

DECEMBER 2021

AXE VALLEY MUSIC SOCIETY REVIEW



INSIDE THIS ISSUE: 36 pages of joyful learning and festive fun.



WHAT A WONDERFUL YEAR – but my goodness it has flown by. I can't quite believe that the next time I write to you it will be 2022.

This term has been action packed with trips, visits, visitors, competitions and beautiful work in superb lessons. I am really proud to show off such a huge range of wonderful experiences both inside and outside of the classroom in this edition. You'll also see all of our sports winners and celebration assembly awards. This is a celebratory edition and I'd like to take the opportunity to celebrate Year 11 tackling their first full series of mock exams with determination and grit. We will have our results assembly in the new year and we know hard work will pay off. They were a credit to the school and they should be proud of themselves.

Christmas in the Quad was a huge success and it was lovely to see all of our families come together to enjoy our school. Thank you to everyone who supported our event. Particular thanks need to go to our Performing Arts Faculty for their contribution to Christmas in the Quad and their gorgeous Christmas Concert at the Minster. It was a showcase of such talent and joy as is everything this faculty puts on for our school.

I know you've all been waiting to hear the big house reveal and I can announce that the overall House winners for this term is Coram! There is detail within this edition about the individual cup winners but I can say it was a really close fought competition. Well done Coram!

I wish all of our families a peaceful break and want to wholeheartedly thank you all for your incredible support of the school. Our students are very special and could not achieve what they do without the support of their staff and families. Thank you.

Have a wonderful Christmas.

LAURA JENKINS | HEADTEACHER



AXE VALLEY
MINSTER

THIS TERM AT AVA

PROUD MOMENTS...



On 8th November, Year 7 student, **NOAH O'REILLY** was asked to attend the opening of the new Chard swimming pool. Noah is a County Swimmer for Trident Swimming Club and was asked to race the Commonwealth Champion, Matt Clay pictured, (Somerset ASA's 2006 Swimmer of the Year and the Melbourne Commonwealth Gold Medallist over 50m Backstroke in the same year), along with two other swimmers. Noah was also allowed to test out the equipment at the new Leisure Centre.



KIERAN DOWNTON was always a talented and avid sportsman at AVA. He came back to talk to us about his journey after leaving school and how he has worked tirelessly to follow his sporting dreams. He has secured himself a position with the Exeter Rugby HITZ Programme which is an education and sporting programme where he plays a range of sports, is working for additional qualifications, learning about fitness and nutrition coaching and undertaking community work. We are so proud of him and look forward to him completing his work experience with us..



YEAR 7 STUDENT, SOPHIE LOCKE was the star of **Hit Radio** in November. She ran a mile a day for two weeks and raised £265 for Mission Christmas. As a result Sophie was invited to chat with morning show host Fleur East.

JAMIE FRECKNALL, 8DP and his brother Lewis didn't get the opportunity to meet their grandma as she passed away just before Jamie was born from cancer. More recently their grandad has been diagnosed with cancer so they wanted to do something to fund raise to help Cancer Research UK for children and young people.

The boys undertook to travel 100k in October either by walking, running, cycling or pony riding. They did this steadily over the month; after school and at weekends and used Strava to track most of their efforts. They raised £270 in total. The initial target was £100. £1 per km!



PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

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THE CHALLENGE: capture the best Autumn sunrise or sunset shot. There was an incredible turn out; over 100 entries across all year groups and staff – and of a great standard too. Here are the winners:



PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

Lighting is integral to Christmas. Whether it's the intimacy of candles, the mood created by an open fire or the backdrop of seasonal lighting, it helps to create Christmas magic.

House points for all entries

OUR CHRISTMAS CARD this year is very much a collaborative design. We set a competition to all years. We couldn't choose an outright winner so the result was a collage of the creative pieces handed in.

With thanks to all who contributed:

Imogen Watkiss 7ABT,
Caitlin Clarke 8EB,
Oscar Austin-Hewings 8EB
Jasmine Huntley 8STP,
Poppy Neal 9DO,
Ronnie Harries 10MI,
Taylor Bailey 10WB,
Kieran Fersey 10WB,
Millie Harvey 10WB,
Yasmine Haworth 10WB
Grace Price 10WB,
Willow Tulloch 10WB



CHRISTMAS IN THE QUAD

WE WERE SO DELIGHTED to be able to open our doors and hold a lovely festive event. Our Quad was set up to entertain our guests from our local community and tempt them with seasonal snacks and hot drinks. Students sold beautiful cards and craft gifts, whilst we were all entertained by our fabulous choir and music department. A visit from our very own Santa made the event special for our younger visitors. This is now set to become a regular event.

We really did have the most wonderful time of the year.

#smallbutchristmassy!



CHRISTMAS IN THE QUAD



OUTSIDE AVA

ON SATURDAY 11TH DECEMBER some of our Year 9s went to St. James' Park to watch Exeter City vs Tranmere Rovers. A great day out was had by all despite City losing 1-0.



When you use this type of language it makes me feel invalidated. It took a lot of strength to accept who I am. Gay as an insult makes me feel insecure about who I am.

**ONE
KIND
WORD**

#ANTIBULLYINGWEEK

I've personally spent my entire life trying to find my identity. I don't respect you after you call me such unkind words.

Some bullies make up rumours and lies that never go away.

What you say to people can really hurt. It may make them feel that they can't be who they want to be.

LET'S TALK ABOUT BULLYING

You make me cry.

You need to think about the words you say for a 'joke' because it isn't a joke for me. Thanks :)

Bullies need to know they are hurting people's feelings and it's not very nice.



You don't forget when someone bullies you. You keep thinking about it.

Hey my dear homophobe, what you've just said has hurt me a lot.

HERE'S WHERE YOU DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT:

IF YOU ARE EXPERIENCING BULLYING, OR HAVE SEEN OR HEARD ANYTHING THAT MAKES YOU FEEL UNCOMFORTABLE OR UPSET.

PLEASE SPEAK TO ANY MEMBER OF STAFF

OUR PASTORAL SUPPORT TEAM: Mrs Tregale, Mrs Horwood, Ms Ashby

OR CALL: CHILDLINE: 0800 1111 www.childline.org.uk

OR WWW.KOOTH.COM

ANYTHING YOU TELL US WILL BE TREATED WITH TOTAL RESPECT
AND STRICTEST CONFIDENCE.



When we remember an act of kindness it can be the smallest of gestures but it makes an impact upon us because it took place at a time we were at our lowest. It may not have been the act or the words themselves we remember, instead

what we remember is that someone reached out to us when we were at our lowest or most vulnerable. Take time to think of an act of kindness that you remember and think about how it made you feel.

“

...people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.’

”

MAYA ANGELOU



OUTSIDE AVA

IN THE WAKE of all of the disruption and uncertainty caused by covid, it gave us great pleasure to take a coach full of young people to the capital for some culture, sightseeing and a pronounced change of scenery.

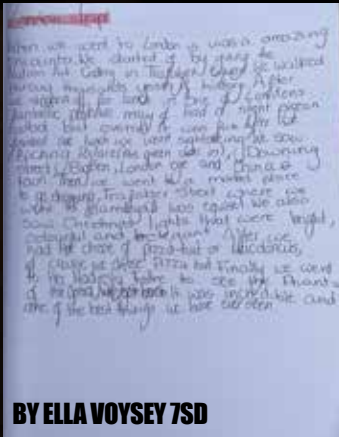
A 6am departure meant that we could disembark at Trafalgar square whilst still morning and spend a couple of hours marvelling at a collection of important paintings from medieval times to the early 20th Century. We saw masterpieces by Leonardo, Caravaggio, Velazquez, Rembrandt, Van Gogh and Monet to name but a few. The students dutifully took these in but appeared most delighted to find not one but two portraits resembling our new languages teacher Mr Bugler!

We lunched in St James's Park and went to see if the Queen was in residence at Buckingham palace. From there we walked to Covent Garden and then Regent Street to soak up the Christmas atmosphere,

watch some street performance and search the many floors of Hamleys for gifts.

After refuelling, we headed to Leicester Square for the evening performance of the Phantom of the Opera. This was, for many, the highlight of a busy day with sensational acting, singing and live music. The production itself was set in a really ornate and glamorous theatre with stage craft, theatrics, projections and pyrotechnics included to really bring the story to life. The sight of a 3 metre wide chandelier shuddering and sparking before being hoisted to the ceiling above the audience is an experience unlikely to be forgotten.

The students were, as ever, an absolute delight to accompany and arriving back at school at 2.30am were picked up by parents for a well earned, if short rest!



BY ELLA VOYSEY 7SD



BRONZE AWARD WINNERS



ELLIOT HAWKINS – IIRW



ERIN HASLEGRAVE – IIDC



JACK KENNEDY – IISMP



BRONZE AWARD WINNERS



CHIRATHI NANAYAKKARA – I IDC



FLORENCE ROGERS – I IRW



ALICE TURNER – I IDC



CAREERS

The logo for Axminster Tools features the word "AXMINSTER" in a bold, white, sans-serif font, with a stylized white 'X' that has a brushstroke-like tail. To the right of "AXMINSTER" is the word "TOOLS" in a similar white, sans-serif font. The entire logo is set against a red rectangular background.

We share your passion.

IN THIS LAST TERM a few of us from Axminster Tools have supported the School by talking about Work Experience!

Searching for a work experience placement can be a valuable learning experience for you all; it really helps to build your confidence. When considering work experience, you need to think about the subjects you like and subjects you don't like. If you google work experience and go to the National Careers Service web page, it has tools to give you job ideas if you are struggling with what you would like to do in the future. It is also really helpful to talk to lots of people about the jobs they do to see if anything interests you.

When you apply for work experience, it is important that you communicate well; you can write a letter and follow up with a phone call, remember to be clear and polite. When you are applying, think about the location of your work experience and how you will get there.

The benefits of work experience will give you an insight into the skills required for a particular job and it also gives you the opportunity to see if you like it. More importantly, work experience can broaden your knowledge of jobs you may never have considered and will also increase your awareness of your own skills and strengths. It will also help you understand how the subjects you study link to job roles.

Here at Axminster, we are always looking at talent and have several schemes, for example, Outside Insight which is a bit like work experience. It is where any employee can go to another department and spend some time looking at what that department does, the job roles involved and whether it interests them. It really helps them think about transferring to other areas of the business when job opportunities become available. It also gets them to know other staff and Managers, a bit like Work Experience where it puts you in contact with potential employers for the future and gives you an insight into what you are interested in.

It may sound daunting to many of you, but remember that wherever you decide to go the people you will work with have been in your situation and have gone through this process with many other students before you, so will be very understanding and supportive!

Whilst it is never too early to think about what you may want to do for your work experience week, I would like to take this opportunity to wish good luck to all the Year 10's in applying for their work experience and to say ENJOY IT!

Jane Boulton
HR Director

CLUBS AT AVA

CLUBS & ACTIVITIES AUTUMN TERM 2021					
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
LUNCHTIME	YEARS 10 & 11 FOOTBALL AJP Pitch (Mr Scott) BOOKWORM BUDDIES 1.25PM Library (Mr Brown) AXE VALLEY VOICES 88 (Music) HOMEWORK CLUB IT3 (Mrs Rutherford) TUTOR TIME: Y10 BRONZE DUE AWARD (Mr Knight)	YEARS 10 & 11 AXES GYM Sports Centre (Mr Ward) YEARS 7 & 8 BENCHBALL Sports Hall (Mrs Walker) CHESS CLUB 1.25pm Library (Mr Brown) JAZZ BAND (Music) ORCHESTRA Sports Hall (Mrs Walker) BOARD GAMES CLUB C1 with Mrs Marchant DEBATING CLUB 1.30pm A1 with Mrs Marchant (Science) HOMEWORK CLUB IT3 (Mrs Rutherford)	YEARS 8 & 9 AXES GYM Sports Centre (Mrs Walker) YEARS 10 & 11 DODGEBALL Sports Hall (Mr Brown) YEAR 7 BOYS FOOTBALL AJP Pitch (Mr Ward) MANGA CLUB 1.25pm Library (Mr Brown) AXEPELLA 67 (Music) KSA PHOTOGRAPHY (Mr Parry) CRICKET CLUB IT3 (Mrs Rutherford) HOMEWORK CLUB IT3 (Mrs Rutherford)	YEARS 7, 8 & 9 DODGEBALL Sports Hall (Mrs Walker) YEAR 8 FOOTBALL AJP Pitch (Mr Ward) ORCHESTRA (Music) CHRISTMAS CRAFT CLUB IT3 (Mrs Rutherford) HOMEWORK CLUB IT3 (Mrs Rutherford) TUTOR TIME: Y10 BRONZE DUE AWARD (Mr Knight)	YEARS 9 BOYS FOOTBALL AJP Pitch (Mr Ward) ALL YEARS VOLLEYBALL Sports Hall (Mr Brown) MOVIE CLUB 1.25pm Library (Mr Brown) YEAR 7 DRAMA CLUB (Drama) LOSTFO GROUP Meet in the H.U. (Mrs Walker) HOMEWORK CLUB IT3 (Mrs Rutherford) TUTOR TIME: Year 7 CELLO WORKSHOP (Study & Common Rooms) (Ms Aubrey)
	STEEL BAND 1 (Music) STEEL BAND 2 (Music) LANCA ACTING EXAMINERS ALL YEARS 3.40pm - 5pm (Drama) (Mr Taylor) KSA PRINT CLUB (Art) (Mr Parry) 8 SHARP (Music) JUNIOR ROCK SCHOOL 3.45 - 5pm Years 5-11 are welcome to join us as junior helpers, gaining you valuable experience for 12CE. Please speak to Mr Knight for further info if you're interested.	YEARS 7 & 8 BOYS FOOTBALL AJP Pitch (Mr Ward) & Mr Ward ALL YEARS BADMINTON & TABLE TENNIS Sports Hall (Mrs Walker) STEEL BAND 2 (Music) LANCA ACTING EXAMINERS ALL YEARS 3.40pm - 5pm (Drama) (Mr Taylor) KSA PRINT CLUB (Art) (Mr Parry) 8 SHARP (Music) JUNIOR ROCK SCHOOL 3.45 - 5pm Years 5-11 are welcome to join us as junior helpers, gaining you valuable experience for 12CE. Please speak to Mr Knight for further info if you're interested.	ALL YEARS GIRLS CRICKET Sports Hall DRAMA CLUB - PERFORMING TEXTS ALL YEARS 5.40pm - 8pm (Drama) (Mr Taylor) KSA PAINTING CLUB (Art) (Mr Roberts) STRINGS & THINGS 67 (Ms Aubrey)	ALL YEARS RUGBY School Field (Mrs Walker) ALL YEARS BASKETBALL Sports Hall (Mr Ward) DRAMA KSA GCSE EXTENSION & SUPPORT - YEARS 10 & 11 (Drama) (Mr Taylor) STEEL BAND 3 (Music) ROCK SCHOOL (Music)	

CRAFT CLUB



GROW CLUB



CLUBS AT AVA

YEAR 7 DRAMA CLUB



MUSIC

Year 7 have been excited to properly get started on learning how to play the keyboard, learning the names of the notes, playing with good technique all whilst getting in the Christmas spirit with plenty of festive pieces to choose from.

Year 8 have been busy forming blues bands and performing their own versions of the 12-bar blues with keyboards, drums, guitars, ukuleles, and some even writing their own Bluesy lyrics.

Year 9 have enjoyed developing basic skills on the instruments of a pop band; keyboard chords and melody, guitar riffs and chords, ukuleles and bass guitars, drum beats and learning about different voices.

Years 10 & 11 have been focusing on their practical coursework, working on their solo performances and compositions.

Below and overleaf are some images from our evening of festive music in the Minster.



MUSIC

Congregation **ONCE IN ROYAL DAVID'S CITY**

First Verse Solo: Calum Chattaway
Once in royal David's city
Stood a lowly cattle shed
There a mother laid her baby
In a manger for His bed
Mary was that mother mild
Jesus Christ her little child

And our eyes
At last shall see Him
Through His own redeeming love
For that child, so dear and gentle
Is our Lord in heaven above
And He leads His children on
To the place where He is gone

He came down to earth from heaven
Who is God and Lord of all
And His shelter was a stall
With the poor, and mean and lowly
Lived on earth our Saviour holy

Not in that poor lowly stable
With the oxen standing by
We shall see him but in heaven
Set at God's right hand on high
When like stars, his children crowned
All in white shall wait around.

ORCHESTRA **Good King Wenceslas**

AXE VALLEY VOICES
Ding Dong Merrily on High

AVA CLOSE HARMONY GROUP
Carol of the Bells

READING
"Twas the Night Before Christmas by Clement Clarke Moore
read by *Stephen Johns*

FREYA WILLIAMS
Dance of the Mirlitons

JAZZ BAND
Jingle Blues

Congregation **O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL**

O Come, all ye faithful, joyful
and triumphant
O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem
Come and behold Him
Born the King of Angels

Refrain:
O come, let us adore Him
O come, let us adore Him
O come, let us adore Him
Christ the Lord!

God of God, Light of Light
Lo, He abhors not the Virgin's womb
Very God
Begotten, not created

Refrain
Sing, choir of angels, sing in exultation
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God
In the highest

STRINGS ENSEMBLE **In The Bleak Midwinter**

READING: LUKE 2: 1-7
read by *Faith Boser*

MAISY TROTT
Flute piece

AXE VALLEY VOICES
Somewhere in my Memory

THE (MOSTLY) YEAR 9 BAND
Last Christmas

JAZZ BAND
We Wish You A Merry Christmas

READING: HELP WANTED BY TIMOTHY TOCHER
read by *Maity Trott & Willow Tulloch*

Congregation **O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM**

O Little town of Bethlehem
How still we see thee lie
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
The everlasting light
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight

O morning stars together
Proclaim the holy birth
and praises sing to god the king
and peace to men on earth
For Christ is born of Mary
And gathered all above
While mortals sleep the angels keep
Their watch of wondering love

How silently, how silently
The wondrous gift is giv'n
So God imparts to human hearts
The blessings of his heaven
No ear may hear his coming
No eye may see his coming
In this world of sin
Where meek souls will receive him, still
The dear Christ enters in

O holy child of Bethlehem
Descend to us we pray
Cast out our sin and enter in
Be born in us today
We hear the Christmas angle
The great glad tidings tell
O come to us, abide with us
Our Lord Emanuel

AXE VALLEY VOICES
Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree

LYDIA JOSKO
Electric Dreams

READING: LUKE 2:8-16
read by *Mrs Jenkins*

ROCK SCHOOL
Jingle Bell Rock

JAZZ BAND
Frosty the Snowman

Congregation **HARK THE HERALD ANGELS SING**

Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King!
Peace on earth and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled."
Joyful, all ye nations rise,
Join the triumph of the skies,
With th'angelic host proclaim:
"Christ is born in Bethlehem."
Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King!"

Hail the incarnate Deity,
Pleased as man with man to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel,
Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King!"
Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Son of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings,
Rise with healing in His wings,
Mild He lays His glory by,
Born that man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth,
Born to give them second birth,
Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King!"

NAMES OF STUDENTS IN ENSEMBLES

AXE VALLEY VOICES
Sophie Locke, Emily Clifton, Megan Reed, Harminaz Mon, Ella Gillo-Jones, Emily Parkinson, Kira Keenan, Rhy Keenan, Harriet Jones, Emily Bettencourt, Morgan Stradwick, Zia Conny-Newark, Zeffenna Chigposi-Kent, Calum Chattaway, Bea Clood, Stephen Johns, Lydia Josko

AVA CLOSE HARMONY GROUP
Calum Chattaway, Stephen Johns, Jemma Moran, Rob Selby, Yvonne Ashby

JAZZ BAND
Rob Selby, Jemma Moran, Jon Jevons, Ieva Grifolsa, Frez Scott, Yvonne Ashby, Emily Parkinson, Willow Tulloch, Maity Trott, Harriet Jones, Zeffenna Chigposi-Kent, Oscar Shuall

YEAR 9 BAND
Harriet Jones, Beoly Rendell, Isabella Wickenden, Lily Ratnaw, Andrew Johns, Joel Jeffries, Alex Sheppard, Taliah Martin, Emily Bettencourt

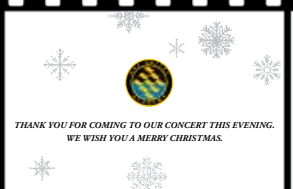
With special thanks to Jemma Moran, Jon Jevons, Rob Selby, Yvonne Ashby, Ieva Grifolsa, Frez Scott, Louise Elliot & Louise Preece

ORCHESTRA
Thomas Jones, Zeffenna Chigposi-Kent, Harriet Jones, Ollie Lettes, Rob Selby, Jon Jevons, Yvonne Ashby, Jemma Moran

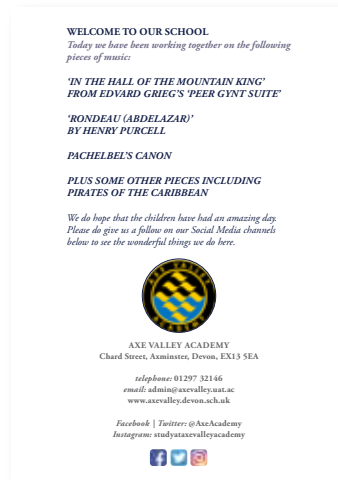
ROCK SCHOOL
Stephen Johns, Theo Lincoln, Faith Boser, Joel Jeffries, Ollie Lettes, Harriet Jones, Michael Johns, Andrew Johns, Alex Sheppard, Taliah Martin, Lily Ratnaw, Tom Godfrey, Caleb Martin, Isabella Wickenden & Emily Bettencourt

THE JAM
Faith Boser, Michael Johns, Stephen Johns, Reuben Boser, Matthew Trueman, Calum Chattaway, Lily Ratnaw

STRINGS ENSEMBLE
Ollie Lettes, Thomas Jones, Harriet Jones



MUSIC



We received so much positive feedback about our **ORCHESTRA FOR A DAY** event. Students from the surrounding primary schools came together to learn several famous orchestral pieces in just one day. Our students set a fabulous example, supported, helped and inspired, and Faith even had a go at conducting!

The Orchestra then performed to their friends and families. What they had achieved in just one day was astonishing.

More of this type of event is in the pipeline. Mr. Jevons is also planning a Community Orchestra (see leaflet below). Details are to be confirmed, so do keep an eye on our social media channels.



**“IF THEY CAN ACHIEVE THIS IN A DAY.
IMAGINE WHAT WE COULD ACHIEVE
AS A COMMUNITY”**

Mr Jevons | 10 October 2021



IS IT REALLY SEVEN WEEKS SINCE HALF TERM? Clocks going back and the darker nights setting in. It certainly hasn't detracted from notable sporting performances by Axe Valley students and the organising of some great opportunities to watch top level sport by our PE department.

I must start by saying a huge well-done to Noah O'Reilly who swam at the Devon Championships U11 and finished a fantastic 2nd in butterfly and very creditable 3rd in the individual medley.

Noah will swim for Somerset County in January and February 2022 with a view to join the South West swim pathway and swim for the South West Region in May 2022. Noah's aspiration is to swim for GB in the future!

As you will have seen in November 2021 he helped open Chard Leisure Centre with the commonwealth champion Matt Clay. He raced Matt Clay in the new pool and got to wear his gold commonwealth medal. We shall be watching your progress with interest Noah and look forward to celebrating more success with you.

At present our year 11 CNAT Sport Science group have completed their mocks and are busy studying for their exam in January and we look forward to celebrating their results with them in March. Keep working hard!

Students in all years have been taking part in various activities from rugby, netball, swimming and various indoor activities such as basketball, benchball, dodgeball and medic. We have seen students from all years competing in inter-house benchball and fiercely contested dodgeball

On 10th November we took squads of our best runners to the East Devon Cross country Championships at Bicton where we had some great performances. Six of our students gained selection to represent the East Devon Schools team vs Exeter Schools at Blundells on 24th November. Alfie Bird, Kiera Brookes, Lily-Anne Smith, Harry McMahon, Maisy Trott and Innes FitzGerald. All competed superbly against some very good runners and showed their resilience in some challenging conditions. Harry finished 5th running very well in the Inter boys race and Innes led from start to end crossing the finish line with the second place athlete not in sight. We look forward to the county championships taking place at Newton Abbott in early January.

Last Friday those students who ran at Blundells met up with Luke Reed (GBR Triathlete) who kindly came into school to discuss future pathways open to athletes. He talked to students about his training and the people that have influenced him. Anyone keen to start running should be taking part in park runs and building up their training mileage but for more information turn up and have a go. Innes is 5th in the UK womens park run table which is an astonishing effort.





Twickenham trip

Our first sporting trip of the year led by Miss Waller was to Twickenham to watch England vs Tonga in the Autumn International. Arriving at a heavily congested Twickenham we quickly realised we needed a tall visual for a students to follow through the crowds. Mr Carr whipped off his brightly coloured beanie and raised it in the air for all to follow. We made our way through the entrance gates and were fortunate to be there at the same time as the Tonga team arrived on the bus, so we waved and welcomed them in and then made our way to our seats. The England team dominated the game from the get go with try after try, with every England try we all let out a huge cheer, and took part in the Mexican wave flowing through the stands! Our students behaved brilliantly and were a credit to the Academy. Thank you to the staff that made it possible.

The final score was 69-3 to England!

Exeter Chiefs Super Saturday

On Saturday 27th November we went to Sandy Park, Home to Exeter Chiefs with 24 of our students to take part in a training session held by Chiefs players. We then to watched and supported Exeter Chiefs Women team take on Loughborough Lightning.

Conditions were extremely cold and windy. When we arrived our students were placed into training groups. A special mention goes to Meisha Parkinson who played above her age group to play alongside the U18 girls group and she held her own. Well done Meisha!

We then warmed up with burger and chips and hot chocolate and made our way to our amazing seats behind the players bench and watched the Chiefs keep a clean record with a 17 – 12 win against Loughborough Lightning. A cold but awesome day was had by all.

Thank you to all the staff who have supported the PE Department in the last term assisting with football, volleyball and swimming clubs. It is very much appreciated. We have Damian Price, a Devon County community coach for cricket taking girls for cricket after school on a Wednesday and we are quietly confident that the Axe Valley Academy will have a girls cricket team shortly.

One last message – please can parents ensure that all PE kit has a name or identifying mark on it as we have collected a worrying amount of kit during the Autumn term that we would like to return but are unable to. The new year brings in the football season and a requirement for AGP boots (moulded studs) and shin pads that fit nicely into a boot bag for all students.

As the song goes ‘its beginning to look a lot like Christmas’ and, therefore, may I take this opportunity to wish both students and their families a happy and peaceful Christmas and all the best for 2022.



Follow us | Twitter: @AVA_Sports

SPORT HIGHLIGHTS!

MISS WALLER MADE A PRESENTATION of some the sporting highlights of 2021. Here are some of the wonderful moments we have been able to enjoy this year.

AXES – GYM CLUB



FOOTBALL CLUB



NETBALL CLUB



SPIKEBALL ON THE AGP



HOUSE CROSS COUNTRY



HOUSE CROSS COUNTRY



CROSS COUNTRY



RUGBY CLUB



RUGBY CLUB



BADMINTON CLUB



CRICKET CLUB



CRICKET CLUB



DODGEBALL CLUB



SWIM CLUB AT THE FLAMINGO POOL



YEAR 7 HOUSE BENCHBALL TOURNAMENT



YEAR 8 HOUSE BENCHBALL TOURNAMENT



YEAR 9 HOUSE BENCHBALL TOURNAMENT



YEAR 10 HOUSE BENCHBALL TOURNAMENT



SUPER SATURDAY- EXETER CHIEFS TRIP



RACHEL DERRICK
YEAR 7 | CORAM
SHOT PUT: 8.65m



BAILEY GALLOWAY
YEAR 8 | ANNING
100 METRES: 13.07sec



INNES FITZGERALD
YEAR 10 | CHUDLEIGH
800 METRES: 2mins 30sec
1500 METRES: 4mins 54sec



**RECORD
BREAKERS!**



KS3 ART OF THE MONTH



Tallah Marais Yr9



Joey Jones-Tovey Yr9



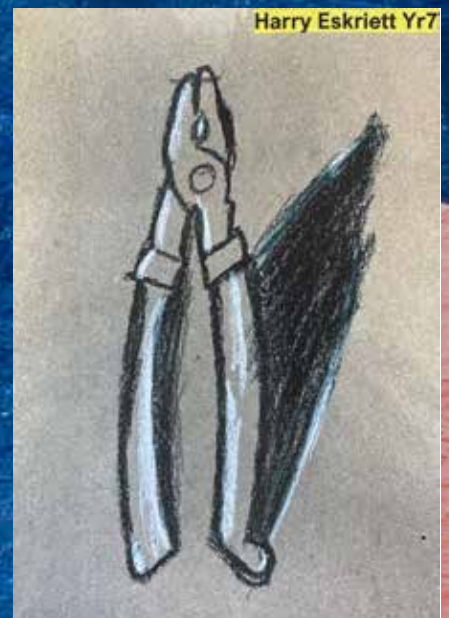
Brooke Redworth Yr7



Sophie Baxter Yr8



Tom Jones Yr8

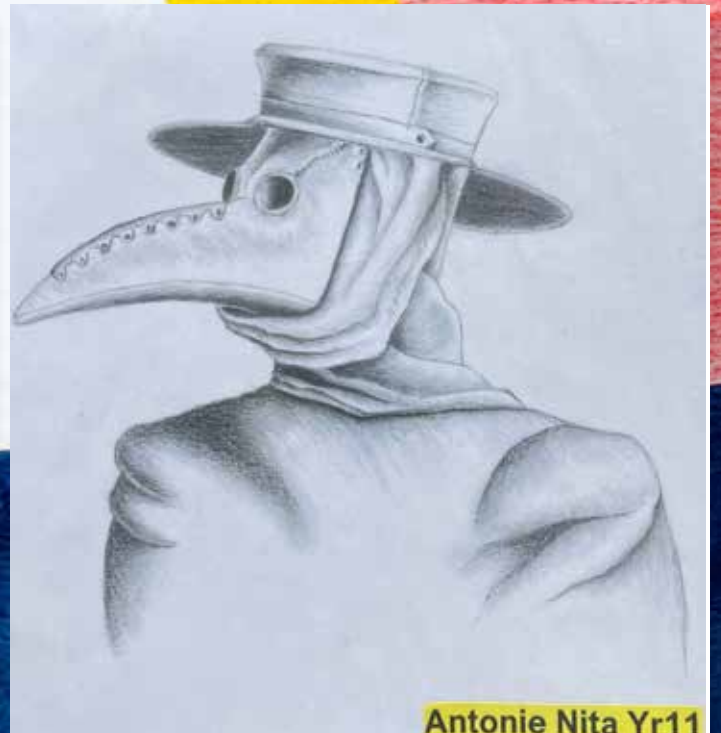


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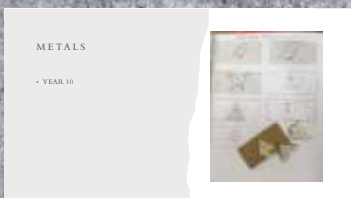
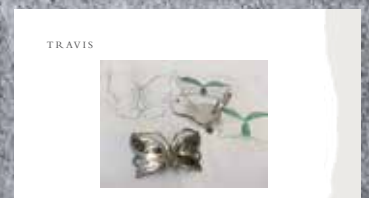
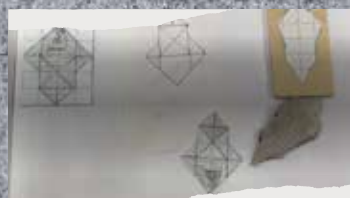
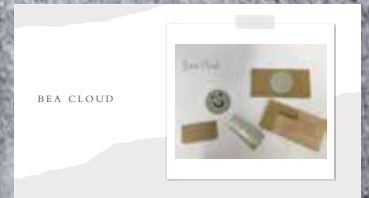
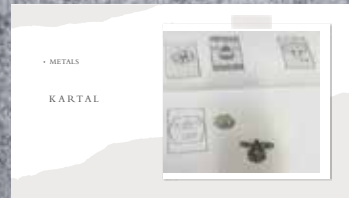


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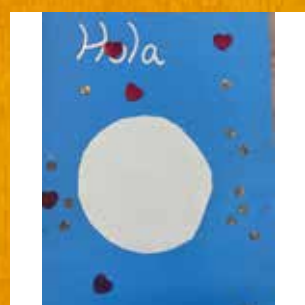


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MFL

CHRISTMAS CARDS Students from Year 7 been busy making Christmas cards. These cards are going to be sent to Instituto Miguel Sánchez López in Torredelcompo, Jaén, Andalucía and we will be receiving some back. Our students have given some brief information about themselves inside the cards. Holyrood Academy and Uffculme School students are doing the same and we hope to build a rapport between our schools for other exciting projects.



Feliz Navidad

1ST: MATILDA MEAKIN NORMAN – 8JW

Gothic Writing Competition

Matilda Meakin Norman

The rough mud-covered road led me down to a large mysterious building.

Large, spiked towers looked down upon me as I walked through the rusty iron gate which creaked in the screeching wind.

Shattered windows and an ancient oak unhinged front door was strangled by plants which dug their way through the cracks of the crumbling structure.

Lifeless trees surrounded it as the chasm greeted me with an evil grin. The gate swung shut behind me. I was stuck between the murderous plantations which surrounded the silent atmosphere suffocating anything left alive.

I was overthrown by my curiosity as I took a cautious step over the threshold...

2ND: CORA GAY – 8JW

Gothic Writing Competition

The air turned black all around me sending icy shivers up my spine. Wondering through the graveyard, it felt like someone was watching me. The gravestones stood silently, row upon row like soldiers long forgotten, a scream shattered the silence...

A mysterious figure appeared from behind the tenebrous outlook. It was there, then it had gone. Keeping watch at the perimeter of the clandestine graveyard, I was tiring, my eyes wearing from constant searching. It moved, why was it moving? It shouldn't be moving.

Everything stopped, everything a statue around me. Frozen.

"Help me!" Came a call.

3RD: ESME COULSON – 8DP

It was a dark, dreary night. The mist was low and dense on the forest floor. The trees were bare, the moon was bright and perfectly spherical. Every step I took crunched under my feet and disturbed the unbearable silence. If only I knew why my instinct forced me deeper into the woods. The mist, which had kept the clopper of the forest hidden, lifted. There before me, was the tallest church I had ever seen. Gargoyles looked down on me as if they were watching my every move. Sensing a thunderstorm approaching, I entered through the clattering, creaking doorway.

THE ENGLISH DEPARTMENT had to read their way through over 90 terrifying (in a good way) entries.

Congratulations to our winners, who received £15, £10 and £5 book tokens to spend at Archway Bookshop, Axminster. To all who entered, you obviously really enjoyed this competition – Well done!

Gothic WRITING COMPETITION



LIBRARY NEWS

THE LIBRARY HAS HAD A BUSY TERM YET AGAIN! THE MANGA CLUB HAVE BEEN BUSY WORKING ON THEIR ORIGAMI, AS WELL AS ENJOYING THE LATEST AND GREATEST ANIME ON THE BIG SCREEN.

CHESS CLUB have had a term of playing friendlies and it's been great to see the pupils share strategies in preparation for next term's championship.

THE BOOKWORM BUDDIES have spent their sessions reading some of the books which have been nominated for the 2022 CILIP Carnegie Medal. Their favourite so far has been 'Ace of Spades', by Faridah Abike-Iyimide. Nearly all the other nominated books are coming to the library soon – we can't wait!

Don't forget that students can access the school library system from home – do email Mr Brown if you need your login information.

<https://axevalley.slls.online/>

TREEFEST21

THE MINSTER CHURCH AXMINSTER Christmas Tree Festival 2021 5th – 26th December 2021 We want a school that the whole community is proud to be a part of and we will continue to strive for that at every opportunity. When asked to provide a tree for Treefest21, we saw a perfect chance to show off our lovely school and all that goes on here. The decorations for this tree were created at our Christmas in the Quad event. Children and families enjoyed the festivities at our school and were able to make decorations with our staff to add to **OUR COMMUNITY TREE**.



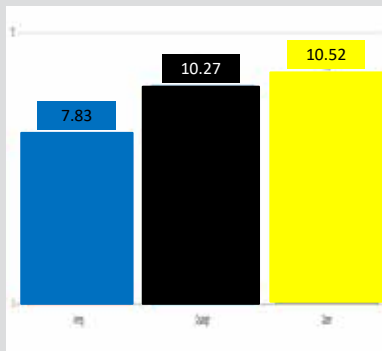
HOUSES AT AVA

CORAM have dominated this term, congratulations! Well done Chudleigh for taking the lead in the Curriculum Cup. Come on Anning – it's still all to play for next term.

Community Cup



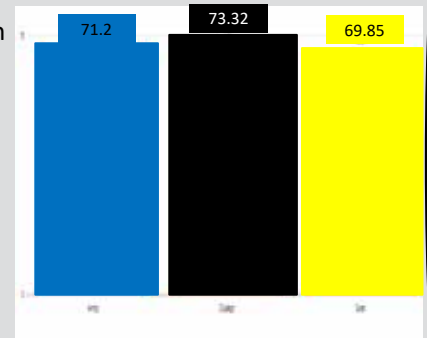
- Attendance and performance at clubs (excluding sport)
- Representing the school (excluding sport)
- Whole school events
- Charity work
- Good behaviour outside of lessons



Curriculum Cup



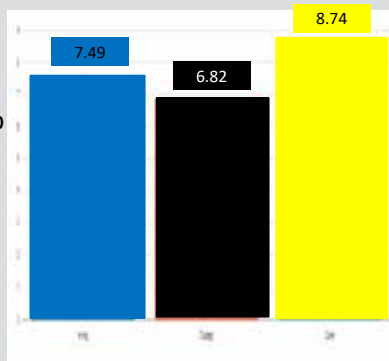
- Excellence and perseverance in the classroom.
- Participation and performance in subject related competitions



Reading Cup



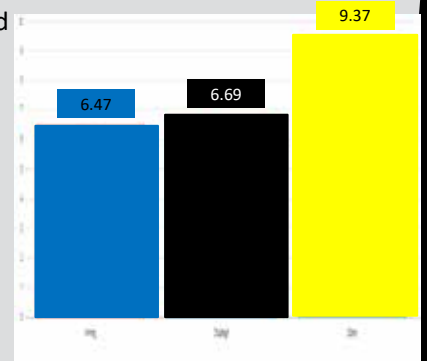
- Excellence and perseverance in reading during Global Citizenship lessons
- Participation and performance in library related activities.



Sport Cup



- Participation and performance in sport related activities
- Attendance at sport clubs.



HOUSE CAPTAINS	ANNING			CHUDLEIGH			CORAM		
	STEPHEN JOHNS HOUSE CAPTAIN			JAMES FITZGERALD HOUSE CAPTAIN			JAMES HARRIS HOUSE CAPTAIN		
	CHRISTIAN MANNING HOUSE CAPTAIN			JAMES WATTS HOUSE CAPTAIN			JAMES WATTS HOUSE CAPTAIN		
	GEORGE CARLEY VICE CAPTAIN			ALAN HALE VICE CAPTAIN			DAVID BRIDGE VICE CAPTAIN		
	EDWARD BONE VICE CAPTAIN			JACOB BROWN VICE CAPTAIN			JACOB BROWN VICE CAPTAIN		

AVA CELEBRATES

YEAR LEADER AWARD: YEAR 7



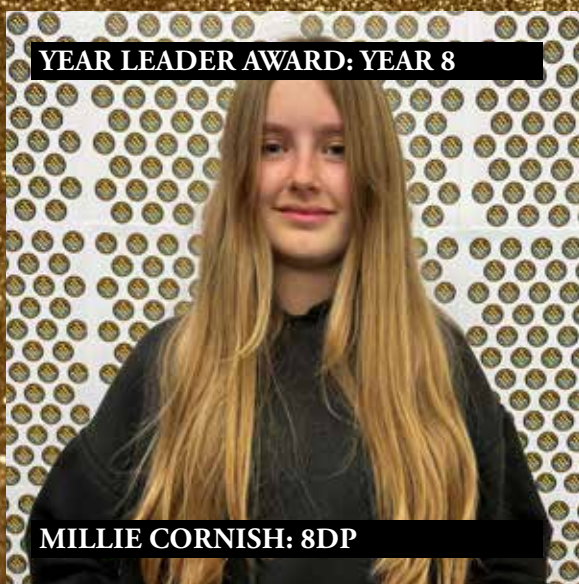
OLLIE WATTS: 7EBU

HEADTEACHER AWARD: YEAR 7



SOPHIE LOCKE: 7EBU

YEAR LEADER AWARD: YEAR 8



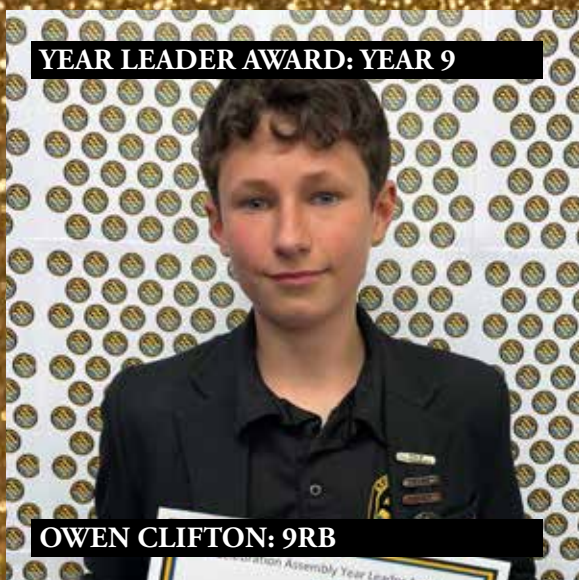
MILLIE CORNISH: 8DP

HEADTEACHER AWARD: YEAR 8



THOMAS JONES: 8EB

YEAR LEADER AWARD: YEAR 9



OWEN CLIFTON: 9RB

HEADTEACHER AWARD: YEAR 9



HARRIET JONES: 9VM

AVA CELEBRATES

YEAR LEADER AWARD: YEAR 10



HARRISON GRIFFITHS: 10EC

HEADTEACHER AWARD: YEAR 10



EMILY NEWTON: 10FM

YEAR LEADER AWARD: YEAR 11

LUCA RADFORD: 10RW



HEADTEACHER AWARD: YEAR 11



HENRY HEIGHWAY: 11SMP

CONGRATULATIONS CORAM!



CORAM CELEBRATE!



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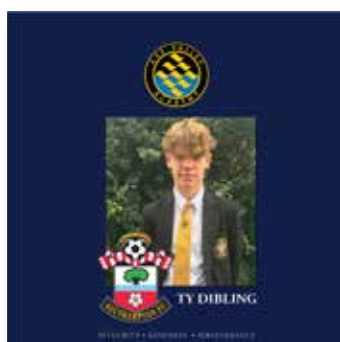
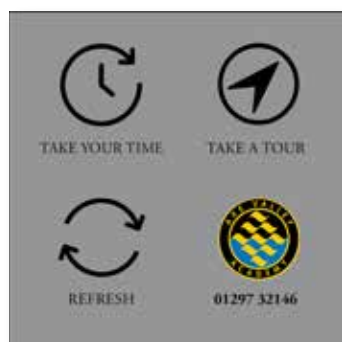
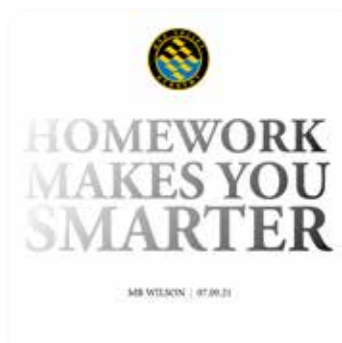
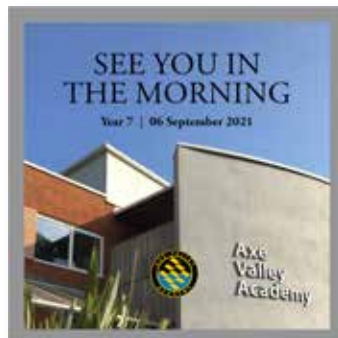
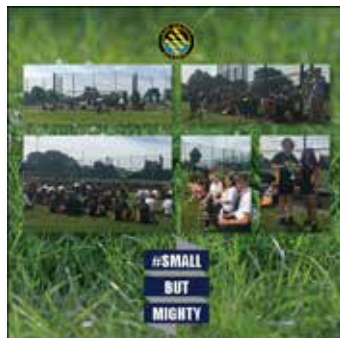
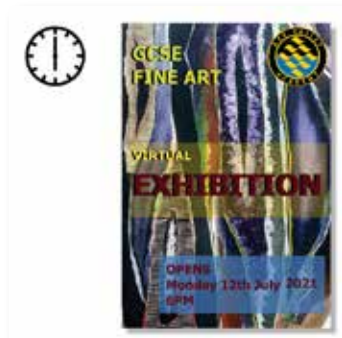


***REALLY MR. HOUSE? –
YOU COULD AT LEAST
MAKE AN EFFORT!***



2021 ON SOCIAL MEDIA

2021 HAS BEEN AN AMAZING YEAR FOR US ON SOCIAL MEDIA. Our presence online has really got everyone talking about our school and noticing all the wonderful things we do here. Please do give us a follow, it really makes a difference to us. #smallbutmighty



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LATEST!

We are so proud to announce that TY DIBLING has been selected for the England U16 football squad. The best Christmas present ever! Congratulations Ty. #smallbutmighty



We encourage our students to look at ways to help our wider community. Here is the phenomenal amount that our Year 7s have collected and delivered to AXMINSTER FOOD BANK. Thank you!. #smallbutmighty





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