# Sixth Form Update



Farewell and good luck to Class of 2018

Since the last update students in Year 13 have been focussed on their revision and as I write this will be completing their final exams and refining all remaining pieces of coursework. The common room has become a hive for activity during break and lunch but at all other times we have been pleased at the mature way students have applied themselves to their studies and look forward to celebrate their achievements in the summer.

On May 11<sup>th</sup> Year 13 celebrated their leavers' day by organising a meal with speeches at The Dolphin Hotel, Beer. A wonderful setting complimented with great food, company and some humorous speeches from James W and Matt Q. Special mention goes to Jess C and family for allowing us to hold our event at your wonderful hotel.

Year 12 are busy preparing for their PPE's in the week of 25<sup>th</sup> June which will be closely followed by work experience. Year 12 students now assume the role of senior year at the college and have been challenged to plan their time carefully to get the most out of their studies as well as other opportunities we can access in their remaining time at Axe Valley Academy.

Mr D Owen - Sixth Form Leader

## **Sports Update**

### **U13 Super 8 Athletics at Kings School**

The key to success in any team sport is being able to turn up with your strongest team. After managing to pull in two fantastic replacements for the boys on the day we found the girls team one short just as we are about to leave. We enlisted the help of Mr Carr and managed to persuade Maddie and her mum that her school needed her. All students took part in various athletic events against other schools in the area and as usual put in some impressive performances.



We came away and all agreed that the key to success was to practice and be fully prepared for events. We have Athletics practice every Thursday lunchtime, so if you would like to be selected for the East Devon Schools Athletics Championship please make sure you attend. Don't forget we also have Sports Day on the 4<sup>th</sup> July.

#### **U12 Girls Devon Football Finals**

On Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May we travelled to Devon FA headquarters located in Newton Abbot. The girls were drawn in a pool of 5 schools from all over Devon.

After we had played our first game and lost 2-0 (we went 2 down within a couple of minutes) the girls began to gain more confidence and understanding of their positional roles.



All the girls played well with Kayla, Meisha leading the way and our player of the tournament goal keeper Ellie Carter – Well done. A fantastic effort by all the girls who agreed that playing football for a team would be the best way to progress their football knowledge further.

Mr D Owen - PE Department



#### **U13 Cricket V Uffculme School**

The football season never seems to end but we managed to get a team to play Uffculme in the first round of the East Devon Cup. Thanks to a couple of year 7's who volunteered at last moment we travelled to Uffculme in confident mood.

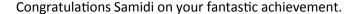
Uffculme won the toss and decided to bat we were happy to restrict them to 119 runs with some great bowling from Nabi Temori, Bailey Newton, Jez Hawkins and Owen Enticott who received praise from a member of staff on his enthusiastic and supportive captaincy.

It was our openers who stood out Nabi and Owen put on a fabulous stand of 69 before Owen chanced his luck and was caught. If we had managed to score off three maidens that were played out we might have been a little closer but we scored 94 and were very pleased with our effort.

Well done boys, I hope that in the next game we can build on our good performance in this game.

### **Devon Schools Athletics Association Athletic Championships**

On 20th May Samidi Nanayakkara competed and won first place in the U17 Girls Pentathlon event including Long Jump, 80m Hurdles, Shot Put, High Jump and 800 metres. She came first place overall as well as achieving several personal best results.





### **Sports Leadership Events**

Currently the Year 9 sports leaders are getting stuck into our Year 5 and 6 rounders league running over consecutive weeks. They are really showing how well they can lead small groups and umpire competitive matches. We had 8 teams enter the Rounder's league from All Saints, Beer, Seaton, Kilmington, and St Mary's. The sports leaders showed excellent umpiring and working well with the teams. Their confidence grew as the weeks progressed and we are thankful for the opportunity to run these events for the primary schools. Kilmington and St Mary's will be playing in the East Devon Finals on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> of June at The Kings school.



Previous to this they ran the Parachute and Skipping festival for Reception and Year 1 pupils at our surrounding primary schools including Kilmington, St Mary's, Colyton, Shute and Beer. With a visit due to take place at Seaton and All Saints Primary school soon.





This involved a colourful display of parachute games which included fun games to help coordination. The parachute games encouraged cooperative, non-competitive play and reinforce turn-taking and also help strengthen the children's upper torso.

The Leaders ran skipping stations which helped the primary children learn the skills to skip. These included skipping with long ropes; french skipping and rhymes; electronic skipping; hoop skipping and jumping activities.

#### The leaders were:

Briana Barrand, Yannick Barrett, Amber Coombes, Oliva Debono, Beck Finnemore, Casey Gibbons, Abbie Herbert, Elizabeth Huskins, James Lacey, Ebony Melarkey, Robyn Ozenbrook, Ben Price, Maddie Richards, Tilly Robins, Sam Searle, Sophie Skilton, Caitlin Sloman, Sophie Smith, Annabel Sydenham, Rhiannon Watts, Jack White, Elsa Wood and Robert Wyatt.

Mrs Oxley - Sports Coordinator



# Community Noticeboard



