

MAY 2022



WELCOME TO S T R A

INSIDE THIS ISSUE: 22 pages celebrating another busy term at Axe Valley Academy.



MY PIECE BEGINS WITH A GENUINE THANK YOU to the staff at AVA for their relentless hard work. Our children are very lucky to have them fighting their corner. We had a large group of Primary Heads in over lunch and touring the school last week. I want to share some of their thoughts, because We are building a fantastic reputation in our community. I acknowledge just how hardworking the staff at AVA are and it was really lovely to hear the comments:

- It is no surprise that we are full with a waiting list in September as the perception in the community is that AVA is a school that is fighting to be excellent and has changed hugely.
- What a lovely school with kind and polite students.
- The teachers at AVA have a reputation for high standards and loving their subjects.
- Children at AVA look smart and happy.
- Parents are scared their child won't be able to get in because it is the first choice.
- The social media really highlights what a fantastic school AVA is.
- The enrichment and trips and visits offer seems vast.
- The school is so calm and settled.
- We didn't see anything but excellent behaviour.

I do not take enough opportunity to step back and look at just how far we have come. I was so proud of everything I heard and it was that stunning because of what everyone here does everyday.

To add to these fabulous comments, the students returned from a trip to 'Joseph' in Plymouth. A member of the community felt compelled to take to social media and flag up the model behaviour of our children. The comments that followed were equally flattering and I really feel it worth celebrating.

We were delighted to welcome Kier Construction to talk with our Year 9 groups on their STEM day. The students designed either a school or hotel. It was great to see how they embraced the need for break out/chill zones in their designs, as well as considering sustainability. As I write this another group of students are at a STEM morning Petroc College, Tiverton.

House assemblies have resumed this term. As we are one year in to our House System launch, in what has been a difficult year for assemblies, we are really ramping up the competition levels and hope to create that real sense of team and belonging in the coming term.

Ty Dibling, our Year 11 Southampton FC player has become a social media sensation in the last week. He scored three identical goals against Newcastle. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vc5fCr1JrA0>

We obviously seek every opportunity to promote ourselves alongside the positivity surrounding his sporting ability. It really is another chance for us to market our #smallbutmighty hashtag.

On that note our reception area is being updated. We have our core values; integrity, kindness and perseverance, displayed above the reception desk, a sleeping giant beneath our remodelled trophy cabinets and a cheeky Banksy rat outside my office. As ever, a warm welcome awaits our visitors.

Have a wonderful half term break.

Jenkins

LAURA JENKINS | HEADTEACHER



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THIS TERM AT AVA

PROUD MOMENTS...



CONGRATULATIONS!

RUEBEN (Year 7), won the *Managers Player of the Year Award for the Colyton under 12s youth football team.* Congratulations, Reuben, we are very proud of you.



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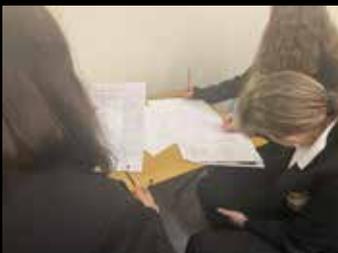
WILLOW T, travelled to Lincolnshire after qualifying for The Pony Club Animal Barrier Health Spring Festival competition and came second in the arena eventing 80cm championship class. Riding her grey gelding Memo II, also came in 11th in the 90cm arena eventing. Willow said: "I really enjoyed the experience. Memo was a super star and showed me how it's done. I loved the whole weekend and I'm very grateful for the opportunity. Thanks to my mum for taking us all that way!"



WELL DONE! to hear about your impeccable behaviour makes us very proud!

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We share your passion.

THANK YOU AXMINSTER TOOLS *Our Year 7s were very excited to model their new jackets this morning before a mammoth D&T session. We are, as always, very thankful.*



CLUBS AT AVA

CLUBS & ACTIVITIES | SUMMER TERM 2022



	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
LUNCHTIME	BOOKWORM BUDDIES 1.25PM Library (Mr Brown) AXE VALLEY VOICES B7 (Music) HOMEWORK CLUB IT3 (Mrs Rutherford) TUTOR TIME: Y11 BRONZE DoFE AWARD (Mr Knott)	YEARS 8 & 9 AXES GYM ATHLETICS (TRACK) CHESS CLUB 1.25pm Library (Mr Brown) JAZZ BAND B7 (Music) GROW CLUB Science Garden or C3 — Depending on weather (Mr Carr) DEBATING CLUB 1:30pm A7 with Mrs Matravers Broome LEATHER WORK DT CLUB Years 7-9 in T4 (Mrs Sanders) CNAT COURSE WORK CATCH-UP IT8 (Mr Ward) HOMEWORK CLUB IT3 (Mrs Rutherford)	DODGEBALL Sports Hall MANGA CLUB 1.25pm Library (Mr Brown) YEAR 7 DRAMA CLUB Black Box (Mr Selby) HOMEWORK CLUB IT3 (Mrs Rutherford) TUTOR TIME: Y10 BRONZE DoFE AWARD (Mr Knott)	YEARS 10 & 11 AXES GYM ATHLETICS (THROW/JUMP) ORCHESTRA B8 (Music) CRAFT CLUB D2 (Mrs Madgin) GROW CLUB Science Garden or C3 — Depending on weather (Mr Carr) HOMEWORK CLUB IT3 (Mrs Rutherford)	SOCIAL ROUNDRS MOVIE CLUB 1.25pm Library (Mr Brown) LGBO GROUP Next to the Hub CLOSE HARMONY GROUP B7 (Music) HOMEWORK CLUB IT3 (Mrs Rutherford) ALL YEARS VOLLEYBALL Sports Hall (Mr Leach, Mr Petty) TUTOR TIME: Year 7 CELLO WORKSHOP. Study & Common Rooms (Ms Ashby)
AFTER SCHOOL	STEEL BAND 1 (Music)	BASKETBALL STEEL BAND 2 (Music) LAMDA ACTING EXAMS ALL YEARS 3.40pm – 5pm Drama (Mr Selby) KS3 CERAMICS CLUB (Art) (Mr Petty) 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.	ROUNDERS/CRICKET DRAMA CLUB – PERFORMING TEXTS ALL YEARS 3.40pm – 5pm Drama (Mr Selby) PAINTING CLUB ALL YEARS Art (Ms Roberts) STRINGS & THINGS B7 (Ms Ashby)	ATHLETICS CLUB GIRLS FOOTBALL DRAMA KS4 GCSE EXTENSION & SUPPORT – YEARS 10 & 11 Drama (Mr Selby) STEEL BAND 3 (Music) ROCK SCHOOL (Music)	

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CERAMICS CLUB
WITH MR PETTY IN B4
TUESDAYS
AFTER SCHOOL: 3.30 – 4.30PM

DEBATING CLUB

DETAILS:
TIME: Tuesday lunchtimes, (1.30 – 1.50pm)
LOCATION: A7
TEACHER: Mrs Matravers-Broome
YEAR GROUPS: 9 and 10
START DATE: Tuesday 9th November

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AVA MUSICAL THEATRE CLUB

TUESDAYS: 3.45PM TO 4.45PM IN THE BLACK BOX THEATRE

THINKING ABOUT A CAREER ON THE STAGE, OR SIMPLY LOVE SINGING, ACTING & DANCING? MRS MORAN & MR SELBY SET A MUSICAL NUMBER EACH WEEK.

WED LOVE TO HAVE YOU ALONG!

*Students can leave early for lifts etc. if they need to.

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OPEN DAY & EVENING

22.09.22 | DAY: 9.30 & 11.30AM | EVENING: 6-8PM



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MUSIC

YEAR 7 have been continuing with their chords and melody unit, forming small bands and creating their own versions of 'Country Roads' and 'Cant Stop The Feeling'. Hopefully a few of these will feature in our Summer Showcase at the end of the year. We are also looking forward to some Taiko Drumming next half term!

YEAR 8 have been studying Pop Ballads and working hard to cover songs by Adele, James Arthur, Keane and The Beatles. They will have a go at writing their own ballads next half term, and get to play the Taikos too.

YEAR 9 are coming to the end of their Build a Band Unit and what a lot of progress they've made! We all look forward to hearing these after half term, where we will also experiment with some song writing in our fabulous MAC suite.

YEAR 10 have been studying their theory hard and have nearly learnt all the GCSE content- such a great achievement. Whilst studying calypso music they all took part in a thoroughly enjoyable Steel Pan workshop with Mr Jevons. Their current focus is on ensemble performances ready for their Celebration Evening on the 12th July, and some will also feature in our Summer Showcase on the 19th July.

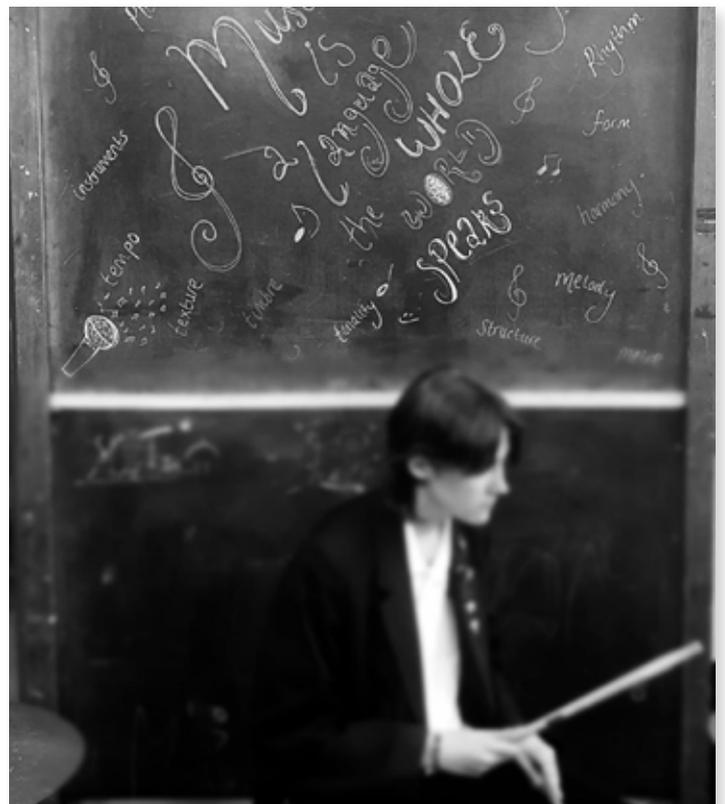
YEAR 11 are on the final stretch, revising for their exam and still making brilliant music together. We hope some will return as guests for our Summer Showcase.

In the extra curricular world we have started a fantastic **Musical Theatre Club** where we set a song from a show every week, with singing acting and dancing. The members of Axe Valley Voices look forward to supporting the local primary school in our **Big Sing Concert on the 16th June**. They, along with our Jazz Band, Orchestra, Steel Pan Band, String Ensemble, Rock School and many other soloists and bands will feature in our end of year showcase. This is on the **19th July (last week of term)** and we hope to see you there!

Our **Community Orchestra** continues to blossom under the expertise of Mr Jevons, and are performing in a lunchtime concert in the **Minster on the 7th July**.

Some of our students enjoyed our last 'Music in the Castle' concert of this academic year at Powderham Castle. They were all brilliantly behaved and totally in awe of the incredible professional singers. Stay tuned for more Music in the Castle opportunities coming next year!

The Performing Arts department is thriving and it's never too late to join in! This has been a great half term, and we have so many fun-filled things planned for the next and final half term.



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PERFORMING ARTS SUMMER SHOWCASE



SAVE THE DATE

TUESDAY 19TH JULY
5.30PM | AXE VALLEY ACADEMY

EVERYONE WELCOME

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THIS HALF - TERM seems to have flown by but it hasn't stopped our pupils from excelling in the sporting arena. We have to say congratulations to Willow T who finished a superb well-earned second for the Pony Club Area 15 – at the Barrier Annual Health Championships in April on her horse Memo and look forward to more success in future.

We were lucky to have Olympian, skeleton luge athlete and ex-student Marcus Wyatt come and visit on Wednesday and give a talk to students about his life from Axe Valley to an Olympian at the Beijing Olympics. Students listened to the different aspects of his life from training five days a week to hi-tec clothing worn during competition. It was a fabulous experience for all and we look forward to sharing in his success in the future and welcoming him back to the Academy when the opportunity arises.



Our Ty at 16 years old has both trained and travelled with Southampton FC to Brentford for their premiership fixture where he gained valuable experience putting him at the forefront of selection for the premiership side next season. As Ty is a year 11 he shall be leaving us soon and we will all be following his career with interest. Good luck Ty and don't forget us at the Academy.



The cross country season now over attention turns to track and field events in athletics and we saw a group of students compete in recent East Devon School trials where all acquitted themselves very well. Three students were selected for the next round of trials East Devon V Exeter Schools athletic trial held Monday 16th May Innes F: IG 3000m Harry M: IB 1500m and Rachel D: JG Shot and discus. All of them performed to the best of their ability and have qualified for the Devon County Schools trials taking place at the Exeter Arena on Saturday 11th June. Well done to all of you and good luck at the County trials.



As you will be aware Innes F has worked incredibly hard to be the No1 IG Great British Cross Country Champion and along with Ty is soon to leave the Academy. But before she finally stops wearing an Axe Valley Academy track shirt she has started on her quest to challenge for honours in the 3000m. She won her race at the recent trials and recorded the second fastest time in the country running on her own. Innes you are an incredible athlete and we will be following your career with interest and pride at the success you will achieve. Please remember to come back and visit.



There are so many students that are doing positive things in sport in our local community from the girls volunteering at the local gymnastic clubs along with those performing. The boys achieving success on the football pitch with all the local teams and a certain Matthew R who has rivalled Liverpool's efforts and secured a treble with Topsham FC. Well-done to Rueben A who excelled at Colyton FC and was awarded with the managers player of the year award.

Both girls and boys have taken part in softball cricket competitions held at Exmouth CC which demonstrates that we are making every effort encouraging students back into appreciating what sport has to offer all of them.

I am convinced that we as an academy have the ability to compete with any school in our East Devon cluster but in order for that to happen students must attend extra-curricular sports clubs. We have sports day approaching fast along with East Devon Schools Athletic Championships Thursday 30th June and it would be great to have a selection dilemma by having so many to choose from.

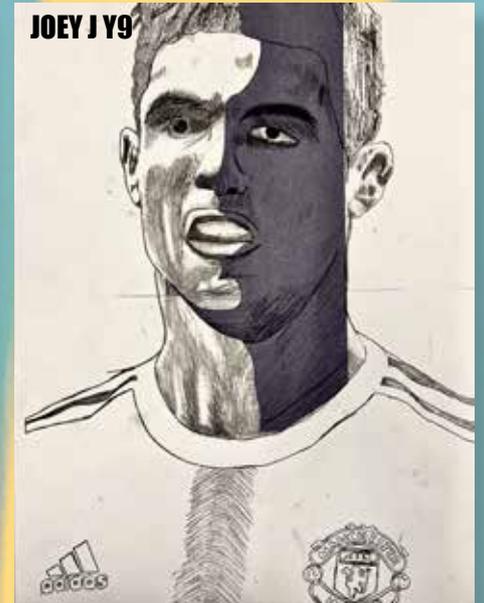
On a sad note we say farewell to Miss Waller this half-term who is moving on to a new job near Ilminster. She arrived in 2019 and has worked tirelessly to increase participation at extra-curricular clubs. A valued member of the department we wish you well for your future, any down time you'll always be welcome back.

Enjoy your half-term remember all extra-curricular activities are on lists visible around the academy site. Let's try and get everyone to attend an extra-curricular club after half-term and have a fabulous sports day with lots of records being broken.



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ART OF THE MONTH



CHELSEA M Y10



JODIE M Y10



WILLOW T Y10



LILLY R Y10



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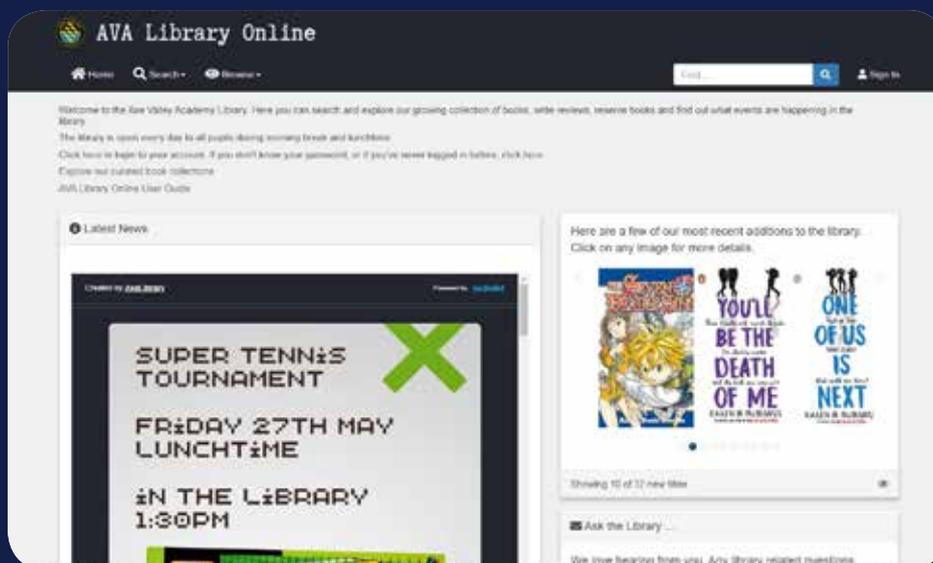


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Report file	£0.18



BOOK CANON HOUSE COMPETITION



WRITE A BOOK REVIEW OR DESIGN A FRONT COVER that captures what you felt about the story for one or more of the books in your year's book canon. Details of workshops to help with this in the Library to be released shortly.



House points for the winners, as well as the chance to see your work displayed around the school.



Please hand your entries to your tutors by 10.06.22

YEAR 7

The Devil and His Boy
Anthony Horowitz

No Ballet Shoes in Syria
Catherine Bruton

Touching the Void
Joe Simpson

YEAR 8

A Monster Calls
Patrick Ness

Strangers on a Train
Patricia Highsmith

The Illustrated Man
Ray Bradbury

YEAR 9

Things Fall Apart
Chinua Achebe

Heroes
Robert Cormier

Animal Farm
George Orwell

YEAR 10

Jack
AM Homes

The Picture of Dorian Gray
Oscar Wilde

Silence
Erling Kagge

YEAR 11

Oranges are not the
Only Fruit
Jeanette Winterson

A Thousand Splendid Suns
Khaled Hosseini

The Bluest Eye
Toni Morrison





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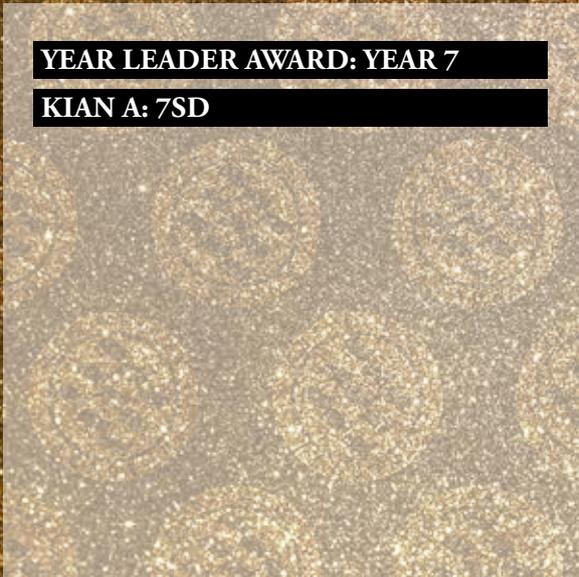
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YEAR LEADER AWARD: YEAR 7

KIAN A: 7SD



HEADTEACHER AWARD: YEAR 7



JENNY E: 7SD

YEAR LEADER AWARD: YEAR 8



ALTHEA R: 8JW

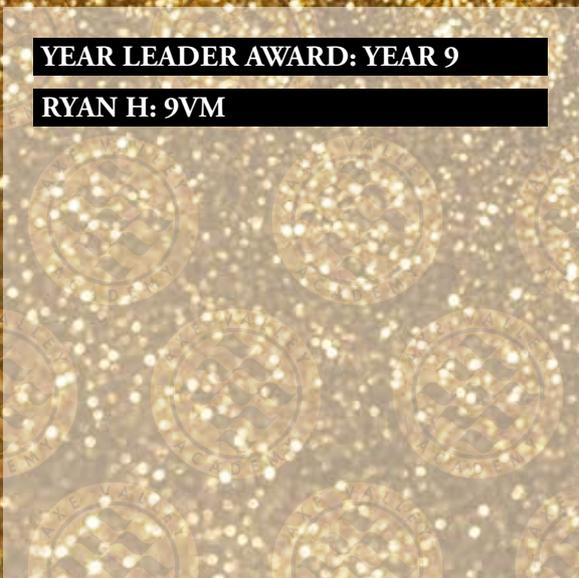
HEADTEACHER AWARD: YEAR 8



LILY C: 8AB

YEAR LEADER AWARD: YEAR 9

RYAN H: 9VM



HEADTEACHER AWARD: YEAR 9



EVA J: 9LM

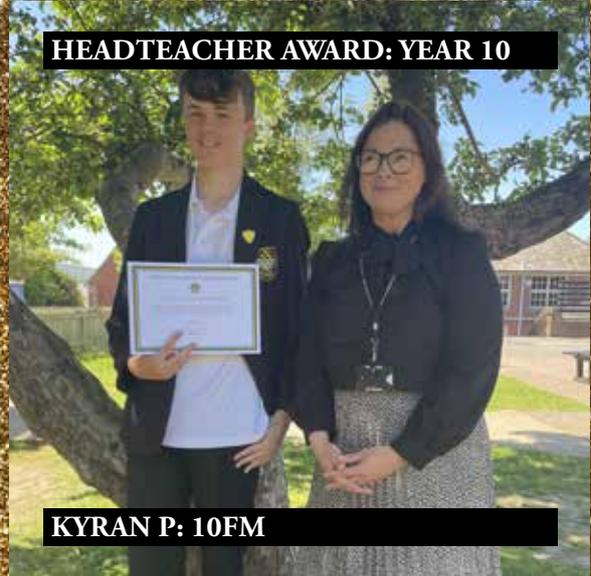
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YEAR LEADER AWARD: YEAR 10



PHOEBE D: 10FM

HEADTEACHER AWARD: YEAR 10



KYRAN P: 10FM

YEAR LEADER AWARD: YEAR 11



JOEL J: 11JMO

HEADTEACHER AWARD: YEAR 11



LILLIE A: 11RW

AVA CELEBRATES

WHAT A LOVELY WAY to celebrate the successes of these brilliant individuals. Mrs Jenkins and Mrs Ward read their citations to them in the sunshine. #weareava!



Congratulations! Have a wonderful half term.



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