

# Sidmouth College Newsletter

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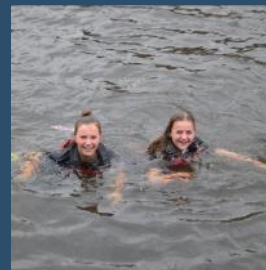
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Welcome to the Summer edition of our College newsletter. It has been another busy term with students and staff taking part in some fantastic activities. I hope you enjoy catching up and reading about this term's events, while also taking the opportunity to reflect upon the successes of this academic year as it comes to an end. Students have been tremendous again this year, excelling in their achievements and throwing themselves into a range of extra-curricular activities. This past week has seen our Year 7-9 students taking part in all sorts of different activities across the South West, while Year 10 and 12 students were found in a range of working environments as they completed their week long work experience. All of these place our young people in good stead as they progress into the next academic year.

This month, our new students have been in the College from their primary schools on their transition days, and our Year 7, 8, 9 and 10 students took to them immediately. It is immensely exciting to see the Year 6's enthusiasm for learning, and the new journey and opportunities that await them. This energy adds to the vibrancy of the college and we look forward to welcoming our new Year 7 intake properly when we return in September. The autumn will also bring further news about our building project which has been making progress behind the scenes this year. We hope to bring you clear timescales for the building works and more information about the planned improvements to the learning environment. We feel fortunate to have such a fantastic opportunity to provide our students and the community with state of the art facilities and this is a very exciting time for the College. However, before all this happens we will be waiting and looking forward to spending time with our Year 11 and Year 13 students as they receive their certificates and examination results in August. We start with A-Level results day on 16th August, closely followed by the GCSE results on 23rd. The run up to both will be anxious times for students, families, and for the College as we all hope for the very best outcomes for everyone. I am sure that there will be much to celebrate this year, and I am immensely proud of all our Year 11s and Year 13s, and their achievements this year. No doubt, Sarah Parsons will share the highlights of both days in our next newsletter in September.

Finally, I would like to echo Jim's thanks in his last newsletter. I am truly grateful to all staff, students and parents for your support this year, and helping to make the College such a successful and special place. Jim Ingham-Hill has worked incredibly hard over the past two years as interim Principal and his dedication to the College and desire to provide students with excellent education has been outstanding. It has been a privilege to work alongside Jim as Co-Principal this year. I now look forward to resuming my role as Vice Principal and continuing to develop the College with Sarah Parsons as Principal. Until then, thank you all for another fabulous year at Sidmouth College and I wish you a wonderful holiday.

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## Activities Week

It has been a long and busy year so to reward everyone and provide a few days of fun before the Summer begins, students and staff all took part in 3 days of fun and enjoyable activities. Every year students are given the choice of which activity they would like to take part in and these range from sports to arts and crafts and working with animals to going on a residential trip.

This year some of the activities included water sports at Exewake, Theatre trips and a workshop, cycling across Devon, the Plymouth Aquarium, Paignton Zoo, Archery and team building skills, the Bear Trail in Cullompton, Dynamic Adventures in Dartington and Bicton.

We've had great feedback from staff so far and from the photographs we've been sent throughout the week it looks like students have had a blast as well!

See here photographs from a few of the trips and visit our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/sidmouthcollege](https://www.facebook.com/sidmouthcollege) to see many more.



## Art Exhibition

On Thursday 21st June the Art, Photography and Textiles departments held their annual exhibition. The exhibition took place in the school Gym and displayed the GCSE and A Level work completed by students this year. During the day exam moderators viewed the work and graded accordingly, and in the evening a much more crowded Gym hosted a selection of friends and family enjoying the vast array of work on show.

The exhibition is a great way of celebrating the hard work and the talent that our students have. Head of Art, Mrs Carr, said "We are so proud of the hard work and dedication of our photographers and artists. We have challenged them to achieve their best and they haven't disappointed. It was a pleasure to showcase their work and fantastic that the exhibition was so well attended by parents, students and staff. Congratulations to all our talented students!"







## Sports Day

This year the College decided to take advantage of the excellent track and sporting facilities we have here and hold the Sidmouth College Athletics Championships on site. Across Monday 16th and Tuesday 17th July students took part in a range of athletics events, competing in House groups, with eyes on the prize of House Champions!

We were blessed with great weather on both days, it was dry and cool which meant perfect conditions for all sports. On the first day years 9 and 10 were eager to compete, with many aiming to break records and beat their personal bests. On the second day year 7 were particularly impressive, showing great commitment and enthusiasm in each of their events.

After a gruelling wait, on Wednesday PE staff announced the results in the end of term PE assembly. The results were as follows: 1st Grenville, 2nd Raleigh, 3rd Drake & 4th Scott. During the assembly individual results and record breakers were announced which can be seen in the table above. Lois in year 7 and Will in year 10 were awarded Victrix

Victor Ludorum for achieving the most points in their events and were awarded a shield in the assembly. Grenville Sports House Captains were also presented with a shield as overall winners.

The PE Department said, "As a department we are so proud of the students this year, despite the day being held at the college, students still gave 100% to each of their events and they all excelled. As well as performing on the field, students were also excellent sports, cheering on students from all houses and encouraging each other."

## 2018 RECORD BREAKERS!

Name	Event	Old record	New record
Georgie Gelling	Long Jump	5m51	5m63
Freddie Cotton	200m	23.2s	23.19s
Harry Nicholls	300m	51.2s	51.0s

## 2018 New Standards!

Name	Event	New Standard
Charley Hosking	Triple Jump	7m47
Lois Marshall	Discus	16m0
Rosie Miller	Javelin	22m17







## PE Awards Evening

On Friday 29th June it was another celebratory night in the College Hall for the annual PE Awards Evening. It was a great night where the PE department could celebrate and congratulate all those students who have represented the College in sporting events this academic year. With over 300 certificates handed out, it was a new record for the PE department with so many achievements to recognise, well done to all the students who have taken part in sports clubs and activities this year.



## East Devon Finals

On Thursday 5th July Mr Williams took 12 students from KS3 to represent Sidmouth College at the U13s cricket East Devon Finals. The team has worked hard this year to perfect their cricketing skills and has represented the college at many events.

Unfortunately the boys narrowly lost to Uffculme in the final over, but they played well with a great deal of skill and teamwork on show, the game could have gone either way.

Well done to the boys for reaching the final stages of the competition and always being great ambassadors for the college.

We are proud of all our students who represent the college in all areas of the curriculum.



## East Devon Tennis

Congratulations to Year 10 student Jess who was the runner up this term in the East Devon Tennis Championships 2018. Jess represented the college in the Under 15 category and played exceptionally well.



## East Devon Athletics

Earlier in July students represented the college at the East Devon Athletics Championships. Our students were outstanding, achieving five new records between them.



Rosie, Year 7 - Set new javelin record  
Josh, Year 10 - Set new javelin record  
Kate, Year 10 - Set new girls 800m record  
Will, Year 10 new 800m and 400m record.

Congratulations to all the students who took part and to those record breakers. It has been a very successful summer of athletics and students have all shown fantastic commitment to their event.

## Jack sails to success

Year 9 student Jack competed in the Sailing Feva Nationals during half term in May. The 4 day event took place in Weymouth and Jack and his helm placed 3rd in the Silver fleet. An excellent achievement, well done Jack!







### Year 11 Summer Ball

Year 11 students arrived at Woodbury Park on Wednesday 27th June for the much anticipated final event of their year. Unlike last year we were blessed with glorious sunshine which helped everyone get into the celebratory mood. Students arrived in style in the usual array of interesting and impressive vehicles including motorbikes, a McLaren, a Ferrari and even the bucket of a tractor. Everyone dressed to impress in sharp suits and dazzling dresses that wouldn't have looked out of place on the red carpet. After photos around Woodbury and a photo booth inside, it was time to tuck into a 3-course meal, followed by song requests galore, selfies and plenty of dancing - even staff couldn't resist joining in to show off some moves!

Leader of Engagement and Performance, Mr Williams, who has worked closely with the Heads of House and year group over the last year said "It was lovely to see the year group enjoying themselves. It was special to see what mature young people they had grown into. It is always sad to see year 11 finish but I am pleased that so many are coming back for Sixth Form. It has been a challenging year but, now we are at the end, I feel it has definitely been worthwhile and everyone deserves a break! I wish all our Year 11 students the very best of luck with the next exciting stage of their lives."



### House Campaigns

This term students were tasked with creating campaigns to present to the rest of the school. The aim of the campaigns were to engage all students in social activism and citizenship, develop their curiosity about wider social and political issues and to foster healthy competition and aspiration. Students have worked collaboratively and supported their tutor group and house in the final stages. The winning campaign was on the war in Syria and how refugees are treated and came from Raleigh House. Governor Mrs Craven came in to school to announce the winners and present them with a shield, well done Raleigh!







## Year 9 Awards Evening

On Thursday 14th June, the College Hall was filled with around 150 parents, students, staff and community members as we celebrated our Year 9 Awards Evening. The evening began with a brilliant performance by the year 9 student Kate who performed on the piano as parents arrived. The first awards to be presented were the Subject Prizes for Achievement, Progress and Endeavour, before the presentation of the Head of House awards and a series of special cups, shields and trophies.

All of the year 9 students should be proud of their achievements this year but a special mention goes to: Tilly and Kate who were awarded the Governors' Progress Shield;

Luke and Jack, who were awarded the Weston Environmental Shield; Joe who was awarded the Keast Cup for Achievement; and Ruby who was awarded the Cope Cup for Overall Contribution to the Year Group.

Leader of Engagement and Performance, Mr Williams, said "The Key Stage 3 Presentation Evening was a fantastic event due to the support of parents, pupils and staff members. The year group has grown so much over the last few years and I am sure that they will continue to grow as they undertake Key Stage 4 and their GCSE's. I would like to thank everyone who attended the evening and hope that they enjoyed celebrating the success of the students as much as we do on a daily basis. The success of the evening is due to the hard work of the staff at Sidmouth College. A special thanks to everyone involved."



## German Visit

On Tuesday 5th June Mrs Bee and her year 7 classes welcomed over twenty students visiting Sidmouth as part of a school trip from Germany. Whilst here the students buddied up and attended lessons together. They all used their language skills to talk to each other in English and in German and find out about each other and the differences in their school life. It was a pleasure to welcome the students and was a valuable experience for our language students.



## Year 9 French Workshop

On Wednesday 4th July members of Year 9 became French teachers for the morning as they welcomed Year 6 pupils from local schools. Year 9 were given the challenge of planning, resourcing and leading a mini-teaching activity for the primary school pupils. The project gave them the chance to practise their leadership and time management skill as well as their organisation and creativity. Mr O'Neill, Head of Modern Foreign Languages, said he was really impressed by the inventiveness of the students and by how well they threw themselves into the initiative. "A lot of thought went into designing fun games that would appeal to pupils, some of the activities I saw may be making it into my lessons".

"The Year 9 students organised themselves into a carousel of activities in the gym and in the hall and the pupils had the chance to learn or to practise lots of French vocabulary in an enjoyable way. The games involved a lot of movement and noise, and it was clear that the pupils appreciated the thought that had gone into the activities, not to mention the cookies that one group had baked as prizes. My thanks go to the Year 9 students for being such good ambassadors of the school and of French. The Year 6 had a lot of fun and there were some natural language teachers amongst the Year 9".





## Maths Inspiration

A number of Year 9 and 10 students enjoyed the Maths Inspiration show at the Northcott Theatre in Exeter during July. The guest speakers included Ben Sparks, Rob Eastaway and Helen Fry, who all used a feast of games to demonstrate the usefulness of probability, puzzles and percentages in a lively show called "playing for real".

Students were able to go onto the stage and participate to put their knowledge to the test which was great fun.



## Learning All About Fairtrade



On Wednesday 27th June students in Year 7 were joined by a selection of primary school students at the college to take part in a host of Fairtrade activities.. The students learnt all about how tea was made and produced in Kenya. They got to see how fair trade works and why it is important to buy fair trade products. They tasted bread and different types of tea. The students were engaged in a variety of tasks; quizzes and games. They also ended by planning a tea party to inform others about fair trade. This will hopefully be put in to action next school year.



## Year 6 Enjoy Transition Days

This term we were joined for three days by 130 Year 6 students who will be joining the College in September. As well as having the opportunity to meet staff, find out their Tutor and House group and navigate their way around the site, the youngsters sampled lunch in the Restaurant and took part in a series of taster lessons - including Maths, English, Tech, Science, Music and PE - in which they were introduced to the good learning habits which play such an important part in our curriculum.

All the students took the three days in their stride and displayed a very positive attitude and we look forward to welcoming them back to the College at the beginning of September.



## Geography Field work

This term Mrs Gill, Mrs Preston and Mrs Youngman took Year 10 Geography students to Dawlish Warren to complete fieldwork.

On the day they carried out fieldwork looking at physical processes in operation and were able to see for themselves some of the concepts that they have been learning about in class. They collected their own primary data, took photos and most importantly had a chance to sample the local cuisine at lunchtime (Cheesy chips and donuts!) They brought back their data to compare and use in lessons.







## SIDMOUTH'S GOT TALENT

Students from Years 7 to 9 proved in the recent Sidmouth's Got Talent show what most already knew, that was that there is a wealth of talent within Sidmouth College! Organised by Miss Carnell, the talent show in early July gathered momentum after Miss Carnell and a talented dance troop (organised by Oliwia Year 10) promoted it in a week of House assemblies.



Auditions soon got underway and these culminated in a grand finale watched by staff and students alike. There were some back stage nerves but, after Miss Carnell had finished shaking, the show went on!

From fantastic singers to amazing dancers and a memory maestro in the form of Ross, the show had something for everyone. We rocked out to a Year 7 band of talented rock musicians and sang along to power ballads, everyone left smiling. Judged by Mrs Gill, Mr Langley-Ellis and Miss Carnell, the prizes went to: First place: Marla Year 7, Second - The Monday Club dancers and the runner up prize was deservedly won by Ross Year 8. Miss Carnell hopes that the enthusiasm shown will continue on into next year and that Sidmouth's Got Talent will now be a regular yearly event in the College Calendar. Well done to everyone involved, it really was a great event.



### So Proud (written by Mrs Gill)

Harvey is a 'normal' teenage boy in Year 9. Loves Rugby. Loves playing on computer games. Not keen on homework. Has a cheeky temperament. Has a girlfriend. Argues with his Mum.

For Harvey life has taken on a whole new sense of 'normality'.

As we all look forward to the six week summer break, time with friends and family, having fun and enjoying the sunshine (fingers crossed), Harvey will be continuing his brave fight with cancer. I cannot tell you how proud I am of Harvey. He was diagnosed with Lymphoma back in February and has only visited College a few times since. He undergoes regular chemotherapy, lumbar punctures, injections and feels rubbish a lot of the time. Harvey has tackled this awful disease head on, with the support of his friends and family. Whenever I have seen him, there is still the same cheeky grin and the same sparkle in his eyes. He has less hair. Sometimes people stare. His Mum tells me that behind his bravado and positivity there is a scared 14 year old who sometimes cries. It is for this reason that I wanted to tell his story and make everyone aware of what a courageous, sparky boy he is and going forward, I aim to fundraise continuously for The Teenage Cancer Trust and Macmillan who throughout his 3<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> year treatment plan will help, support and guide Harvey and his family through this utterly difficult time. When it rains, look for rainbows. When it's dark look for stars. Or if you are Harvey – look for your girlfriend, a computer game and a hug from Mum! Harvey WE are SO PROUD of YOU!



### New Head Boy and Head Girl Announced

We are pleased to announce our new Head Boy and Head Girl and their deputies. After an interview with the Principal and weeks of campaigning to their peers, voting took place last week. Head of Sixth Form Mrs Hurley and Mr Ingham-Hill were so impressed with the students they decided this year to assign 3 deputies, these students will work closely with the Head Boy and Head Girl for the next year. The results are as follows:



#### Head Boy & Head Girl

Toby Garrick & Sophie James

#### Deputies

Archie Snowling, Harriet Slater & Charlotte Hadfield

Congratulations to the successful 5 and to all who applied for the roles, you were all excellent candidates; Mr Ingham-Hill commented that it had been one of the toughest years to decide between such exceptional students.





## Mission Impossible Year 5 Drama Workshop

On the 12th July, 55 budding actors arrived at Sidmouth College from Sidmouth Primary, Newton Poppleford and Sidbury schools to take part in a drama workshop with Miss Davies and Miss Collins.

They became trainee Secret Agents creating a code name and a character. They worked hard to earn stamps as they completed missions and challenges which included word puzzles, decoding and a final acted mission where they had to move through challenging locations such as a laser filled room to get to rescue Agent X who had been kidnapped by the enemy to save Sidmouth from destruction. This high energy workshop really engaged the students and challenged them to develop their drama skills getting them to work effectively in a team and to complete the Mission.



## First class Honours for Former Drama Students

The Drama Department is very excited to celebrate the success of Max Faulkner [Plymouth University], Sarah Hill [Warwick University] and Jasmine Horth [Plymouth University] who have all graduated this year achieving First Class Honours Degrees. All three studied drama at A level and were very active members of the Youth Theatre. They all have an exciting future ahead of them.



## Another Former Student to Train at Drama School

Former student Vicky Wyant has won a coveted place on the Acting Foundation course at LAMDA, the London Academy of Dramatic Art. After a series of challenging auditions Vicky is delighted to begin her formal training in September. Competition is fierce and there are very few places on offer. She is also waiting to hear from RADA, the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art, where she may win a place on their acting course. Vicky studied Drama at A level gaining an A grade and she performed many lead roles for the Youth Theatre including Anita in 'West Side Story' and more recently as Pinky in 'Happy Days'. Miss Davies is delighted to celebrate her success and add to the continued growing list of those training to work in the theatre industry.



## Year 10 Students Perform Devised Pieces for GCSE Drama

This term has seen the GCSE Drama students developing their devising skills to complete Component 2 of their GCSE Drama course. At the beginning of term they were given a booklet of stimuli that included a number of challenging images and historic events. Two groups chose to create an original piece of theatre based on the Aberfan Disaster in 1966 where a tip of coal waste became dislodged and slid down onto Pantglas Junior School, killing 116 children and 28 adults. They focused on the impact of this disaster and in their extensive research discovered the psychological effect on the survivors and those who lost their children. In their performances they were challenged and showed great empathy for those involved. Another group chose an abstract image of a silhouette of a person with many words related to isolation and loneliness. They created a piece that explored a controlling relationship using physicality and symbolism effectively in their performance.







### Year 7 and 8 Reward Day

On Friday 29th June Mr White, Miss Hughes, Mrs Gill and Mrs Ryce took 50 students from Year 7 and 8 on a reward day to Bigbury on Sea. The trip was to recognise those students with the highest number of praise points this year in each year group.

It was a sunny day and although there was not much surf, the students still made the most of it and gave it a go. everyone had a fantastic time at the beach, with many standing up on their boards even if they have never surfed before.

The students were a credit to the college and the instructors commented on how polite and engaged they were. Reward trips will continue next year to reward students who have worked incredibly hard over the academic year.



### Year 9 Reward Day

On Thursday 7th May over 40 students from Year 9 spent an adrenaline filled day at Haven Banks on the Exeter Quay. The day was funded for the second year in a row by the Sidmouth Lions Club who have generously pledged to donate £1000 each year as part of their 100th anniversary legacy project. The day rewarded students in Year 9 for high standards of achievement and to encourage progression. These included the top 30 students who had gained the most praise points so far this year and those who had made the most progress this year.

Alan Shoesmith, president of the Lions, said: "We believe that this legacy project will prove to be of substantial benefit to college students at an important stage of their education. Subject to the Lions Club's continued fundraising success, there will now be an annual award funding similar events to inspire students to succeed for many years to come." Students took part in a variety of activities including raft building and dragon boat racing. Students also had the chance to take a plunge into the canal for an extra adrenaline rush!



### Duke of Edinburgh Award News

It has been a very successful year for our D of E groups; 60% of our Year 11 participants have now completed their Bronze Award which is well above the national average - well done to all of them. Our Year 10 group have recently completed the expedition section of their award. They did a fantastic job, coping with very hot conditions and impressing the assessor with their team work and navigational skills; huge congratulations to them all. A special mention must go to Jess, Ryan, Samuel and Siona, all of whom have also completed all the other sections of their award; we look forward to them receiving their Bronze Award during their Expedition Presentation Evening next term. Finally we wish our Year 9 group good luck as they embark on their Practice Expedition during activity days; here's hoping for fine weather but maybe not as hot as it has been!







## Gig in the Gardens

Thursday July 12th saw the 3rd annual 'Gig in The Gardens' in Connaught Gardens hosted by the Music Department. The summer concert was well attended, and the students performed very well. As usual, each year group was represented, and a range of styles performed. The Year 10 GCSE group performed a live set of music that they have been working on this year, and impressing the audience again were Colyton Grammar School/Sidmouth College band 'Club Apollo'. Mr Hickman would like to congratulate Marla for being

resilient when her backing track failed. Rather than quitting, she instead sang a different song and accompanied herself on Piano. Very impressive. A huge well done to everyone involved.



## EMI and SVA Funded Portable Recording Studio

The Music department took delivery of an iMac, recording microphone, portable desk and professional monitor speakers at the end of the Summer Term. The studio project has been several years in the making by Mr Hickman. Having previously trained as a sound engineer, and taught Music Technology in other schools, Mr Hickman was keen to offer this skill to students at Sidmouth College. The set-up has been designed to be portable so that students can record in different areas of the Music room, and potentially, College. The equipment will give students the ability to record Music to a professional standard. It will also feature in the new Music rooms when they are built.

Although he is leaving at the end of the Summer Term, the studio project will continue. It is hoped that local primaries and organisations will be able to make use of this new equipment too.

The project was funded in part by EMI Record Company and the Sid Vale Association Keith Owen Fund, who have once again made a generous Grant to the Music department at Sidmouth College. The Sid Vale Association do some incredible work in the local area, and the Music Department are grateful for their support.

To get involved visit <http://www.sidvaleassociation.org.uk>.



## Science Club

This half term the Science Department have been running a Science Club for those students interested in anything from the Big Bang to chemical reactions. Over the term Mr Robinson has organised a series of experiments for students to complete, which students have loved!



## Staff raise money

Mrs Fisher and Mrs Gill have completed the Great Inflatable Challenge with ex colleague Ms Henkus and friends in order to raise more cash for the



Teenage Cancer Trust. This charity helps support young people who are fighting all forms of cancer. Well done to the three of them! Mrs Gill raised £162 towards the cause. In total they have collectively raised over £5000. Thank you to everyone who donated! If you would like to continue to support this fantastic cause you can visit Ms Henkus' Just Giving page here: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/henkus>





### Mrs Youngman *(written by Mrs Gill)*

After over 25 years of teaching at Sidmouth College, Mrs Jan Youngman is hanging up her lanyard and her tweed 'geography teachers jacket' in favour of a nice necklace and a raincoat for when she walks the dog!.



We celebrated Jan's 52nd (and last ever) fieldtrip to Dawlish Warren with a lively bunch of year 10's and during the trip Jan managed to get herself accosted by a pirate! ooh Arrrr me hearties. A big thank you from the everyone at the college for Jan's huge contribution over the past 25 years. She will be greatly missed by staff and students and we wish her all the best for the next chapter in her life.



### Mr Hickman

After 4 years at Sidmouth College Mr Hickman is jetting off on a new and exciting adventure. Mr Hickman and his family are moving to Bangkok in Thailand where he will teach music at an international school. During his time at Sidmouth College Mr



Hickman has put on a host of fantastic concerts, given students new opportunities to perform at various venues and played a major role in the annual Christmas Carol Service. Staff and students will definitely miss his fun and upbeat character at the college. We wish him all the best of luck in his new venture.



### Mrs Preston

Mrs Preston has worked at the college for 13 years. During her time here she has taught Business Studies, Geography and Travel and Tourism. She will be missed by everyone at the college and we wish her all the best for the future.



### Mr Taylor

Mr Taylor will also be leaving Sidmouth College this year after a staggering 29 years teaching in the English Department. Mr Taylor is leaving to become a counsellor and we wish him all the best. He will be missed!



### We are also saying goodbye to...



Mr Parnell Mr Langley Miss Braddick Mrs Wright  
-Ellis  
and Mrs Bowns

**Good luck to them all!**

### SCA Say Farewell to Lynn & Dominick

After 3 years as chairman and treasurer and raising thousands of pounds, Dominick and Lynn Horrell have stepped down from the Sidmouth College Association. The college would like to thank them, on behalf of the staff, students and parents, for their hard work and dedication to the SCA, they have made a huge difference to students and the fundraising they have organised will be remembered for many years to come.







### House Celebration Day

To celebrate the last official day in school, students were treated to a House Celebration Day. The day began in the Hall for a final celebration assembly, during which awards were handed out to individuals, as well as the Tutor Groups and House with the most praise points and the best attendance.

After the assembly students headed out onto the field in tutor groups to take part in a series of competitive physical and mental challenges. Tutors kept scores and the results were announced in a final assembly at the end of the day where they each received an ice cream from the SCA. Congratulations to Mr Hickman's tutor group who won with the most points!



### Year 10 Work Experience

Year 10 students all had the opportunity to take part in work experience this term. Preparations began back in September when students met with a range of employers to find out about the world of work. Students then had to consider which work areas they would like to find out more about and contact



employers to secure a placement. Our Careers and Work Related Learning Coordinator, Mrs Young, said, "I



have been pleased and surprised at the variety of placements students have found. The students I have visited have relished the chance to try new activities and I have been impressed by their talents and enthusiasm. Employers have really pulled out the stops to give them the best experience and I hope students have found it a valuable experience.

### Spanish Club

Would you like to speak Spanish? Then this might be for you. All students are welcome to join Mr Hennessey's Spanish club, including beginners and anyone just wanting to chat in Spanish, watch Spanish music videos and discuss everything Latino. The club meets on Thursday lunchtimes, at 1.45pm-2.20pm, in room 61 in the MFL department. Drop in to say 'hola', or ask Mr Hennessey if you have any queries.

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