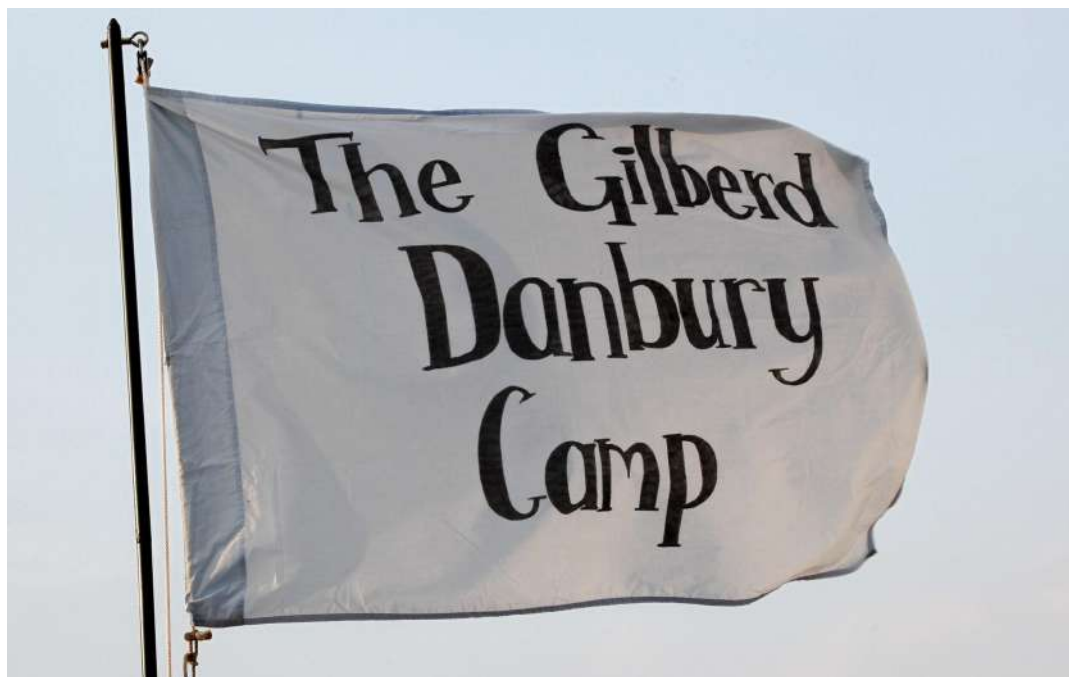


(Ambassador)
Thomas Groves
(Ambassador)
Grace Knights
(Ambassador)
Bethany Pena
(Ambassador)
Lavinia Ventre
(Ambassador - not
pictured)
Harry Diles
(Head Cadet)

Front row:
Izzy Hyde
(Ambassador)
Tommy Bojboi
(Deputy Head Boy)
Robert Evans
(Deputy Head Boy)
Jacob Aldons
(Head Boy)
Evie Nicholson
(Head Girl)

Sophia Mollan
(Deputy Head
Girl)
Tiara Nago
(Deputy Head
Girl)
Clarissa Travaglia
(Ambassador)





Daring at Danbury

Danbury- the very highlight of Year

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It is safe to say that 2022 was a tough year, so Danbury was a highlight. It was our first glimpse of our home for the next couple of days. Danbury camp was a large field with green tents in a horseshoe shape.

Early on Monday morning, the MUGA was swarming with suitcases and binbags filled with pillows. Nine

as we hurried towards them to get the best seat.

Naturally, I sat with a close friend, and we talked until the coach came to a halt and we got our first glimpse of our home for the next couple of days.

Danbury camp was a large field with green tents in a horseshoe shape.

The famous





many of us can say. I cannot wait to go to Danbury in Year 11!

Danbury is a chance to really push yourself and to show not only yourself but others of what you're truly capable of. Don't be afraid to try new things, it's all worth it. Have the right mindset, and you can do anything. But mainly, just enjoy all the experiences that are offered at Danbury, whether you feel uncomfortable doing it or not. It's worth it.

Jasmine Ward



waved down at us.

After a quick introduction, it was time for the activities. Out of all the activities, I loved the climbing ones the best. They were all spectacular, and I recommend them to any Year Sevens who want to defy the laws of gravity. It was hilarious, and we had a fantastic and eventful time (apart from the bit where I had to eat meal worms)!

Even through the

extreme heat (we had to sit in the shade for three hours), we managed to have fun as we told fortunes by bottle flipping and played circle games.

In the tents, everyone quickly set up their area and we began to get used to life as campers. The evening activities left us excited for the next day and everyone got to bed as quickly as possible to let the next day's activities come quicker.

Sadly, all good things end, and we had to go home. But I am sure

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Danbury was probably just socialising the activities were great but I enjoyed just being

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Daniel Tiffin

Ġ A m' Z U j c i f] h Y \ a Y a c f m' from Danbury is all of the activities and games that were being played. My favourite game/activity was the slip and slide because we got to go down a hill on a slip and slide and I went really fast

Lilly Cave -Brzuch

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Olivia Field

Ġ H \ Y' U W h] j] h] unique and encouraged us to work together as a team. It was nice to get involved with the other population and get to _ b c k' b Y k' d Y c d

I found Danbury to be a very fun and encouraging experience to do at the end of year seven. I highly encourage the current and future year sevens to take part in this trip as it will help

with confidence and leadership skills as well as being a memorable experience that they will remember for many years

Finn Bates



