



APPOINTMENT OF HEADTEACHER

It is with great pleasure that the governing body of The Federation of Tiverton Schools announces the appointment of Sammy Crook as the permanent Headteacher of Tiverton High School.

Sammy has been Acting Head since September 2016, a role that she was given while we explored our federation opportunities with Heathcoat Primary School and Rackenford C of E Primary School.

The governing body held a thorough and extensive recruitment process. We were particularly thrilled to receive a large number of high quality applications for the post, and we feel this is a vindication of the high quality work that is happening within the school. Following a two day process, where we assessed candidates through many different tasks, panels and interviews, we arrived at the unanimous decision that Sammy was the right person to lead the school over the coming years.

Jason Cox
Chair of Governors, The Federation of Tiverton Schools

STAFF CHANGES

Nigel Foot has decided to leave Tiverton High School. He was the subject leader of PE for 14 years and we wish him well in his new ventures.

I would like you to join me in formally welcoming Rob Puzey to the PE department for the rest of this academic year. Rob has worked at THS since October 2016.

Sammy Crook

VISIT TO HEATHCOAT FABRICS LIMITED

On Tuesday, forty Yr 9 design and technology students visited Heathcoat Fabrics Limited in Tiverton. This exciting opportunity was developed through the Tiverton Community Learning Partnership to engage young students in knowing what 'state of the art' job prospects could be available to them from studying design and technology, science and maths. THS was one of four schools including Heathcoat, Tidcombe and St Johns Primary Schools.

The students were invited to an introduction in the morning and showed the vast range of products and clients Heathcoat Fabrics have. They then learnt about health and safety and had to wear a high-vis jacket, radio and ear defenders for parts of the tour. The tour consisted of five of the many departments where students learnt about dyeing, weaving and coating the fabrics. The team at Heathcoat Fabrics planned interactive experiments for the students to be involved in for them to understand some of the amazing science, technology and maths skills that go into all aspects of creating the fabrics.

After the tour the students were then set a project to do back at school in their lessons. They were asked to make a rocket out of plastic bottles and then stick on fabrics, made at the factory, that will help the bottle fly further. They need to learn many of the skills for their GCSE course and creating the rocket will bring their learning to life and help them remember this for their exam at the end of year 11.

The rocket launch will take place on Thursday 20th April at THS.



Tiverton High School was recently awarded 'Champion School' status by the National Citizen Service (NCS) and is the only school in Mid-Devon to achieve the high status.

The list features over 300 secondary schools from across the country, and is awarded on their commitment to promoting the NCS programme. NCS is available to all 15 – 17 year olds, and provides opportunities for children to build skills for work and life, outside of term time.

To be included on the list alongside other fantastic schools regionally and nationally is a real achievement. We encourage all of our Year 11 students to get involved in the NCS programme, to further develop the skills needed for their future.

The programme includes outdoor activities, CV and UCAS application workshops and volunteering, all while building social skills and confidence. The feedback from students who have had the opportunity to take part is brilliant, and highly recommend it to younger year groups.

Over 275,000 young people currently take part in the programme, 37 of which are Year 11 students at Tiverton High School.



YEAR 11 EXAM PREPARATION REVISION

This week's Yr 11 exam preparation attendance is as follows:

148 students have attended at least one session this week which is **62%** of the Year 11 cohort.

The percentage of spotlight students attending 1 or more sessions is **79%**.

Highest attending students

Finlay-May Smith	7 sessions
Josh Goodwin	6 sessions
Rebecca Noel	6 sessions
Charity Cole	5 sessions
Beth Kerslake	5 sessions
Zack Veen	5 sessions
Finlay Broadhead	4 sessions
Sam Carne	4 sessions
Joe Greenslade	4 sessions
Keiran Hadley	4 sessions
Annie Hussell	4 sessions
Emmalee Mulligan	4 sessions
Caitlin Pritchard	4 sessions
Ruby Richards	4 sessions
Callum Sewell	4 sessions
Melissa Spicer	4 sessions
Alistair Tucker	4 sessions

Well done everyone – keep it up!

REMEMBER

High awareness + high action = exam success



Work Experience
NHS
Invest in Youth

Nine Yr 10 THS students took advantage of the NHS work experience scheme to be part of a one week programme with the RD&E in Exeter. It was a very competitive process with hundreds of students applying from across Devon, and three of our students secured a placement.

Congratulations to:

Ben Broomfield	DaJXE/KM
Finn Stoneman	OtSTB/NB
Lucy Bristow	BaLGW/KS

An excellent achievement!

There are so many opportunities for students to access work placements across Devon - evidence suggests that if a young person can access 4 meaningful experiences with employers over their schooling, they are far less likely to become NEET (not in education, employment of training) later in life.

Mr Williams and Miss Marshall

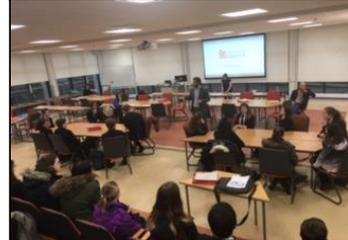
TIVERTON HIGH SCHOOL ON TOUR

Twenty-four of our more able and talented students in KS3 and KS4 attended their scholarship programme launch event at Bristol University as part of the Brilliant Club charity.

The Brilliant Club is an award-winning charity that exists to increase the number of students from under-represented backgrounds progressing to highly-selective universities. We do this by mobilising the PhD community to share its academic expertise with state schools.

With their seminars starting next week and the graduation event taking place at the university of Exeter, we wish this year's scholars the best of luck.

Mr Williams and Mrs Gardner



BRINGING THE WORLD OF WORK INTO THE CLASSROOM AT THS

Careers Education, Information, Advice and Guidance (CEIAG) is high on the national education agenda for UK schools and recently Devon has been identified as having the lowest number of young people accessing higher education opportunities (Degree's, HND's and advanced apprenticeship programmes).

At Tiverton High School our aim is to ensure that all young people have access to high quality, timely and accurate advice and guidance throughout their time at school to enable them to make informed choices and receive high quality preparation for their future pathways into employment, education and training. On Tuesday, to support our teaching staff in delivering this aim, we invited in a panel of experts to ensure all our teachers have an understanding of how best to support our students.

Debbie Miller, Deputy Head at Petroc, explained to staff what the future labour market will be looking like for mid Devon, with the impact of Hinkley Point C, Exeter Science Park and the proposed Eden Westwood project and employment opportunities over the next 10 years.

Jackie Ellis from UExplore shared with teachers how they can be supporting young people developing employability skills and an awareness of the world of work through their lessons, making learning relevant and linking it to the outside world.

Mark Godfrey, MD of the Deer Park Hotel and who is our Enterprise Advisor through the Careers and Enterprise Company Programme, shared with teachers how they can engage with local employers and bring businesses and industry experts into the classroom.

Whilst **Sarah McCammon**, regional lead for Future First, shared with staff a tool kit on how we can inspire our students by bringing professionals in to the school environment from our Alumni network – which now boasts over 400 ex-THS students who are successful in a range of industries.

All excellent training to ensure we are delivering opportunity within the classroom to inspire our students, build character and raise aspirations.

Mr Williams



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NATIONAL CAREERS WEEK AND NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK EVENTS

Some exciting events are planned for next week, as the school celebrates National Careers Week and National Apprenticeship Week.



Alumni Visits from:

- RAF Pilot who will talk to students interested in becoming a pilot or joining the forces. He will then visit classes in Science and Maths to talk about how the subjects are relevant in his career
- Visit to English classes from former student who studied English Literature at A-Level to talk about progression to college and related careers
- Visit to Art from former student who works in the creative industry of Film and Television to talk about his career
- Visit to Geography from a Geography graduate who will support teachers in lessons and talk about the subject as a Higher Education choice

Apprenticeship information:

- Visit to various Resistant Materials lessons from representatives of the Construction Industry Training Board (CITB) to inform students of Apprenticeships available through them
- Visit to lessons from lecturers of Petroc College to talk about their new facilities and partnerships with local businesses leading to Apprenticeship training at their Tiverton campus
- Thursday 9th March – A lunchtime Apprenticeship Fair that all students can attend. Hands on activities to try, while meeting young people who are currently doing Apprenticeships in the area.

Support and visits from local businesses:

- A local Copywriter coming in to talk about the career to English students
- Large local hotelier, bringing in apprentices to talk about the type of jobs available in the Hospitality Industry
- Short Videos are coming in from local businesses on the types of careers available to young people

Further Career activities over the week:

- Tutor time activities to explore careers, how your personality can decide a career path for you and exploring 'different' jobs they may not have thought of
- Lesson time talks and videos on subject area career paths. 'If you are good at English, you could be a
- Year 7 Career Bingo – Teachers will talk for 3 minutes about their previous jobs and the skills needed for it, and students will cross them off of their bingo card while they listen.

This focused week on Careers and Apprenticeships is just a section of what we do throughout the year to inspire our students to aim high. If you would like to get involved in telling our young people about your business or career, please get in touch.

Mandy Slevin, Development Officer




Higher Engineering Apprenticeship

HepcoMotion offers a highly regarded apprenticeship scheme and is currently keen to recruit someone with a real interest in engineering.

- A family run International company, the Hepco group is a world-leading manufacturer of linear motion systems.
- You will learn the skills needed to become a fully qualified engineer and begin your career with an industry-leading experience behind you.
- Our Higher Apprenticeship is aimed at candidates with A levels at grade C or above (or equivalent), including Maths and Science.
- Full on-the-job training will be given, together with day-release at a local college to study for a HNC in Mechanical Engineering.

If you're looking to gain qualifications and earn while you learn in a challenging and rewarding environment, this apprenticeship programme could be just for you!

Selection tests take place in April, with employment commencing in August 2017. To register your interest in the above position, please contact Karen Lawrence:

01884 243400 | recruitment@hepcotion.com | Closing Date: Friday 24th March 2017




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HepcoMotion's Apprenticeship Open Day

Are you thinking of applying for an apprenticeship?

Come and join HepcoMotion's apprentice open day and find out about the successful apprenticeship programmes that we offer

Friday 10th March from 10-1pm
at
HepcoMotion, Lower Moor Business Park, Tiverton Way,
Tiverton, Devon, EX16 6TG

Come along to:

- Learn a little bit about HepcoMotion, a world-leading manufacturer of linear motion systems
- Look around our facilities
- Have a factory tour
- Meet some of our current apprentices and ask questions
- Speak to some of our former apprentices, many of whom are in management positions

With a HepcoMotion Engineering Apprenticeship, you will learn the skills needed to become a fully qualified engineer and begin your career with industry-leading experience behind you.

Indeed over one third of our senior management are former apprentices, highlighting the value we place on apprentices.

Come and join us for an informal and informative morning. Parents are welcome, refreshments will be provided. We look forward to seeing you.

To register your interest, please contact Karen Lawrence on 01884 243400 by 3rd March 2016