

AUTUMN TERM 2021



INSIDE THIS ISSUE: 20 packed pages of all the wonderful things that happen here – *in our happy place!*

AXE VALLEY STRA



WELCOME to our first beautiful edition of our newsletter this academic year. You'll see that despite the significant disruption many families are still facing in returning to a more 'normal' routine, we have a full and vibrant edition that is action packed with the wonderful things our students have been doing. We are incredibly grateful to the support of our parents and wider community in helping us to offer such a huge range of exciting opportunities and for the encouragement that is given to the students that attend AVA.

Seeing our students return to school this year with a determined attitude to throw themselves into everything on offer from learning in the classroom, reading, careers projects, trips, visits, assemblies, drama, workshops, sport, art and music performances has been exceptional. Our House competitions have been running strong with House points being awarded left right and centre and we have already seen a swathe of Bronze achievement certificates awarded as individual students do their personal bit to contribute to the House competition. Currently, the House Cup leaders are Coram but this is a closely contested top spot that changes on a weekly basis. Mr Scott is incredibly pleased but I hope that we can see Chudleigh and Anning fight back over the next half term because it is so close. We all love a fiercely fought competition!

We have seen our student leadership team launch the Student Council, record assemblies to decide on the local House charities, speak fearlessly to rooms full of parents at events and run clubs for younger students. We are very proud of them all and you can begin meeting them in this edition.

I'd like to urge parents to download the My Child At School app that you can find in this newsletter. It is an excellent way of tracking all homework and achievements across your child's school day so that you can celebrate their achievements and be fully involved in their school life. If you have any questions about this please don't hesitate to contact us.

Have a wonderful half term.

LAURA JENKINS | HEADTEACHER



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INSIDE NEWS

PROUD MOMENTS...



Our friend, ex-student **ELLIE KING** headed off to study Law at Oxford University. Just before she packed her bags, She came into school to meet with Headteacher Laura Jenkins and her History and Geography teachers. She thanked them for their support in building her confidence to achieve her dreams. In turn, they celebrated her diligence and commitment to join in at all that AVA has to offer. Apparently Ellie had a go at every club going! Ellie is still in contact with the lovely group of friends she met on her first day here. They are studying the following; Mental Health Nursing at Edinburgh, Geography and German at Bristol, Science (Pathology) at Manchester whilst one is doing a TEFL course in York. We are very proud of all of them. Go well Ellie. We will see you soon.

We are delighted for Year 11 student, **TY DIBLING** who has just signed a 3-year professional contract with Southampton Football Club. This is an amazing achievement. He still has to do his work from Axe Valley Academy though, at Southampton's educational centre!



WE'VE GOT OURS!

**PREMIER LEAGUE
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THIS TERM AT AVA

8DP FUNDRAISING SUCCESS



Tutor group **8DP** raised money for **CHILDREN WITH CANCER UK**. Whilst some of the students were busy selling cakes to the staff and their fellow students, others from the group walked around the sports fields at Axe Valley Academy to raise more cash! Overall the sale raised £180. Edan Wellman who, with his dedicated family, set up this event, ran a mile a day for 26 days to match his Dad who ran the Marathon. His Dad raised a whopping £2648.77. Well done to everyone involved!

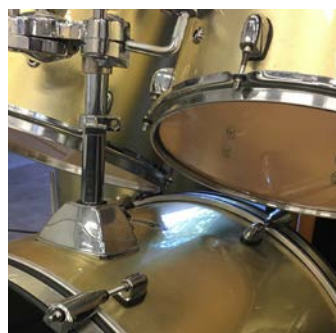
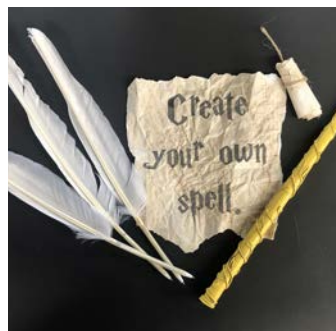


WELCOME YEAR 7!

OUR NEW YEAR 7 STUDENTS have settled in really well. They have totally embraced all that we have to offer here, they've embraced their learning, their new tutor groups, the new house system and all the clubs we have happening here. On their first day we got them all in one place for this photo.



OPEN EVENING AT AVA



OUR OPEN EVENING was an astonishing event. We advertised, we tweeted, we cleaned, tidied and prepared! However, nothing could prepare us for the amount of people who showed up. We were delighted to host everyone though! Mrs Jenkins spoke to three different sittings, with great passion, about what Axe Valley Academy strives for. The House Captains spoke about what being a student here means to them. Every student who was here was roped in to do a tour, even if they hadn't originally planned to. The true sense of community was completely evident, in that we all got involved to show off our fabulous school.

Small but truly mighty!

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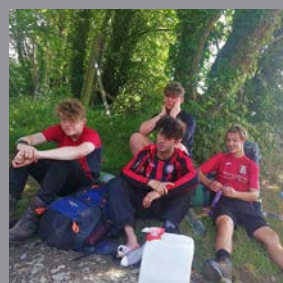
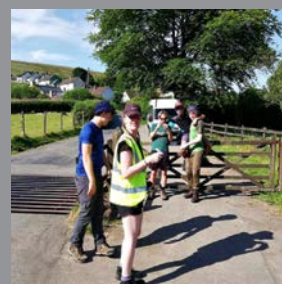

OUTSIDE AWA

YEARS 7, 8 AND 9 all had fabulous teambuilding days out at Wildwood Escot. The weather was kind to some and more challenging to others. Everyone had a great time!



THE JOURNEY BEGINS WITH YOU






Last year and despite Covid we managed to see our Silvers through both their practice and qualifying expeditions, and started training our new recruits from Year 9. Year 10 completed their expedition training and practice, but we had to delay their qualifying to this September. On Friday 17th September 17 AVA students from Year 11 started off early from school at 7:30am for the first leg of their 2 day expedition over Exmoor. They wound their way up the river valley from Dulverton climbing up onto the tops to their first night camp and cook at Halse Farm. On the Saturday, they left camp to descend across the moorland down to Tarr Steps. Following the river North West they made good time arriving at the village of Withypool to meet their parents. Their assessors from 'Chase Expeditions' were especially impressed with their pace, positivity and comradery. Well done Year 11!

"Lifelong memories"

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CAREERS

AXMINSTER TOOLS

We share your passion.

I HOPE YOU AGREE that we live in a very beautiful part of the Country and important to us is the community that we surround ourselves in.

Here at Axminster Tools, we are very keen on Community support; we recognise that the Company and our staff have a significant role to play where we work and live. We have recently introduced an initiative whereby a member of Staff can volunteer to help with a local charity. It is important for us to encourage our staff to harness their skill sets in their job roles and one way of doing this is by adding value to the many voluntary and community organisations who rely on volunteers to achieve their own targets. It is also a great way to meet new people who may influence your future outlook on life.

Have you ever considered Volunteering? It is one of the best ways to develop your skill set, grow your confidence and mix with different people. Most importantly you will not only learn new things but it will look very impressive on your CV or when you apply to University or even for an apprenticeship. At the same time, you will be supporting the Community you live in. What a difference our villages and towns

would be if every one of us supported some group or organisation that really needed help.

We have a store in Cardiff, Wales and one of the team recently volunteered at an Adult Carpentry Workshop, these workshops were set up by a group of adults from the local community. Their purpose is to get people who live alone for whatever reason and those adults with learning difficulties to be around people they could call friends. The workshops are predominantly carpentry, but they also offer key skills such as numeracy and literacy. He wanted to volunteer because he could see the benefit it was having in his community and more importantly he was able to enhance his own skillset to support him at work. He was so chuffed that he did the volunteering and reflected on how it made him feel. He still regularly visits them to help.

So I guess my question to you is, what can you do to help someone and how can that support you in your future path?

Jane Boulton
HR Director

NEWS FLASH

We are currently working with the School to support the Careers Hub by giving you opportunities to really explore your subject choices and aspirations through various initiatives that we are working on. We will try to connect students with professionals in

the careers they are possibly considering to get first hand information. We will support CV writing, work experience, application forms and mentoring/coaching. We are really excited to be working with the School and look forward to meeting you all!



AXE VALLEY ACADEMY would like to say a special thank you to **AXMINSTER TOOLS**. We are so delighted with our beautifully crafted House Cup.

CLUBS AT AVA



CLUBS & ACTIVITIES | AUTUMN TERM 2021

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
LUNCHTIME	YEARS 10 & 11 FOOTBALL AGP Pitch (Mr Scott) BOOKWORM BUDDIES 1.25PM Library (Mr Brown) AXE VALLEY VOICES B8 (Music) HOMEWORK CLUB IT3 (Mrs Rutherford) TUTOR TIME: Y10 Bronze DofE Award (Mr Knott)	YEARS 10 & 11 AXES GYM Sports Centre (Mr Ward) YEARS 7 & 8 GIRLS FOOTBALL Sports Hall (Miss Waller) CHESS CLUB 1.25pm Library (Mr Brown) JAZZ BAND (Music)	YEARS 8 & 9 AXES GYM Sports Centre (Miss Waller) ALL YEARS BADMINTON & TABLE TENNIS Sports Hall (Mr Owen) YEARS 7 FOOTBALL AGP Pitch (Mr Horn) MANGA CLUB 1.25pm Library (Mr Brown) AXEAPPELLA B7 (Music) KS3 PHOTOGRAPHY (Mr Petty)	YEARS 7 & 8 GIRLS RUGBY YEARS 7 & 8 BOYS RUGBY School Field (Miss Waller) YEARS 8 FOOTBALL AGP Pitch (Mr Horn) ORCHESTRA (Music) TUTOR TIME Y10 BRONZE DofE AWARD (Mr Knott)	YEARS 9 BOYS FOOTBALL AGP Pitch (Mr Horn) ALL YEARS VOLLEYBALL Sports Hall (Mr Petty) MOVIE CLUB 1.25pm Library (Mr Brown) YEAR 7 DRAMA CLUB (Drama) LGBTQ GROUP Next to the Hub (Miss Waller) HOMEWORK CLUB IT3 (Mrs Rutherford) TUTOR TIME: Year 7 CELLO WORKSHOP , Study & Common Rooms (Ms Ashby)
AFTER SCHOOL	STEEL BAND 1 (Music)	YEARS 7, 8 & 9 BOYS FOOTBALL AGP Pitch (Mr Horn & Mr Ward) YEARS 7 & 8 GIRLS RUGBY School Field (Miss Waller) STEEL BAND 2 (Music) ONE-ACT PLAY REHEARSALS (Drama) KS3 PRINT CLUB (Art) (Mr Petty) B SHARP (Music) HOMEWORK CLUB IT3 (Mrs Rutherford) AFTER HALF TERM Junior Rock School 3.45 – 5pm Years 9–11 (Mr Griffiths & Mr Knott)	YEARS 7, 8, 9 & 10 GIRLS NETBALL Netball Courts (Miss Waller) ALL YEARS BADMINTON & TABLE TENNIS Sports Hall (Mr Owen) KS3 LAMDA/DRAMA CLUB (Drama) KS4 PAINTING CLUB (Art) (Ms Roberts) STRINGS & THINGS B7 (Ms Ashby) HOMEWORK CLUB IT3 (Mrs Rutherford)	YEARS 7 & 8 BOYS RUGBY School Field (Mr Bennett) YEARS 7 & 8 GIRLS FOOTBALL AGP Pitch (Miss Waller) ALL YEARS RUNNING CLUB School Field (Mrs Jackson) ALL YEARS UNIHOC Sports Hall (Mr Ward) ONE-ACT PLAY REHEARSALS (Drama) STEEL BAND 3 (Music) ROCK SCHOOL (Music) HOMEWORK CLUB IT3 (Mrs Rutherford) AFTER HALF TERM EXPEDITION CLUB H2 (Mr Knott & Ms Roberts) 3.30pm – 4.30pm	KS4 LAMDA/DRAMA CLUB (Drama)

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ART COMPETITION

Waffle House

YOU HAVEN'T MISSED YOUR CHANCE!
ARTWORK DEADLINE: TUESDAY, 30TH NOVEMBER
EXHIBITION OPENS: SATURDAY, 18TH DECEMBER, 12 NOON

*"That's not a weed,
that's a wish!"*
**AXMINSTER CHILDREN'S
COMMUNITY ART EXHIBITION**

WIN £150
of Art Materials!
1 prize, age 5-11
category

Get Creative to Ulin!

WIN £250
Faber-Castell Art Set!
1 prize, age 12-18
category

What was it like for you during lockdown?
If weeds were wishes, what would you have wished for?
Let your imagination do the telling - recreate your wish
using any creative medium you like. It's up to you!

To enter

Fill out the form below, attach it to your artwork and
hand in to Waffle, ready for the Christmas week exhibition!

Name:	
Age 5-11 category <input type="checkbox"/>	Age 12-18 category <input type="checkbox"/>
Name of parent/guardian:	
Address:	
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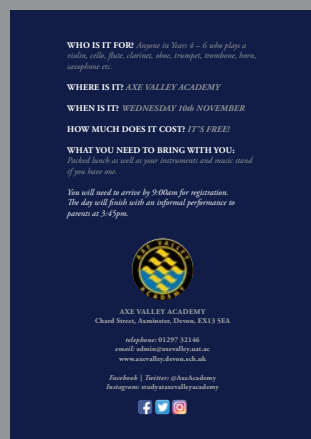
"That's not a weed, that's a wish!" IS SUPPORTED WITH THANKS TO:
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T: Kate 07890 921688 or Waffle Team T: 01297 34694

Creatives Meet-up

Waffle House

MUSIC



MUSICAL ENRICHMENT

I would like to take this opportunity to inform you of some exciting **FREE** music projects taking part at Axe Valley Academy for Primary Schools to get involved in this year.

Orchestral:

Brass

On Monday afternoons 31 Year 5 & 6 pupils from Axminster Primary School come over to Axe Valley Academy to learn Brass Instruments.

Cellos

30 Year 5/6 pupils will be coming from Axminster Primary to Axe Valley Academy to learn the Cello.

Orchestral Workshop

We are running our first Orchestral Workshop for young instrumentalists on Wednesday 10th November. This is for children in Years 4-6 who play violin, cello, flute, clarinet, oboe, trumpet, horn, trombone etc. to take part in a day's workshop playing in an orchestra.

We are hoping to run these days once every half-term and start an after-school community orchestra rehearsing each week.

Rock/Pop:

In conjunction with B Sharp we are hosting 'Axminster Rock'n'Pop Club' which is for ages 9-11. This will be every Tuesday 3:45pm -5:00pm at Axe Valley Academy starting next half-term. The club aims to give children an opportunity to play together as a band and create their own original tracks and songs. It is open to all young people whatever level they are on an instrument, including beginners. They will have the chance to try out guitar, bass, keyboard, and drums, and get involved in making rock and pop music together.

Please email jjevons@axevalley.uat.ac for more information and to book sessions.

IN CLASS, YEAR 7 have been creating soundscapes to a stimulus of 'The Storm is Coming', using percussion and keyboards. Year 8 have made an excellent start with African Drumming, and Year 9 have been exploring how to write music for film. Year 10 & 11 have successfully started their OCR GCSE Music course, and have been practising their performance and listening skills so far.

The Axe Valley voices are singing beautifully on a Monday lunchtime, but could still do with lots more voices!

Jazz Band, Orchestra, Steel Pan Band, Rock School and all the other student bands have been busy preparing for our Autumn Concert, which was a delightful evening. The department is a thriving hub of musical activity, at break, lunchtimes and after school but we are always keen for more people to come and get involved. **Happy playing and singing everybody!**





THIS HALF TERM seems to have flown by with students back into PE and taking part in extra-curricular activities and fully embracing the new house system. Our Year 7s have been taking part in fitness, rugby and at present are enjoying the challenge of cross country running. We look forward to celebrating their achievements both at house level and inter-school competition in the future. All years are taking part in the House cross-country competition and a group of early pace setters from Year 9 pictured. Those students who perform well will be selected to represent the Academy at the East Devon Schools Cross Country Championship at Bicton on 10th November.

We are very proud to congratulate Ty Dibling on securing a professional contract at Southampton FC. Your commitment and dedication to football has been clear to see and an example for others to follow. We will watch with interest how your career progresses over the coming years.

We, as an Academy, are committed on providing our students with inspiring opportunities to develop their understanding of the sporting world. We still have some spaces to see England V Tonga at Twickenham on Saturday 6th November and interested students should see a member of the PE Dept immediately. We are also finalising a planned visit to Exeter Chiefs Super Saturday Experience:

- Training session
- Behind the scenes Tour
- Match Day Ticket (Exeter Chiefs Women V Loughborough Lightning)
- Guard of honour pre-game
- Lap of honour at half-time
- Exeter Chiefs Gift

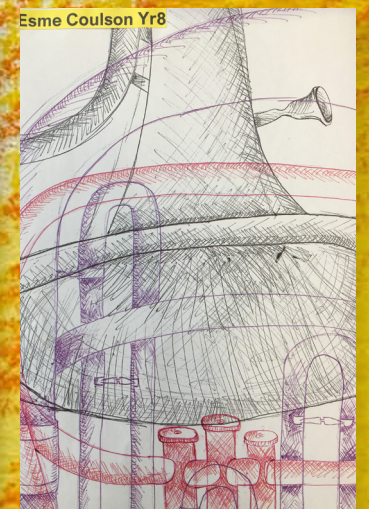
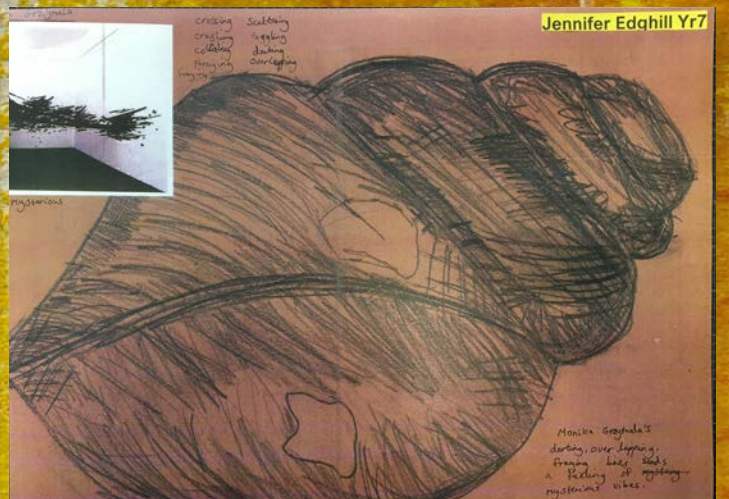
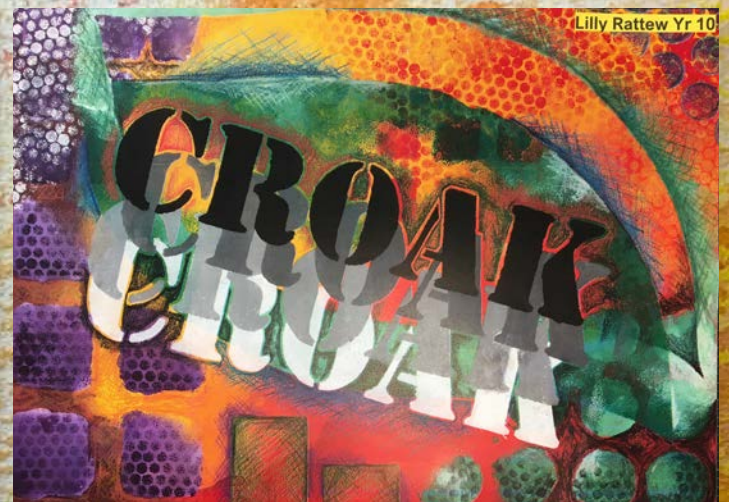
Finally, Devon Cricket would like to offer after school coaching to Year 7 and 8 girls during next half-term with the aim of playing in a tournament in February. Those interested should see member of PE department quickly.

It has been great to have students back in lessons taking part in the various activities but we would like to call on your support to enable all students to participate. Last year I asked you to Give us the Boot by donating any plastic or rubber studded football/rugby boots not being used that are suitable for our AGP. Lastly, please remember to name/label/mark all items of PE equipment and ensure students are fully equipped to participate in lessons. (Gum shields can be purchased from PE office for £1).



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ART OF THE MONTH



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FOOD TECHNOLOGY

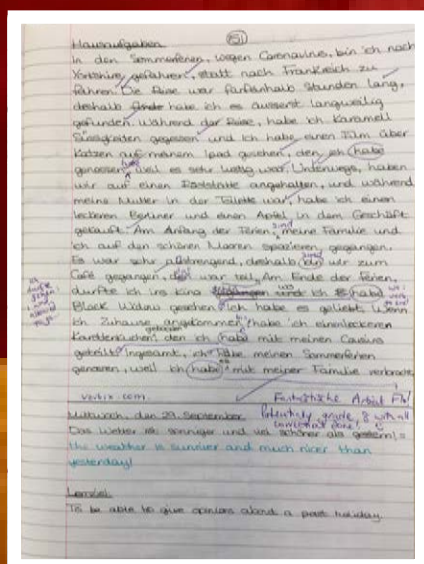


AS PART OF THEIR GCSE course Year 11 need to prepare for their practical examination. Every year teachers flock to be the 'official tasters' of the practical exam dishes. This was a great way of preparing the students for the challenging task of coordinating three different dishes at once. *Delizioso!*



MFL

GCSE GERMAN WORK from **Florence Rogers** in Year 11. This was done for homework and was preparation for a writing assessment, which was outstanding. Flo went on to achieve an excellent Grade 8 for the final assessment task.



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GEOGRAPHY

On Thursday 14/10/21 Year 11 Geographers made a field visit to Lyme Regis as part of their GCSE course and were accompanied by Mrs Tregale, Mrs Ward, Mr Horn and Mr Perks. They were involved in measuring the angle of the beach, the sediment build up around the groyne and the size and shape of pebbles and shingle. They found out that not everything in the real world is the same as the theory in textbooks – a useful life lesson. They were a real credit to the college in both their positive attitude and application of knowledge. Members of the public stopped and praised the students on their industry

and positive manners. I would, therefore, like to publicly thanks the geographers for their exemplary behaviour. We were blessed with beautiful weather conditions and some with tasty ice cream!



YEAR 9 – EXETER JUNIOR GRECIANS

NOT ONLY DO WE HAVE GREAT DAYS IN SCHOOL, WE HAVE GREAT DAYS OUT TOO! Our Year 9s had an inspiring day out Exeter City Football Club thanks to Exeter City Community Trust – all are now Junior Grecians!



HAPPENING AT AVA

'CHOICE'

by THOMAS JONES (YEAR 8)

*You don't choose to be born
You don't choose to be
You don't choose to hear
You don't choose to see*

*You can't choose to be liked
You can't choose to be hurt
You can't choose how others feel
Or whether you're called Kurt*

*You don't decide wars, or
What others do*

*But what you can choose,
You can choose for you*

*You can choose to be kind
Or the worst person yet
You can choose to be a chef,
A doctor, or a vet
You can choose anything
Anything you want to do*

*You can choose to read this poem
And for that, I thank you.*

NO LABEL

NO LIMIT

We had the privilege of hosting **NO LABEL NO LIMITS**.

A group of successful women in business met with our Year 9 students for a series of inspiring workshop sessions. The network consists of engineers, marketing consultants, entrepreneurs, construction managers, digital experts and accountants all with experience from a wide range of sectors.



LIBRARY NEWS

IT'S BEEN A REAL JOY TO OPEN THE SCHOOL LIBRARY TO ALL STUDENTS THIS TERM. THE LIBRARY ALWAYS HAS A WONDERFUL SELECTION OF THE LATEST AND GREATEST BOOKS AND IT HAS BEEN GREAT TO ENGAGE WITH PUPILS AND ENCOURAGE THEIR READING FOR PLEASURE.

CHESS CLUB

Chess is one of the most popular activities in the library. Every Tuesday lunchtime it is full of students learning how to play and mastering their strategies. The club ran a tournament this term and the final match, between Kyron Froom and Alfie Ellis, drew a huge crowd of spectators! Congratulations to Kyron – the AVA Chess Champion!



BOOKWORM BUDDIES

Our reading group have had a fun term welcoming the new Year 7's to the group. Their focus has been on writing books reviews, chatting about their favourite books and writing poetry for National Poetry Day. They held a poetry competition and I'm pleased to announce that the winner is Thomas Jones (Year 8) for his poem, 'Choice'.

NEW BOOKS AND ONLINE LIBRARY CATALOGUE

There are always lots of amazing new books in the library. The latest fiction, non-fiction, graphic novels and manga. The online library system lets students and parents browse the catalogue and reserve books very easily.

Email Mr Brown to get your username and password and a copy of the User Guide

mbrown@axevalley.uat.ac

You can access the library catalogue here –
<https://axevalley.slls.online/>

EVENTS AT AVA

WE SINCERELY HOPE THAT OUR STUDENTS NEVER FORGET THE ADVICE THEY WERE GIVEN THIS WEEK IN OUR HARD-HITTING ASSEMBLIES FROM PAUL HANNAFORD.

On Tuesday 19th October at Axe Valley Academy, we had the privilege of hosting two unapologetically hard-hitting assemblies to Year 10 and 11 students, from **PAUL HANNAFORD**. Paul educates our future generations on the dangers of drugs, alcoholism, gangs, knife crime and addiction. It's been over 14 years since he left this life behind.

Thanks to the hospital staff and doctors who saved his life many times, he's now able to walk out in front of packed school halls and classrooms and sporting events, to share his shocking experiences. Over the past 10 years he has educated over 500,000 school children from multiple year groups ranging from year 4 up to sixth form tailoring the message appropriate to their ages. This offers real-life insight into the life of addiction, drugs and alcohol as well as involvement in gangs, knife crime and county lines.

These issues are becoming a major problem and are putting lots of young people at risk and harm. Paul, like us, believes that every child's personal well-being should be at the top of our priorities as a society.

Paul's straight-talking approach really hit home with our young people. Comments like; "That was the best talk ever – because it was real," "He was telling us that to protect us," were ringing around our corridors. As a community we are

absolutely committed to informing our young people on these issues.

Headteacher, Laura Jenkins, PCSO, Hayley Widger and Councillor, Ian Hall, are doing all they can to protect our children and their surrounding communities from the evils of county lines, drug abuse and knife crime.

After a long day of presenting to students across the county, Councillor Ian Hall said, "This is partnership working to ensure our young people have the necessary awareness of this real and present danger... through hard hitting education. I will commit funding for this to be an annual event (three years max) to bring Paul back to reach out to other year groups."





LET'S TALK ABOUT YOUR FUTURE. ALL OF YOU.



IT'S NOT ROCKET SCIENCE.

DON'T DO THIS | OR CARRY THIS

*It's not easy standing here,
with blood coming out of my legs,
talking about my Mum.
But I care about you.*

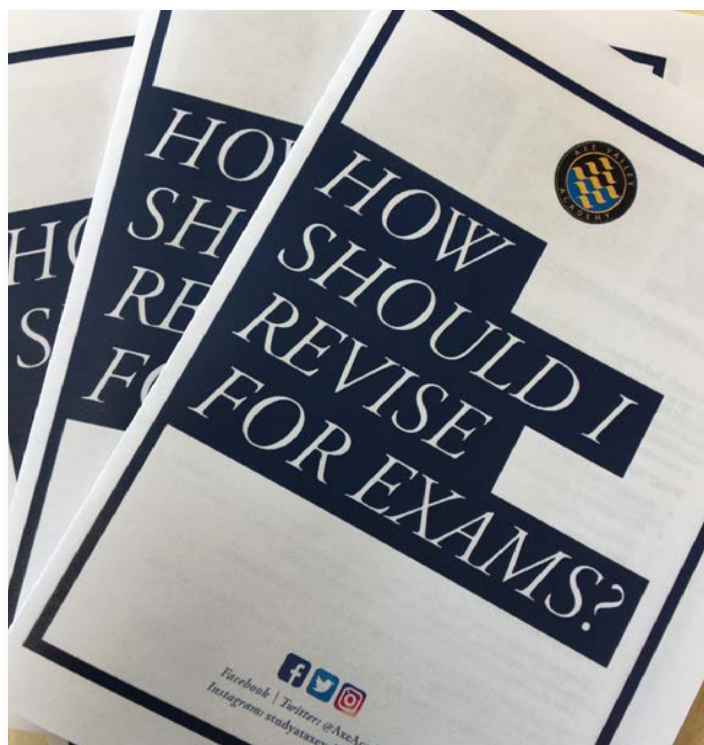
@PaulHannaford

WHAT HAPPENS NOW



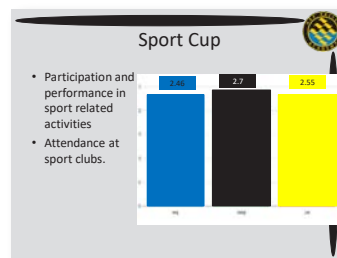
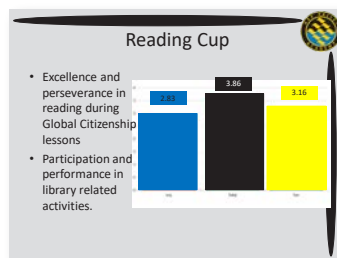
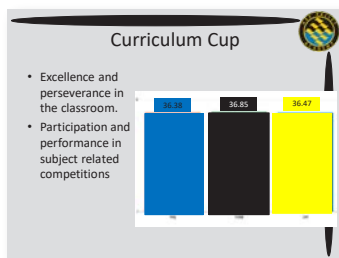
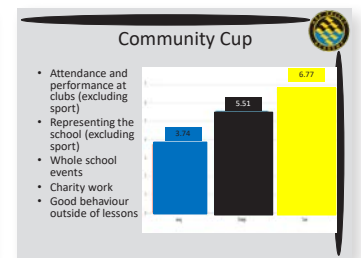
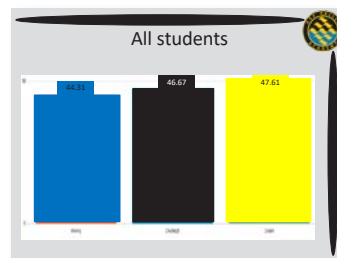
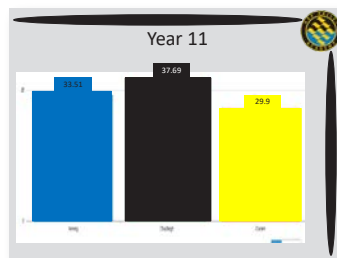
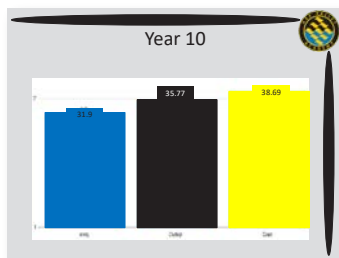
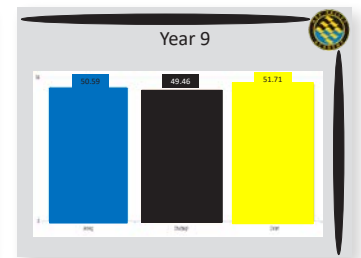
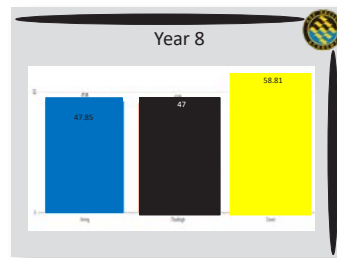
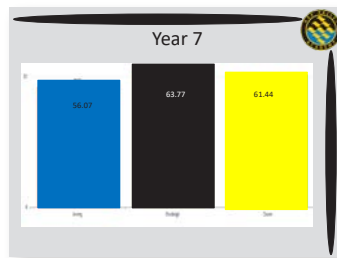
YET ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL EVENT HERE AT AXE VALLEY ACADEMY. GUESTS WERE ABLE TO LISTEN TO EXAM PREPARATION AND REVISION ADVICE FROM OUR STAFF AND THEN DISCUSS FUTURE OPTIONS WITH TO POST-16 PROVIDERS IN OUR AREA.

INFORMATION EVENING FOR STUDENTS IN YEAR 10 AND YEAR 11, AND THEIR PARENTS/CARERS



HOUSES AT AVA

HOUSE POINTS



WE ARE Axe Valley's first set of house and vice captains and it has been exciting to be part of launching this new system here at school. We represent the three houses – Coram represented by gold ties, Anning represented by blue ties and Chudleigh represented by black ties. As you may have seen on social media, we are proud of our growing reputation as small but mighty. There are several benefits to being a smaller school. As students we are able to familiarise ourselves with all members of the school community with ease. Teachers and staff know us all meaning that we are supported and any problems are nipped in the bud. The mighty part of that statement

is equally as important. As students here, we feel the change and successes of our school community. We are a school committed to getting better and better. In year 7 we all fell in love with this school but as we have moved up through the groups, we can feel the buzz and excitement as more and more opportunities are offered. As we have mentioned, the implementation of the house system has been exciting. It has allowed for friendly competition meaning that we are even more motivated to perform on the sports field, in music or drama and within the classroom. We want to be part of something special and of course, we want to be part of the winning house.

HOUSE CAPTAINS

ANNING	CHUDLEIGH	CORAM
MARY ANNING 1799 – 1847	LADY MARY CHUDLEIGH 1656 – 1718	THOMAS CORAM 1668 – 1751
STEPHEN JOHNS HOUSE CAPTAIN	INNES FITZGERALD HOUSE CAPTAIN	JASON MARGETTS HOUSE CAPTAIN
CHIRATHI NANAVAKKARA HOUSE CAPTAIN	JAMES WATTS HOUSE CAPTAIN	LYDIA TRIGG HOUSE CAPTAIN
GEORGE CAWLEY VICE CAPTAIN	MADDIE HALE VICE CAPTAIN	TAYLOR BRIGGS VICE CAPTAIN
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OUR HOUSE CAPTAINS

IN EACH ISSUE OF AXIEMINISTRA we will focus on different House and Vice Captains and all that they bring to their roles. Our Anning representatives will be speaking to us in our next issue.



INNES FITZGERALD

**HOUSE CAPTAIN
CHUDLEIGH**

HELLO, I'M INNES FITZGERALD, and I am the House Captain for Chudleigh - the best one of the three! I am proud to be a part of this incredible school and to have the opportunity to be taught by such motivational and inspiring adult right from year seven up until I leave.

Maths, Photography, and PE are just a few of *my favourite subjects*. I love the amazing sports facilities that the school has to offer along with the clubs that are available. I am a runner and have beaten two school records, which wouldn't have been possible without the sheer drive of such inspiring teachers. I also love photography and the way that moments can be captured in less than a second but when being looked at on review can take you back to a whole different environment. I am so grateful that I have been able to pursue this a GCSE.

In my spare time I enjoy sailing and cycling as well as helping out on the small holding where I have grown up. Living by the sea has given me so many opportunities to take part in water sports and gain skills by doing activities that are completely no-academic. Here I can switch off and forget about the stress that comes naturally with school work.

My favourite memory of my time at the school so far is the sense of achievement that I received as I crossed the finish line on sports day. I had just run a painful 1500m but it had all paid off and I had beaten the record. Nothing in my mind will beat the feeling when you have achieved, not only something for yourself, but for others around you.

Being a part of the leadership team for Chudleigh, I want the house to be the one to make the change. To rebel against social inequality and climate change. We have no more time to waste before addressing these issues. I believe that it is only right for me to pursue these challenges immediately. Therefore, before the end of the year, I wish for the Chudleigh house to have led the way on climate action and obliterate the existence of social inequality within our school.

On a personal level my goal for the end of the year is to pass all of my GCSE's and succeed in securing a place at my preferred post 16 location – which I am afraid has not yet been decided. This is because of the huge range of opportunities that Axe Valley has given me and the endless choice I have.

The advice I give to any Year 7, is take every opportunity that comes your way because the worst that could happen is that you will learn something new.



CATY HERON

**VICE CAPTAIN
CORAM**

Why you are proud of Axe Valley Academy?

I am proud of the school because it is a very accepting and respecting school. It also make sure that everyone has equal and fair opportunities.

What are your favourite subject(s) and why?

My favourite subjects are art and food because I enjoy doing creative and practical subjects.

Interests and hobbies (inside and outside of school).

In school I like doing badminton club and painting club. I also, if I have time, do some drawing and cook.

Best memory of school (so far). My best memory is probably when we when to London. My friends and I had the best time, it was around Christmas so there was the prettiest Christmas lights I've seen.

Aspirations for your House (what would you like your House to achieve this year?)

I would like to achieve for my house to win one of the house cups and hopefully all of them.

Aspirations for yourself (what would you like to achieve this year?)

I would like to achieve for myself is to get a grade 6 and above for food, art and possible R.E and to pass English and maths. Also to try and make these last two terms as memorable as they can be.

What are you plans for Post 16 and beyond?

To go to Exeter College and preferably do two – three years of a food course.

Best advice for younger students:

Try not to be nervous or worried just relax and if you are lost or confused there is always a teacher or students to ask for help.



JASON MARGETTS

**HOUSE CAPTAIN
CORAM**

Coram - There are many meanings of family, you don't generally have to like them, but you know they are always there. Family does not have to be blood related, sometimes family could just be a group of friends, sometimes family is a whole tutor. Family will always support you, even when you are feeling down, when you have been an utter idiot. Family is there through all the emotions, through the ups and downs through climbing mountains or in our school the annual cross country. Our house is a family, we are the torch, when its dark we will light your path to a new direction.

Why am I proud of Axe Valley.

If you are a Year 6 parent reading this thinking "should I put my child into this school" I highly recommend Axe Valley Academy. It has everything which will prepare you for the next steps of your life. All of our teachers teach to help your child achieve their best potential. Axe Valley is committed to make sure their students are the best they possibly can be. I am proud to be one of their House Captains and proud to be part of Axe Valley Academy.

My favourite subjects are RS, PE, Food Technology, Photography, and Health and Social. Photography is such a great subject, it makes you look outside the box, using photos which you take outside and inside school. I also love PE.

My interests/hobbies: listening to rock/pop music like Guns and Roses, Queen, Status Quo, ACDC, George Michael, U2, Frankie Goes to Hollywood and especially Bon Jovi.

Best memories of school: I have many amazing memories, but my favourite was the Christmas HUB disco. Listening to songs like: the Pogue's (Fairy Tale of New York), Wham (Last Christmas) and Band Aid '84' (Do they know it's Christmas) we jammed and had so much fun.

I want to achieve for my House – the House cup, but most of all, I want to show that our House is the most supportive. At last year's Sports day we were magnificent, even though we came second. We did a personal best in our own hearts. ***I would like to achieve*** to Grade 9 in food, I want to achieve to help the house and make sure I can help the house to be the best house possible.

Plans for Post -16: I am not quite sure. However, I do think about childcare and something to help with the mental health of children. I'm also interested in event organisation, maybe as a chef.

What advice do I give to younger students? Life can be difficult, it can be up and down. Have fun though and make your life a memorable one. When something goes wrong turn it into something right. If you are confused ask for help. If you need a favour from a teacher, bring Maltesers! Seriously, have fun, you will be a Year 11 soon and then you cannot go back, so enjoy your time here!



JAMES WATTS

**HOUSE CAPTAIN
CHUDLEIGH**

Hi, my name is James Watts and I'm House Captain of Chudleigh House. ***I am proud of Axe Valley Academy*** because of our community and that our community is not just in school but outside of school as many people in the local area went to Axe Valley.

My favourite subjects are the Sciences because I have always found them interesting and I learn something new in almost every Physics, Biology, and Chemistry lesson.

My interests are debating as I'm very opinionated and I like arguing. Also, I like to go fishing from Seaton.

The best memory of school by far was at the end of year 7 when I went paintballing for activity day.

This year I would like to see my house win the house events and to prove that Chudleigh house is the superior house.

This year I would like to pass all of my GCSEs so that Post-16 I can either go to college or sixth form to study A levels.

My best advice for younger students is to try their best and to study hard but also have fun along the way.



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