

Meriden shines bright at the Da Vinci Decathlon

Meriden has performed exceptionally well in the Da Vinci Decathlon this year, with four teams gaining overall placings in the top sixteen, including our Year 10 team placing third overall. Every Meriden team was awarded a swathe of excellent subject results.

The girls worked hard to prepare for all ten subjects assessed in the Decathlon. The competition was held face-to-face for the first time in three years. I congratulate the girls on their outstanding efforts during training and on the day of the competition.

Highlights were as follows:

Year 11

- Art and Poetry - Fourth
- Mathematics - Sixth

Year 10

- Achieved third place overall out of seventy-three teams
- Cartography - First
- English - First
- Ideation - Second
- Legacy - Sixth
- Science - Ninth
- Mathematics - Tenth

Year 9

- Achieved eleventh place overall out of seventy-four teams
- Code Breaking - Second
- Art and Poetry - Sixth
- Mathematics - Seventh
- English - Eleventh
- Legacy - Sixteenth

Year 8

- Achieved fifteenth place overall out of eighty-one teams
- Art and Poetry - First
- English - Third
- Ideation - Fourteenth



Meriden's Year 10 Team. Back Row: Olivia Lee, Meredith Xu and Leah Har. Middle Row: Sophie Tan, Victoria Yenson. Front Row: Sabrina Cao, Emily Yang and Sophie Yi

Year 7

- Achieved thirteenth place overall out of seventy-two teams
- Engineering - Second
- Legacy - Fifth
- Mathematics - Eighth
- Engineering - Sixteenth

Congratulations to the following students for gaining selection into Meriden's Da Vinci Decathlon teams this year. I extend my thanks to the reserves who trained alongside the teams with commitment and determination. The contribution of every student to Meriden's success is greatly appreciated.

Year 7 - Grace El-Khoury (reserve), Alice Feng, Danielle Ho, Adeline Hu, Emma Rose Koeswandy, Serena Li, Thea Luttrell (reserve), Rochelle Tao, Mia Wu, Gayaneesha Zelan

Year 8 - Lisa Chen, Iris Gai (reserve), Eva Gao, Olivia Kim, Yiru Li, Anna Satchithanathan, Cindy Shen, Lillian Shen (reserve), Amelia Von, Jasmine Yang

Year 9 - Ila Bains (reserve), Kaitlyn Blair, Amy Chen, Angelin Chen, Diya Maninathan, Sunae Park (reserve), Reshmi Ramana, Naomi Riaz, Keira Waked, Christina Zhou

Year 10 - Sabrina Cao, Calleigh Chow (reserve), Leah Har, Olivia Lee, Sophie Tan, Selina Wang (reserve), Meredith Xu, Emily Yang, Victoria Yenson, Sophie Yi

Year 11 - Elaine Huang, Anjali Kailasanathan, Seeya Naik Panvelkar, Nidhi Nellore (reserve), Erica Ng (reserve), Merryn Quang, Abisha Thevarajah, Jacinda Tjiantoro, Alicia Wang, Rachel Xie

I wish to thank Mrs Priscilla Curran for training the girls in Ideation, Mr Alexander Ecob for assisting with Mathematics training and Dr Jocelyn Laurence for her support in marking on the day. I would also like to thank Year 12 students, Talia Yin and Jasmine Ye, who shared their valuable tips and experiences competing in the Da Vinci Decathlon with the girls.

As we bid farewell to another year of success in the Da Vinci Decathlon, we prepare to focus on our Term 3 cocurricular activity in the High Potential Learning Program, the Tournament of Minds (TOM) competition.

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