



4th July 2025

Dear Parents and Families

Since my last bulletin, we have enjoyed a fun filled and very busy 2 weeks in school.

Wednesday and Thursday this week saw us open our doors to all the new children who will be joining us in September. They were able to meet their new friendship groups and meet their new teachers and a wonderful day was had by all. As well as our new children, our current Year 6 children also had a day with their new teachers and all parents should now have been sent an email with their child's new teacher details.

Our current students will be having a transition day on Tuesday 15th July, however, they already know who their new teacher is going to be so it will be an exciting day for them ahead.

Residentials

Last week we had 3-year groups on residentials. Our Year 10s were in London for a fun filled week of capital highlights, including the London Dungeons, Harry Potter World and a trip to the theatre.

Our Year 11s went to Paris and saw the Eiffel Tower, all the Paris sites and a trip to Disneyworld.

Our Sixth Form students visited Gran Canaria where they did work experience on a Banana Plantation, learnt how to make Canarian food, ate tapas and visited the beach and a water park. I was lucky enough to go in this trip myself and I was so proud of the students. Their resilience to try new food and new things was evident every day and I loved seeing them have fun and enjoy themselves in a different country.

Some children also enjoyed a super in-school offer and had day trips out around Torbay. They too had a wonderful week.

I can't thank the staff enough who took the children away for these weeks. It is not easy to be away from their homes and families for a week, but their dedication and commitment to our school means our students can experience all these amazing things.

Summer Fayre

Thank you to everyone who helped make our School Fayre an incredible afternoon. On 1st July we saw lots of parents turn up to win prizes on our raffle and lots of other exciting activities. I am proud to say that we raised £780 and £300 will be donated to Operation Imprezza which is the charity we support in Kenya. Without the support of our parents, students and all the staff that worked so hard on making this day such a wonderful event, it would not have been such a success!

Edward Thompson

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Mr Thompson, who has worked in the school for 38 years and is retiring at the end of this term, will be walking the Cotswold Way during the first week of the summer holidays to raise money for the Imprezza Academy in Western Kenya. As you may be aware, we have forged a relationship with the school there and this year sent a group of Sixth Form students over to Kenya to visit the school and paint their new classrooms. Mr Thompson aims to complete the 102 mile route solo inside five days, camping rough each night in a suitable location. Please support him if you are able to by sponsoring him via the online giving platform JustGiving (see address below). To date he has raised £960 (48%) of his £2000 target'.

www.justgiving.com/page/cotswoldwaysolotrek



Job Vacancies

For current job vacancies available within the school, please see our website and feel free to share this information with anyone you may feel would be suitable for the available roles.

Afterschool Club for September

Further to recent letters sent out to you in relation to an after-school club in September, I would like to thank you all for your response. I can confirm that the feedback from parents is that you would be interested in this option and I can therefore confirm that we have agreed to start working with The Football Fun Factory in the new academic year. I have written to you separately in relation to this but would like to take this opportunity to give you as much information as possible as early as possible to avoid disappointment.

If you would like your child to join the weekly club, allowing them to develop their football skills as well as their confidence, social skills and valuable life skills, please click on the link below to register your interest. If you have any further questions, you can direct these to gareth@thefootballfunfactory.co.uk

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Have a lovely weekend with your families and friends and I hope the sun continues to shine.

Kindest regards



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- 4th July KS2 – Year 7 Swimming
- 7th – 11th July Sixth Form Residential – Berlin
- 8th July KS2 – Year 7 Swimming
- 11th July KS2 – Year 7 Swimming
- 14th - 18th Year 10 Work Experience Week
- 14th – 18th Sixth Form Transition Week for Year 11
- 15th July Transition Day for Students
- 15th July KS2 – Year 7 Swimming
- 18th July KS2 – Year 7 Swimming
- 22nd July KS2 – Year 7 Swimming
- 24th July Rock Steady Final Performance
- 25th July KS2 – Year 7 Swimming

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