

## HEADLINES

From all the successes and highlights of this term and indeed this year, there are three things in particular I would like to highlight.

The first is how well our children and young people do when they work hard to make the most of their skills and abilities. This can be seen by reading the account of the Leavers Presentation Evening (page 11) where our year 11 pupils had their achievements formally recognised through subject awards and where Ben Mee of Dartmoor Zoo presented their Records of Achievement. Ben has several mottos..... 'Never Give Up'.....'If you give up you fail'..... and 'I'm going to keep going until I can't go any further'..... really good advice when you are think about being successful and achieving!

This intent can also be seen by reading about the amazing success of this year's sixth form students (page 12), where a staggering 80% of those leaving us gained employment, apprenticeship or supported internship.....considering the national average for youngsters with an EHCP is around 6%, this really is an outstanding result which also reflects Ben's attitude.

This determination is further reflected in the success of our own apprentices....in June we received an award from Exeter College as the best medium sized employer in the area and have now been asked to become an Apprentice Ambassador (page 17).

The second is the wide range of residential experiences the staff of the school offer all pupils. Year after year, the staff give freely of their time to offer every child the chance to develop their personal and social skills and widen their experiences by taking them away from home.....you will read of various accounts inside which could not happen without the commitment of the staff to offer this, there will not be many schools which offer every child such an opportunity every year. I am sure you join me in sincerely thanking them for their support.

Finally, whilst it isn't the buildings and grounds which make a school, we are fortunate that we can continue to develop both as they enable us to provide children with a setting which promotes the aims of the school and give the messages we want children and young people to take on board. Our vocational facilities clear do this. I am pleased to report that during the summer holidays an Astroturf pitch is being installed and this will allow us to develop further sport, PE and games and the healthy messages it will bring.

We are also planning to extend the sixth form building as the success students have has made it a popular option post 16 and the initial 30 place building is being developed to enable 50 to benefit.

I wish everyone a happy and enjoyable summer holidays and look forward to returning in September

Mr Lock



# Lower School News

## Occombe Farm

What a fantastic day we had at Occombe Farm today. The children made their own pizza and even picked the herbs from the garden to go on it. We also fed the ducks and chickens, stroked the lambs and made clay animals in the woods.

By Mrs Gardner, 4G Teacher



Above: The children from 4G and 5M

## Residential

We had a great residential at Rora House. Class photo taken on grounds of Rora House. The second day of our residential we went to Pennywell farm and milked some goats.

By Mrs Gardner, 4G Teacher



5M and 5E had a fantastic few days at Heatree on their residential. We were lucky enough to have glorious sunshine for the trip and took part in a variety of fun activities, including bushcraft, pond dipping, low adventure, and archery.

By Miss Evans, 5E Teacher



## Forest Schools

4G & 5M enjoyed sessions of Forest school at Stover Park. The photo shows the children collecting bugs to observe before putting them back into the wild

Mrs Gardner, 4G Teacher



## Dawlish Gardens Trust

The children had a wonderful time finding out about all the plants and foods that are grown at the garden centre as part of their 'field to fork' topic.

By Mrs Gardner, 4G Teacher



## *Year 7 Residential!*

This year, the Year 7 residential moved to a new location in South Wales. We were spoilt with a brand new site just outside Llanarth called Llain Activity Centre which had plenty of space for the children to roam around in their free time. All of the children did exceptionally well and pushed themselves to try new things throughout the week. They took part in a variety of activities such as; kayaking, climbing, bush craft and high ropes. It was a jam packed week from start to finish. It was great seeing them enjoying themselves and there were plenty of smiles and lots of laughter. Some of my personal highlights were on Mud Run Obstacle course where the children fully immersed themselves in this soggy and dirty experience! We were also blessed with glorious weather throughout the week and it wasn't until we left on the Friday morning that the heavens opened. I feel very lucky to have been part of such an amazing week. A big thank you to all those that attended this fantastic trip.

Mrs Bradfield

(Head of Lower School & Year 7 Tutor)



## *The journey of a river*

Year 7 had a great day following a river from source to mouth. We saw many features that we had learnt about in lessons on our journey along the river; source, meander, waterfall and estuary. We arrived at Haytor and we were surprised with how different the source was to what we expected. We then left and headed towards Becky Falls, where we noticed huge changes as the river grew big and we saw the beginnings of a waterfall as the water was falling down from quite a height. After jumping back on the bus we finally spotted the river again as we travelled towards Teignmouth and saw the river come to an end as it met the sea. Here the river was massive and so much bigger than the tiny stream we saw at the start of the day. It was great putting all we learnt into real life on our trip.



# Year 8 Belgium Trip



Year 8 pupils had a residential to savour as they deepened their understanding of World War One with a trip to Belgium. Some 25 pupils arrived at school eager to start their six-hour journey to Dover on board our coach.

Smooth seas on the one-and-a-half hour ferry crossing meant the voyage to France was an enjoyable one as the children sat outside in the sunshine enjoying the sea air. We eventually arrived at our hostel at 8pm having completed our 11-hour journey and it was time for some much needed dinner before everyone settled into their rooms and eventually fell asleep.

The first full day saw the group descend on In Flanders Museum which featured an interactive display reflecting the scale and horror of the First World War. Next we visited Tyne Cot cemetery, which is the resting place of 11,954 soldiers of the Commonwealth Forces. It is the largest number of burials contained in any Commonwealth cemetery of either the First or Second World War. The children found a number of graves belonging to soldiers from the Torbay area and paid their respects by resting crosses on the graves. Following this, we headed off to the German cemetery, Langemark – one of only four First World War German cemeteries in the Flanders region. The children were shocked at how different it was to Tyne Cot with each grave containing at least four fallen German soldiers. In the evening pupils took a trip to the eagerly-awaited chocolate shop where the owner was waiting with a special offer for some very excited children. Soon after snapping up the tasty treats, the group descended on Menin Gate for the nightly act of homage ceremony, which saw Corey Pollard, Angel Hartley-Galvin and Bradley Kersey lay a wreath on behalf of the school.

The following morning we set off for Essex Farm Cemetery where the children had chance to explore another cemetery. It was created at the time the Canadian field artillery established a small, basic dressing station to tend to wounded casualties in the vicinity. British casualties who died near the location of Essex Farm were buried in this cemetery. The day also included a trip to the memorial museum Passchendaele where the replica dugout rooms are located in the cellars, with the first floor housing the museum reception and temporary exhibitions. Outside of the museum there is an impressive replica network of trenches, which gave the children a unique insight into how trenches were built and what they looked like. After lunch and a play on the grass outside the museum, we headed off to explore Hill 60 – the scene of one of the fiercest battlegrounds in the Great War. The evening was spent with a trip to the local bowling alley where a fiercely-contested showdown ended with Mr Newton sealing top spot (much to the horror of Miss Moor).

The final full day was spent at Bellewaerde Theme Park where the children enjoyed a number of nerve-shredding rides, including the upside down rollercoaster. That evening offered some time to relax and enjoy each other's company before the children packed their suitcases ahead of an early departure the next morning. A group of exhausted children were reunited with their parents the next evening back in Torquay at the end of what was a hugely successful residential. Special mention must go to the children, whose behaviour was impeccable during the entire trip. Well done Year 8.

By Mr Davies, Year 9 Teacher



# Un-fantastic Plastic!!



## Year 8 In school group



This year the Year 8 pupils who did not attend the residential to Belgium took part in a project called 'unfantastic plastic'.

Pupils found out about the dangers of single use plastic and the damage it is doing to our marine wildlife. The pictures above show how marine life is affected by plastic which is often eaten which leads inevitably to their death. In school pupils took part in a variety of different activities such as surveys and interviews to find out how much rubbish we recycle at Combe Pafford and where it goes. We discovered that Combe Pafford is very good at recycling and that recycling happens across every area of school, not just in our classrooms! We found out that areas that also recycle well are the Yellow Frog café, the IT team and animal care.



At the end of the week pupils were determined to limit their use of plastic and to collect litter they find on their local beaches.

We visited Oddicombe beach and completed a beach clean.



# LIVING COASTS

## ZOO & AQUARIUM

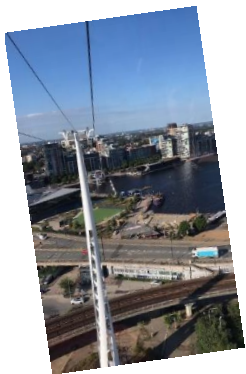
### TORQUAY



We went to Oddicombe beach to discover for ourselves how much plastic is washed up by the tide or left behind by visitors to the beach. We were shocked at how much there was. We took it back to school and ensured that it went for recycling. It has made all the pupils who took part much more conscious of the need to keep our beaches clean.

We also thought that it would be a good idea to see something of the marine life around the world which is endangered by plastic. So we went on a visit to Living Coasts to find out more about marine animals and what can be done to protect them.





## Year 9 London Trip

### Day 1:

After a long journey up at 50mph for the majority, we arrived at Harry Potter Studios at 4:30pm. All the children were excited to explore the studios as we embarked on our tour. Enthusiasm was in abundance from some who thoroughly got involved in the hype and excitement of walking around the props, stages and the characters of the worldwide popular book and film series. After 3 hours of exploring we finally came to the end of the tour which was breath taking and awe inspiring. The highlights were the forbidden forest set, the great hall, the bank and the ruins of the bank where a holographic dragon stunned the children coming out from the smoke and debris and breathed fire at your feet. An amazing experience for the first day. A very unsuspecting, quiet and fortunate Toby Carvery in Watford was well received by the children and staff who were full to the brim by the time they left... Ashley Coles particularly enjoyed it, polishing off an outrageous 3 sittings!!!

We arrived at the Safe Stay Hostel in Elephant and Castle, where all children climbed into bed and not a peep was heard by 11pm. A fantastic, tiring day was enjoyed by all.

### Day 2:

Today we visited the London Dungeons, the London Eye and had a cruise down the River Thames. First up the Dungeons and the children got so involved in the different rooms and were in hysterics whilst being, at times, absolutely petrified. Mr Davey was first to be picked on then Mr Wallace was picked on 3 times during the acts, much to the children's amusement. After the Dungeons we headed for lunch before jumping on the London Eye, a great time for plenty of pictures and children to see London in a panoramic view. Once off the Eye the children went for an ice cream and chill on the park before boarding a boat and cruising up and down the Thames. The boat trip was a very educational experience and the children really enjoyed learning facts of their surroundings. Pizza Express for dinner and a return to the hostel where the children either played pool, watch the football or went to bed. All children in bed and exhausted by 10pm, another fantastic day.

### Day 3:

Today we set off on the mini buses to the East End to visit the Olympic Park in Stratford. We set off early for the 12 mile journey which took 70 minutes, after we navigated the traffic and hectic roads we got through the mass of traffic to be met with closed roads and lots of diversions. This ended up being far more picturesque than we thought as we ended up crossing Tower Bridge which was brilliant to cross the bridge the children had seen on the boat cruise yesterday.

We made it to Stratford and parked up outside West Hams football ground and the Aquatic Centre, we headed for a closer look at West Hams stadium, with the boys in awe of the sheer size and stature of it. Once there we settled down to play some games inside the Olympic Park, some played football and it wasn't long before they noticed the fountains and began to play in them. Mr Wallace, Mr Davey and Mrs Robinson became immediate targets for water splashing as the water fight ensued. Mrs Cole and Miss Alcock sat in safety on the grass bank with the bags ... or so they thought, a collective effort saw Mrs Alcock soaked from tip to toe. Westfield shopping centre was calling for some serious shopping and if we are perfectly honest we don't know who was more excited, the boys or the girls... (Or Mr Davey) In and out of every shop going saw us finish in under 3 hours... yes! 3 hours in a shopping centre!

The children then headed to the Emirates Cable Cars and cross over London to the O2 for some food. Frankie and Benny's was the diner of choice and once fully fed we headed back to the Hostel for 9pm and a settle down.

A cloudier day and a welcome break from the sun, plenty of fun had!

### Day 4

It started bright and early with a tube ride into Victoria then walking to Buckingham Palace for the changing of the guard. A long walk down the Mall to Trafalgar Square and a quick pit stop for lunch led us to Leicester Square where we stopped for lunch and a moment in the sun. It was the hottest day by far but the children were so well behaved throughout the walking and getting hot and bothered. After lunch we went into the Lego store and M&M store where the children enjoyed the several floors of fun and chocolate. The children and staff were entertained by a street performer who was beat boxing and he was fantastic he managed to get all the children up dancing to his set.

A quick tube back to the hostel and the children got ready for the evening production of the Lion King at the Lyceum Theatre, stopping off in Covent Garden for dinner at Mark Wahlbergs burger restaurant before going into the centre of Covent Garden to watch a street performer... and not surprisingly Mr Wallace and Mr Davey were picked on again out of the 100's of spectators. Mr Wallace and Mr Davey had to hold a 12ft unicycle upright before the act climbed on both adults and got on, after he was 12ft in the air Mr Wallace and Mr Davey had to throw an axe, scythe and a machete to the performer which he then juggled whilst 12ft in the air on his unicycle. Amazing performer.

The Lion King was a fantastic way to end the residential, arriving at the VIP entrance and finding our seats we sat through what the children described as the 'best thing they have ever watched'. The show was out of this world! When it finished we jumped on the Tube and were back in the hostel for 11pm, the children were shocked to see London at night with all the hustle and bustle.

An amazing residential and such brilliant children who have been a pleasure to supervise for the week. Thank you year 9's.

# Year 9 Trip Dartmoor Prison Museum

On Friday 7th June, Year 9 travelled to Dartmoor prison museum to investigate and learn about what life was like in Dartmoor prison through the past decades since it opened. We learnt that originally, it was used as a prisoner of war camp and captured soldiers were brought here to work. After that it was opened to convicts, and is still a functioning prison to this day. At present there are 627 prisoners in Dartmoor prison. Our guide Paul then showed us around the perimeter of the prison, and the cemetery, where there are memorials for the soldiers who died whilst incarcerated at the prison.

At the museum, there are lots of artefacts including old prison record books, photographs of prisoners and the wardens, and a collection of contraband items including handmade tattoo guns and mobile phones! It was a fun day, and we can't wait to use our learning from the day in our humanities lessons this term.

By Miss Alcock Year 9 Teacher



## Forensics Day

On Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July, an emergency assembly was called to share the shocking news that there had been an incident in the science labs! Fortunately, we had a group of well-trained forensic experts in Year 9 who were able to collect and analyse the evidence in the crime scene whilst investigating the tragic death of Mr Wallace.

The fictitious murder of Mr Wallace was investigated with great eagerness and desire to catch the perpetrator. With the scene of crime in the Science Block, including a 'police line do not cross' barrier, the evidence that had to be scientifically examined in order to solve the despicable crime. Finger prints, mysterious powders, blood, fibres and a drinks can were among the clues that the forensic team had to inspect as part of the murder investigation. The team were tasked with applying forensic science techniques to solve the crime. These included blood typing and taking finger prints from evidence. Following the application of various scientific methods as part of the investigation, the Year 9 forensic team successfully identified the killer...

The children had a fantastic day and were completely immersed in the world of forensic science and what life would be like to investigate crimes.

Mr Davies & Mrs Kelly



# Year 11 Students make good impression

Year 11 students (28 of them!) impressed the employers at the annual Year 11 Mock Interview Day at Torquay United F.C. with their smart appearance, confidence and ability to talk about themselves. Many of the students dressed up especially

for the occasion and really looked the part. One of the employers, Matt Hurley from the Job Centre, said

he was blown away by the quality of the interviews. The employers helped out with the very difficult job of deciding who the awards should go to. In the end, the award winners were as follows:



## Best Dressed

1<sup>st</sup>: Adam Prosser  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Kieran Binmore  
3<sup>rd</sup>: Alex James  
Special mention – Charley Oldham

## Best First Impression

1<sup>st</sup>: Callum Williams  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Sterling Kuhn  
3<sup>rd</sup>: Thomas Hocking  
3<sup>rd</sup>: Jake Vizard  
Special mention – Adam Prosser



## Best Interview

1<sup>st</sup>: George Turner  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Lauren Walsh  
3<sup>rd</sup>: Sam Whiteaker  
Special mention – Devon Smail



## All-rounder Award

Ellie Walker

A separate mini-Mock Interview Day was held recently for 11A in school with the very same results! On this occasion the stars were Charley Oldham, Jacob Hughes and Jake Vizard.

Mr Thompson  
(Head of Sixth Form)

# A Fine Farewell: Y11 Cardiff Residential



As the Year 11 pupils at Combe Pafford School approach the end of a chapter in their lives, it's only fair they have a send-off that truly represents all that they have achieved so far. Consequently, Cardiff was the destination of choice. After a short minibus ride across the border into Wales, pupils were quickly thrown into all that that City of Cardiff has to offer.

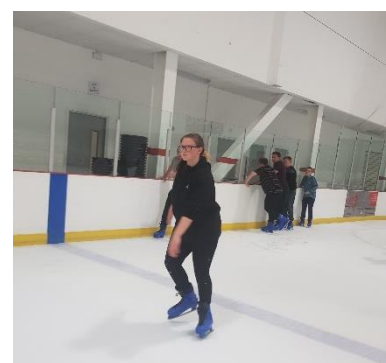
Day one began with a jam-packed day of activities including a Cardiff Bay boat tour, Tree-top Adventure Golf, bowling and the cinema. Pupils will tell you, day one wasn't without a fair bit of walking, but what better way to get familiar with a new city (not that all the pupils agreed)!

Day two saw us back on board the minibuses for a short journey to St Fagan's National History Museum. This really was an amazing journey through time, starting with the iron-age, through to the Tudor period, and up to the more recent times of minors in the 1970s and 1980s. The weather at this point was starting to look a bit unsettled, but nothing that couldn't be addressed by an anorak or a brolly. Following this was one of the activities that a lot of pupils say was their highlight; a trip to the Infinity Trampoline Park. 32 Year 11s running, jumping and bouncing into foam-filled pits – what could go wrong?! Fortunately, not much. Except for Mr James twisting his ankle as he not-subtly walked across a trampoline.

Wednesday saw us leave the Hostel early, for another one of the pupil highlights which was Big Pit National Coal Museum. This was a slightly longer journey of about 30miles, but it was definitely worth the drive. Pupils were geared up the outfit of minor, complete with helmet, head torch, power pack and gas mask. We were then invited into a steal cage and plummeted 100metres into the ground into what used to be a genuine working mine. Pupils gain a huge amount from this trip; not least, and understanding of how different people's lives can be based purely on where you are born.

Our last full day was rounded off with a very exciting trip to Viola Arena where pupils could try their hand at Ice-skating (some being more successful than others - eh Mr Dowell?). It was fantastic to see pupils progress for barely being able to stand-up to gliding freely around the ice rink.

Overall, I'd like to think the pupils enjoyed a range of activities that not only allowed them to blow off some steam, but that also helped develop their understanding of different people, living in different times. If we can send off the next group of Year 11s in as successful of a fashion as we have this year group, they certainly have a lot to look forward to!



# Year 11 Leavers' Presentation

On Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July, we had our annual Year 11 Leavers' Presentation evening at the beautiful Spanish Barn in Torre Abbey on Torquay Seafront. The Barn was packed with over



160 people for this very special evening to celebrate our Year 11 pupils. The pupils looked fantastic and were dressed extremely smartly with some stylish suits, dresses and tuxedos!! We also had two particularly spectacular entrances

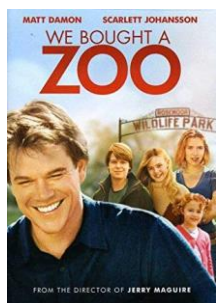


with Devon Smail rocking up in the Dukes of Hazard car!! Followed by Tyler Degowan zooming down the driveway in a classic blue Mustang!!

All the pupils were described superbly by their tutors for this year and presented with their 'Record of Achievement' which includes their final school report. Some pupils also received Subject Prize rewards and vouchers from the Subject Leaders or teachers for their impressive efforts. The audience of staff, governors, parents, carers and family all thoroughly enjoyed the evening and were extremely proud of the pupils with, arguably, the loudest cheer of the evening going to our Pupil of the Year, Mr Jake Vizard. Jake is a pleasure to teach for all staff and embraces every opportunity that comes his way. An extremely helpful, polite, funny and conscientious young man who has immersed himself into all aspects of school life. A thoroughly deserved winner of this prestigious award for 2019.



*Jake Vizard and Benjamin Mee*



We were also delighted and very lucky to have the inspirational Benjamin Mee, Chief Executive Officer from Dartmoor Zoological Park, as our guest speaker who had photos with all the pupils and gave an eloquent, touching and motivational speech about his life which was titled "Never Give Up". I highly recommend that you find out more about Benjamin. He has written many books and, most famously, has been played by Hollywood A-lister Matt Damon in the film about his life called "We Bought a Zoo".

The Lower School pupils have visited Dartmoor Zoo this term and really enjoyed it. I am taking my family this summer! <https://www.dartmoorzoo.org.uk/>

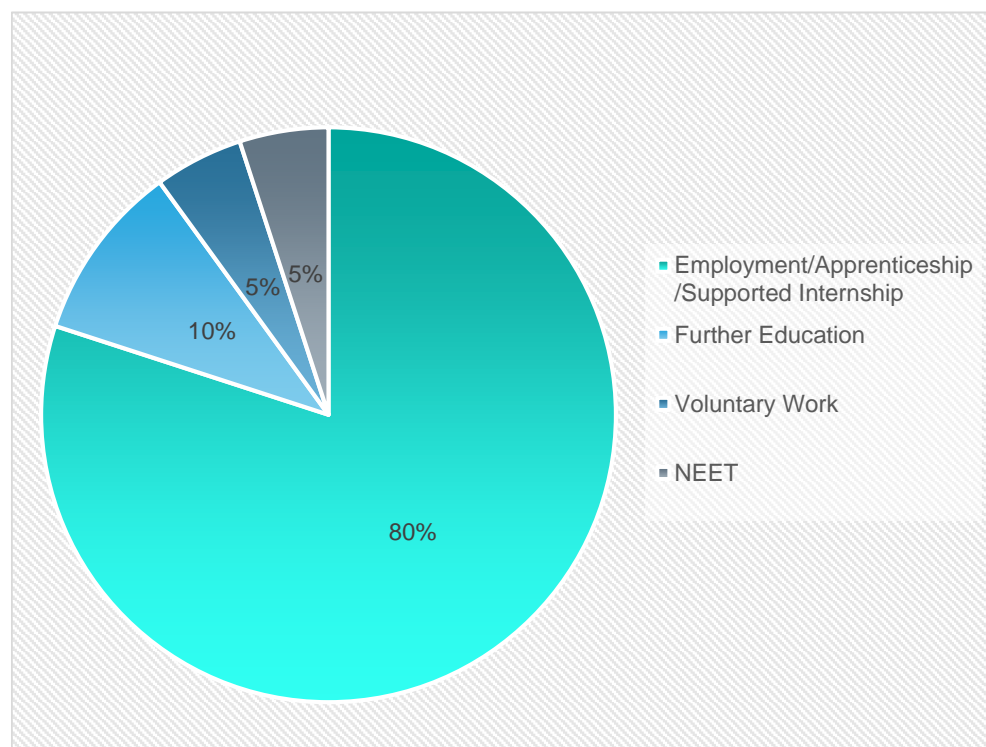


A fantastic evening was enjoyed by all and I wish all of Year 11 the best of luck as they soon will start the next part of their education and work towards that first and all important step on the employment ladder.

Finally, thank you to all the parents and carers for your continued support and we look forward to welcoming back those pupils joining our Sixth Form in September. Enjoy the summer!!

Mr. B. Dowell  
Deputy Head and Head of Upper School

# SIXTH FORM SUCCESS...



## Destinations of Sixth Form Leavers 2019

It's been an exciting year here in sixth form, currently 80% of the students leaving us have managed to gain employment, apprenticeships and supported internships in a range of occupational areas. We are really pleased to be seeing a rise in the number of our students accessing apprenticeships. Students in sixth form undertake a placement for 2 days per week during their time on the work ready programme, giving them the opportunity to gain valuable experience and hours working doing the job. Their hard work and perseverance is commended by the employers they are with and ultimately what has led these students to be successful. As always we wish those students every success on the next step of their employment journey. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all the employers that we have worked with this year, we wouldn't be celebrating this success without their support. A particular thank you to the following employers who have offered our students employment or apprenticeships this year: Sainsbury's, Fermoy's, Torbay Clearance Services, MBS, Kiddi Caru, The Army, and the Palace Hotel.

**80% into  
employment,  
apprenticeships or  
supported  
internships**

**40% into jobs**

**25% into  
apprenticeships**

**15% Supported  
internships**

**Painting &  
Decorating,  
Catering, Child  
Care, Retail,  
Clearance Services,  
Animal Care,  
Premises**

# Sixth Form News

At the beginning of May the sixth form work skills group were offered the use of a poly tunnel at Occombe Farm. When we started the project the ground in the tunnel was solid and, as it hadn't been used for a while, there were many weeds that needed digging out. The group worked hard to prepare the ground ready for use, lay out the irrigation system, and then plant strawberries, cucumbers, courgettes, tomatoes and broccoli. The plants are growing nicely and the students continue to enjoy looking after their crops; having gained an understanding of growing vegetables from start to finish. Thank you to Occombe Farm for the use of the poly tunnel and tools.



## Sixth Form Student Voice

In March 7 students from Sixth Form joined together to form a Sixth Form Student Voice. The students represent all 4 Sixth Form tutor groups and volunteered for the role of Student Voice Representative. This means that they are able to share their thoughts, ideas and opinions on life at Combe Pafford Sixth Form and be empowered to suggest changes which will improve their experience at Sixth Form. The meetings are held with Rosemary Dolan, W1 tutor, every half term in the Yellow Frog Café. The students in Student Voice are Marcus Reed, Shannon Gendall, Eddie Hoyte, Louise Jewell, Georgina Page, Riley Coleman and Jasmine Coward.

They have been very forthcoming with many superb ideas. These include more bins to be placed outside to reduce litter, moped bays for parking, outside table and chairs for break and lunch time as well as more fitness choices. Changes have been made as a result of Student Voice; at present when students need to sign out they have to go to Reception and it was felt by many that this was impractical. It has now been agreed that from September the Sixth Form students will be able to actually sign out in Sixth Form.

Student Voice are also delighted that another of their suggestions has been actioned, as a new bin is now in position outside the Yellow Frog Café.

Several of the students will be leaving Combe Pafford this term and we wish them all well. We are looking for new volunteers in Sixth form to take their places and if you are interested please come to see Rosemary Dolan, W1 tutor, in Room 35.



# Sixth Form Round-Up

We have seen an unprecedented level of success by students in 2018-19 with many students gaining apprenticeships or leaving to take paid employment, some interviewing successfully to go on to the Aspire programme at Torbay Hospital, and one student being accepted into the army (see more details below). Success breeds success, as they say, and I can only hope that this success rubs off on to next year's cohort as we expand the sixth form, planning as we are to open our doors in September to just over 50 students for the first time. It has been a busy year in the sixth form, and in addition to the main work of supporting students into work and to achieve as high a level as they can in their core subjects, a lot of other exciting projects have been going on. Here is a round-up of some of those activities:

## JESSY ACCEPTED BY ARMY

Jessy Motteram has been eyeing up a place in the army in recent months, and after attending a number of familiarisation days and briefings, finally got the word that he would need to travel to Pirbright Barracks at Brookwood in Surrey to attend a 2-day assessment. This consisted of an array of physical tests, maths, English and cognitive tests, and a medical, which, according to Jessy, not all of them passed as several of the 30-strong group

dropped out along the way and went home. Jessy emerged successful, no doubt helped by his Ten Tors experience and having climbed the Three Peaks last year to raise money for Rowcroft Hospice, and has been accepted into the Royal Armoured Corps. He starts his basic training at Winchester on August 11<sup>th</sup>. This is an absolutely fabulous achievement and he becomes only the third student in over 30 years from this school to make it into the army. One of Jessy's fellow students, Rupert Masters successfully survived a taster week with the Army at Okehampton Army Camp back in Year 11. Jessy was supported in his preparation for the army assessment by his Job Coach Sam Yeates, and is now looking



forward to getting started! He starts on a salary of around £15,000 per year.



## GOLD FOR EDDIE!

Eddie Hoyte was the only sixth former who participated in Ten Tors this year, and he is now the proud owner of a

Gold Medal, having successfully finished the Jubilee Challenge route for the third year in a row. Eddie deserves great praise for taking part as a lone sixth former, although a number of sixth formers did volunteer to help set up the camp, and is testament to the progress and improved confidence Eddie has shown this year. Eddie was also one of the students who visited the concentration camps of Auschwitz and Birkenau with Vicki Monnington last term. Coupled with his Friday visits to the Illusion Shed, a behind-the-scenes drama project at Seale Hayne on Fridays, Eddie has had a busy but extremely productive year. Well done Eddie!



## POLICE TALK ON THE DANGERS OF KNIFE CRIME

I would like to get more visiting speakers in to talk to sixth formers on a range of topics, and hopefully to inspire them. The first of these happened earlier this term when PC Chris Young and his colleague PC Miles came in to talk about the dangers of knife crime. This was a hard hitting presentation delivered in a sensitive manner, and was well received by the students. PC Young's younger brother Dan was killed in a knife attack on his way to work in London a few years ago, and this more than anything inspired Chris to become a police officer. Chris' story is a truly inspirational one, and wasn't lost on the students. I am hoping the police can come in and do further talks on topics such as drugs, stop and search, powers of arrest and so on. On the last day of term, our local MP Kevin Foster is coming in to talk to the students on the subject of employment.



## PIRATE CRAZY GOLF BRINGS OUT THE COMPETITIVE STREAK

Students continue to enjoy social activities organised out of school time, and the last social event was no exception. About 10 students met at the Pirate Crazy Golf in Paignton for a round of 18-hole madness, and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Mrs Dolan, on her debut, gave a good account of herself, as did Matt Harris, whilst Leah Sinclair demonstrated an



interesting (and rather frightening)

technique that was more suited to a tee shot on a 350-yard hole!

Afterwards we met in the restaurant next door and ordered food whilst reliving our exploits. Social events will resume next term.



## DRIVING ASSESSMENTS PROVE POPULAR

This term around a dozen students took advantage of the offer of a free driving assessment at the Devon Drivers' Centre at Westpoint, and enjoyed getting behind the wheel of a car whilst under the watchful eye of driving assessor Nick Grant. All students were deemed suitable to progress on to lessons, and many have already started a course of

lessons with the school paying for the first 10 lessons. Some students struggle with the on-line theory test, so Nick has been in to do a session on theory with them, and I am hopeful that this can continue in the future. We are keen to encourage students to learn to drive as naturally having a licence opens up many more job opportunities.



Edward Thompson  
(Head of Sixth Form)



# Sixth Formers enjoy a sizzling hot Barcelona!

16 sixth form students caught an EasyJet flight from Bristol Airport to Barcelona a few weeks ago for their annual residential experience. The group, which stayed at the very pleasant Garden House Hostel in the north-east of the city, had to contend with daily temperatures of 29 degrees, hot even by Spanish standards! The students used their all-in-one travel passes to get around Barcelona via the metro, funicular railways, trains and cable car! Highlights of the week were visits to Sagrada Familia, Parc Guell (famous for the Gaudi architectural features), Castell de Montjuic, the Joan Miro museum, La Rambla and Gaudi's



private house. On the final day we made the long journey to the top of the mountains to the Tibidabo Amusement Park, a retro theme park that was built over 100 years ago where a great time was had by all on the rides and everyone enjoyed the stunning views of the city. That evening we had a sumptuous BBQ in the grounds of the hostel and rested our weary feet before travelling back the following day. Many thanks to the students,

whose behaviour was exemplary, and the help of the staff who went – Miss Henkel, Miss Wright and Mrs Setters. We certainly covered a few miles on foot!

Mr Thompson  
(Head of Sixth Form)



## EX-STUDENT ALAN MARKS 30 YEARS OF TEN TORS

Alan Horner, a former student of Combe Pafford, who appeared in his first Ten Tors team in 1989 not long after Mr Thompson started training the teams, has chalked up 30 years of involvement with the school's ten tors teams, either as a participant, supporter or assistant trainer. Dartmoor-mad Alan, who went on to achieve 6 Gold medals before hanging up his competitive boots, later went on to pass the Devon County Council 'Green Card' Summer Moorland Walking qualification for leading groups on the moor. Alan won't be coming along on the training any more, but we are expecting him to pop up when it's time for next year's event! Alan's magnificent contribution to the school's ten tors teams was marked by the army presenting him with a lovely glass trophy and a new book that has been published on Dartmoor's tors. I think just about everyone connected with Ten Tors knows that Alan's favourite tor is Yes Tor!



## Apprenticeship Programme

Our apprenticeships programme continues to develop, currently we have ten apprentices across the school. We were awarded Medium Sized Apprentice of the year 2019 by Exeter College, which was judged by four large South West employers. We are one of only two employers to have received this honour for a second time; we won in 2017.

Our networking and sharing of our experiences has developed, last year I was invited to join a networking group of women who work with apprenticeships. This year we are the first employer in Torbay to be invited to join the South West Ambassador Network. We are also encouraging two of our apprentices, who are ex pupils to become ambassadors. The Ambassador Network works with other employers to promote apprenticeships and develop good working practices. Our two apprentice ambassadors will work to promote apprenticeships to other young people.

By Mrs Milner, Careers Adviser



# Combe Pafford Sports Day Report July 2019

A scintillating weekend of sport that saw England win the cricket world cup provided the perfect backdrop to another major sporting occasion; Combe Pafford Sports Day! A team of Combe Pafford's finest were on hand at 4am to put everything in place and ensure the day went without a hitch. Right on cue, the clouds parted and the sun began to shine, as the opening parade got under way.



## Years 7-10 Morning

The first events of the day got us under way at 10am; impressively on schedule. Could this punctuality be kept up all day? Crowds were first intrigued by the Year 7 150m race (a full lap of the track) and the Year 7 javelin. Our first winner was Kaven, who got off to a fantastic start, but was pushed to the very end before finishing a yard ahead of his next opponent. When I caught up with him he was tired and breathing very heavily but managed to tell me that it felt amazing to win and that he looked forward to his family joining him later to celebrate!

The Year 8 event that followed was equally as well contested, but finally being won by Jordan Orchard-Barker of 8W. This was a very gruelling affair but Jordan dug deep on the final straight to keep his lead against the very tough Maya in 8P.



Next, it was time to make my way over to the javelin – taking care not to get too close! There were some impressive performances by several pupils who, had I not have known better, would make a fitting contenders in The Hunger Games. Our Year 7 javelin winner was William Danks whose biggest throw was a mighty 12.8m whose mum was in the crowd to show her support!

Things started to crank up a notch as Mr Davey (our very own Tony Hadley impersonator) introduced the 70m dashes, kicking off with Year 7 that was won impressively by Andrew Dale. After winning, he took the time to talk to me and was very composed as he did so; telling me that he'd prepared well over night by eating well and hydrating. A very well earned win!

10.45 saw the chiming of the school bell to signify the start of break. It was getting warmer and so crowds and competitors were encouraged to top up on refreshments and perhaps even indulge in an ice cream or coffee from Joe's Café. The vibes of the day were fantastic; comparable to a buoyant summer festival. The day was running in remarkable order, and as we went into the second half of the day, the schedule was running on perfect time.



A highly noteworthy statistic to highlight was the impressively improved performance of 10W (who were 9A last year). A year ago, they did not manage to win an event. This year however, was a different story. By the half way stage, the same group had picked up 9 wins between them – an unbelievable improvement on last year. All that hard work and training has paid off it seems.

As if a whole day of intense sporting activity, interspersed with delicious ice cream and coffee wasn't enough – the crowd



were also treated to a half time dance by the infamous Combe Pafford Cheer Leading Squad. It was clear for all to see just how much training had gone into the performance – routine and synchronisation were on point! By 12pm, all eyes were fixed on climax event of the day; the relay – which went ahead *almost* without a glitch. Despite weeks of preparation, the first Year 7 relay started with a false start as each team decided to do an extra transition going into the final straight. Following this though, the standard of relay was very high and each



year group were an absolute credit to athletics. That is, until the staff fancied themselves as runners – it all went down-hill from there (perhaps might have been a quicker effort if it really was downhill!)

## On the 15<sup>th</sup> July Years 4-6 in the afternoon competed in their sports day

The 4 teams, The Green Hulks, The Red Iron Men, The Blue Thors and The Yellow Wolverines were split into 6 groups consisting of 2 from each team to create 6 mini competitions with each pair trying to score as many points for their team as possible. The events were: Javelin, 70m Sprint, 1 Lap, Long Jump, Shot Put, Hurdles, Quoit Relay, Egg and Spoon and Bean Bag Throw. Each group went around each of the events scoring points on what was a very hot afternoon. The children from years 4-6 competed so well and demonstrated great maturity in handling winning and losing, they should be very proud of themselves.



With the sun scorching the competition drew to a close and the scores were totted up and the results are as follows.

Yellow Wolverines 418 points

Red Ironmen 462 points

Green Hulks 504 points

And the winning team was **The Blue Thor's with 546 points!**

Congratulations to all children who took part and further congratulations for those were in the Blue Thor's team.

Many thanks to all the Parents/Carers and family members who attended to support the children, you contributed to the day with your fantastic support and enthusiasm.

## Special Mentions

Whilst all pupils should be commended on their efforts, there were some exceptional performances throughout the day in a number of disciplines. Jake Williams in year 9 proved to be too much to handle in the sprints; winning all three running events in his year group. Additionally Jordan Orchard Barker led from the start in both 150m and 600m running races – a fantastic achievement. Another immensely strong runner of the day was Leah Harris who very calmly pushed two wins in both the 70m dash and 600m run. All of these efforts made even more impressive by the fact they were done on a very hot summer's day. Superb effort from each of you, well done!



The final special mention does not go to an individual but the school pupil body as a collective. Behaviour across the board was exemplary, right from the beginning of the day where pupils got changed, to extremely supportive attitudes in the competitors holding pens, and highly competitive yet fair approaches in the events. It was a real pleasure to report on the day, as I got to keep up with the day as it unfolded from start to finish. An excellent day had by all.

## Winners

150m	Javelin	70m Dash	Long Jump
Y7 – Aaron 7J Y8 – Jordan Orchard-Barker 8W Y9 – Jake Williams 9D Y10 – Brandon Sherratt	Y7 – William Danks Y8 – Angel 8M Y9 – Bibi Y10 – Brandon Sherratt	Y7 – Andrew Dale Y8 – Mason Irish Y8 – Leah Harris Y9 – Jake Williams Y9 – Riley Tooley Y10 – Owen Hall	Y7 – Aaron 7J Y8 – Jordan 8W Y9 – Jake Williams 9D Y10 – Brandon Sherratt
600m	Shot Put	Basketball	Tennis
Y7 – Leo Gilley-Sweet 7B Y9 – Jake Williams Y10 – Owen Hall Y8 – Jordan Orchard Barker Y8 – Leah Harris	Y10 – Ollie Taylor Y9 – Ryan Knapman Y7 – Ben 7J Y8 – Logan 8P	8P Vs. 8W – 8W 7J Vs. 7B – 7J 9A Vs. 8N/9C – Draw 8M Vs. 8S – Draw 10B Vs. 10W – 10W 9D Vs. 10Mc – 9D	7J Vs. 7B - Draw 8P Vs. 8W – 8W 8M Vs. 8S – 8M 9A Vs. 9C/8N – 9A 9D Vs. 10Mc – 9D 10B Vs. 10W - Draw
Relay			
Y7 – 7J Y8 – 8W Y9 – 9D Y10 – 10W/11A			

# Other Sports News !!

## Cricket

It was an extremely hot day, some would say perfect for playing cricket!! We had a team of 8; Leo Gilley-Sweet, Morgan Hall, Mason Irish, Bradley Kersey, Logan Aldworth, Jordan Orchard-Barker, Jake Williams and Leo Moxhay. They worked like a dream team batting like demons and fielding like they did it as a job! We won 3 out of the 4 games played and came overall joint third, although I do think after looking at the runs and amount of people they caught out I would definitely say joint second instead! In between plays they enjoyed interacting with the other teams playing football and taking a break from the sun!!



## Football

Year 9 footballers attended a tournament at the FA Devon Head Quarters in Newton Abbot. Playing against year 10 teams from Barley Lane, Brunel Academy, Marland School and other special schools around Devon, they competed well and finished in 4<sup>th</sup> place out of the 8 teams. The team consisted of Leo Moxhay, Liam Hyde, Lyam Hornby, Harvey Cawthorne, Ryan Knapman, Ashley Coles and Morgan Quin. Man of the tournament was Liam Hyde for some fantastic work in goal and producing some match winning saves. A massive well done to all.

## Reminder to parents Unauthorised Absence

It is important to keep school informed if your child is going to be absent as soon as possible at the start of the day. We have a clear process for you to follow to inform us if your child will not be attending. Not informing us of the reason why your child is not in school will be marked as unauthorised in the register.

In situations where a child accumulates 10 or more unauthorised absences (the equivalent of 5 school days) within any six-month period, parents/carers will make themselves liable to receiving a Penalty Notice per parent/carer, per child.

The Penalty Notice carries a penalty of £60 if paid in full within 21 days or £120 if paid in full after this time but within 28 days. We are unable to accept part or late payments and there is no legal right to appeal the Penalty Notice once it has been issued. If a Penalty Notice goes unpaid, this is likely to result in Court proceedings being taken against you for an offence of failing to ensure regular school attendance contrary to section 444 Education Act 1996. If convicted, you may face a fine of up to £2500 and/or a maximum 3 months imprisonment.

**Please note:** only **one** Penalty Notice will be issued **in any two year period**. This means that if a Penalty Notice is paid, and the child accumulates a further 10 sessions of unauthorised absence (5 school days), this will result in the parent/carer receiving a summons to Court for an offence contrary to s444 Education Act. The matter cannot be dealt with by way of a further Penalty Notice being issued.

### **ABSENCES**

If your child is unable to attend school for any reason, please ring the school on: 01803 327902 by 10.00am.

**We are rigorous about attendance; please visit our school website for further information.**  
**[www.combepafford.torbay.sch.uk](http://www.combepafford.torbay.sch.uk)**



# Pupils enter Paignton Zoo Competition



Ollie Taylor and Jacob Hughes from 11A helped to create a painting which has been entered into a competition at Paignton Zoo. The winning entry will be exhibited in the Ape House over the summer.

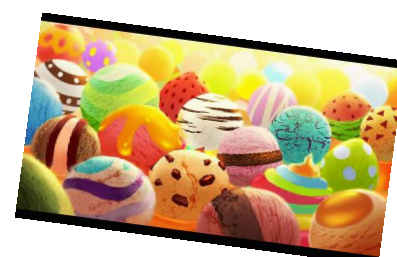
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## With thanks to .....

Torquay Golf Club	Ibounce Newton Abbot
Dainton Golf Club	Dinosaur World
Fingle Glen Golf Club	Meat59
Churston Golf Club	Princess Theatre
Temple Spa	Winners 2000
Riviera Centre	Babbacombe Theatre
Torquay Museum	Boulder Bunker
House of Marbles	H2O Swimming
Paignton Zoo	Sainsburys St Marychurch
Exeter Chiefs	Hurleys Hair Company
Swim Torquay	Limon Cards and Gifts
Plant World	Pirate Golf Paignton
Pier Point Restaurant	TUFC
Trago Mills	Driftwood Cafe

For our auction and raffle prizes for the summer fair and a special mention to B&Q and Brewers for the kind donations throughout the year.



# HERE COMES THE SUN



Thanks to all that supported our recent Summer Fair, so far it has raised £1,400 - Money is still coming in.



*Have a lovely summer!*

## Autumn Dates 2019

Pupils return: Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September  
Half Term: Monday 21<sup>st</sup> - Friday 25<sup>th</sup> Oct (Inc)  
Term Ends: Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December



## Uniform Reminder

If you are buying your child new footwear over the summer please remember that they must wear **BLACK SHOES** with no white or coloured markings.

**ALSO**

School Uniform is now being sold by Riviera School Days:

186 Union Street

Torquay

Devon

TQ2 5QP

**Tel:** 01803 293650

Many Thanks.

Matt Davey

## Combe Pafford Coffee Cart Success

During our Sports Day, Barley Lane and Year 10's set up and served from our new coffee cart. The morning session was extremely busy with a queue of over 30 people!

It was also the first time we tried the coffee cart outside

