

Sidmouth College Newsletter

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We are pleased to bring you our newsletter for this half term.

Student leadership opportunities are important to us at the College, over the past term we have re-launched our student council. 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 also been taking place, we have a fantastic group of young people in Year 10 who have put themselves forward for this role, and I look forward to sharing the outcome with you next half term.

This week I had the pleasure of being involved in our Sixth Form Head Boy & Girl interviews, again there was a really strong field of high-quality applicants. I am pleased to announce that our new Head Girl is Molly Garrick and our new Head Boy is Edmund Harper-Smith, they will be supported by a Sixth Form leadership team.

In addition to this a group of students have started a student newsletter, please find the first edition attached. It is great to be able to provide our students with these experiences at the College.

We continue to prioritise ensuring that we are 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 (Equipment list on page 8).

This half term the demolition process has gained momentum with only the three-storey building left to demolish. The contractors will soon be handing over to the landscaping team who will start the final stage of the process. The timeline is still on track for completion before the students return in September. It will be wonderful to have our site back and for students to have more outside space. We are currently looking to provide new undercover outside areas for students to use during social times and have launched our just giving page to raise money.

Student recruitment and retention for September remains strong as we once again will hold a waiting list in Year 7 and are retaining a large number of Year 11 students into Year 12, with our growing numbers in the sixth form we are keen to improve their facilities. Students in Year 12 and those returning from Year 11 will be leading some fundraising next half term (more information to follow).

Currently in the College we are maintaining a wide range of COVID protective measures in line with the current guidance. I am hopeful that we will receive updated guidance in preparation for September and we will be able to make changes to the current restrictions that students are following.

Have a restful and relaxing half term, the summer weather is finally on its way! We look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 7th June.

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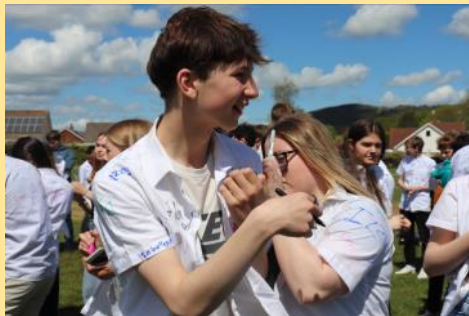
Year 11 Last Day

On Wednesday 19th May we celebrated Year 11's last day at the College. After a turbulent year, this group deserved a good send off and celebration to mark the end of their year and the exams.

Students were treated to a lie in, with events beginning at lunchtime. They began with a lunch together in the canteen where students were able to chat to each other and their teachers while watching a slideshow of some embarrassing photos from Year 7. This was followed by an assembly which included speeches and awards hosted by the Heads of House and a performance by the year 10 band.

Finally, the group took part in the shirt signing tradition which is always a lovely way to end the day.

However, it was not all over as they still had the Summer Ball to look forward to. Everyone at Sidmouth College would like to wish this year group the best of luck for the future, and we look forward to seeing many of their faces again when they return to the Sixth Form.



Head Boy and Head Girl Announced

This half term students in the Sixth Form were given the opportunity to apply for a leadership position. Students had to apply to Mrs Parsons and Mrs Hurley with a covering letter as to why they would make a good Head boy or girl.

There were over 20 applications and after interviews and much deliberation it was narrowed down to 4.

Meet our new Head Boy, Edmund and Molly, Head Girl who were appointed this term. Their deputies are Reuben and Esme. Well done and good luck to the team!





Sidmouth College Equestrian Team

Over the Easter break Sidmouth College NSEA team members Ella F (yr7) and Sid M (yr11) participated in the Hickstead Show Jumping qualifiers at Bicton arena.

Ella competed on Domino in the 80cm class, and did a lovely clear round to come 11th out of 55 competitors. Sid competed on his horse Barney in the 90cm and 1m classes. He went clear in the 90cm, with stiff competition to come 21st out of 50 competitors. The 1m didn't go so well, but there was plenty of learning and opportunity for improvement for future competitions.

It was a lovely sunny day and a great first competition of the year for the Sidmouth College team. The next competition is on the 23rd May at Bicton Arena and we are looking forward some more of the team members being able to take part.



First Cricket Fixture of the Year

On Tuesday 4th May the U14 boys played their first fixture of the school year. They beat The Kings School by 6 wickets to progress to the quarter finals of the Devon Cup.

Bowling first, Sidmouth restricted Kings to below 100 runs from their 20 overs. Wickets were shared, with all bowlers contributing. Reece was particularly tidy behind the stumps.

The run chase got off to a flyer with Mason and Hext finding the boundary early on in their innings to get above the run rate. Early wickets meant that Kings were always in the game until Sam joined Alec for a match winning partnership. Both batters ran particularly well between the wickets to ensure the run rate was never beyond them. They were not out when the chase was completed.

Many thanks to Sidmouth Cricket Club for hosting us - we are lucky to have this magnificent facility on our doorstep!



Uniform Request

Dear Parents and Carers of Year 11 Students

Please can we request donations of College uniform items once your child has finished here at the College – particularly donations of blazers, ties, blue PE polo shirts, navy rugby shirts and navy PE hoodies. (We do not require the white polo shirts or grey hoodies). We would also be very grateful for any donations of revision guides and textbooks which can be passed on to our Year 10 parents. Please bring your donations into the College in a plastic bag and leave in the large collection box in the reception area. Many thanks for your support.





GCSE Celebration Evening

On Thursday 27th May the College held a belated GCSE Celebration Evening for last Year's Year 11 students. Due to Covid restrictions, the evening was held online over Zoom and over 50 families joined us in celebrating the achievements of last years GCSE cohort.

We invited students in before the evening to collect certificates and prizes and give Mrs Parsons and Mrs Ingham-Hill the opportunity to congratulate the winners in person ahead of the event.

Individual students received subject prizes for achievement and progress and House prizes were awarded by Heads of House. We also introduced the Believe, Inspire, Succeed Award this year which allowed each Department to nominate a student who was an inspiration in that subject.

The Waitrose Prize for Food Technology went to Grace S. The Thelma Hulbert Award for Achievement in the Arts went to Shahad A. The Sidmouth Lions Shield for Achievement and Endeavour was presented to Charlotte L and Freddie D. The Bradfords Cup went to James A, Joe A, George M, Alfie H, Jack G and Daniel B. Finally, the Pinney Cup for the Best Overall GCSE Results was awarded to Reuben B.

It was a pleasure to be able to celebrate the successes of this year group and as a college we wish them all the very best with their further education and careers.



Art Workshop

This term we were thrilled to have members of the Sidmouth Coastal Community Hub visiting our key stage 3 Art lessons to deliver workshops to students in Years 7, 8 and 9. The artwork created in these sessions will be used for a wider project involving artist David Shrigley, to create a billboard for Sidmouth town centre, by the swimming pool. Thank you to Coco, Kat, Louise, Simon and Sarah for working with our students.. The work is in now installed in the town and looks fantastic, make sure to stop by and have a look.



How to be a Hero Competition

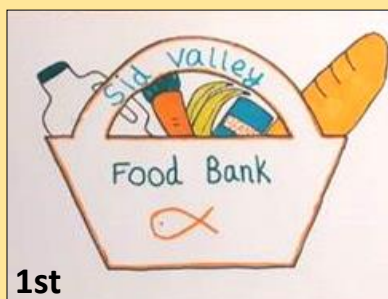
This term Mrs Harrison in the Sidmouth College Library ran a competition based on the book 'How to be a Hero'.

Students had to complete three activities and write their name in the Rune Alphabet. The winner was Kyra L in Year 8 who has won a copy of the book 'How to be a Hero' by Cat Wheldon. Well done!

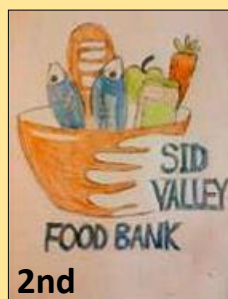


Art Logo Competition

Last term students in key stage 3 were invited to take part in a competition to design a new logo for the Sid Valley Food Bank. 19 designs were shortlisted and we are pleased to congratulate the top 3:



1st



2nd



3rd

1st place - Abigail M, 2nd place - Rose B, 3rd place - Lois M.

Abigail's design will now be recreated in a digital format and used on the Food Bank's marketing and website. Well done to Abigail and everyone who took part. Thank you to Waitrose of Sidmouth who donated the prize to the top three students.





Fundraising

This term the College has launched two new fundraising campaigns to enhance and enrich our students' experience at Sidmouth College. Find out more below about what we would like to raise money for and how donations will be used. To give to our campaigns visit our Just Giving pages as detailed below. Thank you, as always, for your continued generosity; we are so lucky to have such a supportive community in Sidmouth who care about our schools and their students.

Sixth Form Common Room Refurbishment

The Sixth Form at Sidmouth is a dynamic place. We have an extensive and ever-changing enrichment programme, have introduced new subjects and new activities over the past few years.

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SIXTH FORM

With the Sixth Form going from strength to strength, we would now like to update and improve our Sixth Form facilities to provide a state of the art Sixth Form Centre for our students.

The Sixth Form Centre is based in a retained area of the College, constructed in the early 1970s, and so has not been updated with the completion of our new building. With a year on year increase in the number of students who choose to stay at Sidmouth College to study their post 16 qualifications, the Sixth Form Centre is in need of some updating to provide space and facilities to provide the very best opportunities for learning. Having consulted with members of the Sixth Form, the College has focussed on improvements to the furnishings, décor and equipment of the Sixth Form accommodation in order to enhance areas for learning, private study and social activity.

The Sixth Form provides excellent opportunities for the young people of our locality, enabling students to develop their knowledge and skills as they move into adulthood and on to university, employment or further training.

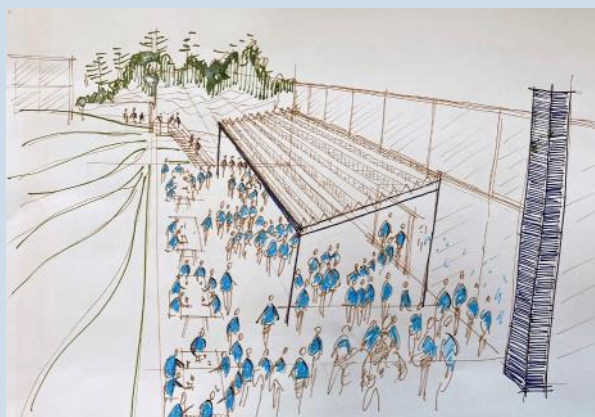
The Coronavirus pandemic has severely depleted funds for all schools, so If you could make any contribution towards the costs of developing this facility, we would be very grateful.

www.justgiving.com/campaign/SidmouthCollegeSixthForm

Outdoor Seating and Dining Area

Sidmouth College has recently undergone a rebuild of the main school building, which was completed in December 2020. The next phase of the regeneration of Sidmouth College is the removal of the 1960s three-storey block which is due to be demolished by July 2021.

For the final phase, we would like to focus on repurposing our outside areas to create outstanding facilities for our students. This will include a brand new terrace directly outside the new dining hall. This area will be used at break and lunch times for students to eat outside. It will also be partially covered, providing shelter and shade and making it a year round area.



It will be used by teachers for outdoor lessons and also a quiet place for students to read or for Sixth Formers to work. The second outside area we are focusing on redeveloping is outside Room 49 and 50 (ICT huts). We hope to build an additional outside seating area for students to use during break times and it will also provide an eating area for students buying food at the snack shack.

As mentioned above, the Coronavirus pandemic has severely depleted funds for all schools, so If you could make any contribution of any size towards the costs of developing these areas, we would be very grateful.

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Alumni News

Former Sidmouth College student Kath Morton wins coveted place to train in Stage Management at the prestigious Royal Academy of Dramatic Art in London. The course takes only 12 students each year and thousands apply in the hope of gaining a place.

Kath left Sidmouth college in 2016 after her A levels intending to train as a Royal Navy Medic but as she had always been a keen outward-bound character she trained to work with young people working and living in the wilderness in Scotland. This year after finishing her degree she made the decision to follow her heart and take on the challenges of training for a career in the Theatre Industry.

Kath began her interest as a member of the Youth Theatre where she honed her craft firstly on stage and then working her way up to be the Company stage Manager. She was always at my right hand and could be relied upon to instinctively know what needed to be done. Even after she left she college she came back to help out backstage. I had always said to her she would be an incredible SM should she train professionally but at that point she had other plans.

It was to my great surprise and delight that she contacted me to tell me she had attained a place at RADA where she revealed that a chance moment, when she was considering what to do after her degree, she came upon her Youth Theatre lanyard with the souvenir badges which all involved receive as a memento of their involvement in a Sidmouth Youth Theatre production and a card from the cast thanking her for being their Stage Manager. Taking a risk to apply as she had not been involved in theatre since 2017 and never thinking she would be successful she is now contemplating a transition from the wilderness of Scotland to the heady lights of London.

I am very excited to hear about her journey and she has kindly offered to come in and talk to students about her course next year. It is exciting to see that someone is embracing and challenging themselves to change their course and follow their passion. We wish her every success for the future.

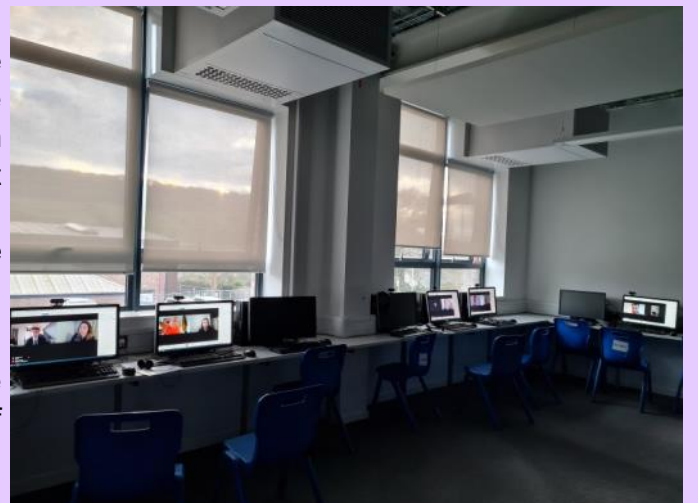


Careers

During a Year 10 skills event, students worked with a live and interactive online skills panel to find out more about employability skills. There were presentations from employers with details of the key skills they use, followed by a question-and-answer session. Students then looked at the skills they already possess and drafted an action plan to improve these skills. It was recognised that, whilst employers are looking for academic qualifications, they value a range of employability skills from future employees.

We would like to thank Terry Excell, Ffion & Danielle Haskings from Willmott Dixon, Tess Reid and Anne Marie Taylor from Brend Hotels, Andrew Ardley from South Western Railway, Ed Gillam from Devon Partnership Trust NHS, Anne Blackburn from Careers Hub, The Careers and Enterprise Company and Rachel Miles and Denese Molyneux from Molyneux Financial Planning for being involved in the planning and implementation of the event.

Students will be building on these skills in July when we are running two careers focused days with employers in place of work experience.



Art and Photography Stars of the Month



Sidmouth College
ART & PHOTOGRAPHY DEPARTMENT

April

Art & Photography
Stars of the month...

Ella F, Fin C, Ruby D Year 7
 Ethan I, Mia, P, Pippa N, Lucas O'C Year 8
 Ella W, Josie L, Roman M, Honey C Year 9
 Evie R, Jess A Year 10 Art
 Bella J Year 10 Photography
 Matei B Year 11 Art

All Year 11 Photographers – you're all brilliant! Year 11 Photography
 Tilly K A-level Art

Emma B, Chloe C, Kloe W, Jade C, Lili E, Molly H, India S,
 Stephanie T, Danielle V A-level Photography

Congratulations!

Art and Photography Stars of the Month



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ART & PHOTOGRAPHY DEPARTMENT

May

Art & Photography
Stars of the month...

Rosie L, Ella M & Jack T Year 7
 Molly R, Kyra L, Dara P & Freya R Year 8
 Roxy P, Nieve H & Lily C Year 9
 Jess A & Zac M Year 10 Art
 Connie M Year 10 Photography
 Eve S & Courtney S A-level Art
 Alfie N A-level Photography

Congratulations!

Equipment Checklist for next term

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

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- THE SIDMOUTH COLLEGE - STUDENT HERALD

EDITION 1 - FRIDAY 28TH MAY 2021



WELCOME TO THE SIDMOUTH COLLEGE STUDENT HERALD

Welcome to the Sidmouth College Student Newsletter. This new section of the Sidmouth College Newsletter will be written by students from the College.

Students who were interested in joining the Newsletter team had the opportunity last term to apply for a number of roles by submitting a written application. You can meet the successful applicants on page 2.

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MEET THE TEAM



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WILL BE QUIZZES,
FUNNY TEACHER
INTERVIEWS AND MORE!

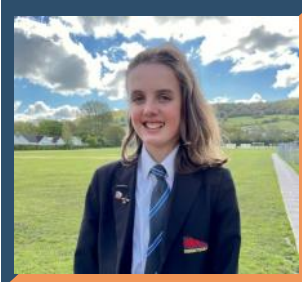
HOW FAR AWAY CAN
YOU HEAR A TIGER
ROAR?

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MEET THE STUDENT NEWSLETTER TEAM



Name: Ayla

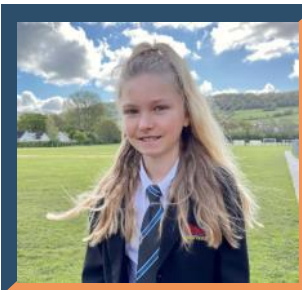
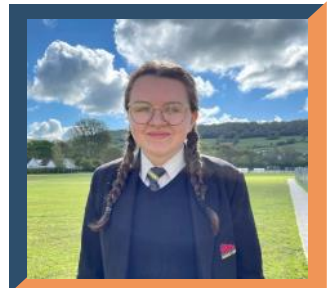
Year Group: 8

A little bit about me: Hiya! I'm Ayla and I am the creator and editor of this student newsletter. I really look forward to working with the team and bringing you lots of news about Sidmouth College. I enjoy hanging out with friends, surfing, roller blading and being in the water. I also love nature and being aware of the environment!

Name: Katie

Year Group: 10

A little bit about me: Hi. My name is Katie and I'm in Year 10. I am very excited to be working with the student newsletter team and am proud of what we have achieved so far. I hope you enjoy this newsletter and many more to come in the future!



Name: Grace

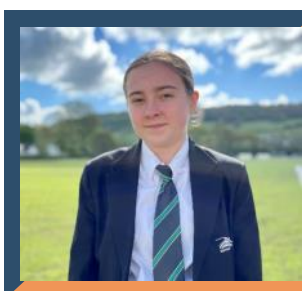
Year Group: 8

A little bit about me: Hi! I'm Gracie. I'm keen to contribute ideas to the Student Herald and share my view of life at Sidmouth College. I am hardworking and enjoy many sports! Some include; horse-riding, netball and running. I am also very passionate about the environment and hope to make others more environmentally aware.

Name: Seren

Year Group: 7

A little bit about me: Hi, my name is Seren and I am in Year 7. I am in drake and my favorite lesson is Drama. I am looking forward to being part of the student newsletter team.



Name: Ella

Year Group: 9

A little bit about me: Hi I'm Ella, I'm in Year 9. I wanted to join the Student Herald because I find it interesting to write about and discuss certain topics that are important to me. I think that writing also allows us to spread awareness. I enjoy sketching and painting and it is how I spend a lot of my free time.