

Visit to Westminster

Last Friday the exciting news came from Mid Devon District Council that we had been granted outline planning permission to build our new school. I am determined to provide the best possible learning environment for our students and this decision means that we can now vigorously pursue the funding needed for our new buildings. We are very fortunate to enjoy unconditional support at every level of local government. In addition, our MP, Neil Parish is a vocal supporter of Tiverton High School and has been working hard to secure the funds necessary for the new build. On Tuesday this week I travelled to London, accompanied by our Partnership Director, Jon Sowden who is leading on the new school development, to meet with Neil at the Department for Education in Westminster. We were then joined by senior members of the Education Minister's team where we were given the opportunity to put a strong case for the allocation of capital funding. We are now waiting for Neil to have further discussions with the Minister and with senior officers and members at Devon County Council. THS is a popular school of choice with an increasing number of students on role so everyone is aware of the need to move this project forward. We will keep you informed of developments.

In addition to this and whilst I had the full attention of Neil I presented him with all of the letters and petitions which members of the Tiverton community signed to express their disquiet about the cuts in funding for Devon children. I am confident that these comments will be with Damian Hinds, the Minister for Education, within due course.



Staff Goodbyes

Today, we said farewell and goodbye to a number of our support staff as a result of the recent restructure.

These colleagues have made a huge difference to the lives of students and helped other colleagues during their years of service at THS. I want to take this opportunity to thank them all for what they have done and wish them all the best in the next stage of their adventure.

Sammy Crook

SEN Football

On Tuesday, we took a group of year 7 and 8 students to the Devon FA Headquarters in Newton Abbot, to take part in the SEN football tournament, just one of many events taking place as part of the **#weekoffootball** festival.



The day started with warm ups before the teams were sent to the pitches that their groups were playing on. The boys thought upon arrival that they were in for a tough day but were proved wrong when they won their first game 5-0, second game 3-0, third game 2-0 and their fourth game 4-0.



When it came to the final the boys managed to complete a day of 'clean sheets' by winning 2-0 against Radcliffe School. They brought home the trophy and were delighted with how the day went.

The team - Tobias Groover, Tyler Hughes, Macauley Wills, Harry Marsh, Danny Wills, Ryan Luxton and Jake Butt.

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM THE
ACCOUNTS OFFICE



**Tiverton High School
Leavers Prom**
at
Tiverton Hotel
Friday 29th June 2018
From 7pm - 11pm
Buffet and Disco
Tickets: £22



Moors Girls Football

Congratulations to the Moors u15 Girls' football team, consisting of mainly THS students, who this week won the League Cup adding to the County Cup and League title that they have already achieved. They are undefeated this season – well done girls!



YEAR 11 EXAM PREPARATION REVISION

The Year 11 exam preparation attendance for the period 18th – 24th May is as follows:

53 students have attended at least one session this week which is 24% of the Year 11 cohort.

The percentage of spotlight students attending one or more sessions is 14%.

Highest attending students

Well done everyone – keep it up!

REMEMBER High awareness + high action = exam success

Demi Williams	7 sessions
Adam Lake	6 sessions
Alex Colman	5 sessions
Lauren Verrall	5 sessions
Dan Angell	4 sessions
Connor Broom	4 sessions
Casey Godfrey	4 sessions

Year 10 students are in the process of confirming their work experience placements for 16th – 20th July 2018

Work experience is a vital part of our careers learning at THS, and a recent survey showed that two thirds of employers look for students with relevant work experience because it helps them prepare for work and develop general business awareness. It may not give them time to develop job-specific skills, but it can give them insight into the work involved!



Each week this term, we are going to shine a light on some of the exciting placements our Year 10 students have secured!

Work Experience – Placement Profile Larissa Ward (LoJAG) Park Hill Nursery

- **What made you choose your placement?**
“Because I enjoy looking after little children.”
- **How did you go about contacting the employer and how did they respond?**
“I wrote a letter and posted it to them with my phone number and email address on and they replied via email.”
- **What do you hope to gain from your work experience placement?**
“I hope to gain experience looking after nursery children.”

A trail inspired by the prize-winning book 'The Lost Words' written by Robert Macfarlane and illustrated by Jackie Morris.

This trail will take you and your family around Tiverton discovering the natural habitats of all 20 flora and fauna within the book. The likes of acorn, newt, kingfisher, otter, willow and weasel will be found during this event from 28th May to 17th June!

The Grand Western Canal will be hosting a range of Lost Words, along with Tiverton Forest School and the town itself. There will be various events happening during the trail, including pond dipping, so watch out for these dates!

The trail map can be collected from Liznojan Bookshop from 28th May for £3 which includes a free prize upon return and if fully completed a chance to win a copy of 'The Lost Words'.

The trail is open over half term and into June to also celebrate Tiverton Literary Festival, 13th - 20th June. There is plenty of opportunity to find all 20 boards and suitable for all ages, this is not just for kids!



ClassCharts

Well done to the students below on receiving the highest amount of positive ClassChart points during the period 14th – 18th May.

MALE		
Y7	Ben Squire (OtCOG)	9
Y8	Tyler Lyons (CuKL)	8
Y9	Bobby Hookins (DaLME/SR)	7
Y10	Kaan Pektemiz (CuSMW)	8
Y11	Dan Angell (DaRXP)	12
FEMALE		
Yr 7	Lexie Isaac (CuCFB/HG)	14
Yr 8	Shirley Loveridge (CuCFB/HG)	12
Yr 9	Izzy Barnes (LoJZM)	8
Yr 10	Libby Short (OtSTB/NB)	16
Yr 11	Mabel Day (DaSCH/KM)	8



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

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YS709dHjzkl>

Year 11 Revision Corner:

This week "Managing exam nerves" & "Last minute revision hacks"

4 Ways Your Students Can Manage Exam Nerves
by @Inner_Drive | www.innerdrive.co.uk

- Slowdown**
Under pressure, people tend to rush, as they underestimate how much time they have available. This leads to sloppy mistakes. Advise your students to slow down and focus on one thing at a time.
- Drink Some Water**
One of the side effects of being nervous is that your mouth feels dry. This draws attention to how nervous you are and creates a vicious cycle. The solution: take regular sips of water in exams.
- Channel your Nerves**
Being a bit nervous before and during exams is not bad thing. If channelled correctly nerves can help you prepare more thoroughly and focus better.
- Listen to Music**
Have students listen to chilled music for 30 mins before an exam. Their heart-rate will lower and their mood will improve.

MANAGING EXAM NERVES

Exams make some students very nervous. One of the consequences of the scrapping modular exams in 2012 was that the ability to perform under pressure became an even more important skill. Now more than ever it is not enough for students to have knowledge, they are required to demonstrate that ability when it matters most. Here are four simple tips to help them perform under exam pressure.

6 LAST-MINUTE REVISION HACKS

How can students improve their memory? Are there any last minute strategies that can help provide a boost for revision? Throughout the psychological research, the most effective revision strategies include retrieval practice (i.e. having to generate an answer), spacing out your learning so that you do little amounts often and interleaving (i.e. mixing up your subjects). For students already revising effectively, these proven strategies will provide a few last-minute revision hacks to boost your memory.

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- EXPLAIN IT TO YOURSELF** You are more likely to remember it as you will find deeper connections.
- CHANGE YOUR LOCATION** Revise in an environment similar to your exams, i.e. in a quiet room in front of a desk.
- THINK ABOUT THE FIRST AND LAST IDEAS** Study your most challenging topics first and last.
- CLOSE YOUR EYES** A recent study of students found that this improved recall by 23%.
- READ THINGS ALOUD** Another study found that this improved recall by 12%.
- DRAWING** For simple memory tasks drawing has been shown to be more effective for recall than writing.

PETROC Mid-Devon Campus
A showcase of Graphics, Textiles, Photography, 3D and much more..
15th June 6.00-8.00pm
Preview Night
B BLOCK
Tiverton - Bolham Road, Tiverton, EX16 6SH

HEATHCOAT CRICKET CLUB
HALF TERM CRICKET CAMP
Wednesday 30th May
09:00-14:00
DROP OFF 8:45 - PICK UP TILL 14:30
OPEN TO BOYS AND GIRLS
AGES 6-16
AT HEATHCOAT CRICKET CLUB
KNIGHSHAYES COURT, BOLHAM,
TIVERTON, EX16 7RQ
£25 PER PERSON
NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY
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