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EXAM PREPARATION

In the launch week for our Exam Preparation Timetable, THS students have been taking advantage of the high quality teacher led sessions available after school.

133 students have attended at least one session this week which is **56%** of the Year 11 cohort.

Our spotlight students are also applying themselves with 71% of the cohort having attended one or more sessions over the last week.

The highest attendance to exam preparation is:

6 Sessions - Josh Goodwin

5 sessions - Tom Davies, Isabelle Durrant, Emmalee Mulligan and Lauren Bolt

4 sessions - Meg Broadhurst, Robert Elston, Oliver Fonnereau, Jake Guy, Oscar Luxton, Rebecca Noel, Luke Peggram, Vincent Sheldrake, Finlay-May Smith, Harry Snow and Melissa Spicer

Each of these students will receive a post card home and an additional 5 class charts points

Well done to all those Year 11 students who are attending sessions. Those who have yet to take advantage, remember:

High awareness + high action = exam success.

Attendance to exam preparation sessions, with focused and well-planned revision at home, could make all the difference in the final eight weeks before the exam season for Year 11.

Sammy Crook and Tom Williams

FAIRTRADE DESIGN-A-MUG COMPETITION



Fairtrade fortnight will soon be upon us and we are pleased to once again be supporting this initiative with a competition. Fairtrade aims to highlight the plight of many farmers living in poverty around the world and what we can do, through our consumer choices, to have a positive impact upon their lives.

This year's theme focuses on putting Fairtrade into our breaks, be it tea and coffee, or fairly traded cakes and biscuits. To reflect this, the Soroptimist International group would like students to design a mug with a Fairtrade theme.

Did you know?

- Fairtrade ensures farmers receive a guaranteed income for their produce
- With Fairtrade support, communities can pay for clean water, hospitals and medicine as well as enabling children to go to school.

Entries should, in the first instance, be submitted to Mrs Webber in room 87 and these will be judged at break time in the library, on Friday 10th March. As well as selecting winners, all entries will be submitted for further judging by the Tiverton and District Soroptimist Club.

Entries should be no larger than A4 size and could simply be the design, or on a mug template. Mrs Leitch will also be offering opportunities to develop your designs in Creative Club which meets in the Library.

Get your creative hats on and look up further information about Fairtrade on Fairtrade.org.uk/fortnight.

Mrs Webber



Monday 27th February 2017

6pm-8pm

In the school library

- Q & A session Mr Tong
 - * New GCSE's
 - * Options
 - * What are flight paths.
- Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE)



Facebook: @THSparentforum
Twitter: @ForumTHS

ACTIVITIES WEEK

REMINDER – The next payment for Activities Week is due by 28th February. This can be forwarded to the Accounts Office or paid online via SchoolGateway. If you have any problems making this payment, please contact the Accounts Office to discuss.

DRAGONS' DEN

For the past five weeks, Yr 8s have been working on a highly-anticipated Dragons' Den project in order to help improve their speaking and listening skills in a business context.

The teams were in groups of 3-5 students and they worked together to pitch a brand new product idea that would solve a problem around the world. On Thursday 9th (8Y) and Friday 10th February (8Z), had a day off timetable focusing on building their confidence and pitching their final campaign ideas. Every team worked hard and well together but only one team could win. The teams pitched their product in front of their class and one team went forward to the finals to pitch it to the Dragons.

The winning team were team Foodsafe with the Food 'o'meter from 8Y1 (Jazmine, Lissy, Emma and Alex). They used good body language, gestures and pitch of voice to present confidently - their product was out of the ordinary and very useful which made it work.

In 8Z, team Discover were the winners, (Jack, Charlotte, Betsy-May, Luke and Ava) with their product Shop' N 'Go which was a super-saving shopping app which they presented in a very precise and persuasive manner.

The day was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity and the students were truly grateful to experience this event.

Written by Morgan German, Esme Weller, and team Discover.



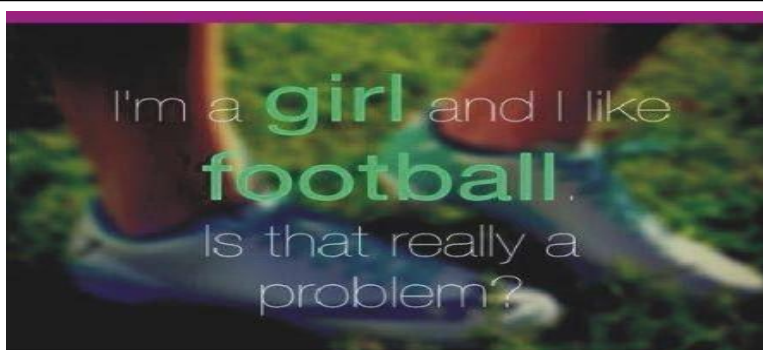
GYMNASTICS SUCCESS

Congratulations to Kayleigh Bennett, Rosina Ayre, Julia Skrzypon, Renee Coffey, Ruby Toogood and Kathryn Heard who recently represented the school in gymnastics. The girls, who were competing in the **U19** age group, gained bronze medals! Well done girls!



EXMOOR CHALLENGE

Letters are now available from Mr Dwyer or the Admin Office. The first practice walk in on Saturday 4th March.



FOOTBALL FOR FITNESS & FUN

Ladies aged 18-60 years... come & join us for some free taster sessions. No experience required.

Starting 24th February
Fridays 20.00 - 21.00

Exe Valley Leisure Centre
Bolham Road
Tiverton
Devon EX16 6SG

If you require further information or would like to register, please ring Christiana 07791473276 or Haley 07837260732

HLT SPORTS REPS HALF TERM UPDATE

Our Yr 10 Sports Reps have been busy helping Mrs Lane, Mr Thorne and Mr Morrell run and organise sporting events for students during lunchtimes as well as some cage football fun sessions for both Yrs 5 & 6 girls and Yrs 3 & 4 boys. We also have hosted two very successful tag rugby tournaments with a total of 18 teams entered.

On Tuesday 17th of January, Rackenford, Two Moors, Bolham and Bickleigh Primary Schools came to Tiverton to take part in an after school cage football tournament. Jade Pope and Poppy Henshaw were officiating Yrs 3 & 4 and Jess Fitch and I were officiating Yrs 5 & 6; there were some tough matches and each pair gave their all. We hope to see them all again at the next sports event and hope they bring back the good sportsmanship and teamwork that they had this time.

Written by Peggy Hookins

The Sports Reps are giving up their own time to help run these fantastic events and I am very proud of how they conduct themselves. We have received some positive feedback from the visiting primary school teachers. This is from Mr Williams who works with Bolham and Rackenford schools:

"Just a quick email to say I was really impressed with the tag rugby tournament. It's the first time I have been able to make any of the matches and tournaments. The organisation and particular the work done by the sports leaders with the children in both warm ups and during matches which they were not taking part in looked good. I look forward to hopefully getting to some more in the future."

Thank you for a great half term and we look forward to more events.

Mrs Bamber



National Careers Week and National Apprenticeship Week are week beginning Monday 6th March. Here at THS we hold the future work force of the town. Would your business like to visit us that week to talk to our students about what you do and the skills you are looking for in your workforce? Could one of your staff go into a classroom and show their skills with the support of a teacher? Are you doing an Apprenticeship now, or are you qualified in a career after taking an Apprenticeship programme? Would you like to take part in our Apprenticeship Fair that week? Please email mslevin@tiverton.devon.sch.uk for more information. Small businesses, large businesses and self-employed people are all welcome. There are other ways to get involved, even if you can't actually come into school, so please do get in touch, and help us prepare our young people for working for YOU!



For further information on National Careers Week, please visit <http://nationalcareersweek.com/> and follow them on twitter @careersweek #NCW2017

And for further information on National Apprenticeship Week, please visit <https://www.gov.uk/government/topical-events/national-apprenticeship-week-2017>

Apprenticeship Expo 2017



Thursday 9th March
2pm – 7pm
Exeter College Sports Hall
Victoria Yard, Off Queen Street, Exeter,
Devon, EX4 3SR

If you are considering an apprenticeship then come along to this year's Apprenticeship Expo and find out more.

You will get the opportunity to meet employees across a wide range of vocational sectors including

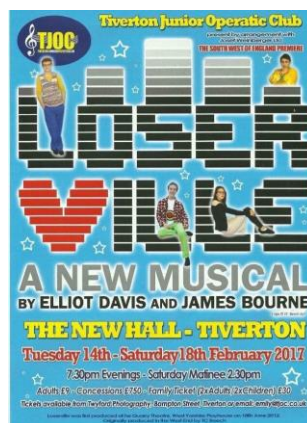
- Accountancy
- NHS
- Health and Social Care
- Childcare
- Catering and Hospitality
- Engineering and Automotive
- Construction
- Business & IT
- Sport
- Legal

Experienced advisors will be on hand to answer any Apprenticeship questions and queries.

For more information, please visit <http://www.exe-coll.ac.uk/Employers/Apprenticeship-Careers-Expo-2017>



Watch out for events running at THS for National Careers Week – assemblies, tutor activities, an Apprenticeship Fair, THS alumni from Future First and employers working with students in lessons – all to raise awareness of career opportunities and employability skills.



LOSERVILLE

Well done to THS students, past and present, for their excellent half term production of 'Loserville' as part of the Tiverton Juniors Operatic Club. It is great to see so many of our performing arts students getting involved in community arts events - remember, THS Musical Theatre Club runs every Friday 3.30 to 4.30 in room 76.



INFORMATION FOR YEAR 11 STUDENTS AND PARENTS

Year 11: Exam Preparation

Moving into the final weeks before exam season, Year 11 have been issued the Exam Preparation Timetable where weekly 30 minute sessions will be run by teachers on:

- Re-visiting skills and knowledge
- Exam techniques
- Exam approaches

Students can access a snack and a drink when they register in the library for each session, and they are awarded class charts points for independence.

However this does not replace students preparing for exam over holidays and each evening at home.

To enable all parents and carers to best support their child, we are running a Parents' Evening Exam Support Seminar on the 28th February and the 3rd March 6pm at THS in the hall – all parents and carers are invited to attend one of the seminars where they will learn:

- Revision techniques to support their child
- What resources online their child can access
- Strategies to manage exam stress
- How best to help their child

Please speak to your child's tutor or HOH to find out more information regarding Year 11 in the build up to their final exams.

SUCCESS AT THE HEART OF OUR COMMUNITY

Parents' Evening Exam Support Seminar

Tuesday, 28th February—6pm

Thursday, 2nd March—6pm

Venue: THS Hall



In the fast-approaching 2017 exams, your children, our students, will ultimately be on their own. How best can we support them in preparing for these critically important events?



This **enlightening** and **engaging** hour-long evening seminar, is aimed at parents to equip them with knowledge of how best to support and assist their children in **exam preparation**.

Packed full of **practical advice** and **guidance** on traditional and contemporary techniques to aid memory, engage with learning, and pointers on how to strike the all-important balance between studying and socialising in the run-up to exam season.



From this...



to this...



to reach this!

SUCCESS AT THE HEART OF OUR COMMUNITY

YEAR 11 2017 EXAM PREPARATION TIMETABLE

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunchtime Revision	Computing	Computing	Computing	Computing	Computing
	Science	Science	Science	Science	Science
	Drama	Drama	Drama	Drama	Dance
				Art	Drama
				History	
All students attending exam preparation classes must first go to the Library to register					
After School Session 1 15.30 - 16.00	Maths	Science	English	RPS	RPS
	IM & ALA Rm 52/55	Various Rm 18	Various Rm 33	SBM/LGW - Rm 48/87	AMN - Rm 45
	Dance	Art & Phot	PE	Drama	Maths - Foundation
	NML - Studio	RAO/JSB Rm 114/112	SJM Rm 133	AMT Rm 111	IM Rm 52
	Geography	Rock School	Food Tech	French	
	Various Rm 46	JAC Rm 76	KL/JCD Rm 82	LJI Rm 63	
	Resistant Materials			German	
	AME Rm 88			MM Rm 67	
After School Session 2 16.05 - 1635	Maths	Science	English	Art & Phot	
	IM & ALA Rm 52/55	Various Rm 18	Various Rm 33	RAO/JSB Rm 114/112	
			Geology	Business Studies	
			CMD Rm 35	NIH - Rm 25	