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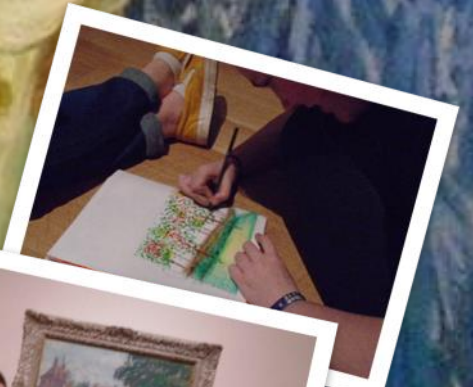
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ART TRIP TO TATE LONDON

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YR10 TATE BRITAIN TRIP



In March, we took YR10 GCSE up to London to see the Van Gogh exhibition at the Tate Britain. We had a wonderful day and produced some fantastic work in response to what we had seen. We handmade concertina sketchbooks, which we used to record ideas and techniques and these will be on display in the LRC for everybody to enjoy. We all had a lovely day up in London.

This is just a small sample of the amazing work that the students completed for the GCSE in Art & Design this year. They were super students with fantastic ideas and a brilliant attitude towards their own development as young artists. We wish you all the best in your future paths. It was a real joy. Thank you for a great time guys!!



YR11 RESPONSES TO THE EXAM UNIT

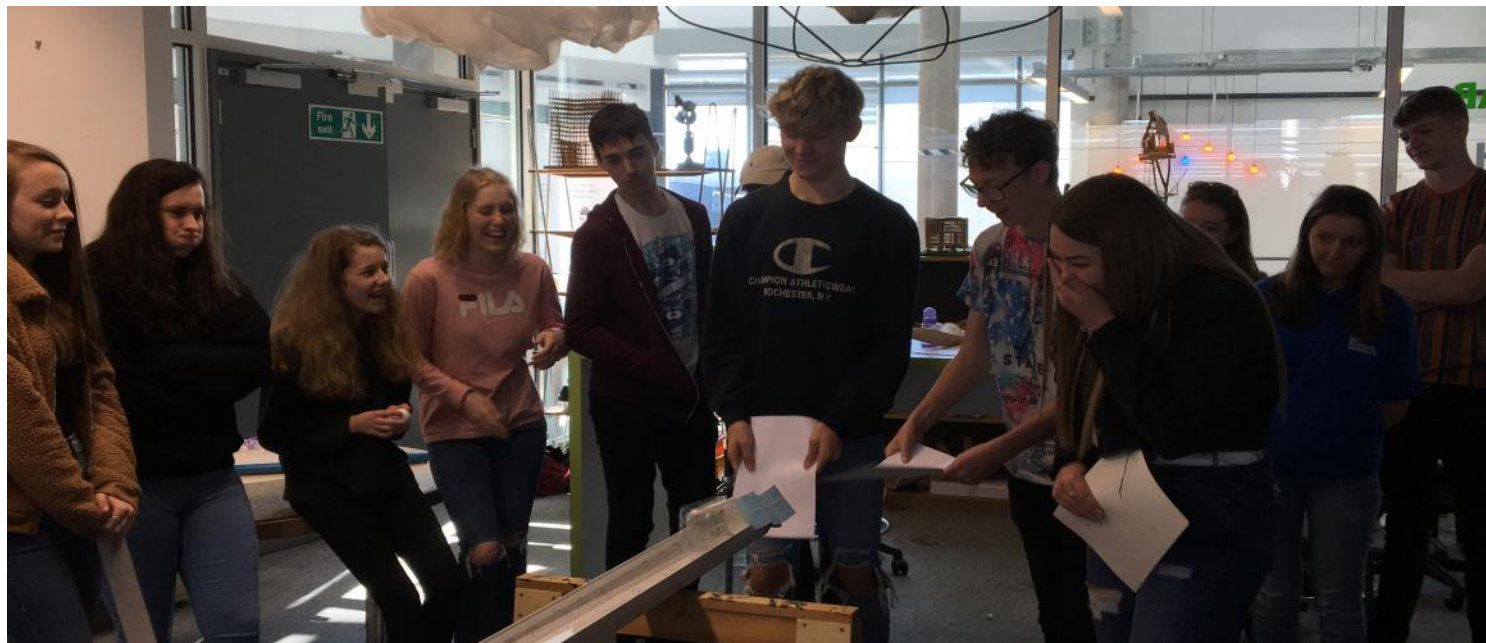
Year 7 Maths Challenge at Taunton School



On Tuesday 18th June we attended the Taunton School Year 7 Maths Challenge and came 5th out of 12 teams (we only missed 4th place by 1 point!). We started the day working out how much it would cost to re-turf their field – we were running around the field measuring distances with a trundle wheel, trying not to get wet! We then completed a really fun Sudoku puzzle but instead of numbers we had to place different flags and different courses for a meal – it really made us think (and made us hungry)! After that was a mental maths challenge (we had lots of questions to answer without a calculator!) We finished with a treasure hunt and a relay race. We didn't stop working and we were having so much fun the morning flew by. It was such a fun day and we learnt lots of different ways of thinking mathematically. The food was also really amazing!

Written by William B, 7S1





On Wednesday the 27th March 50 students from Year 11 and from Year 10 Elevate visited the University Of Plymouth for the day. The purpose of the visit was to raise aspirations, by inspiring more students to consider University and higher education. Students were put into groups, assigned campus tour guides and had a comprehensive tour of the University, as well as attending information sessions covering University life. Students were also treated to an interactive lecture in either Geology or Design Technology.

Some students had already set their sights on University and had come along to see University life at first hand, but for most it was an opportunity to look at post 18 options and the implications of progressing into higher education. Comments from students who attended included “I had a brilliant day. I was surprised how many people there were and how friendly everyone was. The boat race activity was tons of fun especially as it was a time pressured race and the ambassadors were really passionate. I was thinking about University but thought I wouldn't be able to go, this trip has proved to me that I can get a place at Uni, this has been a really valuable experience.” Another said “I really enjoyed hearing about the cool things you can do at Uni. The tour showed me how different university was to what I thought it would be like. It made me really want to go to Uni and the information on student life showed me it was achievable and more importantly I can afford it.”

Pictured are some of the students working in teams on the boat race challenge, students on campus tours and receiving talks in a typical lecture hall.

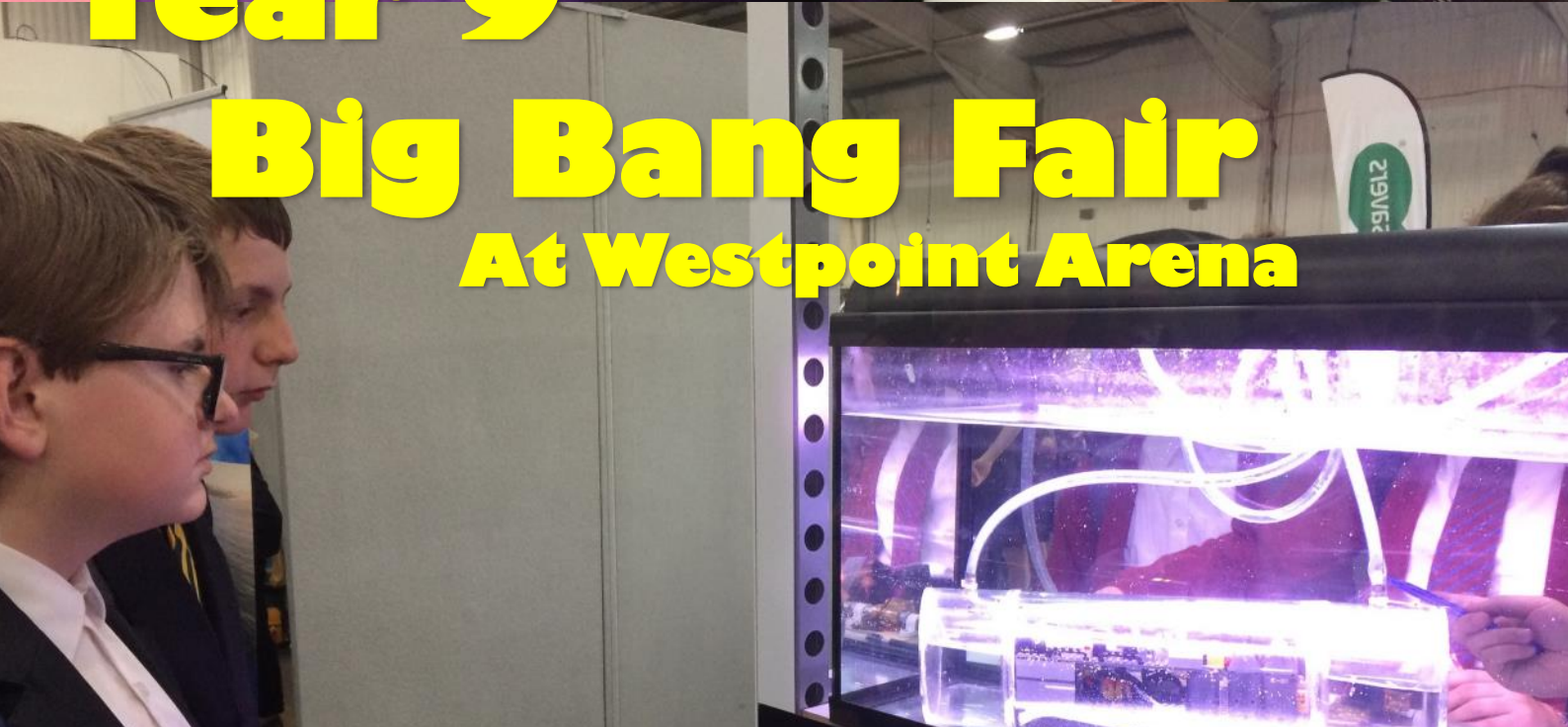
Year 11 Plymouth University Visit





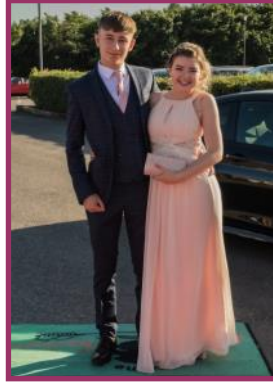
Year 9

Big Bang Fair At Westpoint Arena



On June 25th a group of enthusiastic Year 9 students visited Westpoint Arena to experience the Big Bang Fair. This was a fully interactive Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths event from a huge range of regional, national and even global companies. They were also treated to the 'Wonderstruck' show which was entertaining for all. A great way to inspire students and showcase all the amazing opportunities a career in STEM has to offer.

Year 11 Prom

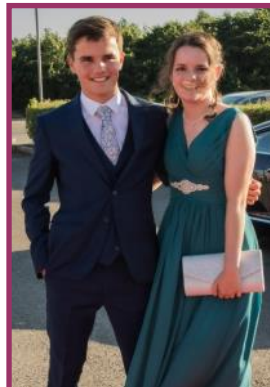


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Year 11 Prom



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Our fantastic year 11 students attended their School Leavers Prom at Oake Manor Golf Course on Friday 12th July 2019. Looking elegant and handsome the students arrived in a wide variety of transportation to the generous applause of an impressive crowd of family, friends and well-wishers adorning the small hill beside the dropping off point. Thank you to all our parents/carers and to the staff at Oake who made it such a special occasion.



Year 10 Dawlish Warren

Geography Field Trip

Our wonderful Year 10 G.C.S.E. Geography students making the most of the weather at Dawlish Warren on Friday 5th July 2019.

Students were measuring groynes to investigate longshore drift. As well as analysing coastal defence strategies to gather evidence for their fieldwork hypothesis.



Celebration Evenings & Key Stage 3 Graduation

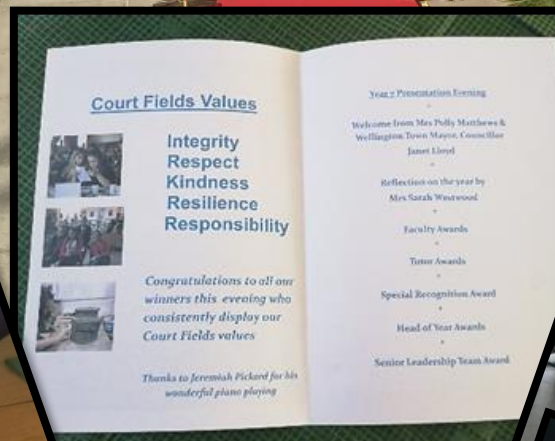
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Watching our Year 9 students walking the red carpet with their families and receiving their Key Stage 3 Graduation Certificates was a very proud moment. They have a great future ahead as they start their GCSE Key Stage 4 courses. We also were entertained by Fleur at the Year 9 Evening and the Year 10 BTEC Music group at our Year 10 Evening, demonstrating again just what talent we have in the school.

Congratulations go to all the students, but in particular Anthony H who won the Governor's Cup as the outstanding student in Year 9.



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We were very excited this year to hold our first Year 7 & 8 Celebration Evening as part of our new format award celebrations.

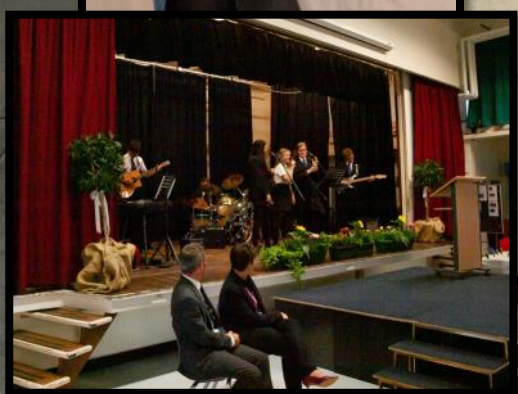
The students were presented with awards recognising effort from all Subjects, Tutors (celebrating students for upholding our values of achieve, belong, participate), Head of Year awards and the Senior Leadership Team (SLT) Awards for the all-round outstanding student in each year.

It was a fantastic event with a wonderful atmosphere. Congratulations to all our winners, especially Lucy and Sean winning the SLT Award and Lewis, Imogen, Halle and Dylan for the Head of Year Award. Each year group also had celebration assemblies at the end of term, where we awarded students for attendance, behaviour and progress.

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The Big Sing 2019

Singers from primary schools across our catchment area joined the Court Fields School choir for the Wellington Singing Festival on Tuesday 9th July.

It was lovely for parents to hear each choir sing two solo items and then join together for the massed choir numbers - a truly impressive sound.

Congratulations to all our students and our all those who took part from our local primary schools. We look forward to welcoming you again next year.





Sports Leaders

Our Court Fields sports leaders have had a very busy and successful year. They have helped to run and organise twelve Primary Sports Festivals, 6 Central venue league Primary tournaments, a 'Step into Sport' training day and numerous activities within PE lessons and extra curricular clubs.. This has meant that they have worked with a total of over 2000 children from our Primary feeder schools and have had nearly 35 hours of leadership experience over the year. We have also had 29 Sports leaders going over and above this commitment and have completed their Level 1 Qualification in Sports Leadership. A fantastic achievement which has helped them all to gain essential life skills including communication skills, self belief, team work and problem solving skills.

There will be more leadership opportunities next year as we will be looking for the next generation of Court Fields Sports Leaders and our current leaders from this year will have an integral part in helping develop these new leaders. A massive well done to all involved this year.

Brooke A

England Captain



During Year 9 Brooke was extremely fortunate to represent and Captain the English Schools U15s Girls football team. They team enjoyed a successful trip to Salou, where although result didn't go in their favour, the experience is something that will stay the girls for a lifetime (Wales: Lost 2-1, Scotland Lost 2-1, Republic of Ireland 1-1).

Next year Brooke has signed a 1 year contract with Bristol City RTC U16s. This will be another challenge. Brooke is a fantastic talent and we wish Brooke the very best of luck.

Last week Brooke was notified that she has been selected for the first England Training Camp for the U15s. This will take place over the summer in Leicestershire. This is a tremendous achievement and something of which Brooke should be extremely proud. I hope you join us in wishing Brooke all the very best and hopefully in 4 years' time we'll see her playing for the Lionesses in the next World Cup!

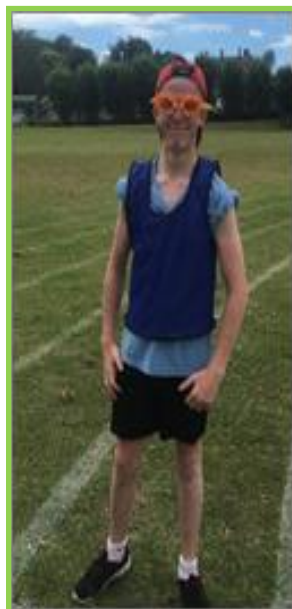


Sports Day

Court Fields School hosted another successful and sunny sports day on Tuesday 9th July. The Sports Captains worked tirelessly sorting pupils from their houses into events so they had the best chance of winning the prestigious sports day House Cup. The pre-sports events in the morning were well attended and the atmosphere was great with music playing and pupils smiling.

In the afternoon the whole school came out to watch the rest of the events. Tug of war and the relays are always a highlight with Sapphire Year 8 mixed relay winning and breaking a school record. Thomas H in Year 8 also smashed the 300m school record and will probably hold this for a fair few years in the future. The highlight of the day was the staff relay with Emerald winning this year.

The scorers worked with pace to collect in all results and it was announced Ruby were victorious by only 7 points! Well done to all involved, another great whole school event supported by all pupils and staff!



Sports Day



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Eco Factory

Go4SET project





A group of Year 9 students recently won an innovation award at the EDT's Go4SET STEM Competition. The Go4SET project is typically 10 weeks and offers young people in Years 8/9 the opportunity to develop skills, inform subject choice and change perceptions about STEM, raising awareness of how studying these subjects can lead to a rewarding career. The students had to design a new eco friendly factory that uses new, sustainable and environmentally friendly ways to create the energy it needs to run. This year our students designed a factory that made clothes from recycling old clothes and the energy required for the making of these clothes came from wind power.



The students attended a graduation day in June where the judges recognised the groups very original design with the award for innovation. In preparation for the graduation day the students had to produce a report explaining their project, a model of their factory and then a presentation to explain their factory to the judges. Throughout the project the students worked incredibly hard and we are all very proud of their achievements.



Local Walks

On Wednesday 17th July, an intrepid group of seventeen Year 9 students undertook a circular walk from school of over 11 miles. The route took in some of the beautiful local scenery, passing through Runnington, Langford Budville, Langford Heath and Kittisford, then back along the river to Tonedale. We spotted an abundance of different flora and fauna, and an enjoyable time was had by all!



Art Activities - 'No Excuse for Single Use'

We made a plastics recycling point called 'Delphi' which will go in the corridor in C block and a very large mosaic highlighting the problem of plastics in our oceans. The students and staff worked super hard on this exciting project. Now it just needs to be grouted and then we can seal the wood on the back and it is fit to go up on an external wall.



Activities Week

Multi-Sports

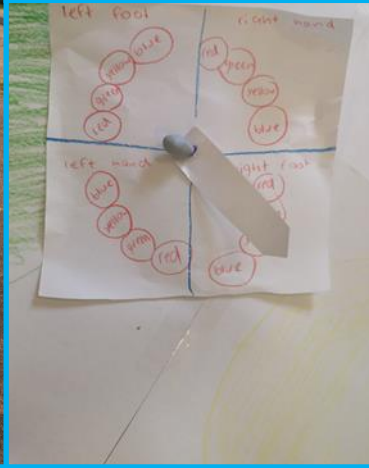
Mr Conway and Miss Gibbins had the pleasure of running 3 days of multi sports with year 8s and 9s. The pupils were fantastic and had a great attitude throughout. Pupils were split into a team and allocated a country. They then competed in various sports tournaments such as handball, basketball, rounders and football with points being awarded depending on position. Extra awards were also given for golden boot, team spirit, positive attitude and kindness. We had a great 3 days and the pupils were a brilliant!



Woodlands

Below are some photo's of activities week- these are from Friday when year 8 and 9 went to woodlands. Despite the rain all students made the most of their activities and all had fun- some staff were even roped into the water slides! Students behaving impeccably and made Court Fields proud despite getting rather wet!





Activities Week



Donkey Sanctuary

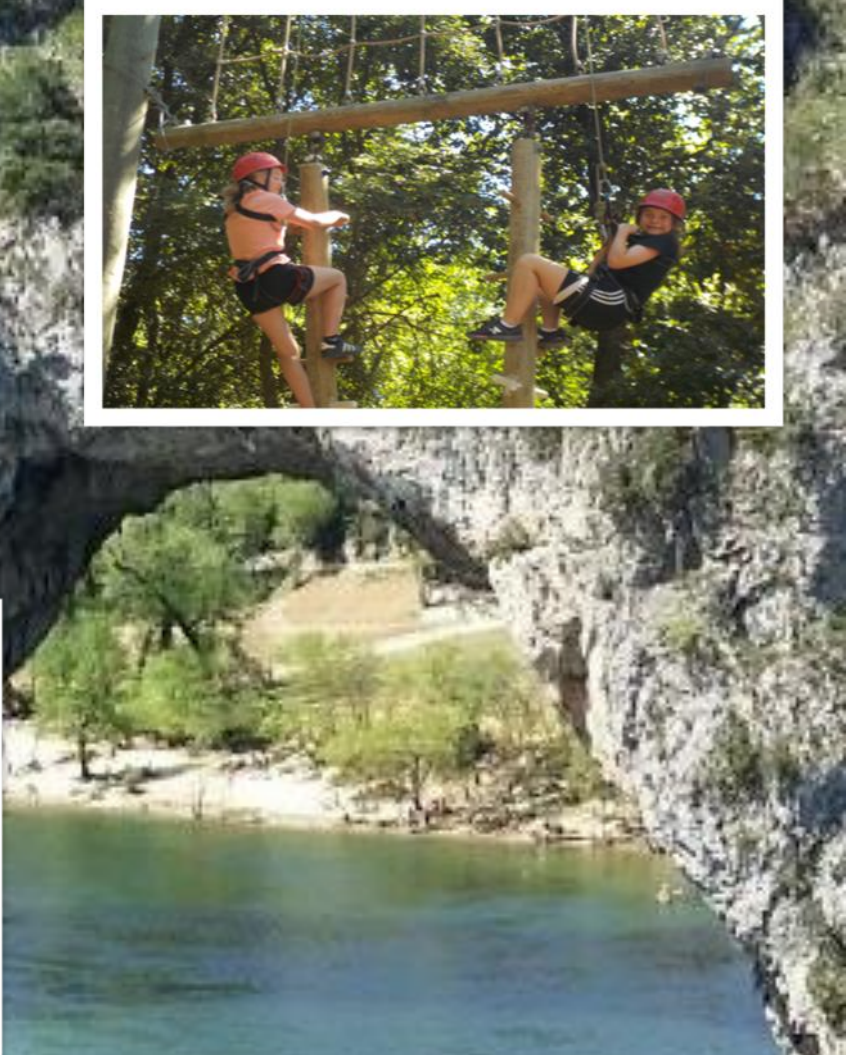
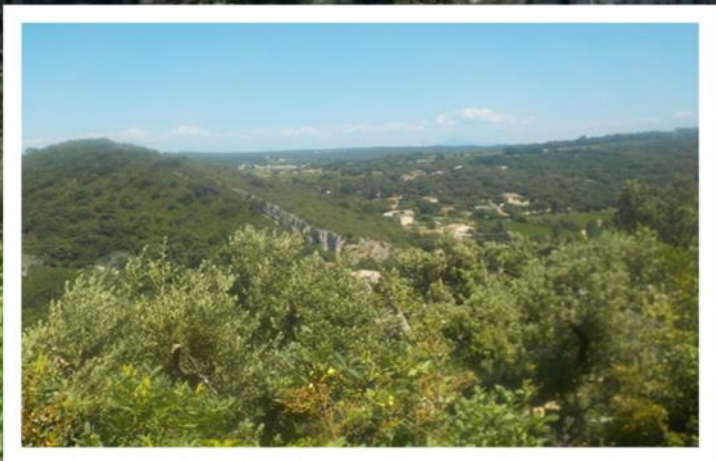
One of the Friday activities days was a coach trip out to the Donkey Sanctuary in Sidmouth, followed by a spot of lunch and shopping - also with beach time. Despite the weather not being as great as we had hoped, a fabulous time had by all. Pictured out to lunch are some of our Year 10s, pictured with the donkeys are Year 10 Tyler Vickery and Charlotte Vile, clearly big fans!



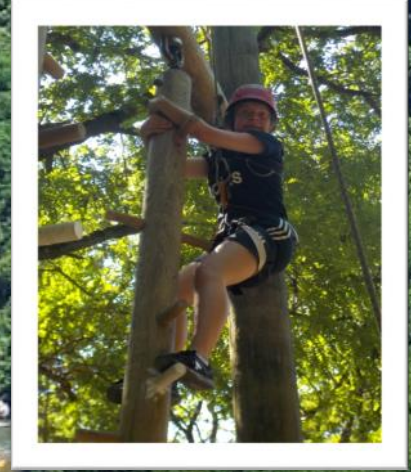
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Ardèche



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YEAR 9 ECO PRESENTATION

Inspired by Greta Thunberg and the recent school strikes for climate change, year 9 students have been investigating what we as a school can do to combat climate change and how we can reduce our own environmental footprint and do our bit to save the planet.

Students did research in and around school to identify areas in which we can improve and then presented both the issues found and potential solutions to Mrs Matthews and Mrs Morcombe. It was fantastic to see year 9 so passionate about driving change in our school and the presentations were considered, professional and showed a great deal of maturity. Next year these students will form part of a team to lead others in reducing our environmental impact. A selection of student reports about what they found is below.

"Our oceans are majestic, though suffer a bitter reality ... Plastic. With the reality of there currently being around 10-20 million tons of plastic in the ocean, we face disaster in the coming years. If one were to line all the plastic bags in the ocean up, there would be around 15 plastic bags per metre² of coastline. If this continues there will be more plastic than fish in the oceans. We need to stop contributing and start changing. Change may seem difficult, though as Nido Qubein said "Change brings opportunities".

Recently Court Fields School started to replace plastic cutlery in the canteens with wooden cutlery. This has so far made a huge difference, but is this enough? English at Court fields has introduced Eco-friendly discussions for year 9 students to give ideas on how the school can become eco-friendlier. From Wax cloth food coverings to drinks dispensers to an increase in recycling facilities and suggestions to encourage students to use multi-use drinks and food containers, the discussions were a great way for students to put their ideas and views forward. It's our world, and our future, we have the power to change and if we don't change, we will suffer the consequences. "

Anthony H



YEAR 9 ECO PRESENTATION

"The main problems my group found in school were littering, where our rubbish goes when we throw it away and the excessive use of plastic in our canteen. We argued that we as a school should introduce plastic recycling bins both inside and outside so that people have no excuse to litter and we ensure recyclable rubbish is recycled responsibly. We also said that food in the canteen should be served on plates rather than in plastic containers and that we should have more water bottle filling stations to encourage students to use re-usable bottles in order to avoid excessive amounts of waste going to landfill."

Isabella H



What We Need To Do As A School

- As a school, we need to reduce our plastic usage i.e in canteen packaging
- We also need to introduce recycling bins, even though we already have paper recycling, we really need plastic recycling bins in every classroom.
- We need to completely stop littering around the school and make sure NO rubbish is left around.



"We investigated the use of plastics and toxic waste in student's beauty products and found that a huge amount of it was entirely avoidable. As a result, we found a recipe for and made an eco-friendly moisturiser which contains no toxic ingredients, is entirely natural and requires no plastic packaging. If all of the students in Court Fields were taught to make products like this our total saving in plastic waste per year could be huge! We also argued that we could have dispensers for these type of products in school and students could bring a re-usable bottle to refill, funding the making of the products and saving waste. By educating students on sustainable beauty we can ensure a life-long commitment to reducing pollution and plastic waste. "

Ebony V, Jade L and Leah M

"I was really impressed with how many students attended, how they had clearly done their research (which I found both interesting and concerning), how they stood in front of us all and delivered their messages but most importantly how engaged they are in wanting to help the school to make a difference. They didn't just present problems they looked to seek solutions which I thought was helpful in terms of making the right changes.

I am very excited to be a part of the Eco group starting in September, particularly after seeing the commitment from these students to want to be heard about something so important, something that will have a massive effect on them for years to come." Mrs Morcom

Surfing at Croyde Bay

As part of this years activities days, 40 year 8 and 9 students went surfing at Croyde beach. Students did fantastically well and braved some big waves and poor weather conditions. Most were up on their feet by the end of the day and a fantastic time was had by all.





On Wednesday 10th July a group of students went with Mrs Smith and Mrs Lees to the Cardio Tennis Event at Castle School. Our students were presented with a range of challenges and really enjoyed the day.

Learning Support Awards

On Thursday 20th June, Court Fields School was delighted to host the Learning Support Awards, which is an annual event that recognises the outstanding achievements and endeavours of our students. 31 students and their guests attended and received medals and certificates in recognition of their efforts.

Mr Grahame Woodward presented the medals and gave a short speech, sharing some insights that he learnt during his 43 years of public service. Amongst the award winners were Tegan H for Musical Performance, Paul S for Robotics, and Beau B for the Prefect Award.

SEN Update

Keeping our Children Safe

ONLINE DURING HOLIDAYS

"When we buy our children their first bike we know we have to teach them to ride it. It's the same with technology. Make sure they have the best possible experience using it by teaching them how to use it safely".

Vicki Shotbolt, Executive Board
Member of the UK Council for Child Internet Safety



KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE ONLINE

Tips for adults and carers

Explain	Explain how children can use privacy settings	Check	Check tagging settings so child's identity not revealed when sharing posts/photos
Disable	Disable location services on mobile devices to avoid being tracked	Encourage	Encourage children to talk if they see anything that upsets them
Show	Show them how to report offensive comments or block people if necessary	Ask	Ask them to show you which social media apps they use

YOUNGMINDS

We all know the whirlwind the end of term can be, with plays, sport days, fairs, trips and proms! It's also a time of goodbyes for students, with new classes and new teachers.

But often the frenzied activity of the final weeks means we collapse into the holidays, without taking stock of how far we've come, marking those 'endings' or considering how the stress may have affected us.

Our children may be riding the wave of the end of term buzz, but for lots of them the lack of routine and structure can be unsettling, especially as they are reminded of the changes (big and small) that lie ahead.

The Young Minds website is full of activities and resources to help students deal with change and reflect on the year.

For some students, the summer represents a time when they may feel bored, unstimulated, unmotivated or even unsafe. The Young Minds website includes resources for your pupils, to help them stay mentally healthy and safe this summer.

Find out more at youngminds.org.uk

#Pledge2Game - New campaign

The **Internet Matters** team are challenging you to '**Play Your Children at their Own Game**' this summer! Playing video games with your children is one of the best ways to keep them safe and healthy when they are gaming and we all know that kids love to beat the adults! To support parents, Internet Matters have also created a **Gaming Hub**, which has fantastic tips on gaming to support families.

Find the advice at: <https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/online-gaming-advice/> and **#Pledge2Game** with your children to help them develop healthy gaming habits this summer holiday!

Read more about the **#Pledge2Game** campaign at: <https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/esafety-news/play-your-child-at-their-own-game-this-summer/>

Worried about how you're feeling?



Check out youngminds.org.uk/find-help

YOUNGMINDS

Over the next year we're seeking to develop our wellbeing services for students at Court Fields. If you have any ideas or would like to get involved please contact us on the school email: sch.552@educ.somerset.gov.uk

We're also looking for students who would like to volunteer as Anti-Bullying Ambassadors or Peer Supporters to help promote positive mental health and wellbeing. Any students who are interested in either of these roles should see Mrs Towler-Williams for more details.

ChildLine
0800 1111

Whatever your worry, it's better out than in.
Don't wait until it gets too much. Talk to ChildLine. We're the UK's free, confidential 24-hour service for children and young people.
www.childline.org.uk/school

Wellbeing at Court Fields

SHARE (Schools Health & Resilience Education) is delighted to be working with Court Fields once again from September 2019 with the aim of working together closely to promote a Whole-School Approach to mental health and emotional wellbeing.

SHARE is a countywide project commissioned by the Somerset Clinical Commissioning Group and being delivered by Somerset Partnership NHS Foundation Trust to improve the mental health and emotional wellbeing of young people aged 11 to 18 years across Middle and Secondary schools in Somerset. The service has been running since September 2017 having already worked with a large number of Schools across the county.

The team is based in Taunton within the CAMH (Child & Adolescent Mental Health) Service*. We also collaborate with Somerset Public Health to promote the Somerset Wellbeing Framework (www.cypsomersethealth.org/the_somerset_wellbeing_framework)

SHARE Project Workers will be regular visitors to the school from September to support the development of Mental Health & Wellbeing provision within the school.

Please visit our website www.sharesomerset.co.uk and follow us on Twitter @SomparShare to find out more.

We are looking forward working the students and staff at Court Fields and getting to meet more of you in the near future too.

Best Wishes,

The SHARE Project

SHARE wants to improve the mental health and emotional well-being of our young people in Secondary and Middle Schools in Somerset. We want to change our culture by breaking down the stigma of mental health issues, and by helping our young people become more resilient so they are better equipped to understand and manage their

SHARE will do this by involving everyone in schools – teaching professionals, young people and parents, volunteers and support staff - and provide them the tools and resources to help recognise, manage and sustain good mental health and emotional well-being.



The National Citizens Service (NCS) is a fantastic opportunity after you have finished your exams in year 11. It starts with a 2 week residential which includes team building and life skills. The first week is adventure filled and fun packed and an incredible chance to meet lots of new people. The second week gave us the opportunity to become more independent, we even managed to cook for ourselves.



The next two weeks are about delivering a social action project within your community. Working with our team colleagues from other local schools, we have decided to raise funds for The Archie Project. This is a local Wellington based dementia awareness charity. We have chosen to support this charity as dementia is an illness that impacts upon so many families. In order to raise money we have held two cake sales in Taunton, have collected in the street and we are delighted to say that Court Fields have agreed to support us in our fundraising efforts by donating to our chosen charity. We would like to thank Mrs Matthews and all the staff at Court Fields for their support.

To any students in year 10, NCS will visit Court Fields in year 11, we would highly recommend that you take up this fabulous opportunity. It may look good on your CV and university applications but it is also a great way to meet new people, build your confidence and have fun.

Benjamin L, Matthew C, Xander BC, Adrian A

National Citizenship Service

Find out more about the National Citizenship Service on their website <https://www.ncsyes.co.uk/>

Reminiscence Learning is a Regional and National Award winning registered charity based in Wellington, Somerset. They provide a specialist training experience for three main areas within the care industry: dementia, reminiscence and activities.

The Archie Project

The Archie Project is an intergenerational dementia awareness project that links primary schools, care homes, sheltered housing schemes, business/services and community members to ultimately create dementia friendly communities.. Find out more at www.reminiscencelearning.co.uk





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