



## Farewell to

### Anna Wieckiewicz

Anna joined us in November 2014 as a specialist curriculum TA in the English department. From the outset Anna shared her knowledge and understanding for literacy with all of the students she worked with both in small groups and individually. Anna has decided to return to Poland to be with her family.

### Rebecca John

Becca joined the modern foreign languages department as a newly qualified teacher in September 2014. Becca shared her love of languages with her students and has supported trips abroad as well as working with some of our partner primary schools with KS2 language lessons. Becca is moving to Amsterdam over the Easter holidays to be with her fiancé.

### Becky Lean

Becky joined THS in September 2008 as our SENCo. She quickly established herself as a strong middle leader with an overwhelming breadth of knowledge around all aspect of special educational needs. Over the years Becky has changed her role within THS and in 2015 she became our lead teacher for the Communication, Interaction, Resource Base (CAIRB). She has worked tirelessly to champion ASC at THS and beyond and I know that she has helped shape the lives of many children with complex needs over her time with us.

Becky is off to follow the Lions tour in New Zealand later in the year as a celebration of her retirement.

We wish them all the very best for the future and hope that the new chapter in their lives is happy and successful.

Sammy Crook

## GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCEMENT ON GCSE GRADES

You may have noticed in the news this week, the Department for Education's announcement that the benchmark "pass" grade for new reformed GCSEs is being lowered from a grade 5 to 4.

- For our students and as a school nothing changes.

We have spoken to local colleges and the reality is not as simple as the government headline suggests. The Department for Education have actually described a 4 as a 'Standard pass' and a 5 as a 'Strong pass'. What students actually require for particular courses varies. Therefore our objective remains the same; students need to be working as hard as possible to achieve the best grades they can. This is a highly competitive world and it will remain true that as they apply for colleges, universities and various jobs, Grade 5 will carry more value than a Grade 4.

Therefore we all need to keep students focused on achieving the best they can this summer. As ever, we value your support in helping them to achieve this.

Simon Tong, Deputy Head

## Celebrating our Code Keepers

We have had a fantastic week celebrating the achievements of all our amazing Code Keepers. We kicked the week off with a Bruno Mars tribute for Year 9 students. Bruno belted out all of his classics, including 'The Lazy Song' and 'Uptown funk'. The Year 7s were then treated to a surprise performance from Ozzy D the magician, where he entertained the crowd with a magic show and a 'boys vs girls' quiz. We finished our week of surprise performances with a visit from LDN Wrestling, who specialise in family-friendly staged wrestling shows. The Year 8s really enjoyed the professional performance, but all were reminded to please not try it at home. We are very proud of all our successful Code Keepers and look forward to celebrating their achievements next term.

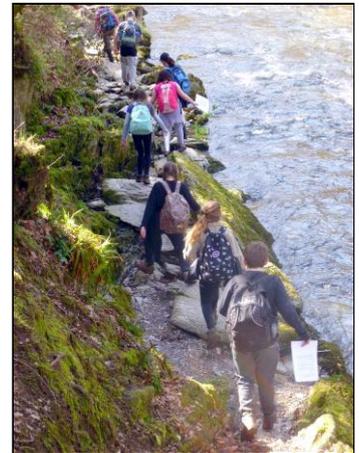


**FIRST DAY OF SUMMER TERM – WEDNESDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> APRIL  
(TUESDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> APRIL IS A NON-STUDENT DAY)**



A glorious day on the moor saw our Exmoor Challenge Teams training for the main event at the end of April. Starting at Tarr Post and finishing at Mounsey Hill Gate, our students successfully covered 15km going via Withypool and a stretch of the River Barle to Tarr Steps. They were blessed with beautiful weather, although the ground was still wet and muddy from recent rain. Well done to all the young people taking part and a massive thank you to Mrs Fasey, Mrs Daniels, Mr Nderitu and Mr De'Athe for helping to make it possible.

Mr Dwyer



Congratulations and good luck to Moors Youth U14 Girls football team on reaching the County Cup Final

Devon County Football Association

**Graddon Vending Devon Under 14 Girls Cup Final**

**MOORS YOUTH VS SIGNAL BOX FRANKFORT YOUTH YOUTH**

VENUE- COACH ROAD, NEWTON ABBOT  
DATE- THURSDAY 27TH APRIL 2017  
KICK OFF - 19:30

Adults - £3.50 Concessions - £1.50  
Family Ticket - £8.00 (2 Adults, 2 Children)  
Devon FA Player Registration Card holders will receive a discount!  
50p per entrance fee will be donated to Children's Hospice South West - The Devon FA's 2016/17 Charity

**Community Swishing**  
Great fun. Clothes swap event

**How it works**  
2.30pm Bring along up to 7 items of quality clothes or accessories. Get a raffle ticket for each item.  
3.30pm Swap raffle tickets for clothes  
4.30pm Free for all grab clothes you like and enjoy your new wardrobe

Tiverton High School  
Sat. 29th April  
2.30pm - 5.00pm

supported by  
CAG Devon COMMUNITY ACTION GROUPS

smoothie bikes  
tea & cake  
music & drama  
preloved clothes swapping

**EXETER CAREERS FAIR 2017**

For Students from the Exeter Area Looking to Find their Career Pathway

Internships Professional  
University Public Services  
Apprenticeships  
Work

Advice Opportunities Interview Technique CV Writing  
Contacts

Hosted by  
St James Exeter  
CONSORTIUM TEACHING SCHOOL ALLIANCE

For more information: Call 01392 927171  
or email info@exeterconsortium.com

**Wednesday 26th April**  
4.00 - 7.00PM



## Willand Tennis Club

**U18's Tennis Coaching**  
Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April until 18<sup>th</sup> July 2017  
Subscriptions for the year to include coaching £60  
(This includes free use of courts)\*

Sessions run from 4.30 pm 8.30 pm depending on age/ability - approx. 45 mins

Groups consist of 6 - 8  
Call Charlie 07341 826633 or Paul 07722118703

**NEW FOR APRIL 2017**  
Adults Rusty Racquet Sessions  
With Coach Charlie Lee  
(suitable for beginners and those wanting to get back into tennis)



**Starting Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2017 at 7pm**  
Pay & Play £4 per Session  
(tennis racquets available to borrow)  
Enquiries call Charlie 07341 826633

For further details see Willand Tennis Club Website/Facebook  
\*Some restrictions apply to Court availability see website/fb for full details



## EXETER CAREERS FAIR 2017

Exeter Consortium are delighted to announce we will be holding our 1<sup>st</sup> Careers Event on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April at St James School, Exeter

We would like to invite you to this event which is open to all students, parents and carers in the Exeter area and will be particularly relevant to years 9, 10, 11 and Post 16. However, year 6 students from local primary schools are welcome if they would find it useful.

The aim of the event is to give students the opportunity to gather information, explore options on their doorstep and beyond, to attain knowledge and help shape decision making for their future subject choices. There will be "hands on" advice and workshops, such as CV writing, interview technique and even some practical demonstrations to "whet the appetite."

Representatives from Universities in the South West, local businesses, Armed Forces, Further Education Providers and volunteering services will be present to help inform students of the variety and scope of careers, the different pathways available, skills and qualifications required so they can make informed choices about their future. For Example, Exeter College will be in attendance, to include Catering, Engineering, Maths & Science, Hair & Beauty, Apprenticeships, Sports and the General Advice Team.

We very much hope that students will feel inspired and excited about the event and will leave with a greater awareness of the world of work. Forging links with local businesses is an important asset to widening the horizons of career opportunities and making students think about careers they didn't even know existed!

We very much look forward to seeing you at the event.

Mark Drew  
Business Manager