

Seasons change

It seems hard to believe that this time last week we felt in the full grip of winter as heavy snow and impassable roads forced us to shut down for two days. A week later and it seems Spring is here and Easter is just around the corner, and with it the last break for our Year 11 students before the GCSE examinations begin. It is great therefore to see so many of them coming along at the end of each day for the exam preparation sessions put on by their teachers. We know the work they are putting in now will reward them with strong grades in the summer. With only **30** school days left before the first exam every lesson and every after school session counts. It's time to make sure they are involved and taking full advantage of the remaining days. Summer, the exam season, will soon be upon us....

Simon Tong, Deputy Head

YEAR 11 EXAM PREPARATION REVISION

The Year 11 exam preparation attendance for the period 23rd February to 3rd March is as follows:

173 students have attended at least one session this week which is **77%** of the Year 11 cohort.

The percentage of spotlight students attending one or more sessions is **77%**.

Highest attending students

Beth Padfield	11 sessions
Michael Bailey	10 sessions
Lauren Verrall	10 sessions
Harry Ware	10 sessions
Demi Williams	10 sessions
Louis Clapp	9 sessions
Joe Loader	9 sessions
James Parker	9 sessions
Poppy Butt	8 sessions
Adam Lake	8 sessions
Colben Newsome	8 sessions
Greg Olive	8 sessions
Jordan Parker	8 sessions
Alizee Perret	8 sessions

Well done everyone – keep it up!

REMEMBER High awareness + high action = exam success

Articulatory Workshop

Year 9 students who gave up their half term to take part in an Articulatory Workshop were presented with their results at a Head's Lunch on Monday 5th March. The students should be proud of their hard work and excellent examination results!



Health and Social Care Plea

From September 2018, Tiverton High School will be launching a new Btec Health and Social Care course to a group of Year 10 students.

This is a plea to see if we have any parents, carers or grandparents who work within this sector, who would be interested at some point within the course to talk to the students about the roles and responsibilities within their job.

If you are interested or would like to know more information please contact Mrs Castley by email vcastley@tiverton.devon.sch.uk

Year 10 Parents' Evening – Tuesday 20th March

Online booking is now available at <http://bit.ly/1Qi2KFy>. If you require assistance making appointments, please contact a member of the Admin team on ext 203 and they will be able to make appointments for you.

Sports News

The U15 Football Team took a trip to Torquay Boys Grammar School on Monday 26th February, to play in the quarter final of the Devon Cup. It was a tad chilly and we even had a brief downpour of snow. THS took the lead early in the first half with a goal from Zac Thomas, but Torquay quickly fought back to leave the half-time score at 3-1 to Torquay. However, THS dominated the second half with more goals from Sam Cottrell and Daniel Koita both scoring 2 each. Full time score Torquay 3 - THS 5. Man of the match was a difficult decision as all the boys played superbly, but the final decision went to Leian Hunter. Well done lads!



ClassCharts

Well done to the students below on receiving the highest amount of positive ClassChart points during the period 19th February to 2nd March.

	MALE		FEMALE	
Y7	Kripaal Pradeep Kumar (OtRLH/HW)	13	Sophie Thomas (OtSTB/NB)	19
Y8	Seth Abdey (OtCOG)	14	Keisha Addicott (CuCFB/HG)	13
Y9	Toby Barton-Phillips (DaNLW/RJC)	29	Freya Duffy (BaNJW/JC)	36
Y10	Ben Howlett (CuCFB/HG)	12	Libby Syers (ExJCD/NJ)	9
Y11	Louis Clapp (BaSFD/MW)	21	Mya Payne (CuCFB/HG)	15

Templeton Trail

This year's Templeton Trail will take place on Sunday 8th April. For further information or to get an application form, please visit <http://www.exevalleyrotary.org.uk/templeton-trail.html>

Homework Club

Homework support is available during every tutor time in room 35. You may use it for homework or for revision if this would be beneficial. Laptops are available to use if necessary. Have a discussion with your tutor and work out the day/days that you would like to attend.

Year 7 take part in the Smashed Project

Year 7 worked with The Smash Project last week, exploring the dangers of underage drinking through their performance and workshop, as part of our PSHE programme.



Activities Week

If your child is taking part in an overseas residential trip as part of Activities Week and they do not yet have a passport or it will need renewing, you might want to get this done early as the cost of passports is rising from 27th March. Details of applying/renewing a passport can be found at

<https://www.gov.uk/browse/abroad/pasports>. Students will also need an EHIC medical card which can be applied for, at **NO COST**, at <https://www.gov.uk/european-health-insurance-card>

Can we also remind parents that if they have not already done so, to forward payment due on 28th February (2nd instalment for packages/ Tuesday day trips) to the Accounts Office or pay through School Gateway as a matter of urgency.

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.



Don't forget to check out THN

Double episode this week due to the snow last week!

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sIWd_JWURTU&feature=youtu.be

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XiwbhAnVmAA&feature=youtu.be>

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 to learn 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 the last 2 weeks. Class charts to each student and 3 to the number one boy and girl!						
BOYS			GIRLS			
	Year	Hours		Year	Hours	
Kripaal Pradeep Kumar	7	64:55	Rosie Webber	7	53:05	
Bradley Vinnicombe	8	13:25	Hannah Flanagan	11	25:00	
Jake Stanbury	7	12:15	Tyler Pike	11	23:50	
Stanley Halsey	8	11:10	Emily Peters	10	17:30	
Dominik Stankiewicz	7	10:40	Chloe Naismith	9	17:16	
Daniel Angell	11	09:10	Kiera Tulk	7	16:57	
Janio Cazzamalli	8	09:10	Jessica Fitch	11	15:45	
Charlie Partridge	7	08:56	Florence Day	11	15:30	
James Parker	11	08:00	Shaina Stephenson	11	13:50	
Oliver Carroll	7	07:35	Natalie Fitch	10	13:35	

Top Tips for Year 11: This week, '13 questions to improve revision' & 'How To Actually Use Retrieval Practice'

9 Ways to use retrieval practice

by @inner_drive | www.innerdrive.co.uk

- 1** Past papers
- 2** Practice tests
- 3** Quizzes
- 4** Multiple choice tests
- 5** Essay answers
- 6** Answering a spoken question
- 7** Testing yourself on what was on your flashcards
- 8** Making your own questions and answering them
- 9** Having someone ask you 3 questions about a topic

13 QUESTIONS TO IMPROVE REVISION

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WHEN TO ASK	WHAT TO ASK YOURSELF...
BEFORE REVISION	How much time do I have? How can I spread out my revision? Can I vary the subjects I revise in one day? Can I mix up the type of questions within a subject? Have I removed potential distractions? What questions can I answer before I start revising?
DURING REVISION	Have I done any past papers? Who can quiz me on this topic? Why is this true? Have I read my revision notes out loud?
AFTER REVISION	Who can I teach this too? Do I have a good bedtime routine? Am I getting plenty of sleep?



Remember all students can access U- Explore to investigate career pathways and information

Each student can access the resource and create an individual profile allowing them to search over 2000 career pathways within 15 industry sectors, each of which provide students with a video introduction, virtual tours of the workplace environment with information spots, job banks, business profiles and more.

Students can access this programme at home or wherever they have a connection to the Internet, as it is web based. Parents can sit with their child and start having conversations around career pathways and the qualifications and grades needed to access them.

Year 7 can use the programme to explore their career pathways, Year 8 and Year 9 to support them in their options decisions and Year 10 and Year 11 with their post 16 and post 18 decisions.

A new facility that we have purchased for students is the ability to message our online Careers Advisor, Jackie Ellis, who has 20 years' experience as a school based Careers Advisor. Students can message her via their home page once they set up an account, and parents can also message her through their child's account.

The benefits of accessing this online service and messaging Jackie are:

- Unlimited access via email
- Quick queries/in-depth guidance
- Include as much information as possible
- Receive a reply in 3 working days
- Adviser/U-explore manager/school staff can view emails

Follow the link to sign in: <https://login.u-explore.com/Login.aspx>

The school PIN is: 54287 and students should use school email address, username and password.



This week is National Apprenticeship Week and National Careers week. At THS we value Careers Education, Information, Advice and Guidance and ensure all our students have the right information to make informed choices about their future.

There are lots of apprenticeships events happening over the week across Mid Devon and KS4 students, through the tutor programme, learn about the value of Higher Apprenticeships and how they are a great alternative to a traditional university based programme.



4 PLACES TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT APPRENTICESHIPS

Stuck on where to go for more apprenticeship information?
You are only a few clicks away.
Here are our top five...

Find an apprenticeship
www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship
Create an account, search for the latest jobs, apply and receive text and email alerts about your applications online.

Amazing Apprenticeships
www.amazingapprenticeships.com
Your central hub for all the latest apprenticeship information. Download the free Apprenticeship Pack, watch short films, download free posters and much more.
Sign up to the newsletter so you never miss a free resource again!

National Careers Service
<https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk>
Find out more about the different types of careers available to you, receive job search advice and personalised help from careers advisers. You can also access face to face advice, speak to someone on the phone or chat online.

Apprenticeship Guide
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The Apprenticeship Guide contains brief summaries of every apprenticeship offered in England, plus general careers advice, real life case studies, employer advertising, a directory of training providers and much more.


