

There was no idea of 'winding down' at THS this week.....

We have seen some exceptional extra- ordinary teaching and learning taking place.

On Wednesday our staff put on a spectacular Development Day No 3, with the support of some external speakers. I walked the corridors of the school for all of period 1 and period 2, popping into a wide range of classes to see what was on offer. There was a huge variety of topics being covered, from the physical impacts of puberty for year 7, right through to year 11 learning about British values.

Yesterday and today we hosted our own version of Dragon's Den with year 8. Again, the quality of the planning, marketing and sales pitch of the inventions was of the highest quality. Special thanks must go to the English department, especially Mrs Marks and Mrs Westacott as well as our guest judges (see below).

Sammy Crook

Collecting students

As part of our safeguarding at THS, we are asking that all parents/carers **do not** arrive in the school car park before 3.15pm if collecting their child at the end of the normal school day. Currently we have a number of cars arriving as early as 3pm. If parents/carers are visiting earlier for a meeting, they must sign in at reception giving details of their vehicle.

We would also like to remind car drivers of the need to drive at a sensible speed when entering and leaving the school grounds at all times. The safety of our students is paramount to us.

Thank you for your understanding in this.

Dragons' Den Success!!

Team Motivate and Team Believe were overjoyed to be winners in the Dragons' Den 2018 competition, fighting off stiff competition from impressive presentations by their peers in both 8Z and 8Y population.

Lila Barry, Amelia Selley, Emily Snow from team Believe (8Y1) with the Doggy Day Cam impressed the judges with their skillful, confident presentation skills and well-thought-out advertising campaigns, whereas William Elliott, Kaitlin English, Rio Moore and Molly Parker from Team Motivate (8Z4) impressed with a confident presentation on their Mood Watch which could be used to meet school and learning needs, as well as looking very cool!

These presentations are the culmination of a half-term's work, learning about business and marketing from our business experts who ran workshops for students working on developing their speaking and listening skills. We know how important oracy and articulacy are in today's society and how much this is valued by employers, so it has been wonderful to see the students' confidence in these areas develop.

Our thanks to all our business experts - Andy Pryce (James Pryce Tractors), Chris Bowen (Petroc), Kate Wagner and Bryony Pullen (Heathcoat Fabrics), Richard Evans (Business Consultant), John Fournier (Radius Hair Co.) and Malcolm Buttell (Oxygen) for their energy and enthusiasm in supporting the students.



Development Day



As part of Development Day this week, all Yr10 students watched a drama production by The Barbican Theatre Company. The production looked at decisions around going to university. Selected Yr10 Next Steps Southwest students then took part in a workshop with the directors and actors.



Barle and Dart houses were involved in a variety of co-operation challenges in the hall. The challenges included: over and under (bean bags), height order and a hoop challenge. All students were involved and had to complete each challenge in the fastest possible time.



Uncover HE Yr9 launch and Yr11 Graduation event

Congratulations to the follow Y9 who secured their place on the Uncover HE Programme with University of Exeter for the next three years:

Toby Barton-Williams
Jack Eastley
Jayden Farley
Harvey Schmidt

Catherine Hancock
Murrion Humphries
Kimberley Jackman

Tanya Lethbridge
Ben Martini
Katie Perryman

Megan Phipps
Max Snell
Betsy-May White

The students attended a launch event at University of Exeter to welcome the new cohort onto the Uncover Higher Education programme. This provided an opportunity to find out further information about the programme including a campus tour; a chance to meet students delivering the programme; and some interactive sessions aimed at providing further information about next steps.

Year 11 Uncover HE students attended the Celebration Day as they graduated from the programme. The afternoon included revision workshop led by some of the student ambassadors; a congratulatory certificate and gift; and a final presentation about the options for other university-led programmes.

Year 10 and Year 11 students at the Theatre Royal watching RSC's Hamlet

Last night, 39 Y11 and Y10 students, with Mrs Westacott, Mr Williams Mrs Marks, Mrs Coker and Mr Kittow, travelled to Plymouth Theatre Royal to see the Royal Shakespeare Company's production of Hamlet.



A student is called home from university to find his life turned upside down. He had the world at his feet, but now everything has changed. Who can be trusted, who can be believed?

Sent by the ghost of his father to avenge his brutal death, Hamlet's mission to expose the truth is a perilous journey of madness, murder and lost love. What will ultimately become of a young man sent to kill?

Following a critically acclaimed run in Stratford-upon-Avon in 2016, rising star Paapa Essiedu revisits his triumphant Hamlet in a riveting and contemporary take on Shakespeare's tragedy.



Exam Preparation



From Monday 19th February, our final exam preparation timetable for the run up to exam season is running. Year 11 can access sessions at 3.30pm and 4pm, with refreshments in the library from 3.25pm when the register for their session. A copy of the timetable can be viewed online

<http://tiverton.devon.sch.uk/phocadownload/Exam-Support-Information/Year%2011%20Exam%20Prep%20-%202%20Feb%2018.pdf>

Exam preparation sessions are teacher led support sessions giving guidance about exam technique, how to approach question answering, recognising the "command" words in questions and how different command words will influence the type of response the examiner will be looking for, which topics might come up and the key knowledge required for exam success. These sessions are not designed as revision; revision is something that students need to do at home. This is because every student's revision needs will be different and only each individual student will know which areas they personally need to work on to improve their knowledge, understanding and recall.

All parents and carers of Y11 students have been emailed or sent the programme.

Opposite is a useful top-tip guide with how you can support your child in the build-up to their exams.



7 Ways That Parents Can HELP
A Parent's Survival Guide to Revision
by @inner_drive | www.innerdrive.co.uk

- 1 Have high expectations and provide plenty of support**
Both are needed to help your child improve, perform and develop resilience
- 2 Help them work smarter**
Not all revision techniques are equal. Spacing out their revision and quizzes are better than cramming and highlighters
- 3 Cope well with their setbacks**
There will be highs and lows. How you react to their lows will impact how many highs they have
- 4 Minimise distractions**
Provide a revision area with minimum distractions (this include mobile phones!)
- 5 Rise and dine**
Make sure they eat breakfast. It plays a big role in concentration and memory
- 6 Regular bedtimes and lots of sleep**
If they sleep right, they will think right the next day
- 7 Avoid cabin fever**
Encourage them to get fresh air each and every day

Book Donations Welcome

If your bookshelves are brimming over with books your child doesn't read anymore or their bedroom corners are packed with piles of forgotten books now unloved, we can help! We are looking to expand the range of books our students can access in the school library.

We are looking for donations of excellent quality books, fiction or non-fiction suitable for our school students. Please bring them to reception and we will make good use of them. Please note, the content must be age appropriate for ages 11+.

Book Amnesty

Students: please bring all overdue library books back - no questions asked!

If you have any books lying around at home that you borrowed a long time ago, please bring them back. Just pop into the library and place them into the Amnesty box. Thank you.

Mrs Main



First Aid

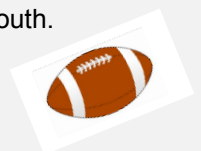
If your child feels unwell at any point during the school day they must come to First Aid where they can be seen and First Aid will call home to parents/carers as necessary.

If your child chooses to call you direct and we do not see them first in First Aid we cannot mark them out as being ill and will lead to an unauthorised mark.

Devon Schools' Rugby Trials

Congratulations to Reece Lyons who has been selected to attend the U15 Devon Schools' rugby trials in Plymouth.

Good luck Reece!



ClassCharts

Well done to the students below on receiving the highest amount of positive ClassChart points during the week commencing 29th January.

	MALE		FEMALE	
Y7	Jayadev Korasseril Soj (DaLME/SR)	9	Courtney Sellick (ExPFG)	8
Y8	Robertas Kazlauskas (OtHET/KC)	8	Freya Hole (CuLDC/KD)	8
Y9	Kyle Southcott (DaNLW/RJC)	8	Chloe Naismith (ExMEP/LC)	7
Y10	Dylan Pomfrett (OtNLS/MM)	6	Gemma Snow (OtNLS/MM)	9
Y11	Patrick Wallace (BaVJC)	7	Sorrel Sykes (DaRXP)	9

Next Steps Southwest

We will be holding an Information Evening for years 9, 10 and 11 Next Steps Southwest students and their parents/carers in school on Thursday 22nd February, 6-30-8pm. This will be an information evening to find out more about NSSW, what students can look forward to being involved in and how they can be supported. Please come along to see what NSSW is all about!

If you are planning to come along to this evening could you please email tperry@tiverton.devon.sch.uk to confirm your place?

SAM learning is a great way for all students to:

- Practice skills and revisit learning independently that they need extra support with outside the classroom
- Keep fresh previous learning from last week, last month and last year
- Challenge themselves, to find out more and learning outside the classroom



If parents and carers want to find out more, watch this short video about the benefits for your child:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z3p5RfvDW7g>

Here are the top 10 students who have used SAM learning out of school hours for this week. Class charts to each student and 3 to the number one boy and girl!

BOYS		Year	Hours	GIRLS		Year	Hours
Kripaladitya Pradeep Kumar	7	26:40	Kyla Murrell	8	36:29		
Joshua Boocock	7	23:00	Daisy Main	8	22:40		
Jayadev Korasseril Soj	7	18:15	Florence Day	11	15:55		
Kane Davey	8	11:47	Sophie Thomas	7	12:20		
Dominik Stankiewicz	7	10:50	Keisha Addicott	8	10:45		
Janio Cazzamalli	8	04:50	Chantelle Meidou Nya	7	10:35		
Daniel Cole	9	04:30	Esther Webber	7	09:55		
Ben Broomfield	11	04:15	Florence Jones	9	08:40		
Maxwell Fournier	10	04:07	Phoebe Webber	8	08:12		
Connor Broom	11	03:35	Candace Hill	8	07:10		
Top 5 students of the term are							
BOYS		Year	Hours	GIRLS		Year	Hours
Kripaladitya Pradeep Kumar	7	62:40	Kyla Murrell	8	76:06		
Jayadev Korasseril Soj	7	60:47	Chloe Naismith	9	45:21		
George Panton	7	33:40	Daisy Main	8	42:19		
Noah Kirby- Chambers	7	31:10	Latricia Broaders	11	29:00		
Joshua Boocock	7	25:40	Bethany Padfield	11	25:25		



Don't forget to check out this week's THN

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fEDnnSkBX2A>

