

Summer Term 2022

As you can see when you read this newsletter, it has been an extremely busy term. With the restrictions of COVID now behind us (hopefully), we have once again been able to plan and undertake visits and activities and go away on residential experiences. Work experience and work placements are now back up and running - although sadly some of the employers we have used in the past are either no longer able to help due to staff shortages or they have had to close – and the curriculum we have been able to offer this term has a more normal look about it.

There are many highlights, one I want to specifically mention, is Ten Tors where traditionally we have always entered teams over the past 30 odd years and I was delighted that we did so again this year and many congratulations to those who completed the course, most pupils were going for their Bronze Medal, their first event, hopefully they will continue in the coming years and achieve their Silver and Gold.

Building works which had been delayed have now been completed (Horticultural Base) or have been re-scheduled to take place during the summer holidays (Junior boys toilet refurbishment/Construction centre extension).

I was particularly pleased to welcome into school Mr Vernon Jeffery and his son Simon to officially open the new horticultural facilities. Vernon was a teacher at CPS for 20 years until he retired in 1995, I remember he had two passions outside of teaching, one was running, and the other was horticultural and Vernon ran the gardening club here for many years, so it is very fitting he had the job of cutting the ribbon. Simon, his son, who runs Winners 2000 has been a consistent fund raiser for us over many years raising thousands of pounds and it was nice to repay his kindness with this small gesture.



Once again, I need to thank the staff, it has been a very strange couple of years for everyone, the stresses and strains of Covid have been felt by everyone, but I am extremely grateful that the commitment shown by everyone has been first class, I wish them all a very happy holiday!!

We held our Year 11 Leavers Presentation Evening at the Spanish Barn in Torquay, we said goodbye to the Year 11 pupils leaving us, as well as two long serving members of staff. Ms Monnington who has been with us teaching English for 18 years, during which time she has also led the Upper School and opened our sixth form. Ben Dowell, our deputy head has been here for 10 years and has been a real strength and totally committed to making the school as good as it can be. We all wish them the very best of luck in the future and they take with them our very sincere thanks.

I hope you all have a very enjoyable summer break.

Mike Lock

4N, 5P & 5R Residential to Warran Barn, June 2022

Some of 4N, 5P and 5R went to Warren Barn in Cockington for a two night residential. Some of the activities we completed were den building, fire lighting and meadow sweeping with a Cockington park ranger called Chris. We had lots of walks deep into the woods and even a bat walk at dusk!



We were lucky that Jenny, the cook, supplied us with hot meals and packed lunches. We had a hot chocolate evening, stories and bedtime! The children slept amazingly unlike the adults!!!

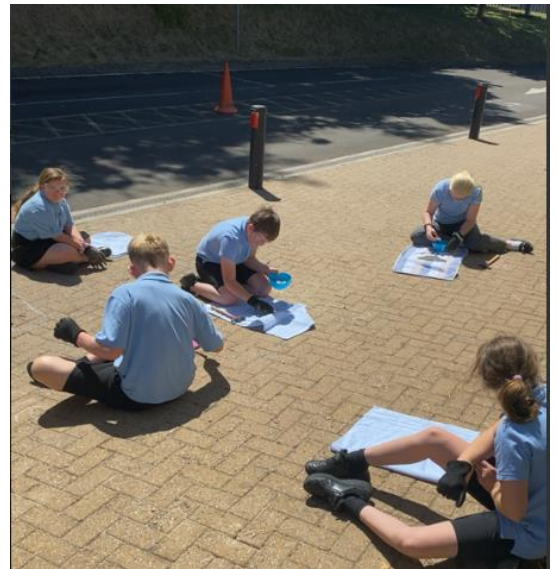


Riviera Project

There is currently a project in Torbay for six schools to create 6 pieces of mosaic work on the former doors of Debenhams on the Strand in Torquay, with each school doing a different mosaic.



They worked tirelessly to produce a stunning depiction of the English Riviera with a beautiful palm tree. Not only is this a representation of the English Riviera but it is also the emblem of Combe Pafford School.



We were fortunate to have been selected as one of these schools so Miss Evans and the pupils of 6E were provided with a large board, numerous broken coloured tiles and a tub of grout to produce a unique mosaic for this display.



As you can see from the picture Miss Evans and 6E have done a fantastic job and I can't wait to see it join the mosaics of the other schools as part of the display on the Strand when they are erected in the Autumn.

Thank you to all who came to our
Summer Fayre and contributed
towards our raffle and online
auction.

We have raised just over £ 1,500



Year 6 Graduation by Mrs Bradfield

To celebrate the end of Key Stage Two all the Year 6's took part in a special graduation day before they move into Year 7 in September.

The day was jam packed with all sorts of different activities. The best part of the day was the water balloon fight. Although the water fight was over in a matter of minutes, the children took great delight in getting the adults soaked.

Once they dried off, we headed to the salon where the glam team (who know so many Lower School adults had such a variety of talents to help in this process) worked their magic on hair and nails.

After all that beautifying, they headed to a special presentation where parents and carers were invited to share all their success and receive a personalised gift and certificate. It was lovely day and something the next year's Year 6's should be looking forward to.

A huge thank you to Miss Evans for all the amazing work she did to prepare such a super event.



Year 7



7M have really enjoyed completing their Science Crest Award Challenges this half term. They have completed a wide range of challenges such as building bird nests, making and testing boats, the Pineapple jelly investigation and Who can build the best discus?

They showed great teamwork and imagination - well done 7M!



Music news

- There has been lots of focus in music this term on singing and developing rhythm skills.

Have a look at what some pupils have been up...



Ocarinas – 4N

Pupils in 4N have been singing a range of songs about food including nursery rhymes and popular children's songs. They have also been exploring rhythm skills and sounds using the ocarina. They have become more confident at creating different notes and are starting to perform simple melodies as a group. Well done 4N!

Sea Shanties – 5P and 5R

Pupils in 5R and 5P have been exploring action songs and developing their rhythm skills through performing sea shanties this term.

In 5R they have learnt to perform shanties such as Drunken Sailor and Chicken on a raft. They have also performed action songs, "A Sailor Went to Sea, sea, sea." They have really enjoyed performing and singing unaccompanied and are becoming more confident using their voices, which is great to hear – some pupils in 5R even sang in assembly!



Junk Music – 6E

In 6E pupils have been learning songs as part of the Exeter Chorister outreach programme and developing their rhythm skills through the use of junk instruments. They have really enjoyed learning to perform The Cup Song.

Guitars – 7D

In Year 7, pupils have been learning to play guitar. All pupils have experienced learning songs on one string, open strings and individual recording. Last half term they wrote soundscape pieces related to rivers and water. This involved band leading like a conductor and recording using professional recording equipment. They should be really proud of the music they recorded.

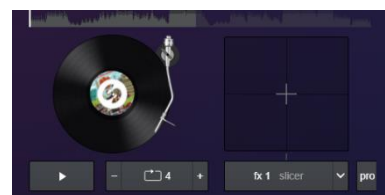


Outstanding performers in Lower school this term:

Musicians of the term are Preston Beer and Callum Waite for a great work ethic and dedication to music! A special mention also needs to go to Ava Gwilliam for performing at Exeter Cathedral this term as part of the choristers outreach programme.

DJ skills – Year 9

Year 9 pupils have been developing their music mixing skills this term using soundboards and IT apps to support them. They have created some excellent music on Incredibox and are starting to manipulate recorded sounds to create their own tracks.



Songs of the Trenches – Year 8

Pupils in Year 8 have been heard around the school this term singing songs from WW1 such as Keep the home fires burning, It's a long way to Tipperary and Pack up your troubles. They've had to multitask at times with singing, marching and playing instruments. Some classes have even performed two songs at once with one group singing Pack up your troubles whilst the other sings It's a long way to Tipperary. They have also developed their keyboard skills and started to read musical notation with support which is great to see. I'm very proud of their achievements this term.

Outstanding performers in Middle school this term:

Hunter in 9A and Santiago in 9S for their amazing We Will Rock You performances.

Olivia in 9K for continuing to develop her singing and performing in our whole school Sing Up Day assembly.

Music Events – Summer 2022

Exeter Cathedral Chorister Outreach Programme

Director of Music, Andrew Downton from Exeter Cathedral worked with some pupils in Lower School on their singing as part of the Exeter Cathedral chorister outreach programme. This involved several singing workshops and also a visit from the Exeter Cathedral Choristers. This was a fantastic opportunity for pupils to hear others their age singing to a high standard. Pupils were then offered the chance to sing with the Cathedral Choristers at Exeter Cathedral and I am proud to say Ava Gwilliam from 7W took up this opportunity. This was the first time this outreach programme has taken place in Torbay and we look forward to more opportunities with Exeter Cathedral in the future.



Devon and Torbay new Devon Youth Choir.

Ava performing at Exeter Cathedral with the Exeter Choristers.

Devon and Torbay Music Education Hubs are launching a pilot programme as part of the new Choral Development Scheme for Secondary phase young people in Devon and Torbay, with the ultimate aim of establishing a Hub youth choir. As part of this some of our pupils took part in a choral workshop led by vocal animators Anthony Chamberlain and Dr Elfyn Jones, who between them have a wealth of experience leading young peoples' singing. Pupils engaged well and the feedback was that we have many pupils here who could join the new Hub youth choir!

Moor to Sea Music Collective <https://moortoseamusic.org.uk/>

Year 10 pupils took part in group workshops to create musical compositions with musicians from Moor to Sea Collective. The pupils enjoyed working with the musicians to create their own melodies and explore emotions through music. Some of their musical ideas will be used as part of a performance by professional musicians at Dartington over the summer.

Live Music Now Summer concert with Alex and Harriet.

Musicians Harriet Riley and Alex Garden performed for pupils on vibraphone and fiddle, performing traditional folk, minimalism and jazz as well as their own music. The performance involved elements of storytelling that pupils joined in with, using their voices and instruments. They particularly enjoyed recreating the sound of the wind with their voices. Pupils left the music session feeling happy, calm and ready for the rest of the day.



Taiko Journey

Musicians, Hannah and Will from Taiko Journey performed for pupils as part of an outdoor performance visit. They shared how drumming is an important

part of Japanese culture and some of the words, sounds and actions used during the performance. Pupils listened really well and joined in with some of the actions and sounds. They told me afterwards they would like to have Taiko journey return in the Autumn term for some workshops so they can have a go themselves!



Sing Up Day 2022

This year we celebrated Sing Up Day with a whole school assembly. Pupils joined in with the vocal warm up Boom Chikka Boom with individuals taking it in turns to lead the whole school. Mr Dowall then accompanied pupils on the guitar with them singing *Shotgun* by George Ezra. This was popular with pupils and they all enjoyed singing as a group. Pupils in 5R then sang *A Sailor Went to Sea Sea Sea* performed with actions, followed by the whole school singing *What Shall We Do With the Drunken Sailor?* There were pre-recorded performances from Brandon, James and Liam in 8C, followed by pupils in 8B.

Next, pupils heard about the ongoing Live Music Now project that has taken place with Elly and Stu exploring how singing and music can support pupils' mental health and help them thrive.

This was followed by some solo performances from pupils in 9K including Olivia singing James Bay's Let It Go.

The Sing Up Day Assembly ended with a reminder for pupils and staff to sing throughout the day and Take2 minutes in each lesson to sing.

The final song was a performance of We Will Rock You with pupils who wanted to, able to come to the front and sing for others on the microphone. There was a crowd of pupils who came forward and it was great to see the enthusiasm for singing that everyone had.

Well done Combe Pafford!

Singing with Live Music Now



Devon and
Torbay Music
Education
Hubs

If you would like your child to get involved in local music activities outside of school, please visit the link below to find out more information about events and groups.

www.musiceducationhub.org/site/young-people/making-music-in-your-area/

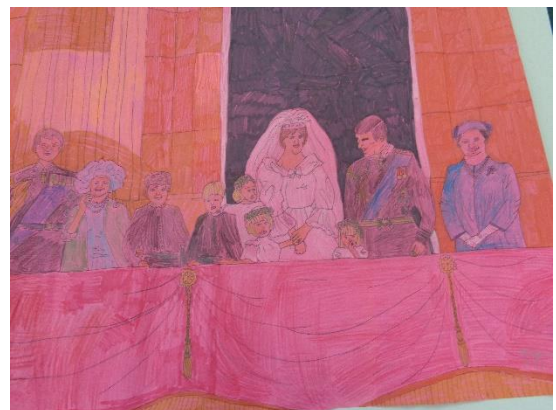
8P visit WW1 memorials in Torquay



Our Humanities learning this term has been based on the question “WW1 – How do we know what really happened?” As part of our topic, 8P visited some of the WW1 war memorials in Torquay. Pupils explored the memorial and looked at the names of local soldiers who died during the war. We took poppies we had made out of recycled plastic with us and added the names of soldiers to them from the memorials to bring back to school. Pupils then researched and found out more about the local soldiers back in the classroom.



Pupils created a class display of a WW1 trench with Marian drawing the WW1 soldier you can see here – well done Marian!



Marian also created a fantastic picture of Prince Charles and Lady Diana’s wedding as part of our Jubilee celebrations.

What amazing artistic talent we have in 8P!

8P's Healthy Eating Week Challenge

In 8P we discovered that Lidl sells a "Too good to waste" 5kg fruit and vegetable box for £1.50. Even Miss Puffett did not know what fruit and vegetables we would get! We spent £4.62 and managed to create a 3 course meal with enough food for at least 4 people.

Pupils enjoyed trying a range of fruit and vegetables such as kiwi and avocado.

Starter – Mixed vegetable soup
Main – Vegetable stir fry with noodles
Dessert – Greek Yoghurt, biscuit and fruit surprise
Sides – Avocado and cucumber

Ingredients

Tomatoes
Avocados
Bag of carrots
Digestives
Brown onions
British leeks
Cucumber
Grapes
Peppers
Pears
Bananas
Kiwi
Noodles
Greek Yoghurt



Pupils were very proud of the food they created and how they presented it for others to eat.



As part of Lifeskills lessons with Mrs McVeigh pupils have been learning about leisure activities in our local area and safe behaviour in the community. They have also been learning about manners and conversation starters.

To practise these skills pupils visited The Clipper café in Shaldon and practised ordering their food – they had a great time, especially Dom!





Year 7 residential to Wales

This year, our 5 Year 7 classes braved a six hour road trip to LLain Activity Centre in Wales. This was the first residential trip at Combe Pafford for many pupils and staff, as the two previous years have been cancelled due to Covid-19. The schedule was jam packed with trips to local beaches and parks, kayaking and paddle boarding, ziplining and climbing the rock wall, competing in the mud run, going on a high ropes course, participating in archery and team building activities. Nights were spent playing games of football, tag, and cricket, before a cup of hot chocolate and some board games. While the adults were very competitive and didn't hold back, the Year 7's were quite resourceful and always seemed to win! Throughout the week, the classes were mixed, which meant children got the chance to build new friendships with other pupils and also staff. Some highlights

for the Year 7's included: the zip line, getting the chance to roast marshmallows, climbing the rock wall, attending the disco dance, and hearing the incredible singing voices of the Year 7 staff members!

Two things that stood out to all of the adults from our residential was the resiliency all pupils displayed, and the supportive community that was built. We asked a lot from our Year 7's on this residential, as they were trying many things that seemed daunting and out of their comfort zone. But, they all tried their best, and took many leaps of faith, which definitely paid off. Everyone was so proud of themselves at the end of the week for doing all that they did. It was also lovely to see how supportive and friendly everyone was. There was such a feeling of positivity and

inclusion present during our residential, which has since carried on for the rest of the school year. On behalf of all Year 7 adults, thank you so much to everyone who came with us, and we look forward to our next residential with you



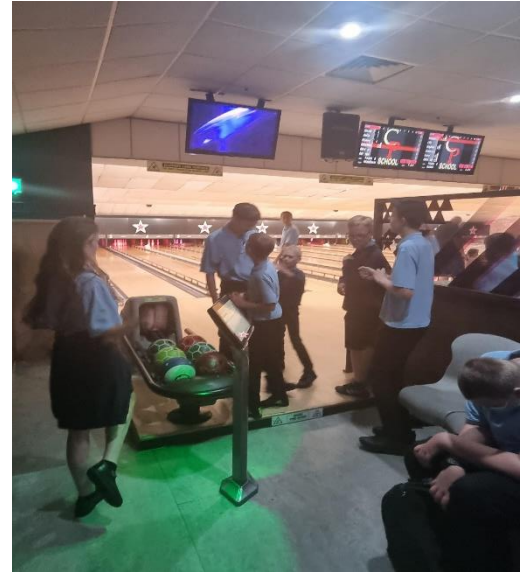
8N News

8N and the pupils of the term had a fantastic reward trip to AMF bowling. The pupils demonstrated exactly why they earned the right to be there with amazing behaviour, great teamwork and wonderful encouragement to one another when the bowling didn't quite go to plan! Many of them had great success with their bowling and with some perseverance and a little bit of coaching they all scored well. The game was very close right until the end!



After bowling, we had a delicious meal from a varied menu! Again, we could not have been prouder of our wonderful pupils. They sat beautifully, were incredibly polite to the AMF staff and left the restaurant looking as tidy as it was when we arrived.

What a wonderful way to celebrate success and show off how amazing the pupils at Combe Pafford are!



Parents and carers questionnaire - feedback

Dear Parents and Carers,

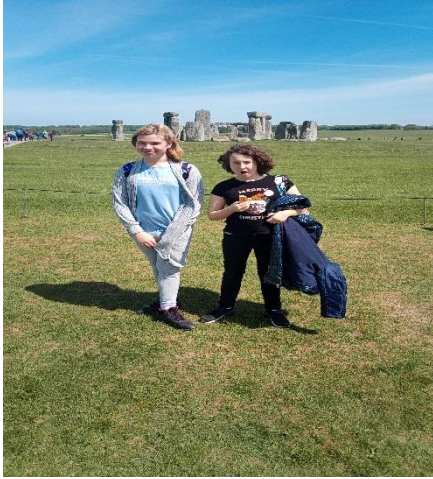
Many thanks to all of you who took the time to complete the Parent and Carer questionnaire that was sent to you recently. We really appreciate your feedback and we would like you to know that we take your responses seriously and will make sure we act on them. On the whole, your feedback was very positive and we were very encouraged to see so many of you were satisfied with the provision we offer your child. We had some wonderful comments made which made us very pleased to read. As always, there are areas to improve and a couple of things that have been brought to our attention in the questionnaire are as follows;

1. Sharing your child's curriculum within each subject with you at the start of each term so that you are informed about what your child will be learning
2. Sharing the range of clubs and activities that are available to your child at lunchtimes and break times
3. Introducing a new online payment system for school meals, trips and uniform.

We will endeavour to act on these from September and we are pleased to announce that we will be introducing a new payment system called 'Parent Pay'. Further details of this system will be announced soon. Many thanks again to all of you who took the time to complete the questionnaire, we do really appreciate it and I hope you all have a wonderful summer.

Yours sincerely
Mr Davey (Assistant Head)

8C's News



In May, 8C travelled to Stonehenge to gain historical learning about the site. Using this we compared it to what new findings about the area and realised that it was actually much bigger than previously thought and that the stones were taken from a different place in Wales than first thought, the stones are actually second hand and where at a different site in Wales.

The Jubilee was an epic day! It was so warm and so much fun, singing and dancing. The children in 8C loved the party theme which we continued on into the afternoon! The royal wedding took place

for us during that week as we commemorated Prince Charles & Lady Diana celebrations... A real life re-enactment took place for all of Year 8...

In June we all re-visited Paultons Park as we didn't get to go on some of the rides during our residential trip. We went for a day it was a long way BUT we enjoyed every minute of the day. The pupils had so much fun and some had their first go on roller coasters and loved it!



Lifeskills 8P & 8B

During the Summer Term, Year 8 have been learning about leisure activities within our local area. We looked at the costs involved in visiting some of our popular tourist attractions and then identified activities that were either free or low cost. We have been very fortunate to have visited several local attractions during our double lesson each week, including: Decoy, Watcombe Beach, Torbay Harbour and the Clipper Café in Shaldon.

The children demonstrated excellent behaviour and awareness of the opportunities available to them in Torbay and the surrounding areas. I hope our visits inspire them to encourage some family activities during the Summer Holidays.



Middle School End of Term Awards

Last week we held the hotly anticipated, 'Middle School End of Term Summer Quiz'. We reflected on the fun times we had experienced over the past year, wished Mr Abbott (one of our amazing LSAs) luck with his teacher training next year and rewarded the pupils that have demonstrated consistently outstanding behaviour or have made outstanding progress towards their individual targets.



Whilst Mr Abbott was encouraged to lead a Britney Spears tribute, complete with make up and costume... The Pupils and Class of the Term were rewarded with certificates, a voucher and trip to AMF Bowling.

Well done to the Class of the Term: 8N

Well done to Pupils of the Term: Connor Gooding, Sam Kelly, Olivia Osborne, Billy Owens, Kate-Lynn McFadden, Lucy Newton and Callum Porter.

Good luck to Mr Abbott with your teacher training- You will be missed!

Middle School Residential to Portsmouth

During the final week of the Spring Term, 63 pupils travelled to Portsmouth for our first residential post Covid restrictions. Year 8 and 9 combined for one of the biggest residential groups the school has ever run and we had a blast.



Our residential itinerary started with a trip to the Historic Dockyard in Portsmouth and pupils were able to explore a ship of their choice: The Mary Rose, HMS Victory or HMS Warrior 1860. These ships dwarfed us and the pupils were well impressed with the interactivity of the exhibits. We then headed to our accommodation, Fort Purbrook Activity Centre.



During our stay at Fort Purbrook, we took part in daily activities including: Laser Tag, Archery, an Assault Course, Bush Craft and Team Building skills. The children thoroughly enjoyed the activity sessions and were usually well exhausted by bedtime!

We visited the D-Day Story Museum and were blown away by the size and detail of the tapestry displayed. We were also excited to find out that the first two panels had been designed by an artist working in Torquay!

We had a guided tour and workshop led by the education team at the Sea City Museum in Southampton. Year 9 pupils were able to apply their knowledge of the Titanic and participated very well in the workshop, applying their knowledge learnt in school.



Our final day consisted of a visit to Paultons Park. Unfortunately, high winds meant that many rollercoasters were shut for safety reasons. We still had an amazing time and were delighted when they agreed to a free return visit in the Summer Term. Year 8s returned on the 20th June and Year 9s returned on the 27th June.



I would like to thank the staff team that worked tirelessly during our time away and the parents that supported the trip, sending in payments and ensuring pupils were well packed and prepared for all weathers. The biggest thanks though goes to the pupils. All pupils behaved incredibly well and managed the change of environment and time away from the family home very successfully. We had no problems whilst away and were really impressed by the level of independence demonstrated.



Year 10 London Trip

Monday 4th July – Thursday 7th July

Mr Davey, Mr Wallace, Mrs Kelly, Mr Stevens and Mrs Runciman took 19 year 10 pupils to London for their 4-day residential and the trip was a great success.

The trip started with a visit to Warner Brother Studios, Harry Potter World and the children were amazed with the special effects used to make the movies. We then travelled into central London to book into our hostel and we were very pleased with the rooms and the service we received there. Tuesday morning was an early start as we headed off to the London Dungeons which was a terrifying experience but everyone really enjoyed it. We then embarked on the London Eye and enjoyed the stunning views across London. After that we went on a River Thames Cruise boat and had a guided tour of the main sites along the banks of this famous river. On Wednesday we experienced the Changing of the Guards at Buckingham Palace and then ventured into central London for a cooling drink at Trafalgar Square. Then we pushed onto Leicester Square and had our lunch at the centre of the entertainment there and also went to Covent Garden and Downing Street before a tasty Chinese dinner in China Town. Later that evening we got the tube to the Olympic Park and then spent an hour shopping at the Westfield Shopping Centre before having a ride on the Emirates Cable Cars which takes you on a high ride across the river Thames. Then back to the hostel to pack our bags for an early departure the next morning.

The trip was an amazing experience for all of the children and they all really enjoyed the visit to our capital city.



A Surprise Royal Visit by Mrs Bradfield

Well when I received a 9pm phone call from Mr Lock on Wednesday evening, I was a bit confused on what it could be about. When he told me that I need to come in smartly dressed and I would be heading to meet Prince Charles and Camila I have to admit I thought it was a prank! However by the end of the call I knew it wasn't. I was really happy that I was able to take 8 specially selected Year 6's with me to experience meeting royalty. There was a lot of waiting but it was well worth it when got to chat with Prince Charles and Camila. They asked about our school and Daisy even got a compliment from Camila about her necklace. What a day to remember.



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MILES O'LEARY

Crowds can't wait for the arrival of Charles and Camilla!



Year 8, 9 & 10 Football match Versus Greater Horseshoe School

The following pupils took part in a school football match against The Greater Horseshoe School on our astro turf;

- Leo Gilley-Sweet
- Riley Parsons
- McKenzie Hassanein
- Oliver Boyne (captain)
- Keegan Gagg
- Keiran Major
- Liam Semak
- Brandon Kendall
- Dominic Murray
- Sam Kelly



It was a hard-fought match which could have gone either way and towards the end our boys were losing 4-2 but goals from captain Oliver Boyne and Leo Gilley-Sweet brought the score to 4-4 in the closing stages and that's how it finished. Keegan Gagg showed great skill in midfield and linked up well with McKenzie Hassanein and the two strikers Leo and Oliver.

All the boys worked really hard in the heat and the game was played in great spirits and fair play with fist pumps and three cheers at the end. They definitely earnt their ice lollies.

Hospitality & Catering at the Devon County Show

Hospitality & Catering Pathway group enjoyed a day at Devon County Show for their inspirational trip. None of the students or staff had visited the show before and we were all surprised at how large the event is!

Sixth form students had a fantastic day sampling local food products, visiting a large array of stands, ranging from local cheese producers, artisan chocolate makers, Greek Gyros, numerous Street food, lemonade stand and a live cooking demonstration.

Of course, food wasn't the only attraction and being primarily an agricultural show, whereby farmers showcased their livestock and numerous dealers selling agricultural vehicles and equipment, also lots of hot tubs on sale! There was even a dog display demonstration and a fayre.

The pupils really enjoyed the atmosphere and buzz of it all.



Library News

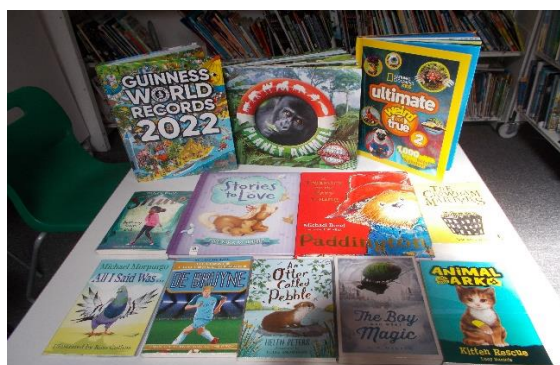
This term we have had lots of new and fabulous books in the library and a very productive time during library club!

At library club, pupils were invited to make cards for the 'Happiness Hub' at Torquay Library. The idea of the Hub is to promote personal happiness for people of all ages. The children made some wonderful Thank You cards, How are you? cards and Birthday cards which were given to Hub members when happiness events were held.



Cards for the 'Happiness Hub' at Torquay Library

We have also received some wonderful donations of good quality books as well as new books from the School Library Service to keep our stock current and interesting. In fact, we have had over two hundred new books in the library this year! Pupils can also become authors of their own work, which can be displayed in the library. Recently class 7W wrote an interesting piece of work entitled 'Desert Dwellers Guide' which is still on display as it is such a popular read.



Some of our donations and new stock



Desert Dwellers Guide by 7W

From us all at the library, we wish you a safe and restful summer break.

Happy reading!



Sports day 2022

Year 4,5 and 6 - Friday 15th July 2022.

On Friday 15th July children in Lower School (years 4, 5 and 6) took part in the annual sports day event.

With the sun shining and Mr Davey's music flowing we embarked on the carousel of events throughout the morning. Children were split into groups of 4, they rotated around the events competing against the other children in their group, these groups were: Yellow Thors, Blue Wolverines, Red Ironmen, Green Hulks. With 5 events being completed by break time, we had to stop for an extended break due to the warm day. When children were refreshed with fruit and plenty of water, they reappeared for the second half of sports day. The final events were completed and Mr Davey announced that the relay was worth double points.

The morning finished with a win for the Yellow Thors who collected the most points throughout the 10 events and relays. A massive well done to all the children who took part, the behaviour was outstanding and your efforts were exemplary.



Secondly, a big thanks to all the staff who came down and lead the children around the events. A lovely morning and a joy to see all the children showcase their skills and competitive nature.

Mr Wallace, Mr Davey and Miss Kvesic.

Year 7-10 – Monday 18th July

On Monday 18th July pupils in years 7 to 10 took part in their sports day. Once again,, Mr Wallace, Mr Davey and Miss Kvesic set their alarms for 5am for the 6am start. By 8am, with over 200 cones laid out, all the events laid and the temperature approaching 20 degrees Celsius, we were ready for the children. This was the first time we had attempted a sports day on the astro turf and we kicked it off with a parade of all the competitors who were split into two teams 'Warriors and Destroyers', 8 tutor groups in each team.



It was fantastic to be able to invite parents again, this contributed to a great atmosphere on the Astro turf.

Sports day this year consisted of 3 different sections, track and field, basketball and tennis. Mr Wallace and Mr Davey took control of the track and field events, whilst Mr James and Miss Kvesic took basketball and tennis.

The competition was fierce but friendly and all children left everything in the events, Whilst everything was running smoothly (and warmly) on the Astro, Mr James led the head-to-head Basketball games in the intense, albeit much cooler, sports hall Venue. Games ranged from about 6 to 8 minutes depending on time which, on the whole, made for more intense, end-to-end games. All pupils engaged well and got stuck in, whilst observing the rules of Basketball such as not travelling or double dribbling (only about 2 or 3 fouls were given all morning!)

All games offered scintillating entertainment but a couple games in particular impressed the crowds. The game between 9K and 9C was without doubt the game of the day - with a good mixture of desire, passion and competitiveness. A close second to this was the game played between 10K and 10M, which saw some fantastic play. Both teams gave it their all but, in the end, 10M just had too much in the tank and claimed victory.

We spoke to Mr James after the event and said this, 'That was my first time running the basketball and I'll tell you what... I'll slip you a Fiver every year to keep that job - the pupils were outstanding!'

Whilst all the action was going on the Astro and the Sports hall, Miss Kvesic led some very competitive 6 vs 6 tennis games. The tennis activity was a little untraditional to allow us to get into the sports spirit of team games. One team were the attacking team and used their rackets to hit the ball over the net. The defending team stood fielding on the other side trying to catch their opponents out. This really highlighted some excellent fielding ability's in 8C and 8B and some fantastic tennis skills in 10K and 9K!

With the results close coming towards the end of the morning Mr Davey called double points for the relays. An outstanding effort from 7M with Preston, Cole, Billy and Filip resulted in a close finish with the Year 7 boys finishing in 3rd, but with their pride shining through after competing against Year 8's. For us teachers, definitely team of the day.

The final event was the year 10 relay, Mr Wallace and Mr James were drafted in for 10W due to a shortage of runners and a competitive relay ensued with Kaylib from 10W handing over to Mr James with a lot of work to do, Kaven from 10M had a fantastic leg handing over to Leo. Leo with a big lead was now being chased down by Mr Wallace who despite his best efforts couldn't catch the pocket rocket and 10M took the win.

There were some outstanding performances from Keegan in 8N in the long jump, Oliver in 8B in the javelin, Callum in 7D in the shot putt and a special mention to Beth and Dan who competed in the running events scoring valuable points for their team.

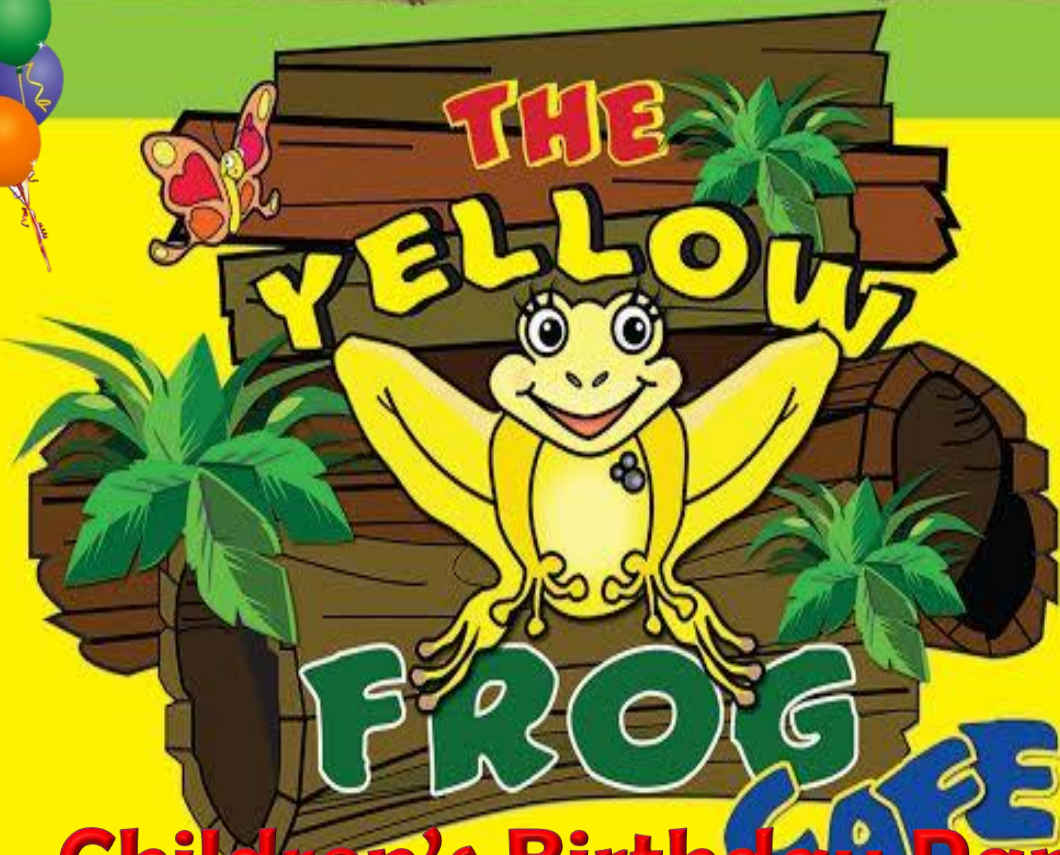
Well done to all the competitors who took part and helped form a fantastic day, you a credit to yourselves and your tutor groups.

I'd like to add a quick thanks to Bradley's Estate Agents for sponsoring our medals for all of our sports day competitors and for coming in to the Monday sports day to offer our children refreshments. Bradley's are celebrating their 30 year anniversary and their initiative is for 30 of their stores to help 30 schools across Torbay. Many thanks to Dom and Lynn from Bradley's for coming in to help.

Mr Wallace, Miss Kvesic and Mr Davey.



Parties in the Yellow Frog Café



Children's Birthday Parties!

Football

Includes a football training session and match with our sport coach to show you how it's done!



A chance to learn some martial arts skills and play exciting games with a martial arts expert!



Martial Arts

Choose from:

A 'show and tell' and animal handling session with an animal care expert! Are you brave enough to hold a snake?

Animal Show!



Curl and plait your hair, paint your nails with our beauty expert!

Year 10 BTEC Group

BTEC Group

The year 10 Science BTEC group were set an assignment to identify living organisms in the Rock pools at Goodrington Beach. The pupils were so independent, confident and engaged in the activity for two hours! They demonstrated excellent safety and use of identification keys. All of the adults on the trip were very proud of the pupils ☺



Year 10 In-school activities



Whilst most of year 10 were in London, the others were set a task to persuade and inform tourists about local attractions. Pupils had an action packed week going to the Plymouth aquarium, the Mayflower museum, AMF bowl, Kents Cavern, Woodlands, Crazy Golf, Torre Abbey beach and the virtual reality at mama's kitchen. They used words such as – thrilling, popular, educational, and exciting to describe their experiences.



Construction pupils visit to Hinkley Point C

In May the construction pupils visited Hinkley Point C, the first new nuclear power station to be built in the UK in over 20 years. The pupils learnt that Hinkley Point C in Somerset will provide low-carbon electricity for around 6 million homes and make a major contribution to the UK's move to [reduce carbon emissions](#). The electricity generated by its two EPR reactors will offset 9 million tonnes of carbon dioxide emissions a year, or 600 million tonnes over its 60-year lifespan.

Construction and operation of Hinkley Point C is costing £28billion and it will create 25,000 employment opportunities which includes 1,000 apprenticeships. It is home to the worlds largest crane, named Big Carl, which can carry 5000 tonnes, or 50 blue whales!

The area covers 245 football pitches and when complete will provide the UK with 7% of electricity. It has been designed using the sea to cool down the hot water used to create the energy by digging tunnels out into the ocean to provide cooling.

The site has 8000 employees many who travel to site and live in purpose built accommodation blocks, which resemble holiday apartments. It is one of the largest construction sites in Europe and has its own fire station and healthcare centre employing doctors and nurses and 3 ambulances.

The pupils had interactive activities to complete in the beautiful 13th Century visitor centre and then headed out on a coach to have a tour of site. Unfortunately we were not allowed to take photos of the actual site but the pupils were praised by the tour guides for asking lots of interesting and varied questions. If you want to find out more about Hinkley Point C, you can visit the website at edfenery.com/energy/nuclear-new-build-projects/Hinkley-point-c/about.



South Devon College Taster Day

On Friday 1st July 2022, four Year 9 students had the opportunity to try out some of the courses at South Devon College.

Rebecca, Crystal, Harley and Luke were thrilled to start the day with a bag of sweets and group activity where they worked together to create a playdoh model of the Torquay Eye, showing awesome team work and leadership skills.

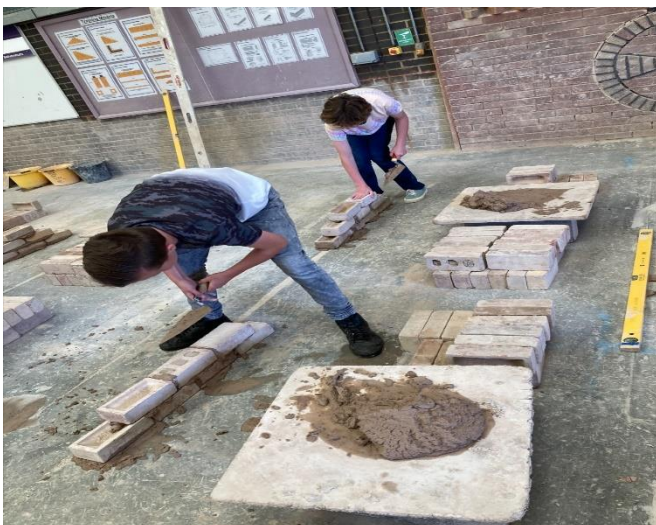
They were then put into Group A for the day with some boys from St Cuthbert Mayne School and given a short tour of facilities, including the impressive fitness suite. There was even an outdoor gym that they tried out at the end of the day. Everyone was a little worried they would get lost as the building is so big but there were lots of friendly staff around to help.

The first vocational area they visited was the Animal Care department where they met small farm animals and even Meerkats, as well as a visit inside the smelly rodent room. Next, it was a taste of the high life, drinking mocktails on board an aeroplane! The college will be doing a cabin crew course soon so have part of an aircraft set up in a classroom. It was fun but they also learned that passengers have to be kept safe and evacuated in 90 seconds!

After landing, they visited the hair and beauty salon where they took turns to put sparkly hair extensions in each other's hair. The students then got to try out some lifesaving first aid skills on some manikins in the health and social care department followed by some bricklaying in the purpose built construction area.

The next stop was the motor vehicles workshop – it's a bit like Combe Pafford but bigger! Harley and Luke completed the task of labelling parts of the car as quick as a flash, impressing the tutor.

They also had a chat with the Public Services tutors about careers and played a team game where they all held hands all tangled up and had to work together to untangle themselves, which they did! The tutors were impressed with their teamwork, communication and leadership skills, so much so they awarded Team A with a certificate. All four of the students from Combe Pafford were awarded individual certificates for their brilliant work in the different areas throughout the day, recognised by the college staff. A great day out but also a great opportunity to think about qualifications and jobs in the future.



National On-line Safety information



National
Online
Safety

7 questions to help you start a conversation with your child about online safety

#WakeUpWednesday



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Which apps/games are you using at the moment?

THIS WILL GIVE YOU A GOOD OVERVIEW OF THE TYPES OF THINGS YOUR CHILDREN ARE DOING ON THEIR DEVICES, ALONG WITH THEIR INTERESTS. REMEMBER THAT THEY MIGHT NOT TELL YOU EVERYTHING THEY ARE USING, SO IT IS A GOOD IDEA TO ASK THEM TO SHOW YOU THEIR DEVICE. BECAUSE NEW APPS AND GAMES ARE RELEASED REGULARLY, IT IS IMPORTANT TO HAVE THIS CONVERSATION OFTEN TO ENSURE YOU ARE UP TO DATE WITH WHAT THEY ARE DOING.

Which websites do you enjoy using and why?

AS IN THE TIP ABOVE, ASKING THIS QUESTION WILL ALLOW YOU TO FIND OUT WHAT YOUR CHILD IS DOING ONLINE, AND ENCOURAGE POSITIVE CONVERSATIONS ABOUT THEIR ONLINE ACTIVITY. ASK THEM HOW THEY USE THE WEBSITES, AND TAKE AN INTEREST IN HOW THEY CAN USE THEM IN A POSITIVE WAY, ALSO ASKING THEM TO SHOW YOU IF POSSIBLE.



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PLAY AGAIN?
YES NO

How does this game/app work?
Can I play?



SHOW A GENUINE INTEREST IN WHAT THEY ARE DOING. WHILST YOU ARE PLAYING A GAME OR USING AN APP WITH THEM, IT MIGHT HIGHLIGHT SOMETHING THAT THEY DON'T NECESSARILY THINK IS A DANGER TO THEM. IF THEY ACT LIKE THEY DON'T WANT TO SHARE THEIR ACTIVITIES WITH YOU, QUESTION WHY.

Do you have any online friends?

CHILDREN CAN FORM POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS WITH PEOPLE ONLINE, AND THIS HAS BECOME MORE COMMON THANKS TO ONLINE MULTI-PLAYER OPTIONS, BUT THEY MAY NOT FULLY UNDERSTAND THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A FRIEND AND A STRANGER. YOU COULD MAKE THE QUESTION MORE SPECIFIC TO YOUR CHILD. FOR EXAMPLE: "HAVE YOU MET ANYONE ONLINE THAT YOU LIKE TO PLAY GAMES WITH?" THEY MAY NOT WANT TO SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH YOU, SO ENSURE YOU TEACH THEM ABOUT HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS.



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Do you know where to go for help?

ALTHOUGH YOU MAY BE THE ADULT THEY TRUST THE MOST, SOME CHILDREN STRUGGLE TO TALK ABOUT WHAT HAPPENS ONLINE DUE TO CONFUSION OR EMBARRASSMENT. BECAUSE OF THIS THEY MAY STRUGGLE TO APPROACH THE NORMAL PEOPLE WHO WOULD HELP, SUCH AS YOURSELF OR A TEACHER. HAVE A CHAT TO YOUR CHILD ABOUT EXACTLY WHERE THEY CAN GO FOR HELP, AND HOW THEY CAN REPORT ANY ACTIVITY THAT THEY BELIEVE IS INAPPROPRIATE ONLINE.



Do you know what your personal information is?

YOUR CHILD MAY ALREADY KNOW WHAT THEIR PERSONAL INFORMATION IS BUT THEY MIGHT NOT THINK ABOUT HOW IT CAN BE SHARED. HAVE A CONVERSATION ABOUT WHAT PERSONAL INFORMATION IS AND HOW THIS CAN AFFECT THEM IF IT IS SHARED BEYOND THE INTENDED RECIPIENT. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOUR CHILD UNDERSTANDS THE DANGERS OF SHARING CONTACT DETAILS OR PHOTOS, AS INFORMATION SUCH AS THIS CAN SPREAD QUICKLY ONLINE.



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Do you know your limits?

CHILDREN MAY NOT UNDERSTAND THE NEGATIVE IMPACTS OF DEVICE OR GAME ADDICTION. TALK TO THEM OPENLY ABOUT HEALTHY HABITS AND ASK WHETHER OR NOT THEM SPENDING TIME ONLINE OR PLAYING A GAME IS AFFECTING THEIR SLEEP, PERFORMANCE AT SCHOOL OR IF THEY ARE GENERALLY LOSING INTEREST IN OTHER ACTIVITIES. YOU MAY LEAD ON TO ENCOURAGING ALTERNATIVE ACTIVITIES AND DISCUSSING THE INTRODUCTION OF TIME LIMITS WHEN AT HOME.



9K – News

This term 9K celebrated their Class of the Term treat at the bowling alley, which they thoroughly enjoyed and deserved. This year the children have worked extremely hard across all subjects, writing some amazing murder mystery stories in English and ALL achieving an Entry Level in Science. This term we were also lucky enough to be invited back to Paulton's Park to enjoy all of the rides. 9K had so much fun were excellent representatives for the school.

As a class we have achieved so many team and individual goals. Many of our class attended Ten Tors training and Luke Feltham and Harley Clements attended the event. They camped overnight and were the first group back that walked the 15 mile route. Olivia Osborne and Elizabeth Shepherd wowed the school with their beautiful singing during the Sing Up Day assembly. And Tyler Vickers was recognised for his fantastic progress made throughout the year, receiving the Middle School Lead's most improved pupil.



Art

A hundred seagulls, all lovingly decorated by schools, community groups and artists across the English Riviera, will fly the nest and land in locations across Torbay this summer to form a community art trail.

Please look out for Combe Pafford's seagulls, Legolot, Stormzy and Recycle Michael.



9C: What a Class!!

A **BIG** congratulations to the 9C pupils. They've had a fantastic year. They achieved the highest scoring grades in their IT Functional Skills Exam **EVER!** 80% of them achieved full marks. Just amazing – well done!

A special shout out to **Bleay and Sapphire**. They have run the Pafford Points shop all year, giving up their free time every break time so they can help other pupils collect the rewards – fantastic work and thank you very much to both of them!

Well done to all of 9C, you've been great fun.
Have a lovely summer break.

From Mrs Cooper, Mrs Screech
and Mrs Parsons



Year 11 visit London!

Twenty five pupils excitedly left for London on a 4 day residential on Tuesday, 21st June! The first day included a half way stop off at Swindon at the Shaw Ridge Leisure Park where pupils either went to the cinema for the latest Marvel instalment; Doctor Strange In The Multiverse Of Madness or gave their all at ten pin bowling and the adrenaline fuelled Laser Quest next door. Jordan Orchard-Barker and Harvey Barnes were the champions in the Laser Quest games; a future in the military maybe for them?! A stop at a nearby Toby Carvery for dinner was followed by the next part of our journey to the accommodation at the Elephant and Castle in London.



Wednesday included some top attractions with the spine-chilling London Dungeons, which saw Mr James quite rightly locked up in a cage and subjected to some unbearable medieval torture, which I am unable to write about. We then had a trip on the London Eye to see the stunning views across London (Kourtney Stolworthy pictured on the left smiling on the London Eye) and then a scorching, but relaxing, afternoon cruise along the River Thames. The evening's dinner was an enormous amount of pizza (and some salad!) at the Pizza Hut restaurant in Leicester Square.



The next morning, on Thursday, we were very fortunate to see the Changing of the Guard ceremony at Buckingham Palace. The pupils certainly enjoyed this but possibly not as much as Mr Stevens and Mrs Scanlan who tried to join in

with the guards!! All the pupils are pictured to the right sat on the steps of The Queen Victoria Memorial outside Buckingham Palace at the entrance to the Mall. Later on, we also visited the O2 arena (which had Diana Ross belting out the hits that evening!), took to the air on London's only cable car on the Emirate's Air Line and also made time for a shopping trip at Westfield. This was also a day full of experiences on the underground tube; dashing here there and everywhere in this way was a first for nearly all of the children.



A long journey awaited us early on Friday morning back to school which we made in time for bus lines just! The children were a credit to themselves all week and the staff have all said that they could not have wished for a better group to take away!

Finally, it's with a heavy heart that I say goodbye to Combe Pafford School. It has been a privilege to be here and I have had a wonderful 10 years here working for your children. Your children are extremely lucky to attend a 'one of a kind' school with staff who care enormously for each and every child, on their journey through school to employment. I wish all the parents, carers, governors, staff and the children, the very best for the future.

Mr Dowell
Deputy Head and Upper School Leader

Year 11 In School Residential Group

21st – 24th June 2022

Whilst the majority of the Year 11s were in London, a group of 6 pupils came to school each day and went out on daytrips with Mrs Cocker and Mrs Tuci. We worked on being able to plan and budget for a family day out, and then got to enjoy each of the days that we had planned.

Day 1: Torquay Day

We began our day in school and used this time to research, plan and budget for the week ahead. Once our work was done, we went to AMF Bowling in Torquay. Everyone did a fantastic job at bowling and pins were being knocked down throughout the hour. After we had completed a couple of games, we had lunch there. We were also extremely lucky to walk through the arcade just after the maintenance men had been and put credit on the machines and so the children got to have a go at car racing, basketball, etc for free!! Once we had finished with the games, we went for a walk at Meadfoot beach and appreciated just how lucky we are to live by the sea, watching the sun glistening on the water and taking in the beauty that surrounds us.



Day 2: Plymouth Day

We set off for Plymouth Aquarium today and enjoyed looking at the various fish, sharks and jelly fish. Fortunately it was very quiet in the aquarium when we first arrived and we were lucky enough to be part of a small group that received a talk at the shark tank – lots of interesting facts were shared and we got to learn some of the sharks names. Once we had finished in Plymouth we decided to move back nearer to school and so stopped off at Paignton to enjoy an ice-cream at the beach and time to play in the Geopark.



Day 3: Exeter Day

Today we went to Exeter and a few of the children were brave and had a go at Clip and Climb. I was impressed with how high they managed to climb. We then enjoyed some shopping in the Guildhall shopping centre. The children were really excited to go into the shops and spend some money. Purchases included some clothes, sunglasses, an Among Us soft toy, some dinosaur figurines and a PS game. Once we had finished shopping we went for lunch at Kaspas dessert restaurant. Wow! Ice cream and waffles were enjoyed by everyone and we all agreed it was a wonderful treat for lunch.



Day 4: Woodlands Theme Park

Much fun was had by all today. Barney was able to convince both Sam and Mrs Tuci to join him on the waterslides! It was a good job we went to the waterslides first as they were a little soggy when they got off – the sunshine soon dried them though. The Toboggan Ride was a hit and the children enjoyed a couple of goes on this.

Everyone also enjoyed time on the outdoor play equipment and slides. Before we left for the day we went to see the animals – they were very

happy to receive the food we had bought for them and the children enjoyed hand feeding ponies and goats. A fantastic end to a busy week! ☺



Year 11 Presentation Evening

Tuesday 19th July was the date for our Year 11 leavers' presentation. After a 3 year absence, due to the pandemic, we were back at the Spanish Barn at Torre Abbey. The pupils certainly pulled out all the stops to look their very best and there were some very impressive arrivals with Kaitlyn Harris making her appearance in a gleaming white Range Rover and Charley Ross rocking up in a retro green Granada!!

The pupils received their Record of Achievements and Subject Awards from their tutors including the wonderful Bradley Kersey (pictured) who deservedly achieved the 'Pupil of the Year' for not only being a conscientious and enthusiastic learner but also for fully buying into the 'world of work' ethos in our school and being a massive success in attaining employment himself many times!!



The pupils then walked along the seafront towards the Pavillion to hop onto



the Brixham Belle to enjoy a, slightly choppy at times, 2-hour boat trip around the bay and beyond! Here are our smart Year 11 pupils pictured at the end of the evening.

As it stands, 27 pupils are continuing their Post-16 journey in our Sixth Form and of the remaining 6 pupils, 5 pupils are off to South Devon College and the remaining one pupil is off to Bicton College to embark on the next stage of their journey!

Good luck to each and every one of them!

Mr Dowell

Animal Care News

Summer has seen the beginning of the reptile animals venturing outside! The bearded dragons, tortoises and even the snakes have been basking in the sun. Year 10 and 11 have enjoyed walking the bearded dragons on the lead around the Ark area, which is important for their vitamin D intake. We sadly wave good bye to the sixth form animal care group and as their final trip we went rock pooling at Meadfoot Beach. It was a fantastic day and we found a variety of marine life around the beach to include sea snails, anemones, crabs, prawns and I'm sure someone spotted Sammy the Seal!! We have also had a variety of toddlers in to see the animals and the year 10 and 11's have worked hard to show them around and teach them a fact.



10K News

We have had an action packed term in 10K. Everyone has been working hard in their lessons and completing coursework in their chosen options and IT. In English and Careers lessons, the students have been looking at how to set up a charity and the different roles involved. This culminated in the Y10 Enterprise Day last Friday when we all enjoyed a pizza and pasta buffet lunch at the Derwent Hotel before the teams presented their ideas to a panel of representatives from local businesses. I was really impressed by the great ideas and team work shown by the class and how confidently they spoke to the audience. Earlier in the term the BTEC Science students went rockpooling at Goodrington beach as part of their Biology unit. We were really lucky as the rain stopped and the sun came out as we arrived for our session with the ranger from Torbay Coast and Countryside Trust. Everyone got really involved in the rockpooling and we found and identified lots of different species including crabs, jellyfish and anemones. In the last few weeks we have had the Y10 residential to London and Sports Day. It has been lovely to get back to a sense of normality after the last few years and enjoy some fun activities with the class and provided a great finish to our time together.



Sixth Form Summer Term News Report

Students excel on work placements

Despite the pressures placed on work placements by the pandemic, many of our sixth form students have still been attending work, and there have been a number of notable successes. **Jacob Hughes** (pictured with young goats) has been outstanding in his placement at Totnes Rare Breeds Farm, displaying reliability, independence and a strong work ethic, and his employers will be sad to see him go. Jacob has now left us to move to Dorset, taking up a place in Animal Care at Kingston Maurward College in Dorchester where he is looking forward to continuing his studies.



Another leaver, **Liam Slack** (pictured below, working at Sainsbury's) has excelled in his work placement this year working in Customer Service, having previously worked at Fermoy's. Liam has already been accepted onto the Aspires Programme at Torbay Hospital for September, but has now gone one better by securing a position with Sainsbury's in their online shopping team.



Several students are continuing in the sixth form next year, and one of these who has excelled in her work placement is **Natasha Mildren** (left), who has received consistently good feedback from her employer, Southernwood Nursery on a regular basis. Her colleagues cannot speak highly enough of Natasha, and report that she has grown in confidence tremendously, and is now proactive in being able to work with children independently. Very well done to Tash for her efforts.

Trip to Edinburgh a huge success

Although we were delayed at Bristol Airport for over an hour on our day of departure, our first residential in over three years was a resounding success. The plane to Edinburgh was boarded by 23 students and 4 staff, and we eventually arrived at the City Centre Hostel at 11.00 p.m..

Next day we set about our itinerary in earnest, starting with a fascinating trip to **Camera Obscura**, a visitor attraction all about the world of illusion. Further visits over the next couple of days took us to **Edinburgh Castle**, **The Edinburgh Dungeon** (where Miss Moor was sentenced to death!), the **Scottish National Gallery**, **St Giles's Cathedral**, and a fabulous visit to



the **Scottish National Museum**. On Thursday the group split, the majority climbing the extinct volcano **Arthur's Seat** whilst a smaller group had a look round the **Scottish Parliament building**. We then joined together to visit **Dynamic Earth**, a super attraction all about the formation of the universe and the earth.

We had a busy final day, taking a bus out to Leith to have a tour of the **Royal Yacht Britannia** - all five decks of it - which was

absolutely fascinating. Then a journey by bus back to the hostel to pick up our bags, then back on the bus to **Edinburgh Zoo**, the only zoo in the UK to have giant pandas and koala bears. Suffice it to say, we packed an awful lot in to the week, and the students, who showed great maturity and resilience during the week, all really enjoyed themselves.



Inspirational visits fail to disappoint

Following on from the visits last term to London (Retail), Plymouth Aquarium (Animal Care) and the Haynes Motor Museum (Motor Vehicle), a further three visits took place this term for sixth form pathway students. The first group to benefit from the inspirational visits idea were the Construction group, setting off early one morning for Somerset, bound for Hinkley Point C, the huge civil engineering project behind the brand new nuclear power station being built which when complete will boost the supply of electricity to the national grid. This was a fascinating trip which opened the students' eyes to the sheer scale of the project. This trip was led by Mr James (Careers) and Mrs Eales (Premises).



Next up was the Horticulture group, accompanied by Linda Sampson and Tamsin Moor, to RHS Rosemoor in Great Torrington. This was a very enjoyable trip which was thoroughly appreciated by all the students who went. The extensive grounds, boasting the most amazing floral beds, as well as the impressive vegetable gardens, couldn't fail to delight and inspire! It is easy to forget sometimes that we have such beautiful attractions on our doorstep!

The most recent group to go out was the Hospitality and Catering group, who were led by James Bell to the Devon County Show. The group enjoyed visiting all the stalls, which included street food, artisan producers, local produce and live cooking demonstrations. None of the students had attended the County Show before, and it certainly got their attention and had the Wow! Factor!



Students get their wheels

Three students plus Kieran Blake (Hospitality and Catering Apprentice) underwent the Compulsory Basic Training and assessment for motorcycles earlier this term at Newton Abbot Racecourse organised through PGH Motorcycles (now Davant Motorcycles). Three were successful in obtaining their certificate which allows them to ride on a public highway – **Jake Williams** and **Bradley Cox** at 50cc level, and **Kieran Blake** at 125cc level. This is viewed by us as a massive step towards achieving greater independence, and we are keen to encourage this where appropriate. Potentially it enables students to look for work much further afield and in more rural, hard-to-get-to places. Well done to all concerned. A number of students have also been taking driving lessons, either independently or through the Nick Grant School of Motoring, with whom we have a partnership.



Ten Tors back again!

It was great to see the Ten Tors event back again and to see teams training on Dartmoor. Four sixth formers signed up for training and were successful in finishing their routes on the day of the actual event in May. The students, who all gained medals, can be very proud of their achievements, and for **Jacob Hughes**, it was a case of his patience paying off as he began Ten Tors before the pandemic but this year was successful for the third time, gaining himself a gold medal. The four students, pictured below were (L to R) : **Daniel Lock** (P1), **Matthew Roberts** (P1), **Jacob Hughes** (W2) and **Jake Brimicombe** (P2). It was job done for Jacob, who has now left the sixth form, but no doubt Dan, Matthew and Jake will be back again next year!

Employers in for Mock Interviews

Just before half-term we held a series of mock interview mornings for Sixth Form students, and around a dozen employers from the NHS, Groundworks, Winners Gym, TCS and elsewhere came in to put the students through their paces. This is always a useful exercise and for most of the W students this year included a 'virtual' interview as these are becoming more and more common. As always, the students acquitted themselves with great merit.



College beckons for some

Several students are leaving us this year to go to **South Devon College** – Anastasia Bowles, Chloe Hart, Anya-Mae King, Ellie Jackson, Aimee-Jo Slade Duley, Chris Kaye and Luca James. Others are going further afield – Jake Williams (apprenticeship) and Andrew Carter to **Exeter College**, Eli Mason to **Duchy College**, Kiemera Clark to **Bridgwater College**, and Jacob Hughes to **Kingston Maurward College** in Dorset. We wish them all very well, and hope they are happy and successful in their new learning environments. Pictured right is Chloe Hart on one of her taster days at South Devon College. Several other students are going to be benefiting from specialist provision at ROC College (Robert Owen Communities) which we hope will help them achieve their next step.

News of Ex-students

Word on the grapevine tells us that **Thomas Hocking** is doing well in the Royal Marines, **Jessy Motteram** is still in the army having transferred from logistics to artillery; **Kelley Behan** meanwhile is getting on really well at ATS Tyres and Exhausts and hopes to become full-time when the manager steps down and takes a back seat. **Tom Houghton** is now doing labouring with MBS Building Services and **Connor Johnson** is full-time at Kenmart Building Supplies. **Ben Barker** is frequently seen driving a Stagecoach bus around Torbay and South Devon, whilst a quick visit to Sainsbury's enabled me to run into **Francesca Pym** and **Matthew Carpenter** working. Great to hear!

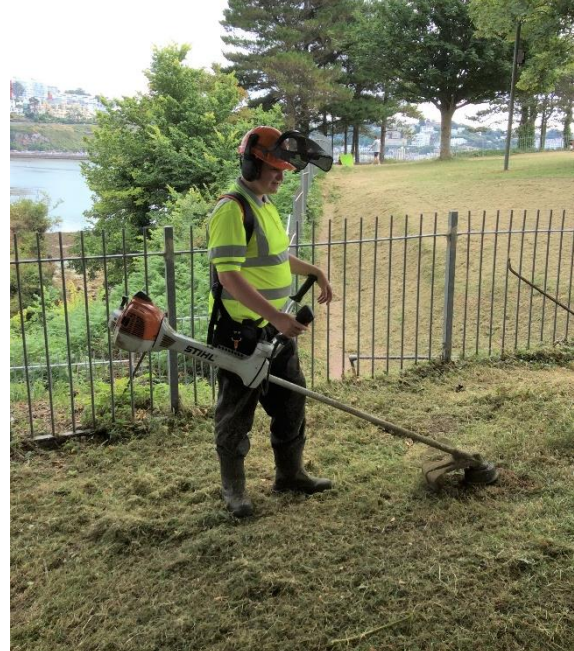
Mini-work projects thrive

The mini-work projects for P students organised in partnership with Groundworks have continued to thrive this term. Students have worked on a regular basis at sites at Westerland Valley, Paignton, and St Mary's, Brixham, on a variety of tasks including general maintenance, clearing, grass and hedge trimming, strimming, painting and litter picking. For those students who are not quite ready to go out on an individual work placement, these projects form an excellent starting point to undertake real work in a real work setting. We are very grateful to the partnership that has been established with Groundworks, and wish to work to maintain and further develop this link. **Megan Mace** and **Brandon Breen** are pictured here sweeping one of the areas at St Mary's, Brixham. Students in the P groups will continue to benefit from this provision next year.



New partnership with SWISCO bears fruit

We are delighted to announce that we've entered into a new partnership with SWISCO (South West Integrated Services Company) and this is already bearing fruit. **Joe Francis** (Horticulture pathway student) and **Callum Taylor-Pratt** (Horticulture apprentice) have been working with their open spaces and grounds maintenance team two days a week, with a view to eventually being offered paid employment there. Joe and Callum have made a great start to this project, and have been reliable and enthusiastic about their new working environment. This is exactly the kind of partnership we need for our students. Pictured are Callum (left) and Joe (right) busy at work strimming some of the grass areas near Corbyn Head, Torquay.



Crazy Golf social a big hit!

A large group of students took advantage of the summer term social event at the Pirate Crazy Golf at Paignton held earlier this term. Students enjoyed their round of golf whilst socialising before having a bite to eat at a nearby café. As always, staff were on hand to provide light-touch supervision, but the students yet again displayed very grown-up and mature behaviour. Thanks to the staff who volunteered to help out on the evening.



Ellie and Anya-Mae enjoying a bite to eat

Fitness activities prove popular

Sixth Form students have continued to benefit from the extensive range of choices offered to them off-site during their fitness and leisure sessions. The P groups have been visiting **Torbay Olympic Gymnastics Club**, **Winners Gym** and **Torquay United Indoor Bowling** in small groups in a half-termly rotation, whilst members of W1 and W3 have been accessing **self-defence classes** taught by Antony Lees, a local martial arts instructor, and visiting **Parkview Fitness Gym** in Torquay. Members of W2 meanwhile have participated in **self-defence sessions**, regular sessions at **ParkView Fitness Gym** and swimming at the **Riviera Centre**. Several students have been inspired to buy their own gym memberships as a result, and many have noted their fitness levels have improved.



Farewell to popular teacher

The end of term marks the end of an era as we say farewell to Vicki Monnington, who has taught English at the school for the last 18 years. During her time with us, Vicki has also taught Employability, PSHE and Citizenship as well as being a form tutor, showing a great care and interest in ensuring that students leave school with something appropriate to progress to. Vicki has played an important role in the development of the Sixth Form, being the class teacher of the very first sixth form class when the Sixth Form began eight years ago, and led some of the early sixth form residentials to Europe. We are very grateful for all her hard work over the years and wish her all the very best of luck for the future!

Edward W Thompson
(Head of Sixth Form)



**HAVE A GREAT SUMMER EVERYONE – SEE YOU BACK IN SIXTH FORM IN
SEPTEMBER!**

Vocational Skills – Summer 2022

What a fantastic summer term we have had in Vocational Skills.

Year 4 have been making paper butterflies and have been learning about folding, painting and symmetry. Year 4 have also been listening to the story 'Stickman' by Julia Donaldson and then recreating their own stickman scene using tools such as junior hacksaws and hot glue guns,

Year 5 have been thinking about strong shapes such as triangles and have been solving a problem independently. They have had to design and build a strong bridge from cardboard to get a wooden ball and a can of beans across a 40cm chasm. They have been using a tool such as measuring equipment scissors and hot glue guns.

Year 6 have been sampling some vocational subjects this term. They have learnt about brickwork and frogs in bricks, they have used hand tools and laid bricks on mortar and have learnt that they lay the brick on a bed joint. Year 6 have also been having a go at painting and decorating, by developing their own painted scene on a panelled door and when that was complete they moved onto washing cars and started to think about using the correct method such as the 2 bucket system to reduce the risk of scratches on the vehicle.

Year 7 have been using a range of tools to make a classic challenge game called the Tower of Hanoi. Pupils have had to make the game a specific size, they have learnt how to find the centre of a square and have discussed how to place the upright dowels in the correct position. Pupils have had to consider the correct hole sizes to cut and they have done all this as independently as possible.

Year 8 have been looking at different job areas. They first looked at car valeting and the range of work available in that sector, looking at the difference between valeting and detailing. Year 8 then moved onto jobs available in the motor industry and had a go at removing and refitting all 4 wheels on a vehicle. Year 8 have completed the term by looking at another couple of careers; engineering where some pupils have designed and built a strong structure by laminating thin strips together to make stronger strips and some pupils have been in the salon looking at the range of jobs available in the beauty sector.

Our main outcomes for all pupils in vocational this term have been:

- Showing that they want to do a good job
- Working alongside others
- Patience and perseverance
- Problem solving

I must say that everyone has tried really hard to get better at these outcomes and everyone has had a really successful term. Well done everyone, you have all worked extremely hard.

Mr Spooner



Changes in Careers

Until recently, the vast majority of work in and around Career Education, Information, Advice and Guidance (CEIAG) was conducted largely by Caroline Milner. In her time at Combe Pafford School, Caroline did an amazing job of supporting our pupils either into work placements as part of work experience, or as part of their pathways in Sixth Form. Caroline has recently left Combe Pafford for new challenges and we would all like to thank her for doing a brilliant job and being an amazing colleague!

The New Team

I am glad to say that we have recently hired Stephanie Morgan (Steph) to join Combe Pafford School as our Careers Advisor. Steph and Mr James will be working together across the school to try their best to guide pupils toward a successful future of employment. There are a number of ways in which pupils from as early as Year 7 will engage with CEIAG, including: visits to employers, meetings with different post-16 educators, talks given by a variety of employers and employees from different fields and inspirational school visits to places like Hinkley Point and RHS Garden Rosemoor to name just a few. Additionally, all pupils in Key Stage 4 access a Careers curriculum as part of their learning once a week. If pupil, parents or carers have any questions that they think may link to future career or education opportunities please do get in contact with either Mr James or Steph on the emails at the bottom of this page.

Steph Morgan – Careers Advisor

My name is Steph and I am excited to be the new Career Advisor for the school. I have worked in Careers and Employability for 6 years in a variety of education settings. Including, University of Plymouth, South Devon College and more recently for CSW Group (Careers South West). I have a degree in education and I am currently working towards my Level 6 qualification in Career Information Advice and Guidance. Over the past two years I have worked with young people with EHCP's across Torbay to give them Information Advice and Guidance around their next steps after Year 11. The best part of my job is talking to pupils about their ideas and aspirations for their future. If you or your child would like to have a conversation around this, please contact me and we can arrange an appointment.



Job Opportunities

An exciting apprenticeship opportunity in animal care is available at Combe Pafford School. If you have a passion for animals and would like to be part of a friendly team, we are looking for an apprentice to join our animal care team. As an apprentice, you will be working towards a level 2/3 qualification in animal care, as well looking after our wide range of animals, which we have on site, and supporting with the vocational animal care subject, which we offer to our pupils. If you are interested in applying, please click on the following link, <https://www.combepaffordschool.co.uk/page/?title=Vacancies&pid=15>. You are also welcome to come and have an informal chat with Steph (Career Advisor) and the animal care team to know more about the role, please contact Steph Morgan to arrange this.

Recent Success

I would just like to share some recent success stories, which are a result of pupil's hard work, determination and willingness to make the most of the opportunities given to them.

This year, we had two pupils placed at Cantina in Paignton who both impressed enough to earn themselves a part time job for the Summer; Connor Adam and Matthew Welsh, well done! Both pupils did fantastically well. Riley Tooley who was placed at the Pudding Parlour in Brixham also managed to secure himself some part time work on busy weekends and hopefully throughout the Summer!

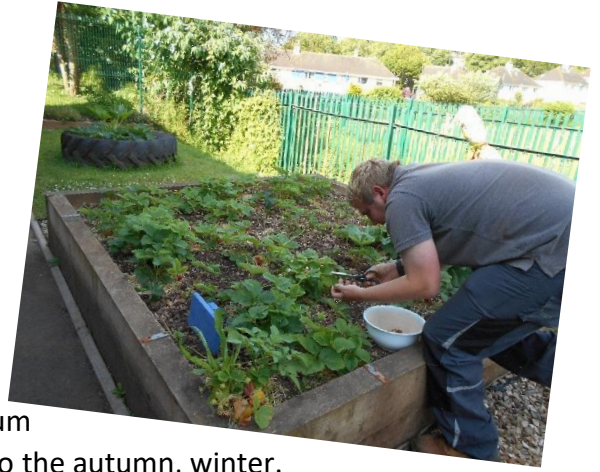
Finally, I would just like to draw attention to one of our departing Sixth Formers, Liam Slack. Liam has been on the Retail pathway in Sixth Form for a couple of years now and has shown more

motivation and desire to gain employment than I can remember. After a few retail applications were unsuccessful due to the current job market, Liam decided to try another route. I am thrilled to say that Liam has now successfully gained employment with TLH as part of their Hospitality and Catering team. Liam's story demonstrates that not all of our pupils have a straight and fixed path to employment; there might be some minor bumps and turns along the way! However, what Liam also when it comes to gaining employment, effort, attitude and commitments trumps everything else.



Horticulture News

The horticulture department have been busy growing fruit and vegetables for the Café to use. The Sixth form, year 11 and year 10's have all had the opportunity to sow rows of seeds and it's great to reap the benefits of looking after the plants as they grow. So far we have handed the Yellow Frog courgettes, strawberries, lettuce, rocket, spinach, garlic, leeks, potatoes, rhubarb, cucumbers and broccoli; we give them produce most days. We have also planted apple and plum trees and hope to carry on with our sowing and harvesting into the autumn, winter.



Callum, who is our horticulture apprentice and an ex pupil at Combe Pafford, takes great pride in weeding the beds and being able to hand over organic, school grown veg.

Horticulture Inspirational Trip

The sixth form group went on an inspirational trip to RHS Rosemoor Garden in Torrington, North Devon. We had a lovely day walking around the site, enjoying the wooded and planted areas.



New Horticulture Classroom

News.....

Due to some building complications we are still waiting for the classroom to be handed over to us. It's going to be great so we don't mind the wait.



ROUND TWO UNIFORMS

In 2013, we created a second hand uniform shop, in response to a parents/carers/school consultation and this is still up and running well.



We have many items in stock including sweatshirts,
t-shirts, trousers, skirts and P.E. kits.



A quality check is in place and prices are very low, starting at £1.

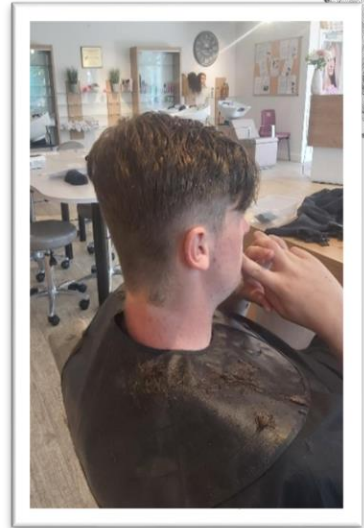
In order to generate a variable stock, we would like any donation of your child's unwanted or no longer needed uniforms and P.E. kits.

Your contribution is very much appreciated.

Please contact Mrs Pitocco at Combe Pafford School.



WS HAIR DESIGN



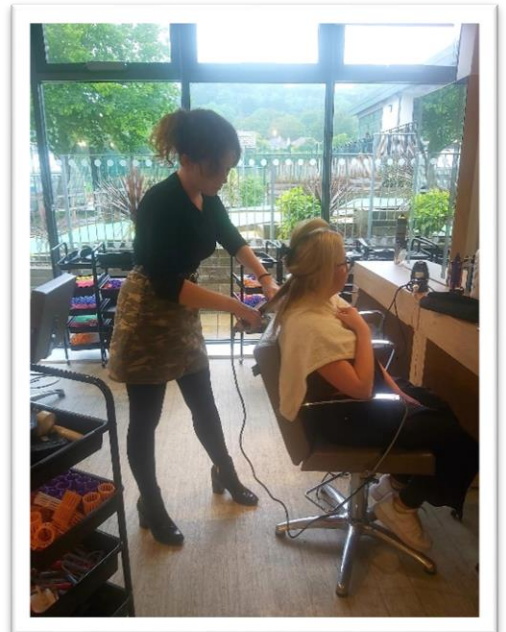
WS Hair Design welcome family members and friends to make

an appointment for basic hairdressing and barbering skills such as washing, blow-drying and styling, and nail skills such as nail painting, filing and nail art.

These appointments will be beneficial to our pupil's as it allows them to gain experience, not only in hairdressing and nail painting, but also in social and communication skills whilst having a clear understanding of the running of a hairdressing salon.



All of these valuable and transferable skills will help towards the pupil's assessment level for their qualification and in their future working life. This will all be done under the strict supervision of our hairdressing tutor who has many years of experience as a hairstylist.



For more information and appointments

see our page on Facebook [WS Hair Design](#)

or call our hairdressing tutor Tracey on 07875411379





COMBE PAFFORD SCHOOL

TERM DATES 2022/2023

Autumn Term 2022

First Day	Tuesday 6th September
Half Term	Monday 24 th October – Friday 28 th October (inc)
Last Day	Friday 16 th December

Spring Term 2023

First Day	Wednesday 4 th January
Half Term	Monday 13 th February – Friday 17 th February (inc)
Last Day	Friday 31 st March

Summer Term 2023

First Day	Tuesday 18 th April
Bank Holiday	Monday 1 st May
Half Term	Monday 29 th May – Friday 2 nd June (inc)
Last Day	Friday 21 st July

Non pupil days

- 5th September 2022
- 3rd January 2023
- 17th April 2023
- 24th & 25th July 2023

We look forward to seeing you on
6th September 2022

