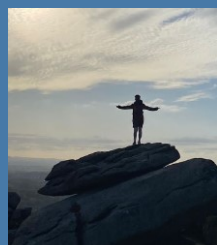


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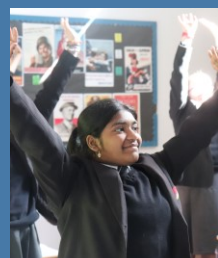
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Welcome to our summer term newsletter. As always, the newsletter is bursting with just a snap shot of some of the events that have been happening at the College.

This short half term has been incredibly busy as we have once again seen the return to formal examinations with the start GCSE, BTEC and A-Level exams for Year 11 and Year 13. The students have been exemplary so far in both their conduct and preparation. These students have shown amazing maturity and have been working extremely hard. The staff at the College are looking forward to being able to share their successes in the summer.

Student leadership opportunities are important to us at the College, we have a really active student Council at the College. Students are attending meetings and representing the views of their tutor groups, we are currently discussing praise with students and developing ideas for the new academic year. The student Head of House process has been completed this half term. I would like to recognise all those students who put themselves forward for this role and congratulate those who have become our new student Heads of House. We have a fantastic group of young people in Year 10 and I am sure they will be great ambassadors for the students and the College.

Over recent weeks we have also started working on the return to vertical tutoring at the College, which due to COVID we unfortunately had to change. It is an important element of our pastoral system and Heads of House are looking forward to returning to our house system and enabling our students to build those important relationships outside of their year groups. We are hoping to have the new tutor groups in place ready for our primary transition days in July so that our students can welcome the new Year 7s to the College and help to support their successful transition.

In this newsletter you will see the wonderful group of students who were involved in Ten Tors and also Duke of Edinburgh. I would like to thank the staff who give up their time at the weekends to organise and supervise the walks. We also rely on a group of volunteers who give their time freely, without them we would not be able to provide this enrichment. Thank you to our fantastic community.

This half term in the classroom we have been focusing on using our learning walls, these include curriculum learning journeys and subject specific vocabulary. We recognise the importance of literacy in our curriculum and will be continuing to develop this as we move into next year too. We continue to prioritise providing a high-quality learning environment for all students, to support this it is really important that all students are fully equipped. We have seen over the past few weeks that some students do not have everything they need to be successful in lessons, please use the half term break to ensure that your son / daughter has all the equipment required. You will find an equipment list at the back of this newsletter.

Finally, I would like to thank the staff at the College for their hard work this half term, in particular the senior team who have covered in my absence following my surgery.

Have a restful and relaxing half term, the summer weather is finally on its way! We look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 6th June.

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Year 7 and 8 Reward Trip

On Tuesday 24th May Mr Thompson, Mr Trengove, Miss Flynn and Miss King took 50 students from Year 7 and 8 on a reward day to Cullompton to take part in the Bear Trail. The trip was arranged to recognise those students with the highest number of praise points in each of the year groups, celebrating their hard work since September.

The Bear Trail is an assault course with over 30 obstacles across the site all with unlimited mud! It was a sunny day and students made the most of it and all gave it a go, Luckily there were excellent shower facilities before we were allowed back on the coach! Everyone had a fantastic time and the students were a credit to the college. Reward trips will continue next term for students in Years 9, 10 and 11 for those who work hard over the academic year.



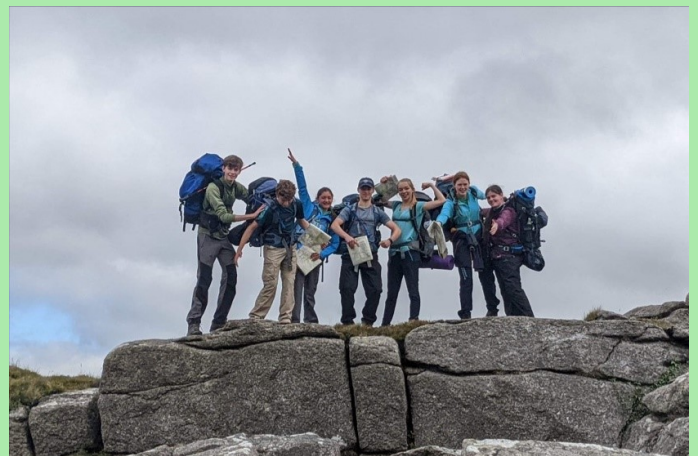
Duke of Edinburgh

On Friday 13th May our Year 12 D of E students travelled to Dartmoor as part of their Gold award training.

Over the weekend the group, with the help of Mr Gilbert, Mr Richards, Mr Powell and Miss King, had the chance to refresh their navigation skills and campcraft before their practise and main expedition in June.

On the Friday afternoon the group walked 4km and set up camp. The following day they packed up their kit and walked 14km, completing the training in good time.

Mr Gilbert fed back that they were all excellent, well organised and worked well as a team to get through it.



Girls Cricket

Well done to the girls who attended the Devon Softball Cricket competition in the sun at Exmouth CC this half term. Both the Under 13 & Under 15 sides made great progress as the day went on and played some excellent cricket in great spirit. Good luck for the remaining fixtures this season.



Primary Sports Programme

This half term the College hosted a series of Primary sports events for our feeder primary schools. On Wednesday 18th May Mr Thompson also visited Sidmouth Primary to hold a Sports Day. As always our brilliant Sports Leaders supported the events and are excellent role models.



East Devon Athletics Trials

On Wednesday 4th May over 20 students took part in the East Devon Athletics trials at Exeter Arena.

It was a fantastic day with some brilliant results for individuals and as a College team.

A special shout out to Dylan M who won both the 200m and long jump, Luke R who came second in the 300m and Isla D who finished 3rd in Long Jump.

Well done to all who took part, we look forward to the rest of the athletics season this summer term.



Under 15s Cricket

On Thursday 12th May our U15's played in the Devon Cup against The Kings School. In total they scored 164 runs in the first innings setting Kings 165 to win. They managed 121 in reply, with Adam, Alec, Riley, Charlie, Joe, Sam and Jude all bowling and with Adam, Jude and Sam all taking wickets. Special mention to Charlie and Alec who hit 108 between them with Alec hitting 60 not out. Well done to the team.



Netball

On Friday 13th May Year 11 students organised a girls vs boys netball match which took place last Friday

lunchtime. The girls showed some astute decision making and movement of the ball, whereas Lucas' shooting kept the boys in the game. After a VERY competitive match the girls were eventual winners at 6-3. Congratulations to both Imy B and Adam C for some outstanding managerial skills.





Ten Tors

After months of training Sidmouth College had another successful Ten Tors Challenge. After two years of cancelled events due to Covid-19, it was fantastic for the College to enter two 35-mile teams to take part this year.

On day one reports from the moors fed back that conditions were ideal over the entire weekend and the weather was fair and dry, which made for great walking. By the end of Saturday parents were contacted to say that the team were ahead of schedule and could be finishing mid morning.

On Sunday morning Mrs Clark, Mr Richards and Mrs King, together with our volunteers, were cheering the students on at the finish line. Both teams made incredible time, with the 35a team completing the challenge at 11:36am and the 35b at 13:20pm. An incredible achievement for both teams, the students did fantastically well, showing excellent mental and physical resilience as they sped across the difficult terrain.

Sidmouth College has a strong tradition of success in the Ten Tors Event which has been going now for over 30 years. It could not happen without our volunteers who have helped us train on Dartmoor over the past eight months, so a huge thank you to Nick, Roger, Andy, Geoff, Andy, Martyn and Jen.

Mrs Clark said "The teams have worked incredibly hard training for the event, consistently showing their strength and determination despite enduring particularly harsh weather on our training walks. We're always impressed and proud of our Ten Tors teams as it is a really tough challenge and this year was extra special after two years off! Everyone who participated in this year's event should be proud of their incredible achievement! They are all an inspiration and we hope they encourage others to be a part of this unique and rewarding challenge next year."

Well done to Roman M (Group Leader), Harriet K (Navigation Lead), Sam V, Ethan C, Rose A, Josie L, Bronwyn A (Group Leader), James A (Navigation Lead), Matilda B, Haiden C, Dan C and Tom P.





Seafest

On Friday 29th April the College hosted its annual art collaboration with Sidmouth Sea Fest, who brought with them some amazing ideas to illustrate this year's theme of 'Kelp'. Year 7 Students learned about the biodiverse contribution that Kelp provides for animals and plant life, and they were introduced to the work of Matisse for inspiration. They created long painted banners, decorated logs, lyric posters and flags made out of recycled clothing.

These were then on display at the Seafest event last week and looked amazing.

We would like to thank Coco for her amazing ideas and Louise and Rowan for supporting the workshops.



Student Heads of House Announced

We are pleased to introduce our newly appointed Student Heads of House for the next academic year. After applications and elections which took place last term, we now have 16 new enthusiastic leaders. On Friday 13th May students were awarded their new Head of House ties, presented by Mrs Parsons and Mr White in assembly. Congratulations to them all, we look forward to seeing the work they do over the next year.

Raleigh House: Josie, James, Hanna and Bronwyn.

Grenville House: Lois, Dan, Matilda and Mia.

Scott House: Lauren, Robin, Yasmine and Honey.

Drake House: George, Fran, Ellis and Harry.

Raleigh Student Heads of House



Grenville Student Heads of House



Scott Student Heads of House



Drake Student Heads of House



Principal's Commendations

This term Mrs Parsons has continued to reward deserving students who have excelled, or achieved something above and beyond expectations, with a Principal's Commendation.

For the first half of the Summer term the Principal's Commendations have gone to the following students:

The first set of awards went to our Ten Tors 2022 students Roman, Harriet, Sam, Ethan, Rose, Josie, Bronwyn, James, Matilda, Haiden, Dan and Tom. The group trained since October last year and showed a great deal of resilience and dedication to the challenge, walking in all weathers over the winter. They completed the challenge this half term and very much deserving of a commendation.

The second Principal's Commendation went to Year 12 Student James, who during this half term on his way to a cricket match came across a member of the community looking for her lost dog. James returned after the match to help the owner look and together found the dog. A lovely and kind thing for which the dog owner was extremely grateful. Well done James.



Girls Can

Year 9 girls had the opportunity to take part in a 'Resilience' workshop as part of our 'Girls Can' pilot scheme this half term. The girls learnt what resilience is, including 'the ability to bounce back, try again or recover when it goes wrong or you fail at something'.

They discussed why failure is a normal part of success and can help us to be more resilient in the long term. They also spoke about how we need to be kinder to ourselves, rather than critical as that can help us to move forward.

They took part in the sugar cube challenge and saw the difference it makes when you have a goal to work towards to motivate you. We would like to thank Emily McGuirk from Small Steps Big Vision, Karen Meadows from Pushed and Anne Blackburn from the HOTSW Careers Hub for their continued work with our students.



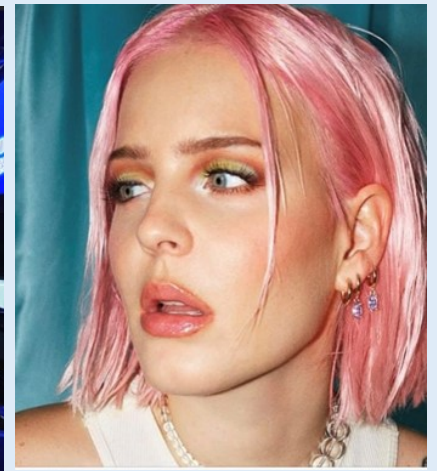
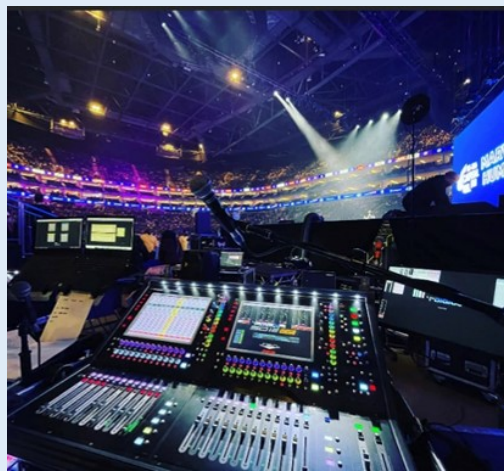


College Alumni Scott Maxwell - Executive Sound Designer For Anne-Marie Tour

After the huge negative impact of Covid on the music industry former student, Scott Maxwell, is back in the driving seat doing what he does best.

He is currently touring with Anne-Marie and is responsible for designing the sound in huge venues. Here he is below discussing a rehearsal backstage at The O2 Arena. Scott is highly regarded having toured with Muse, Jax Jones, Ed Sheeran and being the Head of Sound for The Royal Variety performance and the Brit awards. His CV continues to grow and his typical working office is impressive.

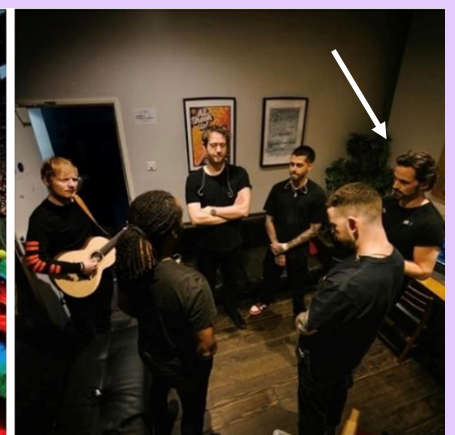
This career journey all began when he became hooked on doing the sound for The Sidmouth Youth Theatre productions, this was followed by working with Stage Electrics and then a Degree in Sound Engineering. He has travelled the world and his future career will continue to be exciting and rewarding.



College Alumni Mark Pusey - Drummer and Backing Vocalist for Ed Sheeran World Tour

Former Drama Student Mark Pusey expressed his delight, to quote, 'I am pinching myself and thinking back to when I was 13 years old in lessons at Sidmouth College and my dream to be drumming with a successful band and here I am working with one the most successful solo artists of all time.'

This tour launches Ed Sheeran's new album. They will travel through Europe and the USA and Canada. Mark was honoured to perform with Ed in an acapella version of 'Afterglow' in an atmospheric chapel where the acoustics are something very special. Here is the youtube link for you to enjoy (Mark is on the far right) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f_zpcGKqXgw No background music or instruments, just pure soulful harmony.



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KIPPS (The New Half a Sixpence Musical)

In last terms Newsletter we shared the news that some of the Year 9 and Year 10 Drama students had been successful auditioning for 'Kipps' for Sidmouth Musical Society.

After many rehearsals the performances were shared with appreciative audiences at The Manor Pavilion over the Easter holidays. Miss Davies went to support them and thoroughly enjoyed their performances.

The director, Nigel Broom spoke very highly of their input and how they had been fantastic to work with commenting specifically regarding their enthusiasm and professionalism throughout.

James A, Bronwyn A, Florence R-K and Pippa N were excellent ambassadors for the Drama Department and the College. Well done to them all.



Students to take on Leading Roles in SADS Centenary Production of 'Daisy Pulls it off'

Over Easter, auditions were held at Sidmouth Amateur Dramatics Society to cast 'Daisy Pulls it off' by Denise Deegan which will be performed at The Manor Pavilion in October. Bronwyn Aires was cast in the lead role of Daisy Meredith, a poor elementary school pupil who secures a scholarship to attend Grangewood School for Young Ladies. In true Mallory Towers style and set in the 1920's this comedy sees Daisy, the plucky heroine find acceptance in the snobby confines of the school by being upright and honourable in all things. She even saves the lives of her arch rivals sneaky Monica Smithers, who will be played by Pippa Nichols and toady Sybil Burlington, played by Florence Rousseau-Kennell. She is supported by jolly Sports Captain Belinda Mathieson who will be played by Tilly Bennett and Imogen Aires who will play 6th former Deputy Sports Captain



Alice Fitzpatrick. Daisy is finally accepted when she discovers the treasure of Grangewood which saves the school and she scores the winning goal at hockey. An all-round truly 'spiffing gal' in a 'jolly hockey sticks', 'rip roaring', scrummy comedy.



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Ribbons for Ukraine

Last term a number of Sixth Form students, led by Ellie and Molly (photographed) made yellow and blue ribbons for students and staff to wear as a show of support for Ukraine. They raised a fantastic £200 for the Disasters Emergency Committee and made the College very proud. Well done to all the students who helped and thank you to everyone who bought one.



Bake Sale

This half term a group of students in Year 9, supported by the Sixth Form charity committee, held two days of bake sales at lunchtime to raise money for the Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC).

Over the two days they raised £60 and the money will be sent to help those in need in Ukraine. Well done to them all.



Shoeboxes for Ukraine

This half term the College has started putting together care shoeboxes in tutor groups, which will be sent to Ukraine.

Every tutor has been tasked with making a box for a baby, a child and a women filled with useful items and gifts.

The shoeboxes have been organised by Mr Osbond, whose contact travels to Ukraine once a month to deliver help and support directly to the women and children in Ukraine. The next trip will be on Saturday 11th June, so students have until Friday 10th June to bring in items for their boxes.

If all goes to plan, these boxes should have reached Ukraine by the end of the June and making a difference to those most in need.

Thank you to all the families that have already contributed this week. If students would like to add something to one, two or all three of the boxes, a list of items needed is shown here and has been sent home via Edulink. Items not included on the list can also be brought in, but please do not include food items that will go off or melt such as chocolate.

UKRAINE shoebox APPEAL

Each tutor group has been tasked to fill three shoeboxes with useful items & small gifts to support babies, children & women in Ukraine who need it most.

Baby Box

Talcum Powder
Sudocrem
Vaseline
Baby Shampoo
Baby Wipes
Dummies
Bonjela
Calpol
Baby Toys
Comforters

Child's Box

Colouring Books
Puzzle Books
Notebooks
Toys
Crayons
Pens/Pencils
Skipping Rope
Sweets (no chocolate)
Toothbrush
Toothpaste
Toiletries

Women's Box

Roll on Deodorant
Sanitary Products
Toiletries
Soap
Moisturiser
Hairbrush
Sweets
Biscuits
Stationery
Notebook

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Year 8 Careers Visit

On Wednesday 18th May Year 8 students took part in a workshop session with Dr Joseph Brougham from Exeter Medical School.

He came in to work with all our Year 8 boys to explore the subject 'You could be a doctor'. The aim of the session was to think about attitudes, behaviours, skills and self belief and to encourage the students to try their hardest whatever career they decide to pursue.

They explored the job role, entry requirements and the various routes in to University and challenges that can be posed.

The students engaged positively with Joseph and demonstrated what they had learnt and how their aspirations had improved after the lesson.



Ready to Learn Student Equipment List 2022

Please make sure that your son / daughter has the correct equipment to enable them to be successful in their lessons:

- A clear transparent pencil case
- At least 3 pens with black ink
- At least 3 pens with red ink
- Pencils
- Rubber and sharpener
- 30cm ruler
- Maths set including compass and protractor
- Scientific calculator
- Highlighting pens
- Coloured pencil crayons
- Mini white board
- White board pen
- Whiteboard rubber
- Glue stick
- Round ended safety scissors
- Student Planner
- Pocket dictionary (Optional)
- Hole Punch (6th Form only)

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