

Sidmouth College Newsletter

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Hello and welcome to the Summer term issue of our College newsletter, I hope that you enjoy catching up with our students and the fantastic and varied events and activities we have enjoyed over the period since Easter. Despite this being one of the longest terms of the academic year the time seems to be flying by with so much being achieved by students and staff alike. Over the past month many of our students finalised their preparations for formal examinations and we are now well into GCSE and A Level exams season. Our Year 11 and 13 students have been simply outstanding in their approach to learning and study this term and are to be congratulated for their determined, confident and careful attitude to this important time in their academic journey. I would like to thank all parents, carers and families for the ways in which you have supported them this year, as a father myself I do know that at times this will not have been easy!

We cannot underestimate the importance of our students achieving their academic potential. It is vital that we provide our students with a solid foundation on which to build as they move into post 16 or higher education. Working alongside our students have been an incredibly committed staff team who have gone the extra mile to ensure that their classes are fully prepared when moving into the exam period. I would like to thank all our staff for the many additional hours that go on outside of the classroom to ensure that we maximise outcomes for students.

Away from ensuring academic success, you will be aware that at Sidmouth College we are committed to pursuing a broad set of outcomes for all our students that enable them to realise their full potential. This requires going beyond academic outcomes and redefining student success to include a range of academic and non-academic knowledge, skills, and competencies that Sidmouth College students will need to become 21st century leaders, able to address the challenges of tomorrow. It means supporting and preparing children to be strong communicators, critical thinkers, and gritty problem-solvers who are, among other things, inquisitive, creative, empathetic, and collaborative. Many of these habits will be developed through opportunities outside of the classroom. Having spent time reading this latest edition of the newsletter it excites me and makes me proud to see our students so engaged in taking on new challenges and making the most of what is on offer within the College.

Looking ahead there is so much to look forward to over the second half of the Summer term. Our Year 11 and Year 13 students go off onto their official study leave today and I am sure they will have enjoyed a day of celebrations. Students can look forward to the Yr. 11 prom and the Yr. 13 leavers event that take place on completion of their examinations. Both evenings are always key events in the college calendar and fabulous dresses, sharp suits and flash transport will be part of both celebrations I'm sure. Elsewhere, we have the Duke of Edinburgh Expedition, Sports Day, Yr. 9 Awards Evening, Yr. 6 transition days, work experience and activities days all to look forward to.

Before all of that happens, we have the small matter of half term to look forward to. Mine will be spent catching up and enjoying quality time with family and friends. Whatever you are doing I hope that you have a great week.

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New Student Heads of House for 2017/2018

We are pleased to introduce our newly appointed Student Heads of House for the next academic year. After applications, campaigns and elections we now have 16 new enthusiastic leaders. For Raleigh House is: Tom Varley, Naomi Loosemore, George Goodman and Katie Gilbert. For Grenville House is: Emilia Smith, Mattie Laurenti, Bertie Bentley and Luke Sheaves. From Scott House is Lucy Gosling, Elliot Wright, Kyla Lines and Richard Papworth and finally from Drake House is Millie Jarrett, Finn Roland-Small, Annabel Ardley and Alisha Kay. Congratulations to them all, we look forward to seeing the work they do over the next year.



Ten Tors Success

After months of training Sidmouth College has had another successful year of Ten Tors. We were particularly pleased that this year was the first time the College has entered 4 teams to take part, which included two 35-mile teams, one 45-mile team and one 55-mile team. Conditions were great and the weather was fair which made for great walking.

Students did fantastically well showing excellent mental and physical resilience. All teams finished strongly at the following times 11:44 (45 Mile Team), 12:20 (35B Team), 13:15 (35A Team), 16:30 (55 Mile Team). All very impressive results.

Sidmouth College has a strong tradition of success in the Ten Tors Event and we are grateful to our volunteers who have helped us train on Dartmoor over the past 8 months.

Mrs Clark, who supported organisation of this year's Ten Tors, said "The college is very proud of, and pleased with our team members

this year. They were a pleasure to train with on the moor and a good example of how impressive our young people can be."

Well done to everyone who took part, a great achievement. You've all earned a well deserved rest over half term!





Year 11 celebrate last day

It was our Year 11s last day today and, after two normal lessons first thing, the rest of the day was theirs' to relax and enjoy, starting with the traditional T-shirt signing on the field and finishing with a celebration lunch and leavers' awards assembly, hosted by Mr Dale.

Mr Dale, who was this year group's Head of Year before switching to the vertical House system had a few words to say about this cohort: "I have enjoyed working with this year group since their first day in year 7. Its hard to believe that was 5 years ago and how much these student shave changed. Its been a pleasure to watch them grow into young adults with tonnes of potential and successes ahead of them. I wish them every luck going forward and know that myself and the rest of the staff at Sidmouth College will miss them a great deal"

Their last full day was a special occasion, which was enjoyed by all. The weather was kind and all students were in good spirits throughout the day. They really were a credit to the year and the College.

However, it's not over yet!... There is still the small matter of exams - and not forgetting the Summer Ball. Everyone at Sidmouth College would like to wish this year group the best of luck for the future, and we forward to seeing many of their happy faces back in the Sixth form.



Year 13 say goodbye to Sidmouth College

Meanwhile, Year 13 students enjoyed their last day in a slightly less traditional fashion. Rather than staying in school, they decided a trip to Exeter to go bowling and have pizza would be an enjoyable way to say farewell to each other. They then returned to school to say goodbye to their teachers and other College staff. Head of Sixth Form Mrs Hurley said "Today is the year 13s last day before their exams start. They have been an absolute joy to have in the sixth form - hard working, sociable and willing to do all when asked. As a sixth form team we wish them all the best in their forthcoming exams and look forward to some superb results in the summer."

Unfortunately this newsletter will have gone out before we are able to download the photos of the Sixth Form day, but keep an eye on our facebook page for updates.



East Devon and Exeter Athletic

The PE department took students to Exeter Arena on Thursday 18th May for the East Devon and Exeter competition. Despite being a very wet evening students were eager, performed well and have set the bar high for a busy summer season ahead.

Congratulations to Kate Marriott, Millie Parry, Will Bond and Josh Miller who all got through to the next round of the competition.



East Devon Cricket

On Monday 22nd May Mr Williams took year 7 and 8 students to the East Devon Cricket Tournament at Exmouth Community College. The team played fantastically, winning matches against Kings B, Colyton A and Exmouth. The team are now through to finals day. Well done to George Corbin, Freddie Eul-Barker, Soreen Hall, Jack Garner, Alex Bennett, Will Bolton, Will Cricket & James Douulton.



Year 7 & 8 Tennis

Year 7 and 8 girls played a tennis friendly match against Colyton in May. This was the first fixture of the year and a first competitive match for many of the girls. All the girls played well and the match was a great opportunity to hone their skills and play against some brand new competition. Next term they will continue to play against other local schools and take part in tournaments.

Well done to Eve Converso, Fearne Harris, Mya Thorn, Jess Parry, Holly Howe, Molly Garrick, Esme Bagwell, Chloe Adey, Leoni Morgan and Erin Kirley.



Year 7 Interhouse Athletics

On Friday 12th May Year 7 students took part in a morning of inter-house athletics activities. Each House signed up to various events and all students had a blast taking part and cheering on their fellow House members. Events included High Jump, Discus, Shotput, Javelin, 400m Relay and various running distances including 1500m. This was also an opportunity for the newly appointed year 10 sports leaders to assist. Head of PE Mrs Malton said "Year 7 were exceptionally brilliant and sporting. All Houses did very well and the competition was great practise for Sports Day which is coming up next half term"

The results were:

1st **Grenville**

2nd **Raleigh**

3rd **Drake**

4th **Scott**





Sports House Captains

Last half term we were proud to announce the Sports Captains and Vice Captains for each House. The students enjoyed a team building session before their duties began which are pictured below. The leaders have been working hard; with the 7's and 8's assisting with the East Devon athletic trials at Exeter Arena and the 9's and 10's assisting and leading the Year 7's during their inter-house athletics. You can spot them by their new, coloured House badges!



Mrs Cornish manages GB team!

Congratulations to our very own PE teacher Mrs Cornish who has recently been appointed as the GB U16 basketball team manager. Mrs Cornish will be travelling to Macedonia over the summer for her first tournament as manager in the European Championships. Lucky for us, she will still be in the College from time to time covering lessons and supporting students in PE.



Boys Rugby

Congratulations to Josh Allen, Cian Warren, James Emmett, James Ogley and Jed Reid who have had a successful season representing Topsham U16s at Rugby. The team won the Fisherman's Cup on Saturday 20th May. Well done to them all!



Year 9 Rounders

Tuesday 23rd May saw the annual year 9 rounders tournament take place. Our team of Molly Davey, Millie Parry, Molly Parry, Tia Lee, Scarlet Seaton, Lara West, Charley Hosking, Siona John, Darcy Hastie and Emily Rich started the day with very impressive wins over Axe Valley, St John's and Exmouth. This meant we were into the semi-finals as winners of our group. Unfortunately the easy run up was to our disadvantage as, in the semi-final, we faced stronger opponents from King's. Whilst both teams were definitely evenly matched on ability it was clear King's were playing with a little more accuracy following their tougher run to the semis and they emerged victorious. Well done to all on a superb afternoon of camaraderie and some amazing fielding.





College helps BHF with new defibrillator

Sidmouth College pupils will be learning lifesaving CPR skills as Sidmouth College delivers the British Heart Foundation's (BHF) Call Push Rescue training. The programme teaches young people how to perform cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and use a public access defibrillator (PAD), so they have the skills and confidence necessary to act in emergency situations. The BHF's ambition is to create a Nation of Lifesavers in which all schools teach CPR and where defibrillators are made available in the places they are needed most.

Since launching the campaign in 2014, over 1.5 million people have joined the Nation of Lifesavers by learning lifesaving CPR. This includes nearly 2,500 schools awarded free CPR training kits, and around 900,000 pupils trained. In the UK over 30,000 cardiac arrests happen out of hospital every year but less than one in ten people survive, partly because people don't know vital CPR skills.

The College will start by running sessions with staff in the College, and then train students starting with the upper school and moving down.

Mr Ingham-Hill, Principal, said: "We're thrilled to be teaching lifesaving CPR skills to Sidmouth staff and pupils using the BHF Call Push Rescue model. It takes just 30 minutes to learn this valuable skill which could one day help save someone's life. By empowering young people with the confidence and knowledge to step in and carry out CPR in an emergency, we can help improve out of hospital cardiac arrest survival rates in Sidmouth"



Sidmouth Seafest

On Monday 8th May students in Year 7 were lucky enough to take part in an art session led by the organisers of Sidmouth Seafest. The students created papier-mâché fish and worked in groups to paint and decorate them as artistically as possible. The fish were then used to decorate the marquee on the Ham in Sidmouth which hosted the main Seafest events on the following Saturday night. They looked great and many of the students and their families attended the event and were excited to see them suspended from the ceiling and lit up during the evening.



Geography field trip

Around 80 students enjoyed a Geography trip to Dawlish Warren this half term in the sunshine. On the day they studied the coastal processes that operate there and the impact that human activity and management are having on the coast. It was an interesting experience, made even more unique as there was huge excavation work taking place on the beach, meaning the students got to see sea defences being created! We looked at how coastal processes, tectonic processes and climatic processes all link together and students are now ready to embark on their geographical exploration unit ready for the exams next year.





Year 9 Reward Day

On Tuesday 16th May 47 students from Year 9 spent an adrenaline filled day at Haven Banks on the Exeter Quay. The day was funded 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 17 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."

Principal Mr Ingham-Hill said "As a college, we are delighted and honoured to have the chance to work alongside the Lions Club to create the legacy project. Over the next few years, this partnership will ensure that hundreds of Sidmouth College students are given the opportunity to take part in an exciting enrichment opportunity. The day at Haven Banks was thoroughly enjoyable"



Students took part in a variety of activities including raft building and racing, archery and dragon boat racing. Students also had the chance to take a plunge into the canal for an extra adrenaline rush! It was a great day and we are very thankful to the Lions Club for making the day possible and to the staff at Haven Banks for working with our students.



Science students get growing

A very impressive broad bean plant has been grown from a broad bean seed by Year 11 students. In Biology students have been studying growth and development of plants and were tasked by Mrs Bayliss to see who could grow the tallest and healthiest plant. After weeks of nurturing their plants, the winning group was announced; they had grown their plant to over a metre tall.

They are now planning to take the plant home to see if they can grow broad beans!





Photography Masterclass

This term the photography department were delighted to host the College's fourth visit from commercial photographer Anthony Greenwood on the 31st March. A' Level Students took part in portrait shoots on location around the site, and completed food shoots in the studio. They were then taken through a Photoshop editing masterclass using their photoshoot of food. It was a fantastic opportunity for students to learn some new skills and pick up some great ideas for making the most of digital photo editing. You can learn more about Anthony's work here: <https://anthony-greenwood.com>



Year 9 Impact Day

On Friday 19th May students in Year 9 were off timetable to take part in a series of workshops as part of their personal development impact day. Sessions included First aid training with Mrs Harris, where students used our new CPR dummies to learn valuable lifesaving skills. Students also took part in a social media workshop with Mr Birch, a body image and mental health workshop with 'The Project', a talk about contraceptives with Tracey Wills and finally a session with local magistrates all about our legal system, where students took part in a mock trial! Students were all positive and showed fantastic attitudes towards all of the workshops they took part in. We'd like to thank all our visitors for working with our students and making the day possible.



SCA fundraiser with Tesco Tokens

This Sidmouth College association (SCA) have successfully bid to be one of 3 fundraising projects to be featured in Sidmouth and Seaton Tesco stores.

The scheme asks shoppers to collect a blue token from the checkout after purchasing groceries and at the exit place the token in one of 3 slots. The slot with the most tokens will receive the highest amount of funding for a project of our choice. The SCA are hoping that with whatever funding we receive, will go towards something in the College that will benefit all students. If you are in either of the Tesco's stores please remember to pick up a token and put it in the Sidmouth College box. We have until Friday 30th June to get as many as possible!





Star Bakers

It's been another busy term in the Food Technology department. Students have been cooking up a storm creating all sorts of tasty treats. The Technology team said they have been impressed with the high standards of cooking and the inventiveness of students this half term. Congratulations to all of our star bakers!



Wren Music Song Writing Workshop

The music department was pleased to receive funding from the Keith Owen fund which allowed the College to hire song writers from Wren Music to come in and hold a workshop with some of our keen musicians. The students were given the theme of 'Sidmouth' and worked in groups to come up with lyrics and music to their own song. The pieces will be performed at the Manor Pavilion Theatre during Folk Week. More information will be announced next term.



Zak Robinson lands dream place at Trinity

Zak Robinson who played 'the Fonz' in the Sidmouth Youth theatre production of 'Happy Days' this year and Riff in 'West Side Story' last year, has successfully gained a place to train in Musical Theatre at Trinity Laban in Greenwich. Following a challenging audition process he will study for 3 years to perfect his craft while balancing this with his developing success as a singer songwriter most recently seen performing in Sidmouth at SeaFest with Sam Hunt and Dellan Hitchens. This will place him into the College Drama Department's growing Hall of Fame.





Duke of Edinburgh

Congratulations to Evie Seller, Logan Sheppard and Katie Smith, all of whom have achieved their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award; a great achievement. We also have a group of Year 10 students about to carry out their D of E expeditions and we wish them every success with this.



Art Stars of the Month

The art department is delighted to confirm our April and May artists of the month for producing outstanding work.

April Artists of the Month

Year 7 - Gabrielle Tuson
 Year 8 - Alice Chapman
 Year 9 - Kya Phillips &
 Year 10 - Isabel Sutcliffe (Art) & Annie Harris (Photography)
 Year 11 - Erica Liffen (Art) & Caitlin Walker (Photography)
 Sixth Form - Amy Hills

May Artists of the Month

Year 7 - Lily Maynard & George Chapman
 Year 8 - Sofia Bree-Sadler & Molly Taylor
 Year 9 - Zak Jabri & Charley Hosking
 Year 10 - Mia Brown (Art) & Jordan Fowler (Photography)
 Year 11 - Oliver Barrett (Art) & Maciej Osinski (Photography)
 Sixth Form - Tirion Johns

Farewell to Mr Whitworth

We would like to wish Matt Whitworth best wishes for the future as he has decided to move into a career within Babcock (Devon) working strategically with education and data across the whole education sector. He has been a real asset to the college including his vital role as a Head of House for Drake. He has been a really positive influence on the direction of the college over the last 2 years, in his capacity as Head of House, and the students and staff all wish him the best of luck for his future.



In his replacement as Head of House, we are really pleased to announce that Miss Jo Ryce, who has a wealth of experience, will take over this role in the interim period. We are really confident that she will continue the positive journey for Drake and provide the best support and direction for students and parents/carers.



Peter Pan Trip

Next term the Drama Department is planning a visit to The Radway Cinema in Sidmouth for Year 7 and 8 students to see The National Theatre Live screening of 'PETER PAN' on Saturday 10th June 2017 at 2.00pm.



This is an excellent opportunity to see an amazing piece of visual theatre without the expense of travelling to London. Peter Pan explores the possibilities and pain of growing up and is a riot of magic, mischief, music and mayhem. 'Spellbindingly imaginative. An edgy and dazzling production that lights up the National Theatre.'

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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 on the last day of this half term and asked to fill with any items of clothing and return to the College reception by 22nd June.

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 in the College.



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