

FEBRUARY 2022

AXE VALLEY STRA



INSIDE THIS ISSUE: 21 pages celebrating another busy term at Axe Valley Academy.



WELCOME TO OUR FIRST AIXEMINISTRA OF 2022 – It never ceases to amaze me that even in this exhausting term staff have been delivering lessons with enthusiasm and purpose whilst also squeezing in all manner of clubs and activities. New clubs like aspirations club and competitive swim club spring up all the time and I am enjoying seeing these grow.

It makes me incredibly proud to say that we have had great sporting success in a range of areas because at the moment we might be small as a community but we are making a big splash again showing we are small but mighty.

Notable individual successes include Innes Fitzgerald, who competed at the Devon Cross Country trials at Exeter Arena. Innes (Year 11) won the Inter Girls competition comfortably and went on to Chippenham to represent Devon at the regionals. She won this too. She will compete in the National Championships in March.

Ty Dibling (Year 11), who plays for Southampton FC, has been selected for the England U16 football squad. He is currently training with them in Portugal.

Sporting team successes across the school with wins in football, athletics and netball. We have had some fixture wins and some fixture near misses but definitely more wins than ever before! Visiting coaches have really enthused our students and we are enjoying having extra skills to boost our already very talented PE department! Particularly popular are netball and girls cricket although lunchtime Dodgeball club is becoming the place to be.

Music also dominates at AVA. Gradually the music department are trying to take over the school growing into unused spaces and creating more community based opportunities like the newly forming Axminster Community Orchestra. More community events are planned with music as plans are forming for another Orchestra for a Day workshop on 23rd March. We have seen a focus on Folk Music where students have learned about the history of the instruments and then have had a chance to try playing them. The results have been astounding. Further musical link ups are occurring with the Waffle House, in the heart of our town and we see growing participation from our students in Open Mic events. We have really come back with a bang!

In the run up to Holocaust Memorial Day, we were honoured to have the chance to listen to a presentation from Holocaust survivor, Henry Schachter. Our Year 9 History students and Year 11s, listened intently, as Henry told his story of endurance at a time when the Nazis tragically persecuted millions of Jewish people. This was an incredible privilege. We are very grateful to Mr Irvine for organising the event.

Much excitement has been brought about as we watched Marcus Wyatt, who attended Axe Valley Academy, at the Winter Olympics in Beijing. Having been selected for the GB Skeleton Bobsleigh Olympic team, his coaches asked us for good luck messages to show him. Staff and students were only too happy to oblige.

In such a short space of time, we have crammed in so much activity.

Have a wonderful half term.

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LAURA JENKINS | HEADTEACHER



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THIS TERM AT AVA

PROUD MOMENTS...



CONGRATULATIONS TO INNES FITZGERALD, who came first in the South West Schools cross country championships at Chippenham on Saturday. A fantastic effort from a truly gifted student - bring on the nationals! (19th March 2022)

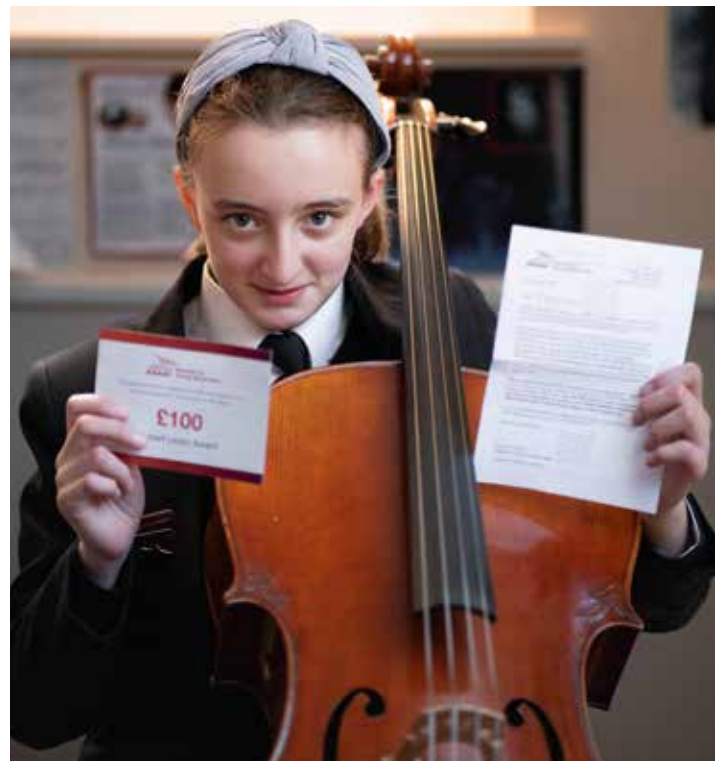


Congratulations to Ty Dibbling (Year11) who scored for England U16s against Turkey. Ty is now training in Portugal with the squad.

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YEAR 9 STUDENT, Zefferina Ghignoni-Kent has received a place on the Awards for Young Musicians programme. She received £100 towards her musical costs "as recognition of her musical potential".

THIS TERM AT AVA

After seven years of hard work we are super proud of ex-student, **MARCUS WYATT** for representing Team GB at British Skeleton at the Winter Olympics in Beijing. He came 16th. What an astounding achievement in his first Olympic Games. We can't wait to hear all about the whole experience Marcus had in Beijing. We had great fun making our good luck video messages. Check out our social media channels to see the ones which made the cut!

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THIS TERM AT AVA

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THERE ARE TWO WOLVES
FIGHTING INSIDE ALL OF US.
THE FIRST ONE IS EVIL,
THE SECOND ONE IS GOOD...

WHICH WOLF WILL WIN?

THE ONE YOU FEED.

Henry Schachter

25.01.22

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Thanks to the bravery of
Holocaust survivors, talking to us,
we can shine a light on one of
history's darkest chapters.

Mr Irvine

HOLOCAUST
MEMORIAL DAY



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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 texture. 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.

RECENTLY I ran a workshop for some Students at Axe Valley. It was such a pleasure to work with such an engaging and polite group of students. What struck me the most was how they interacted with each other with openness. You should all be very proud of yourselves.

The main focus of the workshop was about mindfulness and how this can help you. You all have amazing strengths and qualities such as kindness, resilience and wisdom and by using mindfulness it can only help you to recognise and grow these qualities. Mindfulness is about paying full attention to something; it means slowing down to really notice what you are doing.

The world is continually changing and during the workshop we touched on the topic of the different types of work that will be available to you in the future. There is certainly a focus on building your collaboration, communication and creativity skills as well as a good attitude to flexibility and teamwork. It is so important for

all of you to continue to network as I have said previously so that all of you can gain experience and insights into people's jobs and careers, inspiring you to aim high and be confident in your abilities.

One of our initiatives at Axminster Tools is to give staff 5% of their working hours to focus whether that is on a current project, training, listening to podcasts or webinars, shadowing another department, external networking; anything that can enhance development or knowledge to improve their role. Why not try the 5% initiative each week to focus on your studies or improving on something you are already good at, using mindfulness and taking some time out to pay full attention and really understand what you are doing – to focus.

Jane Boulton
HR Director

CLUBS AT AVA

CLUBS & ACTIVITIES | SPRING TERM 2022



	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
LUNCHTIME	<p>YEARS 10 & 11 FOOTBALL AGP Pitch (Mr Scott)</p> <p>BOOKWORM BUDDIES 1.25PM Library (Mr Brown)</p> <p>AXE VALLEY VOICES BT (Music)</p> <p>HOMEWORK CLUB IT3 (Mrs Rutherford)</p> <p>TUTOR TIME: Y11 BRONZE DofE AWARD (Mr Knott)</p>	<p>YEARS 10 & 11 AXES GYM (Mr Owen)</p> <p>NETBALL Sports Hall (Trish & Miss Waller)</p> <p>CHESS CLUB 1.25pm Library (Mr Brown)</p> <p>JAZZ BAND BT (Music)</p> <p>GROW CLUB Science Garden or C3 — Depending on weather (Mr Carr)</p> <p>BOARD GAMES CLUB C1 (Miss Marchant)</p> <p>DEBATING CLUB 1.30pm A7 with Mrs Mattheys Broome</p> <p>LEATHER WORK DT CLUB Years 7-8 in T4 (Mrs Sanders)</p> <p>CNAT COURSE WORK CATCH-UP IT8 (Mr Ward)</p> <p>HOMEWORK CLUB IT3 (Mrs Rutherford)</p>	<p>ALL YEARS DODGEBALL Sports Hall (Miss Waller)</p> <p>YEARS 10 & 11 AXES GYM (Mr Owen)</p> <p>YEAR 7 BOYS FOOTBALL AGP Pitch (Mr Horn)</p> <p>MANGA CLUB 1.25pm Library (Mr Brown)</p> <p>YEAR 7 DRAMA CLUB Black Box (Mr Selby)</p> <p>CROCHET CLUB D2 (Mrs Madgyn)</p> <p>HOMEWORK CLUB IT3 (Mrs Rutherford)</p> <p>TUTOR TIME: Y10 BRONZE DofE AWARD (Mr Knott)</p>	<p>ASPIRATIONS CLUB C8 (Mr Scott)</p> <p>NETBALL Sports Centre (Trish & Miss Waller)</p> <p>COMPETITIVE SWIM CLUB Flamingo Pool (Mr Dugler)</p> <p>YEAR 8 FOOTBALL AGP Pitch (Mr Horn)</p> <p>ORCHESTRA B8 (Music)</p> <p>CRAFT CLUB D2 (Mrs Madgyn)</p> <p>GROW CLUB Science Garden or C3 — Depending on weather (Mr Carr)</p> <p>HOMEWORK CLUB IT3 (Mrs Rutherford)</p>	<p>YEARS 7, 8 & 9 BOYS FOOTBALL AGP Pitch (Mr Horn & Mr Ward)</p> <p>ALL YEARS VOLLEYBALL Sports Hall (Mr Leach, Mr Petty)</p> <p>MOVIE CLUB 1.25pm Library (Mr Brown)</p> <p>LGBTQ GROUP Next to the Hub (Miss Waller)</p> <p>CLOSE HARMONY GROUP B7 (Music)</p> <p>HOMEWORK CLUB IT3 (Mrs Rutherford)</p> <p>TUTOR TIME: Year 7 CELLO WORKSHOP Study & Common Rooms (Ms Ashby)</p>
AFTER SCHOOL	<p>STEEL BAND 1 (Music)</p>	<p>YEARS 7, 8 & 9 BOYS FOOTBALL AGP Pitch (Mr Horn & Mr Ward)</p> <p>MULTI SPORTS Sports Hall (Miss Waller)</p> <p>ALL YEARS GIRLS CRICKET Sports Hall</p> <p>STEEL BAND 2 (Music)</p> <p>LAMDA ACTING EXAMS ALL YEARS 3.40pm – 5pm Drama (Mr Selby)</p> <p>KS3 PRINT CLUB (Art) (Mr Petty)</p> <p>JUNIOR ROCK SCHOOL 3.45 – 5pm Years 9-11 are welcome to join us as junior helpers gaining you volunteer experience for DofE. Please speak to Mr Knott/Mr Griffiths if you're interested</p>	<p>MULTI SPORTS Sports Hall (Miss Waller)</p> <p>DRAMA CLUB – PERFORMING TEXTS ALL YEARS 3.40pm – 5pm Drama (Mr Selby)</p> <p>PAINTING CLUB ALL YEARS Art (Mrs Roberts)</p> <p>STRINGS & THINGS B7 (Ms Ashby)</p>	<p>NETBALL Sports Centre (Trish)</p> <p>ALL YEARS RUGBY School Field (Miss Waller)</p> <p>GIRLS FOOTBALL AGP (Mr House)</p> <p>DRAMA KS4 GCSE EXTENSION & SUPPORT – YEARS 10 & 11 Drama (Mr Selby)</p> <p>STEEL BAND 3 (Music)</p> <p>ROCK SCHOOL (Music)</p>	

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POETRY BY HEART

CHOOSE A POEM • LEARN IT BY HEART • PERFORM IT OUT LOUD

WEDNESDAYS 1.30 IN A8 – YEARS 7 AND 8



#weloveourclubs

10X CHALLENGE CLUB

Students will be given £10 and they must use this to create a student business and turn it into £100 profit - they get to choose what to do with the profits if they earn it! details can be found here: 10xchallenge.org.uk

HOW TO GET INVOLVED:

THURSDAY 17 FEBRUARY | LUNCHTIME | THE LIBRARY

There will be an initial meeting with Mr Irvine to explain the project for any students interested.



WEEK 1 Here's £10

Students research and decide on a product or service to launch their £10 in and enter their launch log for the week 1 competition.



WEEK 2 Getting started

Teams secure materials or products and plan selling events. They write their sales pitches for the week 2 competition.



WEEK 3 Keep it going

Students get their product or service ready and promote their selling events.



WEEK 4 Payback & Profits

Young people pay back their £10, work out the profit, decide how to spend/provide it, and enter their journals for the national 10x competition.

CLUBS AT AVA



GROW CLUB are trying out a new eco friendly model where you **RENT** daffodils for just the pretty bit of the year for just £1. When the daffodil has done doing what daffodils do best you just return the pot and bulbs to us and we'll look after them to use again for next year. This was a very successful Valentines Day venture.



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DEBATING CLUB

OPEN EVENT:



TIME: Tuesday lunchtime,
(1:30 – 2pm)
LOCATION: A7
TEACHER: Mrs Matravels-Broome
ALL YEARS ARE WELCOME

MOTION:

**THE HOUSE BELIEVES
THAT THE SCHOOL
SUMMER HOLIDAYS
SHOULD BE 4 WEEKS
LONG, INSTEAD OF 6.**



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SCIENCE BARN OWL PELLET DISSECTION

MRS BISHOP ENJOYED A GOOD TURN-OUT AT OWL PELLET DISSECTION CLUB.

What are Barn Owl pellets?

- Barn Owls are unable to digest the fur and bone of their prey, which they usually swallow whole.
- The indigestible parts are regurgitated (coughed up through the beak) in the form of an owl pellet.
- After feeding, producing a pellet takes 6 hours or more.
- After each night's hunting an owl regurgitates 1 or 2 pellets.
- Barn Owl pellets are typically about the size of a man's thumb and black when fresh.

The Barn Owl's diet consists mainly of small mammals particularly:

- Field Voles (45% of total British Barn Owl diet).
- Common Shrews (20%).
- Wood Mice (15%).
- House Mice, Brown Rats, Bank Voles and Pygmy Shrews are also taken.

We found a great deal of bones and were able to identify and clean up a huge variety of specimens.

and black when fresh.

- Pellets often contain the remains of 4 or 5 small mammals.
- Pellet dissection can tell you exactly what an owl has eaten.



MUSIC

YEAR 8 (pictured here) have been rocking and rolling, creating bands and learning classic 50s songs like Hound Dog and Rock Around the Clock.



YEAR 9 have been putting together class bands in preparation for their own independent bands after the holidays. Each class came up with their own personal set of rules for good musicianship – great job!

YEAR 10 & 11 have been demonstrating hard work, resilience and creativity through their practical solo performances and compositions. The new mac suite is awesome, and our students are loving using the new software.

The amount of students having instrumental or singing lessons, rehearsing in the department at lunchtimes and preparing for the Spring Concert (5th April) is fantastic. A reminder that we always love to see new faces on Monday for Axe Valley Voices, Tuesday for Jazz Band and Thursday for Orchestra, as well as all the fabulous after school opportunities like Steel Pans and Rock School.

The department feels like a vibrant and buzzing place to be right now, so if you're not already involved, come and join in!



MUSIC DIARY DATES:

STARTING AFTER
HALF TERM:
COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA
(THURSDAYS AFTER 4PM)

23rd MARCH:
ORCHESTRA DAY

5TH APRIL:
SPRING CONCERT

18th JUNE:
BIG SING

SEE SOCIAL MEDIA FOR DETAILS

Waffle LIVE EVERY 2ND FRIDAY OF THE MONTH

OPEN MIC NIGHT

at
FRI 14 JAN
FRI 11 FEB
FRI 11 MAR
FRI 15 APR
FRI 13 MAY
FRI 10 JUN
and beyond!

YOU CAN PERFORM:

- on your own
- in a band
- original songs
- covers
- any standard age, instruments welcome

@ THE COMMUNITY Waffle HOUSE (Levens) 7:30 onwards just turn up or see pub for more info.

AXE VALLEY ACADEMY

YOUR CHANCE TO SHINE

AXE VALLEY VOICES

MONDAY LUNCHTIMES

B7

We know we have some great singers out there, we would love to have them join us. Also any solo singers hoping for a chance to shine in future concerts should come to develop their technique and support less confident singers.



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MUSIC



YEAR 7 have had a great half term exploring rhythms through body percussion and Djembes, with the added bonus of two Folk Music workshops each!





IT SEEMS AN ABSOLUTE AGE SINCE CHRISTMAS because so many good things have happened both in and out of school in the sporting world. Finally being allowed to have fixtures against other schools in football, netball and cricket has been great. I know that students have been active swimming, achieving impressive national times (Noah and Niamh O'Reilly). There have been students actively participating in park runs in the local community chasing Innes Fitzgerald in the ladies and Harry McMahon in the men's races. The Year 8s took part in a Sports hall athletics competition organised at Kings School Ottery. One of our most pleasing academy performances came in the girls U13 cricket competition held at Exeter University. We have been lucky to have community coach Damien Price (Chance to Shine) come in and coach the girls but, wow, what a fantastic performance to finish second out of five schools.

The PE dept recognises that a lot more students are participating outside of school and are also achieving great things. It would be great if parents informed us allowing the whole community to celebrate their success with them.

The Girls Netball is starting to gain momentum with the help of fabulous local coach Trish Warwick from Axe Vale Netball Club who runs both the lunchtime and after school clubs. Willow Tulloch and Phoebe Dare are certainly progressing well and helping U16 regional squad succeed. Please encourage students to attend as it is always best to have strength in depth, with a big squad.

The Boys Football has witnessed mixed fortunes for the different age groups, with our Year 7 team being victors in both of their games. The Year 8s have just started their central venue tournament at Kings and Mr Ward speaks of a bright future for the team. The Year 9s along with the Year 11s are looking forward to their next fixtures and training hard to win their games. This only leaving the Year 10s who played against Sidmouth and beat them by playing some attractive football, that was enjoyed by the crowd who were watching.

Since I last wrote we have witnessed not only some magnificent performances by all students previously mentioned, but some very special ones that I wish to highlight. Marcus Wyatt an ex-student has recently represented Team GB in the Skeleton finishing a creditable 16th but with better equipment was convinced he would have been in the mix. Well done, Marcus, I hope we can encourage you to visit the Academy in the near future to tell us about your journey to the Beijing Winter Olympics.

Ty Dibling is about to sign forms to become a professional footballer with Southampton FC and has recently been selected to play for England at the FA St. Georges training grounds vs Turkey. Last week he jetted off to Portugal to play against their national side and Germany. A wonderful



achievement. In between, he managed to play for the Year 11 team alongside his brother Owen. We congratulate you on your achievement Ty, and look forward to celebrating further success in your career.

You will be aware that Innes Fitzgerald is a super athlete, as demonstrated in her park run times and Devon Inter Girl Schools Cross Country champion. She recently went to Chippenham to compete in the South West schools Cross Country Championships and blasted away her rivals finishing 30 seconds faster than the second placed runner. She is now the South West Champion and part of the winning county team who will be running at Hop Farm, Kent in the English Schools Cross Country Championships on the 19th March 2022 and we all wish her well.

When students return after half-term they will still be allowed to wear PE kit on days that they have PE or are attending a sporting extra-curricular activity. Can you please encourage students to be wearing the correct uniform for the activity that they are participating in. A boot bag that should contain boots, shin pads and a gum shield, is essential. We have limited kit to loan out and we will be closely monitoring those who do not bring the correct kit. If you have any questions regarding kit or other matters concerning PE please contact me at the academy. downen@axevalley.uat.ac. If you have any pre-loved kit that you no longer need we would be very grateful if you could donate it to us.

I would like you to know that I am organising two trips one to watch ENGLAND V IVORY COAST AT WEMBLEY: Tuesday 29th March (cost = £55) and ARDECHE 2023 is open to all years (cost = £905). If your son/daughter is interested in attending either or both of these trips, letters can be collected from the PE office.

Two Centre Adventure



Mimosa (Mediterranean coast)

Domaine de Segries (Ardèche)



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ART OF THE MONTH

ALTHEA ROWLANDS Y8



AMELIA PERRYMAN Y8



ANTHONY PARKINSON Y8



ESME COULSON Y8



LEIGHARNA MILLER Y8

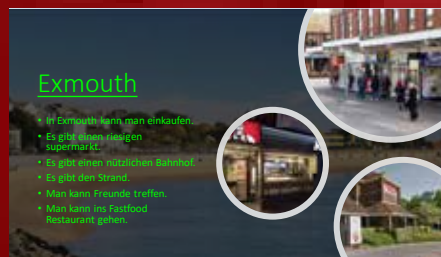


MATTHEW BEVISS Y8

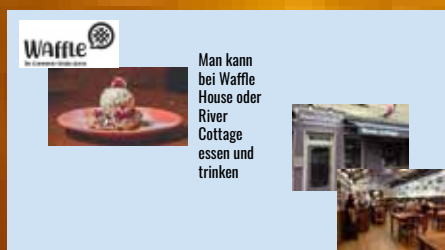
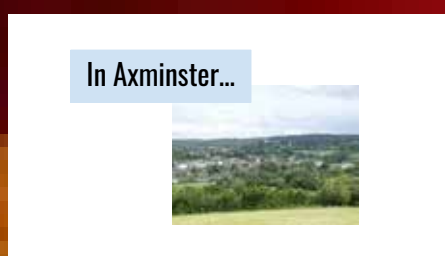


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YEAR 10 GERMAN PRESENTATIONS and leaflets about our local area, completed as homework tasks.



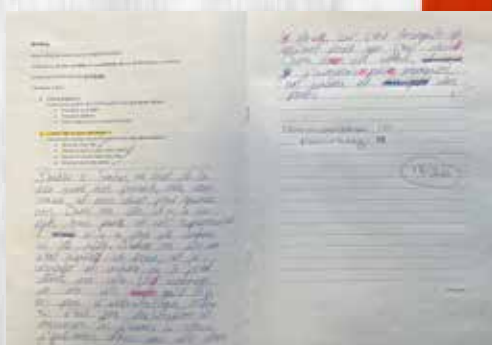
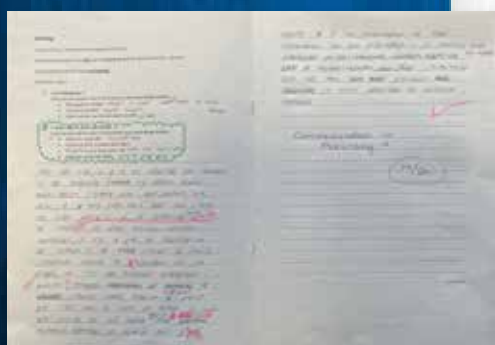
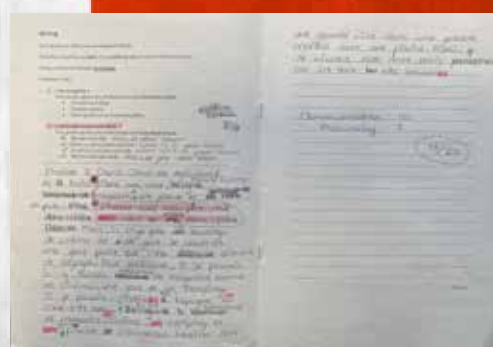
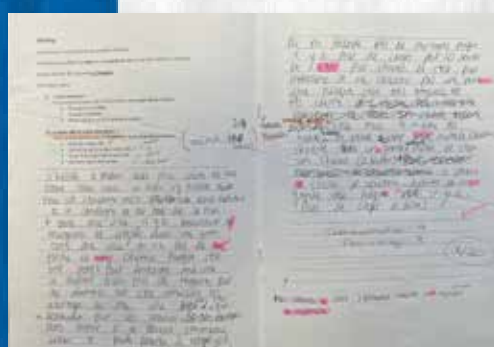
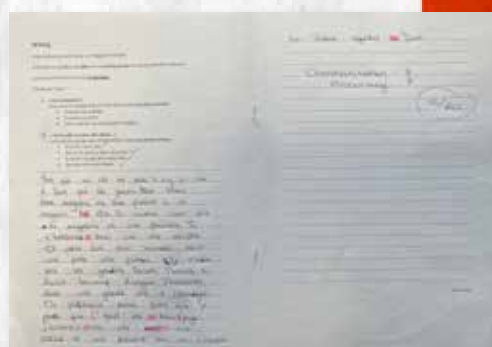
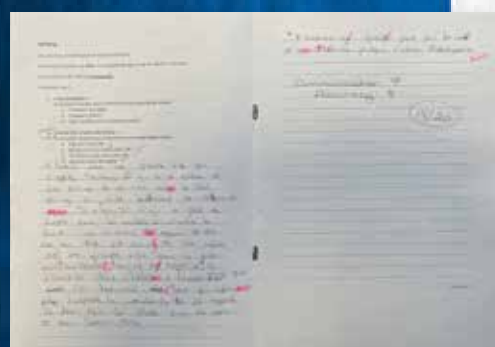
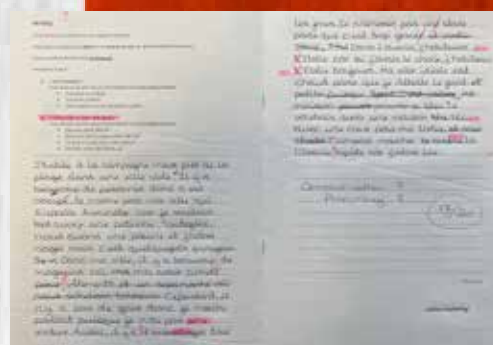
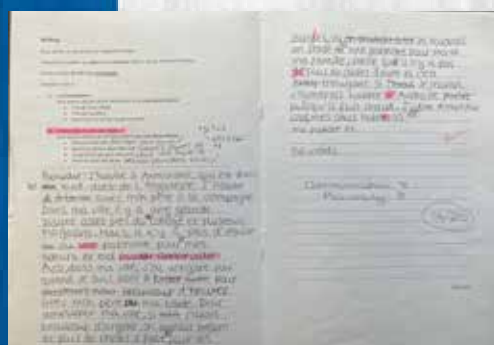
KAYLA DARBY



FAITH BOXER

MFL

YEAR 10 FRENCH – extended writing.





LIBRARY NEWS

STATIONERY SHOP

The library's amazing Bookworm Buddies decided that it would be good for the school to have a stationery shop - and when they decide something's going to happen, it happens! The shop sells a huge range of stock and all at bargain prices and proved a huge success.

POETRY AND ART COMPETITION

The library has been holding a competition for students, with the winner having to opportunity to meet and perform their poem with Simon Armitage (the poet laureate). The winners will be announced next month – watch this space!

CHESS CLUB

This term, the AVA Chess Club took part in the English Chess Federation South West Championship. It was held in Torquay Boys Grammar school and an excellent time was had by all.

There were twenty teams taking part from many different schools. The AVA teams did well. Our top team came in 4th place and the championship title was won by a team from Exeter School.

I'm really proud of the enthusiasm and talent of all the students who took part. It's the first time we've ever played in this type of competition and they all show the potential to be future champions!

MR BROWN



Price List	
Biro	£0.11
Handwriting pen	£0.23
Highlighter	£0.15
A4 lined refill pad	£1.66
Shorthand notebook	£0.60
HB pencil	£0.05
Clear pencil case	£0.58
Eraser	£0.12
Pencil sharpener	£0.28
Ring binder	£1.05
Report file	£0.18



28th February

CLUB STARTS IN T5

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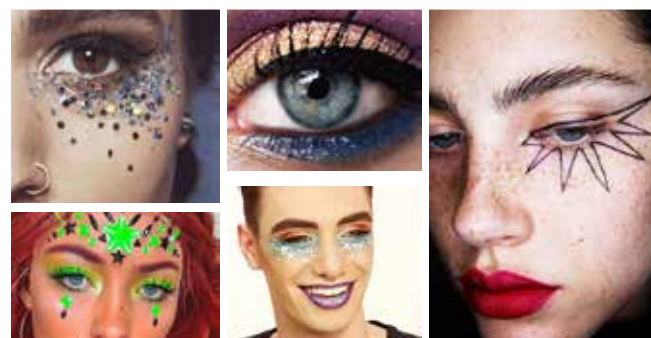
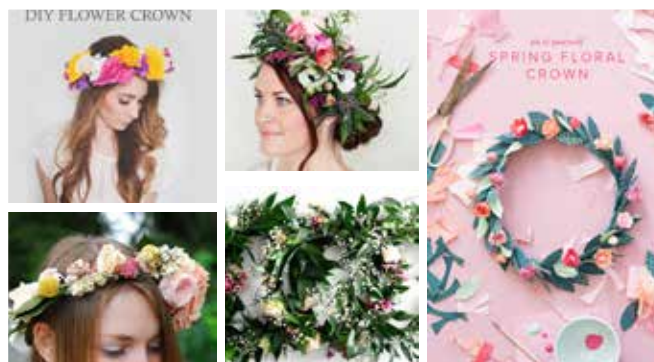
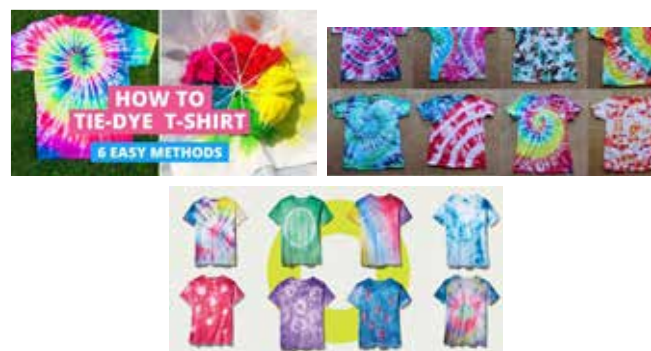
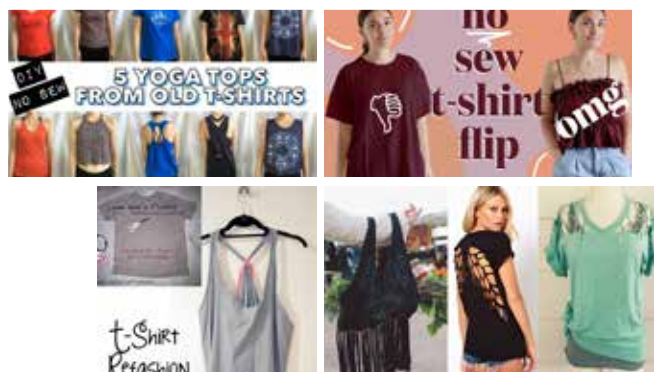
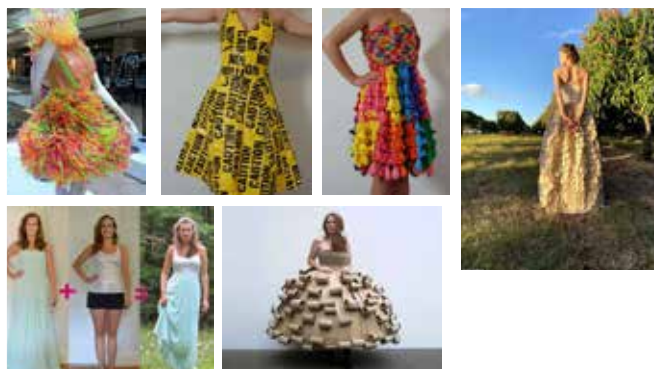
SAVE THE DATE

26th MAY

2022

**CREATIVE CATEGORIES FOR OUR FASHION SHOW ARE:
CREATE A FULL FESTIVAL OUTFIT | DESIGN AND DECORATE SOME
FESTIVAL WELLIES | MAKE SOME FESTIVAL ACCESSORIES
STYLE A CATWALK SHOW WE NEED: WE NEED STYLISTS, MODELS,
ARTISTS, MUSICIANS, DJS, MAKE-UP ARTISTS ETC.
EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**

**Here are just a few of the creative ideas we have planned.
Please come back armed with your own thoughts and items for
upcycling after half term. WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU!**



SEE YOU THERE!

**T5 ON OUR
FIRST DAY
BACK!**

28TH FEBRUARY

HOUSE POINTS IN A DAY

100 delicious doughnuts were delivered to our three winning tutor groups (8DP, 9VM and 9RB). In our house point challenge, the students competed to win the most house points in a day. Showing our core value of kindness was the key to winning points, so well done to the winners.

Thank you Co-opFood, Seaton (Underfleet) for the doughnuts. Our students couldn't eat them without licking their lips though!



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