

The Update

Axe Valley Academy Newsletter: Friday 26th May 2017 - Issue 8



Headteacher's message

As we reach the end of another half term, it seems to me to be a good time to reflect on the highlights of this last few weeks. Our Year 11, 12 and 13 students are working so hard towards their exams which are now well underway and it was great to hear so many positive reports from last week's Year 10 work experience placements.

On Monday this week, we were delighted to be joined by the candidates who are seeking to become our next MP in a Question Time event hosted by our very own Charlie Hall. It was brilliant to see our students engaging with the national political debates that are dominating the campaigns. I was also very privileged this week to have had the opportunity to travel to London to receive our new Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme Licensed Centre certificate at Buckingham Palace.

Looking forwards to next half term, I am eagerly anticipating the school production of We Will Rock You and I would also like to draw your attention to an event that we have planned for Thursday 22nd June between 5pm-6pm. We will be officially opening our new Arts Centre and will also be marking our move to academy status. If you are able to join us to celebrate these landmarks in our recent history, you would be most welcome.

Finally, and on a rather sad note, our non-uniform day this term is raising funds for Devon Air Ambulance in memory of our former site manager, Robin Cross who died recently. Many of you will have known Robin and it is fitting that we will be able to make a donation in his honour to a charity that meant so much to him.

I hope that you all have a sunny half term break.

Steven Green - Headteacher



Mr Green receiving the Duke of Edinburgh certificate from Prue Leith, celebrity chef and Bake-off judge at Buckingham Palace.

Diary Dates - June 2017

- 29th May to 2nd June - Half term
- 5th June - ASPIRE visit to Oxford University
- 7th & 14th June - Skills for Success ASPIRE workshops
- 8th June - REACH Army careers workshop
- 16th June - Year 11 Celebration Assembly and BBQ
- 22nd June - Official Opening of the Arts Centre
- 26th June - REACH STEM Challenge Day
- 27th June - ASPIRE Primary Arts Carousel
- 28th & 29th June - ASPIRE Eden Project visit
- 28th June - Year 6 Transition Day and Evening
- 29th June - Sixth Form Prom
- 10th, 11th & 12th July - We Will Rock You - School Production



Celebration Assembly Year 11

Thanks to all staff for contributing so many positive stories about our Year 11 students and a big thanks to all the Year 11 students that are showing superb effort and commitment in the lead up to their exams.

There were numerous messages about our students completing their controlled assessment to a high standard. Many have exceeded expectations and this shows how focussed lots of our students have been in the classroom.

There were some amazing art pieces on show from Mr Bowskill's art class. Work from Martin, Erin and Fenella was used to illustrate the high standard being achieved.

We celebrated the Catering group's wonderful exam performance which finishes with a tasting that staff can attend. It is always one of the highlights of the year. Barnaby's chicken Ballantine, Luke's duck, Aarron's spicy relish and Cammy's vegetarian shepherd's pie were all highlights.

It was also nice to hand out Prom discount vouchers to many students. Those receiving 75% off the price of their ticket included; Sophia Harris, Sophie Ellis, Ralph Vigno, Lauren Roberts, Megan Searle, Young Luke, Maya Coman, Kobi Burrough, Ella Magrane and Elliot Turner.

We are now in the middle of exams and we'd just like to keep wishing our students the very best and hope they excel.

Mr G Horn - Year 11 Leader



Fundraising

Fundraising Day to commemorate the life of Robin Cross

On Friday 26th May we are holding a non-uniform day as a tribute to the life of former Site Manager Robin Cross who sadly died of a heart attack on 18th April.

Robin worked as site manager for the school for 25 years and retired in 2014. He was also well known for his role with the Special Constabulary where he gave 27 years of voluntary service and retired as its special chief inspector. Even after he retired he continued to be an active member of the community and selflessly dedicated much of his spare time to helping others and making life better for local residents. He is remembered very affectionately by many of the Axe Valley staff and students alike.

The proceeds of the non-uniform day will go to Devon Air Ambulance, a charity that Robin helped and supported for many years. The Devon Air Ambulance Trust provides urgent medical assistance to people in Devon. Their two helicopters allow them to reach emergency scenes, often inaccessible by road, within minutes. With the support of local people they save hundreds of lives per year.

We hope the students at Axe Valley will support the day and that we can make a substantial donation to this very worthy cause.



Friday 14th July, evening - invitation only.
Monday 17th & Tuesday 18th July - 10am - 2:30 pm
Open to the public in the main hall.

EXHIBITION

FINE ART
PHOTOGRAPHY
PRODUCT DESIGN
TEXTILES

Sixth Form Update

As we wait for summer to finally arrive there are no surprises to state that this half-term has been a very busy period for all sixth formers and staff at Axe Valley Academy. Year 13 students have been fully focussed on preparation, revision for their exams and the completion of coursework supported by staff after school, weekends and the final drive next week during half-term. Students have been encouraged to apply themselves in the months leading up to exams and we must all ensure that they prioritise their studies to ensure they give themselves every opportunity to achieve or exceed their target grades. Some Year 12's have also taken exams in Law but as a year group they have been investigating their future options of university, apprenticeships or employment.



Highlights this month include the recent 'hustings' when Axe Valley Academy put on a Question Time event in the common room to engage our young voters. Thank you, to Miss Borley, for inviting the local political candidates who answered a range of challenging questions provided by both students and staff.

Last Friday Seaton played Upottery in the Seaton Challenge Cup Final and won with Jacob Rowe and Max Richardson representing the home team a great effort from you both. A special mention goes to ex-teacher goal keeper Dave Perham who received the man of the match award for his contribution during the game. We would also like to congratulate Max on being awarded an apprenticeship in the IT Department at Axe Power Tools and look forward to him returning to the Sixth Form and discussing the progress he makes.

Due to our strength in drama we have many aspiring actors in school who volunteer their time performing in numerous local productions. Ben Malone recently received good reviews for his portrayal as Trevor Graydon III in the Lyme production of 'Thoroughly Modern Millie'. Well-done sir.



Congratulations to Lydia Hartnell who has recently been elected as Commissionaire for Young Carers Devon. A reward for her continued commitment to her own family and for highlighting the issues faced by those with the same responsibilities to the rest of the community.

These highlights represent just some of the fantastic things our students are achieving in the local community and we look forward to celebrating many more with you in the future.

Important dates: Last exam and 6th Form Prom at Hornsbury Mill 29th June
Year 12 Work experience week 3 – 7th July
New Year 12 Induction Day Wednesday 5th July

AxeUs

Over the past few weeks we have had to halt AxeUs meetings due to the year 13s having exams, which rightfully so have taken main priority. However Seeing everyone come together when the election members came in to debate was a great sight to see. Lydia's questioning on nurses and funding was a solid example of the strong minds we have in the Sixth form. Introducing some students of the lower school also allowed them to witness what we believe politically in the Sixth.

James Windsor - *AxeUs President*

Sixth Form Celebration Assembly



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Tutors each made an award for their own Tutor Groups recognising contribution and commitment to the group. Tutor awards went to: Lily Davis Griffiths, James Windsor, Toby Willis, Issy Somers and Ryan Loveridge.

Three overall Awards were open for nominations this term and 6th Form Teachers were asked to submit nominations and we are pleased to announce the following students received these Awards: Harvey Everard, Megan Voysey and Rosie Bolton

Harvey Everard was nominated by his Psychology teacher for applying the knowledge gained in lessons to all his written essays and writing outstanding essays that exceed his target. Always working to his full potential and making us smile when marking his work as he shows that he just gets it!

Megan Voysey was nominated by Mr Petty, who said, "It is a credit to my year 13 photography group that it has been so difficult to nominate a student that has displayed a particularly positive attitude and made really exciting work as there are several deserving candidates. On this occasion I'd like to draw attention to the positivity, affability and attentiveness of the wonderful Megan Voysey. Megan has been single minded in her pursuit of excellence and her honesty and hard work has led to both fantastic visual material but a focus on process and meaning that gives her work genuine depth".

Rosie Bolton was nominated for her contribution and support of a school sports club. Rosie has been to every year 7 netball practice since September, she has helped out so much. Rosie has been the team manager and the students have responded to her wonderfully. Rosie has shown a great commitment to the wider school by engaging with the sports club.

To round off the celebration once again, Toby Willis provided excellent musical accompaniment on keyboards to our Assembly.



Sports Update

Rounders

Well done to the Year 9 Girls Rounders team on the 23rd May. They played some very close games against Sidmouth, Exmouth and St.Johns in their pool with no more than one rounder between any of the scores in any of the matches. This meant they qualified for the semi-final by just half a rounder!!

They faced Colyton in the semi-final and displayed some accurate fielding and good team work but unfortunately Colyton had the better of them with more consistency in their batting. The final score saw Colyton win 7 1/2 - 4 1/2. It was a good afternoon.



Athletics

A team from Axe Valley Academy attended the East Devon v Exeter Athletics match on Thursday 18th May. The conditions for competing (and officiating) were really awful but all our athletes performed with good spirit and determination and when they had finished they came and helped the officials (even though it was still raining!)

BIG congratulations to the following athletes who have all been selected to attend the Devon County trials and will represent the East Devon and Exeter Area Team on Saturday 10th June. This is the most we have ever had selected for this stage of the competition.

Year 7 Leo Weir (100m and Long Jump)
Year 7 Caitlin Tooze (800m)
Year 9 Poppy Tooze (Hurdles)
Year 9 Izzy Coman (Javelin)
Year 9 Samidi Nanayakkara (200m)
Year 9 Kieran Downton (Discus)
Year 10 Hannah White (Triple Jump) TBC
Year 11 Britney Macklin (Javelin)
Year 11 Will House (400m)
Year 12 Callum Wood (Shot) and Discus



Well done also to:

Tobias Akeroyd, Mia Weir, Sophie Sharp and Tyrone Clarke who all competed well but narrowly missed out on selection.

And finally a huge thankyou to Poppy Hill, Ellie Best, Jamie-Leigh Parfitt, Lilly Brooker, Amy Hoare, and Jessie Holmes who gave up their time freely to assist with results, hurdle moving and assisting in the field events. You were all absolute stars (albeit soggy ones!!)

Mrs T Moran - P.E. Subject Leader





Football

Well done to the Year 9 girls who helped 'Exeter City in the Community' to run a mini football tournament for young primary pupils on the AGP at the end of April .

Cycling

Students performed amazingly well in the East Devon Team Pursuit Cycling Competition with the B team winning the Plate Final! It was a very hot day and a new experience for many so this was a great opportunity for all to see what this event entailed. To win the plate final was a real bonus! Well done to all.

Mr T Davies - PE Department

The Cycling Team:

Freddy Paterson Stack
Amber Coombs
Ben Price
Fred Craker

Jazz Rowe
Evie Rogers
Talia Hutchings
Charlotte Mitchell

Valeria Cheffey
Sophie Smith
Theo Souttar-Stone
Nathaniel Giles Jones

Bobby Harwood
Jonny Seward
Billy Gaits
Joe Richardson



PE Uniform Update

When the new PE kit was launched in September 2015 students and parents were informed of a staggered introduction. The PE kit was compulsory for all new Year 7 students each year and optional for all other students with the expectation that as replacement items were required the NEW kit should be purchased and that by September 2017 the new kit would be compulsory for ALL students from Years 7 to 11.

Hopefully this is a timely reminder and gives students and parents ample time over the next 3 months to purchase the required items before the start of the new academic year in September.

Footwear reminder

ALL students require a pair of football boots suitable for wearing on the AGP.

These **MUST** be plastic studs or plastic moulded studs
NOT metal studs and NOT astro dimples.

Students also require a pair of sports trainers.

Use plastic-studded footwear only
(no metal studs)



PE Fixtures for June 2017

Other Friendly Events may be added

Fixtures will only be fulfilled if students show regular commitment to training

Date	Activity	DETAILS
Tue 13th June	East Devon Swimming Gala	Depart 10.00am Venue: Sidmouth Return: 2.30 approx
Thur 15th June	Year 8 Girls East Devon Rounders	Depart 1.20pm Venue: Uffculme Return: 5.30 approx
Wed 21st June	Year 7 Girls East Devon Rounders	Depart 1.20pm Venue: Uffculme Return: 5.30 approx
Thur 22nd June	Possible date for DEVON SCHOOL GAMES	No further details yet MAY NOT QUALIFY
Thur 29th June	East Devon Athletics Championships	Depart 9.00am Venue: Exeter Arena Return: 6.45 approx

REACH

Tenner Challenge Celebration Assembly

Axe Valley Academy recently offered pupils the chance to participate in the Tenner Challenge, operated through Young Enterprise. Students were given £10 and asked to try and make as much profit as they could while contributing a positive impact to their local area.

The overall winning group was “Amberbelle” with Amber Coombes, Freya Brookes and Valeria Cheffey, who managed to make a very impressive £92.20 profit from a £15 investment through car washing and cake sales.

Several groups collected awards at the end of the challenge including 'Tuckalishous' for most involved and committed group, 'Home Crafts' for most creative product and Emily Margetts who managed to collect an impressive amount of money for charity despite running her company on her own.

Several local charities have benefited from the challenge including Kidney Research, Water Aid and several small local organisations.

The students learnt so many very important lessons such as how hard it is to make money in real life, how difficult it can be to work with friends and how to resolve conflicts, and how genuine effort and determination can be fun and rewarded with real cash.

A massive well done to everyone involved, I'm confident that the spark of entrepreneurship will lead to big things for them in the future.

Mr A Miles - Economics Teacher



Cook Club

This month the students have been making some delicious dishes including chicken and vegetable skewers with rainbow rice, chocolate and raspberry roulade and this week we made mini tortilla quiches which were delicious, if a little messy! I would like to say a special well done to Tyesha Augustin who is always well organised and efficient in the kitchen and to Jessica Pappaconstantinou who cooked with us for the first time this week and made some gorgeous quiches.



Mrs C Pemberton - REACH Co-ordinator

REACH Events coming up later this summer term:

8th June	Army Careers Workshop
15th & 16th June	REACH Mentoring
23rd June	Mentor Celebration Event
5th to 7th July	REACH Celebrations Days—you will be invited to one of these days out if you have participated in events and activities through the year.

ASPIRE

ASPIRE Creative Writing Workshops

Students from our feeder primary schools visited us for creative writing workshops earlier this term with some of our Year 7 students and with English subject leader Naomi Gribler and English teacher Leanne Male.

The students explored the use of vocabulary to bring their stories to life and particularly worked on creating an extension to the Roald Dahl classic *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*. Students were asked to write their chapter down after the workshop and enter our creative writing competition. The winners were Ameera Pheby from Seaton Primary and Ewan Roy from Axminster Primary who were presented with £10 book token prizes. Well done to everyone that participated and Congratulations to the winners!

An extract from one of the winner's entries: "She scoffed the sherbet-chocolate seashells and devoured the candyfloss sea-froth. Next, she guzzled a rainbow jellyfish before reaching for a candyfloss pufferfish. Its gobstopper eyes glowed like pearls and its chocolate spikes looked delectable, melt-in-the-mouth."



ASPIRE Law Trip to Exeter

ASPIRE students from Years 9 & 10 interested in finding out more about a career in law visited the Crown Court in Exeter on Wednesday 10th May. The students were able to sit in the viewer's gallery and watch as witnesses and defendant gave their evidence to the jury.

Afterwards we visited the Maynards School where the University of Law ran a taster session. We explored the legal issues relevant to a music festival and then explored the principles of a contract.

After a break we then had a question and answer session with a panel of trainee lawyers from local firms. Without exception they were inspiring and charismatic with so much advice and enthusiasm for their work that the girls were all buzzing with ideas on the way home.



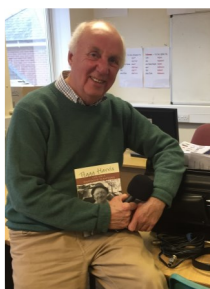


Smallpiece STEM Challenge Day

On 16th May Year 8 & 9 ASPIRE students worked with Smallpiece Engineering ambassador, John Brookes on a series of STEM challenges. After an introduction on what a career in engineering really entails the first challenge was to build the tallest tower of paper that could support a 100g weight without the use of anything other than sheets of A4 paper. The students were unsurprisingly competitive and the eight groups came up with extremely creative and daring designs.

Next came the main challenge of the day to build a filtration system with a water collection tank, an electronic moisture detector connected to a pump. The students had a range of materials to work with that they could 'buy' so that they could prepare a financial analysis for their designs. With soldering irons, glue guns and Stanley knives the students were able to produce some incredibly impressive systems and some even were able to embellish and decorate their designs.

Overall the day was a hive of activity with the students working against the clock on their different tasks. All eight designs were tested and costed with marketing presentations from each. Every team showed ingenuity and creativity and worked extremely hard to produce eight solid and quite different designs.



WW2 Oral History Workshop

Local historian John Burgess visited the college to work with our ASPIRE students on the importance and method of recording oral history. The students practised writing open questions and talked about how to extract the most interesting details about a person's experiences particularly in relation to the WW2 project that is being organised by Axminster Remembers and The Axminster Heritage Centre. There will be an oral history recording booth at the commemorative tea party being held at the Guildhall on 1st June. Everyone is welcome.

ASPIRE Events coming up this summer term:

- 1st June - WW2 Heritage Tea party at the Guildhall
- 5th June - Oxford University workshop and tour
- 7th and 14th June - Skills for Success workshops
- 12th and 19th June - Wood turning workshops at Axminster Tools and Machinery Skill Centre
- 21st June - Big Bang South West Science and Engineering Fair at Exeter University
- 28-29th June - Eden Project trip - workshops and secret Biome, snoozeboxes and zip wire!

1-7 JUNE

VOLUNTEERS' WEEK

June 1st
Axminster Guildhall
11.30am – 2pm

- Activities for children
- Live 1940s Music
- Bring your WWII stories of the area for the recording booth!
- Up Ottery Heritage Centre
- WWII memorabilia
- Refreshments

Volunteer Fayre
Find out about opportunities & projects in your area!

Stall Holders include:
Axminster Remembers: Recording memories of WWII
The Project: Supporting young people on the path to better mental health.
Action East Devon: Working for happier, healthier communities
HALFF (Health & Local Food for Families) *plus*
Citizen's Advice
Axminster League of Friends
Axminster Care Services

Axminster Remembers
The Home of Community Spirit

Community Noticeboard



**Spaces available for all ages:
8 weeks - adults!**

- Official British Gymnastics Registered Club
- Classes now at Axminster Leisure Centre
- Small Coaching Ratios for Quality Tuition

Contact: Head Coach - Emma Prior

Office: 01297 639167

Mob: 07717310198

Email: admin@simplyuk.net

Website: www.simplyuk.net

Current Classes: April - August 2017

Thursday AM Axminster Town FC	Thursday PM Axminster Leisure Centre	Sat PM Kilmington Village Hall
Tots / Fun4Baby 9.30am-10.15am	Recreational 4-7yrs 5pm-6pm	Tots / Fun4Baby 2pm-2.45pm
Pre-School 3-5yrs 10.20am-11.05am	Recreational 7-10yrs 5.45pm-6.45pm	Pre-School 3-5yrs 2.45pm-3.30pm
Pre-School 3-5yrs 11.15am-12pm	Recreational 10-13yrs + 13-16yrs 6.30pm-7.30pm	Recreational 4-7yrs 3.30-4.30pm
	GymFit 16yrs+ 7.30pm-8.45pm	Recreational 7-10yrs, 10-13yrs + 13-16yrs 4.30pm-5.30pm

Classes From September 2017

We will be moving to a permanent home at Axminster Leisure Centre from September 2017 where we have storage for equipment, better equipment and a much bigger space. An exciting development.

Thursday PM Axminster Leisure Centre	Saturday AM Axminster Leisure Centre
Recreational 4-7yrs 5pm-6pm	Tots/Fun4Baby + Pre-School 9.15am-10am
Recreational 7-10yrs 6.45pm-8.45pm	Recreational 4-7yrs 10am-11am
Recreational 10-13yrs + 13-16yrs 6.30pm-7.30pm	Recreational 7-10yrs, 10-13yrs + 13-16yrs 11am-12pm
Gym Fit 16yrs + 7.30pm-8.45pm	Time For Development / Competition Group 10am-11.30am
Time For Development/ Competition Groups 5pm-7.30pm	



Summer Half Term Holiday Cricket Camps

Cloakham Lawn Sports & Social Club, Chard Road, Axminster, EX13 5HW

Coaches: Daniel Murnane, Reid Mowdsley & Emily Broad (All coaches information is on the website www.dlm-coaching.co.uk)

Schedule

Day/Date	Drop Off	Cricket Camp Timings	Small Group Session
Thursday 1st June	8.15am - 9am	9am - 4pm	4pm-5pm
Friday 2nd June	8.15am - 9am	9am - 4pm	4pm-5pm

⁴⁴⁴Children 5-14 years old are welcome⁴⁴⁴

Costs

Cricket Camp = £15 per day

Small Group Session (4pm-5pm) = £5 extra per child, per day.

Cricket Camp + Small Group Session = £20 per day

2 Day Special Price = £20 (£10 Per Day : *8.15am-4pm*⁽¹⁾) or £30 (£15 Per Day : *8.15am-5pm*⁽¹⁾)

Skills, Games and Mini Tournaments with prizes for the star performers each day!!!

We have plans and games whatever the weather, indoors and outdoors!!!

All your child needs to bring is a packed lunch, lots of drinks, trainers and appropriate clothing (If it is wet bring extra clothing, waterproofs, a towel and a few pairs of socks!!!) If your child has their own cricket kit (Bat, Gloves, Pads, Box, Helmet, etc) then they are welcome to bring it each day. If not your child can borrow kit from our club (Amsterville Town CC).

If you are interested contact Dan Murnane on 07845 498057 / dmcoaching@hotmail.co.uk



Summer Half Term Holiday Football Camp

Cloakham Lawn Sports & Social Club, Chard Road, Axminster, EX13 5HW

Day/Date	Drop Off	Football Camp Timings	Movie Club (Film)
Tuesday 30th May	8.15am - 9am	9am-3.30pm	Sing (3.30pm-5.15pm)

Children 5-13 years old are welcome

If you are interested contact Dan Murnane on 07845 498057 / dmcoaching@hotmail.co.uk



NEW "MATCH ATTAX" SWAP SHOP

Kids can bring their Match Attax to the camps and they can 'swap' cards with their fellow camp mates. Packs will also be available to buy on the day!!! £1 per packet.

