



# SDC - The Week

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## Chief Target 2.0 researcher Zain Ziddiqui does SDC proud!



Friday 27th was a nerve-racking day for all the Target 2.0 contestants and their teachers Mrs Strauss, Mrs Baptiste and Mr Somerville, as they set off from Catford Bridge station to advise the Bank of England on how best to run their monetary policy.

The competition was held at the rather swish Institute of Directors' HUB off Liverpool St and judged by three officials from 'The Bank'. The basic arguments given by the St Dunstan's team centred round the absolute need to revive consumer demand first and foremost as no amount of QE quantitative easing to non-specialists or changing of interest rates would help until people started buying again.

In the week leading up to this competition, whilst the team were busy polishing their PowerPoints and rehearsing their speeches, Zain Ziddiqui beavered away quietly in the background collecting statistical data and downloading charts. His calm demeanour helped them sift through the maze of information and piece together a sophisticated argument. This certainly paid off and the team did the College proud!

St Dunstan's did not win (only one team of the seven could go through to the next round) but the judges were very complimentary about their performance and the team were mentioned in The Times on Monday 30 December. Each member was also given a special Bank of England memory stick to commemorate the event. Team members: Clare Skinner, Rebecca Dalby-Bowler, Adam Ors and Daniel Hunt.

## Year 6 visit Imperial War Museum

On Wednesday 25 November, Year 6 visited the Imperial War Museum. Here are some quotes on what the children remembered most about the day:

"The Blitz Experience was so realistic that my heart was thumping faster and faster." Gui

"We looked at a Morrison shelter which was like a big wooden table with wire mesh around the side." Max

"The bunks in the Anderson shelter were tiny and looked very uncomfortable." Matthew

"They had speakers in there that sounded like bombs were falling on us - it was very realistic." Laurie

"When we were in the air-raid shelter we sang songs like 'We'll Meet Again' to keep our spirits up." Leon

"There was an area shaped like a submarine where you could even smell what parts of a real submarine would smell like - I remember the medicine cabinet and the toilet!" Maelo

## Dean of Westminster blesses refurbished cross of St Dunstan



As part of the renovation of the front façade of the College, it was decided to repair and regild the cross surmounting the College main building and the two weather vanes on the surrounding turrets. They were taken to the Carvers and Gilders Company in Battersea, the company who were

responsible for the outstanding renovation of the First World War memorial in the Great Hall. They cleaned, repaired and regilded the items.

On Wednesday 25 November, the Very Reverend Dr John Hall, Dean of Westminster Abbey, an Old Dunstonian, visited the College to see the cross reinstalled at the top of the front façade. Accompanied by the Headmistress, the Dean clambered to the top of the scaffolding where he viewed the refurbished cross, which he then blessed.

The Dean of Westminster writes: *“I was never particularly aware of the main St Dunstan’s College building being surmounted by a cross when I was a pupil there in the 1960s. I was much more conscious of the ivy covering the front of the building and the Elizabethan-style chimney pots, since sacrificed to progress. In recent restoration, the cross has been re-gilded and now shines out afresh. For me it was a slightly alarming delight to climb up the many levels to stand at the pinnacle of the College and bless the restored cross. The view across south London on a clear day was magnificent. I hope today’s Dunstonians will be conscious of the cross’s significance and of its power. The instrument of the death of Jesus Christ is a sign of God’s triumphant love and of the ultimate importance for us all of following his example of living unselfishly.”*

### **Daniel Taylor receives his medal for London Youth Games success**



Daniel Taylor (8F) who was part of the Bronze Medal winning Lewisham Team that took part in the London Youth Games held in Crystal Palace in June, received his medal from Olympic rower James Cracknell and Lewisham’s Mayor Sir Steve Bullock, in the Lewisham Theatre on 19 November. The individual time trial

event took part on the road racing circuit with teams representing 33 London Boroughs.

### **Armstrong Society welcomes Old Dunstonian Dr Richard Bogle**

Victoria Harris (13F) reports: “On Friday 27 November, the Armstrong Society was pleased to welcome Dr Richard Bogle, an Old Dunstonian, who is now Clinical Lead for Cardiology and Consultant Cardiologist to Epsom and St. Helier University Hospital, Carshalton, and St. George’s Hospital. He is also an honorary senior lecturer in cardiology at St. George’s University of London. He came to talk about ‘An explosive way to treat heart disease’. Dr Bogle spoke about the history of the management of heart disease treatments, which originally stemmed from nitrogen oxide, and later, dynamite. The development of angina medication, for example, is associated with many renowned scientists, including Louis Pasteur and Alfred Nobel. Nobel himself was later treated for heart disease and was prescribed his own invention, dynamite. Dr Bogle also

spoke about the new generation of cardiology – specifically stents and medication. The ways in which the stents and medication are used were explained in terms of the biology and physiology of the heart, blood vessels and the vascular system.

We’d like to say a big thank you to Dr Bogle for coming to speak to the society. His lecture was informative and interesting; pitched at just the right level to stretch our knowledge and understanding while not being too technical and difficult.

### **ATP Tennis Championships**



On Tuesday 24 November, 16 students went to the O2 arena with Miss Wilson and Mr Kemp to see the ATP tennis championships as a reward for their services to College tennis! Arriving slightly before lunch enabled them to get into their seats after a small tour around the O2’s facilities. The pupils then watched a doubles match before the singles showdown between two of the world’s best players, Del Potro and Verdasco. A first-class and highly entertaining match saw students on the edge of their seats in the impressive arena. A very well behaved group returned back to school in the early evening and are already looking forward to Wimbledon!

### **Don't forget the Christmas Market - this Friday from 3:15pm onwards**

We are delighted to welcome you to this Friday's Christmas Market and to let everyone know that Father Christmas will be joining us this year!

With over 50 "As New" and New stalls there will be a plethora of shopping opportunities for all ages to enjoy Christmas plants, handbags, books, cards, curry sauces, paintings, toys, DVDs and much much more - including Judy Bate, Head of the Junior School, kindly hosting the Bottle Tombola! Also on offer (courtesy of the Sixth Form) will be a "Beat the Santa" competition, plus large quantities of cake, Mulled Wine & Winter Pimms and various children's activities in the Refectory. Additionally Claire Skinner and Laura Smith will be face painting to raise money for Project Trust - and "Buskers" will be raising money for Crisis. There is also a wonderful "Pick a present" corner, where pupils will be able to discreetly buy Christmas Prezies for their families without them knowing!

Please do come along. Pupils in the Junior School need to be accompanied by an adult. Senior pupils who are coming without an adult need to remember to bring some money to enjoy all the entertainment and shopping opportunities! Please note; as it's winter, there is only very limited parking available. Thank you for your continued support. Seasons Greetings!

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