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It often seems that you only ever hear bad news stories about young people – their lack of respect and discipline, their selfishness and self-obsession, their fixation with screens and social media. Rarely do you hear people talk of the positive encounters that they have with a young person or praise the generosity of young people who spend time helping others. Over the last few weeks I have had countless moments in school when I have been humbled by the actions of Sidmouth College students. Please take time to revel in this half term's edition and be amazed by the achievements of our incredible students.

Talent is an inborn quality that gives you a smart way to achieve, but talent is wasted unless you go for it. One should never sit on a couch and expect a good result. Just because you have talent doesn't mean you can go on the field and be the star of the team. "Hard work beats talent when talent fails to work hard."

I am pleased to say that the majority of the Sidmouth College students maximise the talent they have. Whether it is talent in sport, photography, entrepreneurial skills or drama, our students grasp the opportunities they have to excel. This ensures they are successful and, whilst having fun, they are building up enviable Curriculum Vitae that will ensure they stand out from the rest in terms of University and employment opportunities.

One of the high points of the academic year so far has to have been the Sidmouth Youth Theatre production of 'Oliver!' that concluded last weekend. Thank you to all those who supported each of the shows; the response each evening from the audience was just amazing - even the dress rehearsal was sold out! Great credit should rightly go to all the performers, the technical support team, musicians, chaperones and helpers and, of course, our appreciation, thanks and recognition go to Miss Davies for the seamless way that she has yet again woven such a spectacular event together. Enjoy a review of the production on pages 2 and 3.

Alongside enrichment opportunities, we continue to focus on academic achievement for all. For our Year 11 and Year 13 students, the coming holiday will undoubtedly involve revision, coursework completion and preparation for the next half term — essential time for them to get set up for a successful examination experience in May and June. It is a challenging time for these students. It is, however, short-term pain for long-term gain. The students who show a commitment to working independently outside of College will be rewarded. It is vital that all students reach or exceed their potential, this will ensure they have the opportunity to move forward either into 6th form, their University of choice or their chosen careers.

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'Oliver!'

Another year, another outstanding show brought to us by the Sidmouth Youth Theatre and their Director, our Head of Drama, Angela Davies. This year a family favourite transported us back to a Victorian, Dickensian London, for a show that was last performed by the Youth Theatre 16 years ago in 2002, 'Oliver!'

A packed theatre of over 1500 audience members across the week joined Oliver on his journey as he searched for a home, a family and most importantly—love.

This year the Youth Theatre team outdid themselves with impressive and extraordinary staging, transporting us to a haze filled London setting, with grungy brick walls, a 6ft tall London bridge and an incredible backdrop of St Paul's Cathedral, it was spectacular. The curtains opened to reveal a workhouse set for supper, the cast of orphans entered down through the auditorium performing the well known number 'Food Glorious Food'. At which point we got a first glimpse of Oliver who stuttered that famous line 'please sir, I want some more'. Oliver was played by Year 8 student Jacob Green. This is Jacob's first Sidmouth Youth Theatre appearance and from the off it was clear he was going to be a star. Throughout, he played the character of Oliver perfectly and sang solos including 'I'd do Anything' and 'Who Will Buy' beautifully. In 2002 the role of Oliver was played by Broadway star Alex Sharp, who recently won a Tony Award for his appearance in 'The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time'. Jacob had big shoes to fill going into the role, and he pulled it off superbly.

Oliver was of course backed up by an ensemble of over 60 students from across the year groups who showcased a number of songs including 'Oliver', 'Pick a Pocket or Two', 'Consider Yourself', 'Be Back Soon' 'Oom Pah Pah', and 'Who Will Buy', All accompanied by choreographed dance routines that brought the songs and stage to life. We were treated to some fantastic costumes varying from the workhouse orphans, all dressed in grey, to Fagin's gang, in ragged trousers, dirt stained shirts and flat caps, to the wealthy Londoners who came out in all their finery, along with the market sellers selling roses, strawberries and milk, again entering from above the audience and walking down the auditorium, to transport us into the scene.

We saw some familiar faces, as well as some new ones this year. Oliver Twist played by Year 8 student Jacob Green, Mr Bumble and Widow Corney were played by Jamie Taylor and Kezia Egargo who sang and danced a very funny rendition of 'I shall Scream'.

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'Oliver!' continued

Mr and Mrs Sowerberry were played by Jake Evans and Jasmin Dorman, Noah Claypole and Charlotte were played by Joe Buckland and Emma Meredith. The Artful Dodger was played fantastically by Jack Wilson, whose cockney accent was flawless. Sam Hunt took the role of gang leader Fagin, and was extremely entertaining throughout. Lauren Brewster played Nancy along with Cameron Retter as the villain Bill Sykes. Mr Brownlow and Mrs Bedwin were played by Ed Atack and Kylah Lines. And the very incompetent Dr Grimwig was Elliot Wright. A host of young talented actors that never fail to bring authenticity, professionalism and most of all entertainment to the stage.

As the show came to a close, one of the most exhilarating scenes took us to London Bridge, Sykes had murdered Nancy and Oliver was next! As a crowd gathered below the bridge Policeman Finn Roland Small and Kieran Greenaway shoot Bill Sykes, making audience members jump out of the seats. Oliver was then carried over the bridge and back to safety, where he returned to the care of Grandparent Mr Brownlow. All we were left wondering was what would Fagin's fate be. In the final spine tingling scene, a silhouette of gang member Charlie Bates, played by Ritchie Drewett, appears under the bridge, he passes Fagin a gold necklace he pick pocketed, and the two walk into the distance, to continue their life of crime. The curtains closed and the auditorium roared with applause each and every night. The entire cast returned to the stage for a curtain call, and performed 'Consider Yourself' one final time, raising the roof!

This classic musical, had wonderful songs, joyous dancing and spine-tingling acting - it offered something for everyone; a tale bursting with energy, full of emotion and humour from beginning to end.

Congratulations must go to Director Miss Angela Davies, all of the staff who supported the production and, of course, to our brilliant cast of students! Well done on another brilliant show!





Football against Colyton

Our U12 football team played Colyton A and B in January. The team won 3 out of the 4 games and drew the last one. They all played well on a damp cold evening and worked hard as a team. Well done to them all!



Year 7 Football

On Monday 15th January, the boys year 7 football team participated in a Futsal tournament against other schools in East Devon. After a slow start the boys gathered some momentum and finished strongly; achieving 2nd place after beating the eventual winners 3-0 in the final game. Well done to the team for such a great result.



U13 Devon Cricket Finals

On Monday 22nd January the U13s played at the Devon Cricket finals. They won their pool and drew against the Park School in the semi finals, which meant they had to play a 'Super Over' in which each team played one over each and the most runs would win. Park got 17 runs and set us a high target to chase. The boys did superbly and successfully chased it down with two balls to spare! In the final they met Kings, and narrowly lost the game by 9 runs. The boys all received a silver medal and we congratulate Jack Garner (Captain), Will Bolton, Will Crick, Tom Cload, Dev Nair, James Doulton, Christian Pinnock, Soren Hall and Finlay Cotton.



Year 7 Netball kicks off!

This term saw the year 7's play in their first Netball matches in a friendly against Woodruff School. It gave them the opportunity to play in two teams and change positions, ready for their first competitive match on 28th February against Colyton. Good luck to them, results will be featured in next terms newsletter.





Devon Cross Country Championships

The Devon Cross country championships took place at the Stover school on Saturday 20th January. We had nine runners on the day who were all selected within the top 60 of their age group in East Devon. The fields were tough with a very muddy course and the runners left looking like they had done a commando mud crawl!

Huge congratulations to all runners, in particular Toby and Josh, who will go on to compete at the South West Championships at Stover in February. Tara Darlami, Joe Ashby, Kate Marriott, Josh Miller, Will Bond, Toby Garrick, Rory Morgan, Will Ashby and Tommy Reardon all ran fantastically.



U13 Hockey

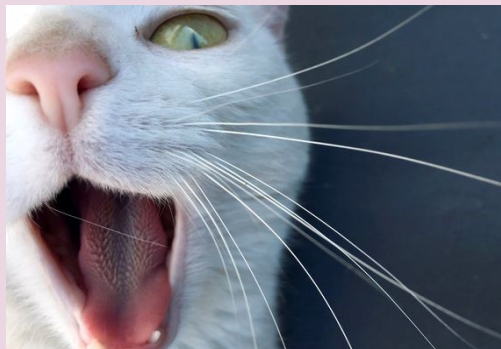
On Wednesday 7th February our two under 13 hockey teams played in the East Devon rounds. They played against two teams from The Kings School and Colyton Grammar School. One team narrowly lost to Colyton in the first game, but beat Kings A and drew against Kings B having spent most of the match shooting! The other team narrowly lost their games, but played well and worked hard as a team. Charlie Roberts had a fantastic time in goal and made some fabulous saves. Soren Hall and Dougal Hastie were superb, scoring and assisting in some great goals. Well done to both teams for their hard work and for representing the College so well.





Marlon Wins Photography Award!

Congratulations to Year 8 student Marlon Darragh who in December won a prize at the RSPCA Young Photographer Awards. The award ceremony took place in the Tower of London and Marlon won the 12-15 mobile phone and devices category for his picture of his cat Milou. Marlon's win was featured on Devon Live and he said to the reporter "I am so proud to be chosen. It's the first photography competition I have ever entered and it has inspired me to go out and take more photos."



On the judging panel was Springwatch's Chris Packham who also presented the award to Marlon. Well done Marlon! To read the full article visit: <http://www.devonlive.com/news/devon-news/devon-boys-cat-snap-wins-937968>



Year 10 Impact Day

This term Year 10 students had a day off timetable to take part in an Impact Day with workshops based around a range of useful experiences and topics. During the day workshops included a presentation from the Teen Cancer Trust on keeping healthy, a road and traffic safety session with the Devon and Somerset Fire services, a session on attitudes towards others with Exeter University, an internet safety lesson with Mr Wickins and a Drugs education session with the PCSO Phil Thomas. The variety of workshops gave students a huge amount to think about throughout the day and, although some were very hard hitting, students were able to learn through listening and speaking to professionals and visitors with real life experiences of some of the topics. We'd like to thank everyone who ran the workshops and the visitors that came in to speak to our students.



Year 11 gain valuable insight

On Friday 19th January during their personal development session (PD) year 11 students met with a variety of visitors who are at different stages of careers and who took different pathways into work. They were all very honest and open about what they achieved at GCSE level, and emphasised the importance of working hard at this stage ahead of GCSEs in order to have as many opportunities as possible in the future.

After listening to the speakers and finding out the different paths to getting into work and the different careers out there,

students were able to ask questions and find out more. We'd like to thank our three visitors Zac Best, Chris Edwards and Jonny Golder for giving up their time to speak to our students.





Mrs Gill and Mrs Preston Fundraise

Mrs Preston and Mrs Gill have been running every day in January in order to raise awareness and money for the Teenage Cancer Trust. We have run over 130 miles between us in 31 days and believe me there have been times when we haven't felt like it! This is a cause that means a lot since Mrs Henkus's daughter was diagnosed with cancer in November. Teenagers in Devon fall between child care services and adult and it is so important that when they are undergoing treatment they are able to stay in a comfortable room with friends and family able to stay with them. This is what we are raising money for. If you wish to sponsor us please use this link: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/henku>. Thank you in advance for any donations or support you can give.



Half term trips

Over half term a number staff and students will be travelling across Europe to gain some invaluable experiences. Year 12 & 13 departed last night in the early hours from Sidmouth College on route to Amsterdam, Holland. They will be visiting a host of places on their travels as well as in the city itself, including the Bridge at Arnhem and Anne Frank's House. We look forward to hearing all about the trip when they return, a full report will feature in next terms newsletter.



Sponsored Walk Milestone Passed

Incredibly, our students have collected just over £10,000 from the Sponsored Walk held in the rain last October, this is a Sidmouth College record!

£1,000 will soon be donated to the RNLI in memory of College student Sam Marriott, and £110.79 has also been donated to the Sidmouth Inshore Lifeboat from a bucket collection on the day. The balance of the funds collected will be used to provide enrichment for our students over the next two years, which will be so valuable in these financially difficult times. Congratulations to Scott House for raising the highest total so far. If any students realise that they have not brought in their

sponsor money, please take it to





January

Art & Photography
Stars of the month...

Year 7: Marla Roper-Kum
Year 8: Matei Babes
Year 9: Eloise Richards & Molly Isaccs
Year 10 Art: India Sudlow & Jack Hargreaves
Year 10 Photography: Kya Phillips & Alice Cuffley
Year 11 Art: Alice Cross
Year 11 Photography: Casey Strong
A-level: Bekir Ofiaz
Art Club: Edmund Harper Smith
Congratulations!



Students nominated for Young Entrepreneur Award *(report by Careers Coordinator Mrs Young)*

It's a great privilege to work with our amazing students at Sidmouth College, so when I was asked for possible nominees for 'Young Entrepreneur' at the Sid Valley Business Awards I was very excited about the opportunity to recognise the talent of our young people.

We always encourage students to explore different experiences outside of school which may help them to develop themselves and to show employers their skills and initiative. After consulting our Co-Principals, who unanimously agreed with the nominations, the two students nominated were chosen because they have both demonstrated these qualities.

Charlotte Hadfield signed up to Borneo 2019 which is a trip where students volunteer on projects overseas - students have to fund the trip and have 2 years to do this. Charlotte organised a fashion show, did the Boxing Day swim, talks, bake sales and managed to meet her target in less than the 2 years.

Alex came to see me to discuss his work experience last year and we realised his opportunity with RIAT fell outside of our dates, so considering other options he explained that his parents were starting a new venture and he was keen to support them, not only has he helped in the shop but he has used his computer skills to develop a Website for Sidmouth Gin, which he is too young to sample!



Ten Tors

Ten Tors 2018 training has continued this half term as May gets closer.

Students completed their fourth training walk on Saturday 13th January 2018 with 24 students from years 9, 10 and 12 and 6 adults, walking on a cold, misty and wet Dartmoor. As always everyone battled the elements and persevered to complete the walk.

On Sunday 5th February students next completed a fifth training walk, this time using the East Devon Way. Students and staff walked 17 miles from Exmouth to Sidmouth or Sidmouth to Exmouth travelling along the East Devon Way. Students have all worked very hard this half term to attend training sessions and to get the most out of each walk. With 4 months to go until the challenge weekend the teams are looking strong.

Many thanks to our volunteers who have helped and accompanied us on walks this half term, Nick, Andy, Dom and John.

The next training walk will be on Sunday 25th February on Dartmoor.





Year 5 Science Day

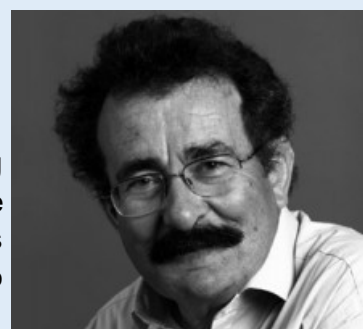
On Thursday 1st February year 5 students from local primaries including Sidbury, Newton Poppleford and Sidmouth Primary visited the College to spend a day taking part in Science activities and experiments. They carried out endothermic and exothermic reactions and recorded the temperature changes, looking for comparisons and variations. They also watched demonstrations by Mrs Clarke and Mr Jolley including an exploding Hydrogen balloon. Students had a great day and were very appreciative, making comments that they found the day extremely fun and exciting.



Science Live 2018

On Monday 29th January Mr Jolley and Mrs Puddicombe took year 10 and 11 students to Science Live at Colston Hall in Bristol. They had the chance to see and hear 5 of Britain's top scientists including Professor Robert Winston, Professor Andrea Sella and Professor Jim Al-Khalili. The conference aimed to generate greater enthusiasm for science amongst GCSE pupils and discuss some thought provoking issues, as well as giving students the chance to ask the scientists questions in a Q and A session.

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Sixth Form Taster Day

On Wednesday 17th January all Year 11 students enjoyed a taste of life as a Sixth Form student at Sidmouth College. Students were in non-uniform and able to use the Sixth Form common room and Café for the day. As well as a free period to enjoy the Sixth Form facilities and speak to staff, students also experienced a host of A-Level lessons. In Science, students were holding their noses as they dissected rather smelly fish heads, studying the gills and how fish breath. Whilst in a photography lesson students experimented with different camera exposures, creating images using light effects and torches. The taster day is a great opportunity for students to experience what Sixth Form at Sidmouth College is like and the great facilities we have on offer. All student and teacher feedback was positive and it was an all round enjoyable day. We hope to see many of our year 11s back next year to study their A Levels with us in the College Sixth Form.





What a difference the SCA makes

The Sidmouth College Association has been established for over 10 years, however for the last year has run with less than 10 members on the Committee. The committee is incredibly dedicated and despite limited numbers has raised over £4,000 in the last 12 months. This fundraising has included events such as the Christmas Fair, College Quizzes, the Easter Egg Raffle, Bags2School, providing refreshments at College events and the second hand uniform sale. This has allowed the SCA to purchase items for students that are requested by teachers. This includes College PE kits, Ten Tors equipment, a new Piano for Music, a new camera for Drama, Textbooks for Humanities, holding a disco for Year 7, furniture for Sixth Form and exhibition displays for Art and Photography. With school budgets across the UK at an all time low, and Government funding at its worst, a resource like the SCA is essential. With their financial support we as a school can provide students with new resources and equipment to enrich the learning and experiences of all students.

If any parents or carers would like to join the committee or volunteer some time to support an event then the SCA would be incredibly grateful. Or alternatively come along to an event and show your support, the next fundraiser will be a quiz night in March. Tickets will go on sale on Monday 19th February. The more support received the more money can be raised for the students. If you would like to get in touch please contact Chairman Dominick Horrell on dominickhorrell@aol.com.

Bags 2 School

After last year's success, the Sidmouth College Association (SCA) are holding another 'Bags2School' fundraiser. Students will be sent home with a bag after half term and asked to fill with any items of unwanted clothing or uniform.

All items donated will be sent to third world countries for re-use. Sidmouth College will receive 40p a kilo for items donated, which in turn will be used towards projects and resources in the College. So please have a clear out during half term and put items aside ready for the collection in March.



Second Hand School Uniform Sale

The Sidmouth College Association has run a second hand school uniform sale for a number of years and it has proved a very popular and successful fundraiser. To continue this service we are in constant need of uniform and would like to request donations of any items your child no longer needs.

We accept all items of school uniform from blazers to sports kit in all sizes.

Items are on sale at various College events, however should you wish to request any items, we have a form available from reception.

We'd like to thank all those families that have already donated items to the College, the money raised from the sales goes back into the College.



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Tickets: £20 includes drink on arrival, buffet served through the evening and the thrills of a whodunit

Dress: smart casual—1930s lace, beads and waistcoats are optional

Bar: wine, beer, soft drinks will be on sale

Venue: Sid Vale Scout Centre - Salcombe Hill Road – just past the Observatory

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