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Welcome to our summer edition of the College newsletter, I hope that you enjoy catching up with the activities, events, successes and achievements this very busy term has brought. As ever, our fabulous students attract the limelight in this edition and showcase their enormous talents, determination and character. As the academic year draws to a close, it is wonderful to reflect on the many successes and achievements of the past year. Alongside the excellent academic experiences our students have had, are the very many extra-curricular opportunities and activities that they have excelled in. Students this year have ventured far and wide. I'm so proud that after every visit made, whether a day trip, a residential or an overseas adventure, Sidmouth College students are congratulated for their exceptional behaviour and enthusiasm - they represent the College and themselves superbly. The College has had a wonderful year and this week has brought this all together through a wide range of exciting, unique and thoroughly beneficial experiences in our annual Activities Week. The trips and activities have been a great success and I am sure that you will have heard all about your own child's adventures.

Reflecting back, our year started with a very strong set of GCSE and A level results. In October we celebrated an excellent OFSTED, one that recognised the outstanding contribution our staff, students and governors make to ensure Sidmouth College provides a fantastic education. Our students achieved highly at local, County, Regional and National competitions, we welcomed outstanding new members of staff despite the challenges facing schools nationally, and welcomed an increasing number of new students who joined us as the year progressed, all pointing to the excellent reputation the College now has across Devon and beyond.

All of this does not happen by chance. As the academic year draws to an end I would like to use this newsletter to thank a number of groups who have supported me in my role this year. Firstly, I would like to thank the students. I cannot describe the sense of pride that I have for all our young people, I am regularly left speechless by their positivity, their appreciation and their ability to excel. My next thanks go to all the staff at Sidmouth College who work tirelessly to ensure we offer our students the best education possible. Their commitment, dedication and passion is inspiring and I owe them personal thanks for the way they have supported me this year in my role as Principal. Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the Parents/Carers for the support you have provided to both your children and the College over the past year.

Looking forward, it promises to be an exciting period of time for the College. I wrote to you last week regarding key developments on the horizon. I look forward to working alongside Martyn Dudley in a Co-Principal role to ensure that we manage these developments to ensure the best possible outcomes for Sidmouth College.

Have a fabulous Summer Holiday, enjoy your time together, and look after each other. We will look forward to starting the new academic year with you on the 6th September.

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Year 11 Summer Ball

Year 11 students arrived at Woodbury Park on Wednesday 28th June for the much anticipated final event of their year. Despite the heavy downpours, students still managed to arrive in style in the usual array of interesting and impressive vehicles including classic cars, sports cars and a caravan. Everyone dressed to impress in sharp suits and dazzling dresses and with the help of Woodbury Park staff and a few teachers with umbrellas, everyone managed to get inside and out of the rain without any outfit or hair disasters! After photographs 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."





Sports day

The Sidmouth College Athletics Championships went off without a hitch on Thursday 6th July and was a huge success. Conditions were perfect and there was the usual buzz around the Exeter Arena as some 500 excited students filled the track and grandstand. Many of the Year 7 students in particular were excited to have their first experience of visiting Exeter Arena and having the opportunity to compete on a professional track and field. It was an enjoyable day and everyone left with one question on their minds; which House had won!

After a gruelling wait, the following morning PE staff announced the results at the end of a nail-biting assembly. The results were as follows:

1st place Raleigh, 2nd Drake 3rd Grenville and 4th Scott. During Assembly individual results and record breakers were announced which can be seen in the table above and on p4.

Head of PE, Mrs Malton, said, "Again Sidmouth College staff and students proved what a brilliant community we have. Whilst no-one can question that the standard of performance gets better and better each year, with 8 school records broken, it was the camaraderie and participation of our pupils that made the day truly spectacular. The willingness of pupils to give their all for their house to gain points shows how just one year into our vertical tutoring, the house ethos is well and truly flourishing. Huge well done to Raleigh who just pipped Drake into first place. Students are already planning their training for the next inter house event to regain a championship title!"

2017 RECORD BREAKERS!

Name	Event	Old record	New record
Josh Miller	Javelin	42.30m	48.17m
Mattie Laurenti	100m Hurdles	15.50s	15.47s
Josie Crisp	200m	27.7s	27.0s
Soren Hall	300m	51.2s	50.1s
Josh Miller	1500m	4.33.4m	4.29.0m
Will Bond	300m	44.01s	43.0s
Will Bond	800m	2.14.4m	2.14.0m
Grenville House	Relay	53.2s	49.41s





Individual Winners



	1st	2nd	3rd
Yr 7 Girls	Harriet Austen-Rigby	Issy Reynolds	Georgie McNally
Yr 7 Boys	Soren Hall	Aaron Smith	Will Bolton
Yr 8 Girls	Erin Kirley	Molly Garrick	Esme Bagwell
Yr 8 Boys	Reuben Bennett	Frank Long	Charlie Williams
Yr 9 Girls	Kate Marriott	Millie Parry	Rowan Green
Yr 9 Boys	Josh Miller	George Gelling	Will Bond
Yr 10 Girls	Josie Crisp	Lucy Gosling	Charlotte Bohm
Yr 10 Boys	Josh Roberts	Joel Henderson	Matti Laurenti

U15 East Devon Cup

Well done to James Allen, Alex Bennett, Soren Hall, James Doulton, Freddie Eul-Barker, Jack Garner, Will Crick, Will Bolton, Morgan West & George Corbin who took part in the East Devon under 15's cup this term. The boys have had a great season of cricket, unfortunately they



were just beaten by Exmouth and knocked out of the competition, But they played well and have come on leaps and bounds this summer. Well don't to the boys!



Jack sails to success

Congratulations to student Jack Francis who competed over half term at the RS Feva National sailing championships. Jack did fantastically, placing 12th in the silver fleet, and coming in the top 10 (6th and 3rd) in two of his races. Jack's boat is the one with the black spinnaker in the photograph, if you can spot it. We are always thrilled to celebrate our students achievements in and out of school. Well done Jack!



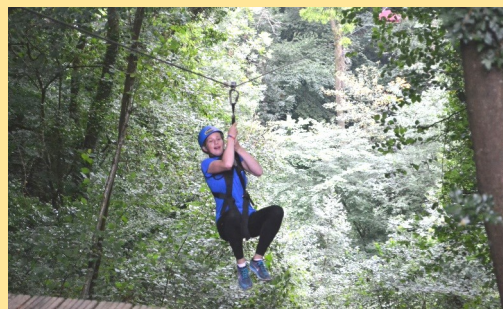


Activities Week



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 5 days in Paris, 3 days of adventure sports in Torquay, surfing in Cornwall, Cycling around East Devon, a back to basics workshop, Thrills and Spills at Splashdown and Haven Banks.

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 below photographs from a few of the trips and visit our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/sidmouthcollege to see more, including Paris 2017.



Year 9s Treated to Creative Workshops with Matt Dickinson

Matt is no stranger to Sidmouth College, his visit last year gave the year 7s and 8s a taste of his adventures climbing Everest and some of our year 8s – now year 9s – remembered it well! The workshops drew on these experiences as Matt set the following scene for several questions for which the year 9s then had to create their own scenarios. 'Imagine spending months preparing for a difficult climb. Preparing for weeks on the mountain as you gradually acclimatise. Finally, you are an hour away from the summit when you round a corner and ... there is a climber in trouble! Do you help them? Do you carry on? Why? What are your feelings?' There were some fantastic ideas and moving interpretations as a result of this, we look forward to reading more of the students creative writing next term.



Art Exhibition

On Thursday 22nd 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 Roberts 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!"





Year 9 Awards Evening

On Thursday 15th 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 students Sam Hattrell and Harvey Charlesworth who performed on the drums and guitar. 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.



Weston Shield: Oliver Horrell and Callum Tilly



Cope Cup: Ben Jones and Brody Fowler



Progress Shield: Derya Oflaz & Felix



Keast Cup: Anya Hawtin

All of the Year 9 students should be proud of their achievements this year but a special mention goes to: Derya Oflaz and Felix Jones, who were awarded the Governors' Progress Shield; Ollie Horrell and Callum Tilley, who were awarded the Weston Environmental Shield; Anya Hawtin who was awarded the Keast Cup for Achievement; and Brody Fowler & Ben Jones, who were awarded the Cope Cup for Overall Contribution to the Year Group.

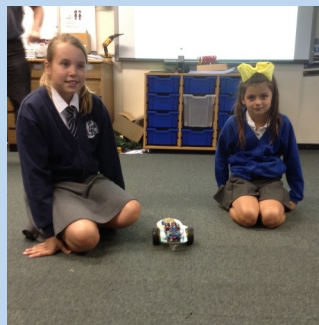
Leader of Engagement and Performance, Mr Williams, said "The Key Stage 3 presentation evening was a fantastic one due to the support of parents, pupils and staff members. The year group has grown so much over the last few years and I am sure that they will continue to grow as they undertake Key Stage 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 goes to Mr Patrick for organising the trophies and our amazing support staff for their help behind the scenes in ensuring the evening was such a success. Finally I would like to thank all the Heads of House and SLT for their support and encouragement in the build-up and during the evening."

Year 5 Robot Workshop

Students and staff from Newton Poppleford and Sidmouth Primary schools attended a workshop as part of the East Devon Science Project (courtesy of the Sidmouth Science Festival).

The students worked with pupils from the other schools to find out what Robots are, and they spent time problem solving and meeting challenges set by staff from 2timesdo and Mr Wickins. The students had to code a robot which would push a ball in a straight line and stop. They learnt basic coding, showed engineering skills and thought about where Robots could be used. At the end of the event all students said they had enjoyed the event and learnt a lot. Thank you to the Science festival organisers and the staff from 2timesdo that made the day possible and to Mr Wickins and the primary schools.

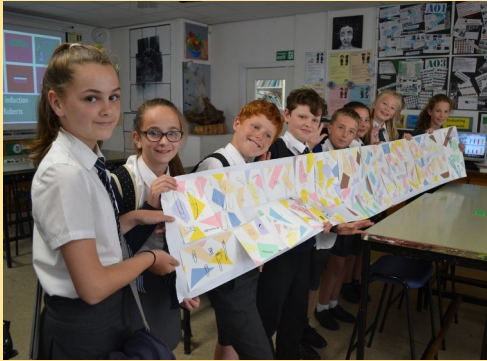




Year 6 enjoy transition days

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.



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. The results are as follows:

Head Boy & Head Girl

Tom Woodruff & Evie Sellers

Deputy Head Boy & Deputy Head Girl

Cameron Retter & Amy Hills

Congratulations to the successful four and to all who applied for the roles, you were all excellent candidates and Mr Ingham-Hill commented it had been one of the toughest years yet to decide between such a selection of exceptional sixth form students.



Humanities Day!

On Friday 7th July Miss Hext, Mr Demetre, Mr Trengove and Mrs Gill took all Year 8 students into Sidmouth town to take part in 3 Humanities based activities. Students were split into 3 groups and did a circuit including an RE visit to two local churches, a Geography activity where they measured offshore wave patterns and speeds and finally a History task where they took part in a town trail of local historians and other people significant in Sidmouth's history. It was a great and enriching day out for the Year 8s and students worked and behaved exceptionally well.





PE Awards Evening

Another celebratory night in the College Hall for the annual PE Awards Evening. A great night where the PE department can celebrate and congratulate all those students who have represented the College in sporting events this academic year. With over 300 certificates handed out, there are too many names to mention, however the following students won special prizes for awards such as commitment and achievement:

YEAR 7 BOYS' PE AWARD FOR PROGRESS – Ryan Dart

YEAR 7 BOYS' PE AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING COMMITMENT – Soren Hall

YEAR 7 GIRLS' PE AWARD FOR PROGRESS – Isabel Marshall

YEAR 7 GIRLS' PE AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING COMMITMENT – Georgie McNally

YEAR 8 BOYS' PE AWARD FOR PROGRESS – Freddie Dorman

YEAR 8 BOYS' PE AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING COMMITMENT – Ollie Keast

YEAR 8 GIRLS' PE AWARD FOR PROGRESS – Leoni Morgan

YEAR 8 GIRLS' PE AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING COMMITMENT – Ella Maguire

YEAR 9 BOYS' PE AWARD FOR PROGRESS – Seb Downham

YEAR 9 BOYS' PE AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING COMMITMENT – Josh Miller

YEAR 9 GIRLS' PE AWARD FOR PROGRESS – Viki McClellan

YEAR 9 GIRLS' PE AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING COMMITMENT – Darcy Hastie

The 'SAM MARRIOTT SPORTING SPIRIT' Award – Abigail Pearse

The 'MARIE COLLINS' trophy for all round sporting excellence in girls' sport nomination – Amy Keast

The 'GEOFF RETTER' trophy for all round sporting excellence in boys' sport – Toby Garrick

Thank you to everyone who attended on the night, and a big thank you to Sarah Hall who took all the great photos of students receiving their awards on the night.



U14 Girls Football

The U14 girls football team ended the year on a high making it through to the U14 'Euro's' tournament' Plate finals. The girls dominated the match

but unfortunately lost on penalties! An old English curse! They can be seen receiving the medals from Exeter City player, Troy Archiball-Henville. A fantastic achievement

and only their second tournament of the year, so much more to come from these girls!



Duke of Edinburgh

Congratulations to our Year 10 Duke of Edinburgh group who have successfully completed their Bronze Qualifying Expedition. They did extremely well, impressing the assessor with their team work and camping skills. We wish them good luck in completing the rest of their award.

Look out for information next year about how your child can get involved with D of E and take part.





Year 5 Drama visit

On Tuesday 11th July the drama department had year 5 students from Sidmouth, Tipton and Sidbury Primary schools visit to take part in a Drama workshop with Miss Davies. The workshop was based



around being a secret agent or a spy. Students took part in interactive games including imagining they were a spy taking part in a heist. They worked in groups to come up with their own spy poses and names, and by the end of the day they had their own Spy ID badges and completed a top secret mission using cipher wheels to crack codes. Students had a great time and carried out all their missions and tasks brilliantly, staff commented how engaged and excited the students were and it had been an excellent day of new experiences for the year 5s.

Year 8 Drama Day

On Friday 14th July a host of Year 8 students were selected to go off timetable for the day to take part in a year 8 Drama day. The day began with students being shown a crime scene that was set up in the Drama studio. The crime scene included old letters, a typewriter, a suitcase, a bottle of whisky and a newspaper. In groups, students looked around the room and used it as a stimulus to create a piece of drama. They then had the day to rehearse a short story that they had written and scripted to perform. Each group came up with a different interpretation of what was in the room of the crime scene. Many used the theme of 'who done it' with a murder at the centre of the crime. At the end of the day parents and family were invited into school to watch the performances. Students all did fantastically and every performance was entertaining and well rehearsed.



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."





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 from students this term. See here some of the excellent makes and bakes including cheesecakes, soups and breakfast muffins. Congratulations to all of our star bakers!



Fish Workshop

On Monday 5th June a group of 30 Year 10 Catering students took part in a fresh fish workshop. The workshop was kindly presented by Kay and Mary Bagwell from Sidmouth Trawlers. They brought a huge range of locally caught fresh fish for the students to identify: John Dory, plaice, dabs, squid, scallops, gurnard, mackerel, sea bream and sea trout.

Kay explained all the equipment she uses for scaling and filleting fish, then she expertly demonstrated how to fillet and prepare each style of fish. The students were particularly thrilled to see the filleting of the squid and to learn how to separate the ink sack for use in other recipes. They were then allowed to have a go at filleting their own fish and managed remarkably well under Kay's supervision.

Kay then fried the filleted plaice in breadcrumbs and the students were able to enjoy eating them. Mary presented a fascinating history of local fishing and fish habitats. She also spoke about climate change and how it was affecting fish supplies. It was a fantastic afternoon, the students learnt so much about preparing fish from this hands on experience. They also learnt about different types of fishing and had a good introduction to the fishing heritage of this unique and special place. They also all loved eating it!



Accelerated Reader



This year has seen both years 7 and 8 engage with the Accelerated Reader scheme and boy have they engaged! The combined total of words read by both year groups is a whopping 75,519,249. That's right, just over seventy five and a half million words!

Within the year groups we have nineteen millionaire readers, students who have read at least one million words. These students are: Joe Ashby, Reuben Bennett, Feni Felix, Jack Goodman, Jasper Green, Anna Jones-Montague, Freddie Whitelock, Phoebe Linton, Isla Millmow and Eloise Richards from year 8. Eve Marshman, Tyler Adams, Benjamin Russell-Thorne, Iona Gray, Henry Strong, George Chapman, Thomas Fletcher, Alisha Westlake and Bethany Shipton all from year 7.

A massive well done to all of year 7 and 8, remember to keep reading over the summer holidays!



Gig in the Gardens

On Wednesday 12th July Mr Hickman took students from years 7-11 to Connaught Gardens in Sidmouth to play on the bandstand. It was a glorious evening and students performed a variety of musical pieces from instruments including piano, guitar and drums for the many onlookers. Many students also sang solos accompanied by Mr Hickman and duets. All students were fantastic and did exceptionally well. Congratulations to them all!



Songwriting and composing skills workshop

During the Summer Term, a group of Sidmouth College Music students have been busy creating new works to be debuted at Sidmouth Folk Week. Mr Hickman, Teacher of Music, felt that students would benefit from some song writing input from musicians other than himself. Through the Sid Vale Association, Mr Hickman was able to engage WREN Music in a series of song writing workshops.

Liz Warren from the SVA, which makes grants from the Keith Owen Fund, was pleased to hand over a cheque of £1,950 to facilitate the song writing workshops.



Mr Hickman said "This generous funding by the Sid Vale Association's Keith Owen Fund has enabled these young people to be part of something special and something new. Through WREN Music, students have been able to develop their composition skills and prepare their music for a group performance at the Manor Pavilion during Folk Week"

Big Bang!

Four Year 8 students from the Sidmouth College STEM club (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) took part in the Big Bang at Exeter University this term. The students had researched the effects of stress on the brain and had some tasks for people to try to see how stress affected them, they then presented their findings to a panel of Judges.

The students also had the chance to visit a range of stands in the Science fair and had the opportunity to take part in a variety of activities from interactive welding to a workshop on space. A great day out and students represented the College wonderfully.





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. To finish, Mr Hickman, Mr Wickins and Year 7 students Iona, Jacob and George performed two songs to the rest of the College. They were fantastic and you can watch their performance on our facebook page www.facebook.co.uk/sidmouthcollege or on our website at <http://www.sidmouthcollege.devon.sch.uk/latest-news>.

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. Congratulations to Mrs Omand's tutor group who won with the most points!



Big thank you to the SCA

Mr Ingham Hill and the College would like to recognise and thank the SCA for all their efforts and generosity this year. The Sidmouth College Association are an incredible group of volunteers who readily give up a significant amount of time to raise funds for College use. The funds they raise are used to enhance the learning experience for our students and are of direct benefit to the College community. The committee would be keen to hear from anyone interested in joining the association. I would like to thank the current committee for their amazing work across the year.

This year the SCA have purchased a Video Camera for the College, furniture for the Sixth Form, banners for exams, Geography textbooks, library books, History textbooks, Ten Tors tents and equipment and PE kit. These items have been funded through events such as quiz nights, bags2school, Easter egg raffle, Waitrose Community Matters, Year 7 Christmas party, parents evening refreshments and sales of second hand uniform.



SCA Quiz

The SCA quiz was a huge success on Friday 7th July raising over £500. Attendees were treated to a host of rounds including music, celebrities, geography and sport, as well as the usual fun games and raffle. Congratulations to the winning team who went home with a case of wine. A big thank you to all that attended the quiz, to the members of the SCA who put on the event and to the Heads of Department who donated raffle prizes. We'd also like to thank Tesco in Sidmouth who donated a huge amount of nibbles for the event.



Artist Workshop

On Wednesday 5th July we hosted an artist workshop for students delivered by internationally renowned local painter Colin Bentley. Colin is well known for painting landscapes and has undertaken a project with the Jurassic Coast called '95 miles of coastline, 3 years of art'.



Students were treated to a demonstration, then they were set a number of short drawing tasks before creating

Star of the Month June

Year 7 - Thomas Craig

Year 8 - Charlie Williams & Isla Millmow

Year 9 - Molly Parry & Emily Pulman

Year 10 - Eva Swann (Art) & Megan Morrish (Photography)

Year 12 Tim Radcliff & Antonia Bohm (Photography)

Art and Photography

their own landscapes over a longer period of time. Colin was great fun and was also very impressed with the work our students created, spotting plenty of talent.

We are hoping that outstanding work produced during these workshops will be included in the exhibition towards the end of 2017.

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