

The Update

Axe Valley Academy Newsletter: Friday 21st July 2017 - Issue 10



Year 11 Prom at Hornsbury Mill (photo by www.sontaphotography)

Headteacher's message

It's been a very full final few weeks of term. For those of you who managed to get tickets for this year's production of *We Will Rock You*, I know that you will join me in congratulating all who were involved. It really was a pleasure to watch such a vibrant and professional performance. Last week also saw our annual prize days held at the Guildhall. This annual event is a fitting celebration of all of the hard work that all of our students have put in over the course of the year and it was great to see so many parents and family members come along to support the young people.

The Art Exhibition was once again very well attended and showcased the fantastic talent of the students. The feedback that I have received from the visitors to the exhibition has once again reminded me that we really do have something quite special here at Axe Valley. As I write, we are making preparations for our final assembly of the year. It is rare to have the opportunity to get the whole school together and I am really looking forward to celebrating the achievements of our cohort. Assemblies such as these, are also tinged with sadness as we say farewell to staff who are leaving us at the end of the year. I would like to say a special thank you to everyone who has given their all for the young people at Axe Valley and wish all those who are moving on every success for the future.

My final thank you goes to you, the people who support the school, day in, day out. I hope that you will get the opportunity to take a well-deserved break over the school holidays so that we can all return for the new school year refreshed and revitalised.

Steven Green - Headteacher

Diary Dates

Fri 21st July - End of Summer Term at 1.10pm

Thur 17th August - A Level Results Day

Thur 24th August - GCSE Results Day

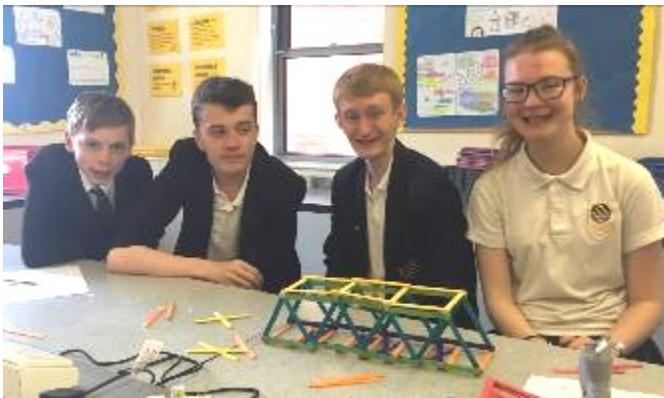
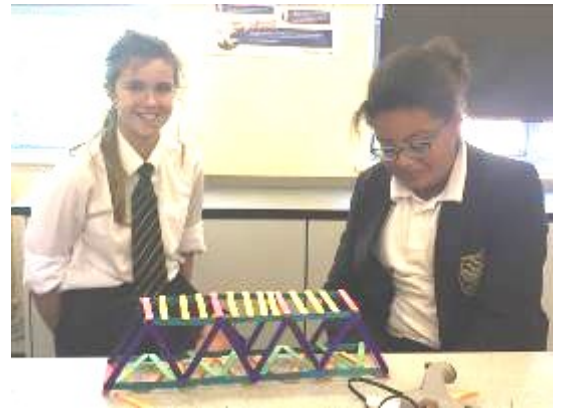
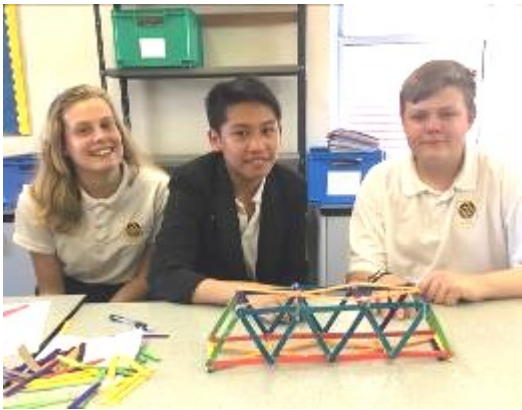
Tue 5th September - Start of Autumn Term



Student Update

Bridge Building Workshop

Several keen Year 7 to Year 10 students signed up for this year's bridge building workshop where two civil and structural engineering PhD students from the University of Exeter visited the school to raise the profile of engineering in the community. Five teams made truss structures using lollipop sticks and glue - which resulted in some creations that combined form and function beautifully. The winning team's bridge held 19kg!



Year 8 BBQ

Many thanks to all parents, students and staff for making the Y8 Celebration at Cloakham such a great event. The evening was well attended with over 130 students, siblings and parents enjoying the inflatables, BBQ and ice creams. The Bungee Run proved hugely popular with Will Grogan, Emma Elworthy, Bruno Marques and Amber Coombes winning most of their match ups. Mr Lines was also pretty competent!

Many thanks to Marie and Jennifer from the canteen for providing the BBQ and thanks to Cloakham Lawns and in particular Julie North for allowing us to use their wonderful venue.

The highlight of the event for me was the fact that so many students said "Thanks and when can we do it again?" Yes we can!



Mr G Horn - Year 8 Leader

Art Exhibition



Sports Day





Thank you to www.sontaphotography for the fantastic pictures.



PE STARS

in June/July 2017



WHO?

WHY?

Boys:

Rio Hurford—Good effort in PE
Jenson Hampton—Great catch in Rounders
Harry Potter—Good progress in discus
Leo Weir—Sprinting in athletics
Zack Foxwell—Consistency on Long jump
Casey Gibbons—Good throws in discus
Kenzie Blagden—Great catches in cricket
Kyle Chattaway—Awesome catches in soft ball
Aarron Conway—Excellent 'Head Catch' player
Sam Rapsey—Great performance rounders
Jack Speers—Tennis most progress award
Sean Ellis—Great catches in Rounders
Matt Young—Good effort in Ultimate Frisbee
Adam Carr—3 whole rounders!!
Simon Herbert—Softball King
Charlie Dare—Tactics in Rounders

Owen Enticott—Good communication Rounders

Bailey Newton—Good rounders shifts

Jake Challis—Incredible rounders shifts

WHO?

WHY?

Girls:

Dan Brookes—Excellent batting and bowling
Isabelle Betterton—Good Rounders
Jazz Rowe—Excellent bowling progress
Brianna Barrand—Excellent
Jorja Lawrence—Excellent progress in discus
Leanne Coalter—Progress in volleyball
Keeley Hutchings—knowledge / understanding rounders
Holly Moore—Excellent progress in Rounders
Maisy Cottey—Excellent in Rounders
Devon Ellis—Awesome batting
Chloe Walters—Perseverance during GCSE testing
Molly Bolton—Progress in Relay
Amber Coombes—Rounders knowledge

Results from Sports Day

Congratulations to all competitors in every event. For many students taking part is a fabulous achievement in itself and one that should not be under-estimated in what it does for their self esteem. For others the achievement of setting a personal best performance is their memory for the day. Then for a few, the challenge of school records brings the best out in them as individuals.

5 records were set during sports day :

Year 8 Boys High Jump - Tobias Akeroyd 1m55cm - he has improved by 20cm!! since he set the record in Year 7

Year 9 Girls Triple Jump - Izzy Coman 9m 01cm - this record had stood since 1993

Year 9 Boys Shot Putt - Tyrone Clarke 11m 77cm

Year 9 Boys 800m - Braidey Yeo 2min 22.2sec

Year 10 Girls 800m - Megan Herbert 2min49.5secs - it always amazes me when our students set records on our 200m grass track with it's uphill challenge

Last week at East Devon Championships the following were also set:

Year 8 Boys 100m - Yannick Barrett 13.1sec

Year 8 Girls Discus - Jess Metson 18m73cm

Year 9 Girls 100m - Samidi Nanayakkara 13.5sec

Year 9 Girls High Jump - Poppy Tooze 1m49cm

Year 9 Girls Relay - P.Tooze, M.Weir, A.Hoare, S.Nanayakkara

Year 10 Girls 80m Hurdles - Katie Burnett 14.8sec

A total of 19 new records have been set during the 3 months of the schools athletics season - and many, many more of our students also know that they have achieved personal best performances. Please do congratulate all competitors for their effort in what ever achievements they secured.

Tracy Moran - Physical Education Department

We Will Rock You



The best thing about the show for me was seeing the cast come together as one. Spending so many hours with new people creates such a strong bond between all which was evident through the many selfies, smiles and buckets of laughter. The final few weeks everyone came together, all helping to find costumes and props in preparation of the coming show.

James Windsor - 12PC

We Will Rock You was a show not to be missed. It was a momentous occasion loved and enjoyed by all. A show that will not be forgotten by any of the cast. We Will Rock You was a kind of magic!

Ben Malone - 12PC



Activity Days





Future Stars



Skate Park



Crafts & Tie-dye



Surf's Up



REACH

Year 7 Go Active Day

Year 7 REACH students spent the day with Go Active on a carousel of fun activities including Archery, Street Surfing and Ultimate Frisbee. By the end of each session the student had mastered the basic skills and able to play challenging competitive games. We were so lucky to have a beautiful day and to enjoy a gorgeous picnic under the trees with lots of ice cream!



Years 8 & 9 Visit Vivary Park

We had stunning weather for the Year 8 & 9 day out to the high ropes course at Vivary Park in Taunton. After trying out the climbing wall the students tackled the two high ropes courses with zip wires and trapeze lines finished off with the gladiator challenge at the end. After a picnic lunch the students then played mini-golf with much hilarity!



Year 10 Canoeing at Exeter Quay

The Year 10 REACH students had a fantastic afternoon out at Exeter Quay canoeing along the river. We splashed and zig-zagged at the start but soon found our oars without getting too wet! Afterwards we spent a very happy hour at the Welcome Café eating huge slices of delicious brownies and cake with former Axe Valley teacher Mrs Gregson.



ASPIRE



Workshop at the Thelma Hulbert Gallery

The Year 5 ASPIRE students had an incredible day at the Thelma Hulbert Gallery with Penny and Anna. First we stripped willow branches to make our own charcoal over the fire. The students visited the exhibition in the gallery and voted for their favourite picture and used them for inspiration for their work.

We then made natural pigment paints with different local sands, earth, chalk and other materials and used these to make our first paintings. We then explored cyanotype photographic techniques with plants from the garden.

We also tried another technique hammering leaves to release their pigments onto bunting triangles before lastly making clay gargoyles to round off the day.

Mrs K Pemberton - **ASPIRE Co-ordinator**



Community Page

Local parent support group

Putting The Pieces Together




Afternoon
Tea And
Cake
Sale
2-4 PM

Supporting

Longway Down



For Autism

Tuesday 1st August
REECE STRAWBRIDGE CENTRE COLYTON

EAST DEVON SUMMER FAMILY FUN DAYS

Completely free activities for the whole family to enjoy!

- SPORTS PLAY
- CIRCUS SKILLS
- SMOOTHIE BIKE
- ARTS AND CRAFTS
- BUSH CRAFT
- AND MORE!

2017 dates, 10am to 1pm

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mon 31 Jul Dunkeswell Throgmorton Hall Tues 1 Aug Brixington recreation ground Wed 2 Aug Seaton Elizabeth Rd playing field Mon 7 Aug Rockbeare football pitch 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tues 8 Aug Stoke Canon recreation ground Wed 9 Aug Chyst St Mary parish hall recreation ground Mon 14 Aug Offwell Tues 15 Aug Otterton Stantway recreation ground
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AXMINSTER School of Dance

'Skye Dance'

SEPTEMBER start: TUES 5TH, THURS 7TH
1ST CLASS FREE if you book by 1st Sept

BALLET & TAP			
Bluebells	4-5 yrs	TUESDAY	4.15 - 5.00pm
Silverbells	6-7 yrs	TUESDAY	5.00 - 5.45pm
BALLET TAP JAZZ			
Tulips	7-8 yrs	THURSDAY	4.05 - 5.00pm
Intermed	8-11 yrs	THURSDAY	5.00 - 6.15pm
Seniors	12-17 yrs	THURSDAY	6.15 - 7.45pm
Adults	TAP	FRIDAY	10.00 - 11am

Niclaire Skye 07976312541

Classes: Scouts Hall Widepost Lane opposite station

To all current Year 10 boys

Have you been inspired by the Exeter Chiefs winning last seasons Premiership or by the recent Lions Tour?

It won't be long before the summer holidays - before you break up, we would like to welcome you to Sidmouth RFC ahead of next season.

The Under 16's is the final year of junior rugby before Colts rugby starts and is a great opportunity to get involved whether you are an experienced player or if you haven't played the game before.

We start training for the new season Wednesday 23rd August at Sidmouth Blackmore Ground and will continue with mid week training through the season on Wednesday nights starting at 6:00, plus also meet on Sunday mornings at 10:00 for games. Registration for the new season starts 3rd September.

Rugby is a great way to meet new people, learn a new skill, experience being part of a team and an excellent way to keep fit.

We are keen to develop our players and grow our squad.

If you would like to get involved please come along to training contact Simon Rowe for more details:
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