



WELCOME TO OUR LAST AIXEMINISTRA OF THE SCHOOL YEAR – This term, more than ever, we have enjoyed the privilege of being able to celebrate educational time markers in our traditional way as a community.

We said goodbye to our Year 11s in our own special way. Our Leavers morning was celebrated in true Axe Valley style. Laughter, nostalgia and a few tears. Lots of advice was shared as these young people start their lives away from AVA. The whole school congregated to clap for these students after their assembly.

Prom was a gorgeous affair. The students assembled at Hornsbury Mill on a balmy Summer evening. Photos can be seen of their glorious outfits and inventive modes of transport. What a beautiful group of young people. Go well all of you, you have a special place in our hearts. This is your school and always will be.

One of our Year 11s Innes is already showing the world what we knew here all along. Congratulations to the new National and International champion at 3000m. A new record! What a sensational athlete. We are so very proud.

Transition Day and Evening were a real highlight for us. We are excited to welcome our full cohort of Year 7s. After the children had spent the day with us, to prepare them for their new September routines, we held our evening event. The sense of excitement was tangible. Families chatted, children ate lots and asked so many brilliant questions. The newly appointed House Captains spoke with passion and pride about how their new roles will be relevant to our new Year 7s. It goes without saying that the band played! – We knew those Y11s couldn't leave!

Last week we welcomed over 200 primary school children to our school for an early look at how we really work here for our Year 5 STEM days. In the evening parents came for an informal chat and early tour (jelly babies and a quiz too!).

On that note, we can't wait to show off our beautiful school this year. Do put the date in your diary for our Open Day and Evening 22.09.22 (day time tours are worth considering as we were full to bursting last year).

This week we were able to celebrate the numerous successes of our students at our Prize Day. It was wonderful to see the hall full of immensely proud families as individuals from each year group were rewarded for their endeavours.

We are so very proud of this school. Thank you for all your support and encouragement of all we do here.

Have a wonderful Summer.





AVA NEWS

WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?...



HELLO! MY NAME IS CHARLES and I once roamed the halls of the C Block and beyond. When I left Axe Valley in 2017, I had no idea where my 7 years learning and living in Axminster would take me. Five years and one degree later, I find myself writing this from the heart of London - in the Parliamentary Office of Anna Firth MP, Member of Parliament for Southend West.

My official job title is Parliamentary Caseworker. From helping bring over Ukrainian nationals to getting driving licences reinstated, everyday the constituents of Southend West throw out something new I need to help them with - and it's my pleasure. However, working in a Westminster office means you get caught up in other jobs. Press releases, social media, news articles, organising meetings...the list goes on.

I wholeheartedly do not believe I would have got this job without my experiences at Axe Valley. The teaching (special credit to Mr. Perks, Mr. Pillay, and Mr. Knott) made me feel included and individually cared for. We shared great laughs, learnt, and became inspired. Students were also from all walks of life, breaking down barriers and making for a truly inclusive experience.

Do not let anyone tell you that coming from a rural state school will in anyway infringe upon your future successes. I believe it makes you stronger and ready to take on any role. Even to do this day, I sing the praises of Axminster and Axe Valley to whomever I meet.

I hope to visit Axe Valley very soon to talk about my work and how you can become involved.



WELL DONE TO OUR WILLOW V who is raising money to build a new duck house for the homeless ducks of Axminster Town FC. She is planning cake sales and a variety of events, so watch this space.



THANK YOU SO MUCH TO OUR FRIENDS ST ANDREWS PRIMARY SCHOOL, CHARDSTOCK — our library already has the books you have given us on display, ready for our students to borrow for the Summer.

MOCK INTERVIEWS

THE YEAR 10 MOCK INTERVIEWS TOOK PLACE IN LATE JUNE.

Various professionals from industry came to put the students through their paces, ensuring that they are being prepared for employability. The experience helped develop the skills and experiences they will need to make progress in employment. In the build-up to the event the students had to promote themselves, via a CV and job application, in a way that would attract the attention of the employer. They had to show their self-presentation and marketing skills.

The interviews themselves were a challenging experience where they were asked a range of questions about themselves and the job that they had applied for. The interviews were also competitive with everyone aiming to be offered the fictional job. One employer stated, "the competitive element of awarding the job to the most successful candidate was also excellent, giving a clear message to students that applying for jobs in the real world is competitive and needs real effort to succeed". The students benefitted greatly from the experience with one noting "it was a new experience, and it gave me a better understanding of what a proper interview environment is like and what skills are required for most jobs". Another said "I loved that I got to tell them what I like about me, just having a time of self-appreciation helped my confidence levels...

I also enjoyed the formality of it and being able to feel responsible and this fills me with pride".

All the Year 10s did fantastically well however, the winners of the fifteen interviews were:

Maisy Trott

Darcy D

Willow T

Jessica R

Ronnie H

Essien G

Kieran F

Carys B

Piper C

Callum C

Kai B

Anna-Sofia L

Lucas S

Niamh O

Ollie P

The professionals were incredibly impressed with what the students achieved across the three days and one stated "I would happily offer all the students that I interviewed an apprenticeship today, they were very confident in how they spoke, and I love that lots of them have part time jobs, are involved in clubs, and support their communities. These are the qualities that I look for in my team".





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WORK EXPERIENCE

AFTER A TWO-YEAR ABSENCE WORK EXPERIENCE RETURNED

IN EARLY JULY. The Year 10 students were given the challenge of securing a placement in industry for three days by communicating with employers in advance of the work experience. These initial investigations and correspondences helped students to start thinking about the work of work and what work looks like for different people.

During the work experience week our students went far and wide and undertook a variety of roles. They got to see what different types of industries there are and how people in these industries operate on a day-to-day basis. Students have returned to school speaking positively about their experiences. One student said that "work experience helped me think about my future career and what a typical day of an accountant will look/ feel like". Another stated they had an "insight into the hospitality industry. For example, some individuals played a specific role and stuck to their jobs, but others had to assist completely different aspects of the job they officially work as. I learnt about time management and its effect on efficiency". A further student noted, "I found the whole experience amazing and educational, it helped me understand more about what I'm interested in".



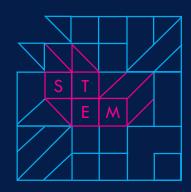


We are all so proud to work for Xylem and our colleagues enjoyed discussing their job roles and showing Benjy and Emily around their departments, and we would like to say how much we enjoyed hosting your students, who are very polite, friendly and engaged, they are a credit to Axe Valley school and their parents.



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YEAR 9 STEM DAY | EXETER COLLEGE

A GROUP OF YEAR 9s HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT EXETER COLLEGE TO TAKE PART IN A STEM EVENT IN JUNE.

They were exposed to industries and jobs that they may have not considered as future careers but left better informed about the exciting opportunities that lay ahead of them. They were asked to problem solve in a sustainability exercise, challenged to make a paper aeroplane and to analyse the technology that makes things fly and exposed to engineering and how to join mentals together. The Year 9s also had the opportunity to talk with industry leads at the careers fair that was also organised. The group left with lots of exciting ideas about the future.











MUSIC

YEAR 7 We have been lucky enough to hire a set of Taiko drums this term, and Year 7 have been learning 'Isami Gome', making lots of noise and having great fun! A selection of students are performed their Taiko piece for the Prize Day ceremony.

YEAR 8 We have been writing our own songs, after learning about Pop Ballads. Students have created chord sequences and melodies using a variety of instruments, and everyone has tried to write some lyrics too. Each class had a couple of Taiko workshops too!

YEAR 9 As well as Taiko workshops, Year 9 have been exploring how to compose music using the Apple Macs, using loops or even recording in original material.

YEAR 10 Now the top of the school, Year 10 musicians successfully completed their mock exam, and have also been working on ensemble performances. They performed for a Music & Drama Celebration evening, the Summer Showcase, the Waffle House & for our Final Assembly on the last day of term. A big well done to them all.

IN THE EXTRA-CURRICULAR WORLD: Axe Valley Voices, Jazz Band, Rock School, Steel Pan Band, Musical Theatre and everything else has been thriving, preparing material for the Performing Arts Summer Showcase – this was a huge success! Despite saying goodbye to Year 11 in June, a few of them came back for a special guest appearance.

- The Community Orchestra led by Mr Jevons also made their first public appearance in the Minster, a packed church enjoyed listening to their Music during a lunchtime concert.
- The Big Sing concert with the feeder primaries was another excellent event in the Guildhall – lots of talent in the pipeline for Axe Valley!

IN SEPTEMBER, YOU CAN LOOK FORWARD TO:

- More Powderham Castle Music trips
- The big reveal of the school musical and an Audition Day
- Axe Valley Makes Music 2022 event, a revamp of all our extra-curricular activities
- Orchestra Days
- Concerts
- Lots more fun in class too!

Have a happy, sunny summer, and make lots of Music!





























AS WE SAID GOODBYE TO THE YEAR 11'S at their prom recently it is time to reflect on yet another year of progress, participation, enjoyment and success. Year 11 have seen the emergence of two International sports people Innes FitzGerald Inter 3000m GB Champion and record holder and GB Inter girls Cross Country Champion and Tyler Dibling who played football for England U16 and who has signed professionally for Southampton.

We have seen so many great performances from our students from gymnastics, swimming, eventing and scootering. The students who have experienced success understand that they have to be focussed and committed to their sport if they are to be successful. As a department we have enjoyed sharing in the success of our students and look forward to many more successes when we return to school in September.

During this half-term we have seen rounders firmly establish itself and our girls have participated in the central venue competitions demonstrating that we are able to compete with other schools. Both girls and boys have taken part in soft ball cricket competitions and with interest growing we look forward to building teams to play hard ball competitions next year.

On Thursday 30th June East Devon Schools Athletics Championships returned to the Exeter Arena. It was the first time for most students from all East Devon schools to experience the competition at such a great venue. The weather certainly played its part with all seasons being experienced in one day. A big thank you to the PE staff that helped with officiating the competition and to Mrs Tregale and Mrs Trueman who were team managers for the day ensuring students turned up for their events at the correct time. We had many notable performances which I'll list in a minute but a special mention goes to the year 8 girls who finished fourth in their competition only 18 points from 3rd place. What could have happened if we had put another athlete in four events - big promise for the future well-done girls. A big well-done to all the athletes that represented the Academy at these championships you were a pleasure to be with on the day.

Notable performances on the day:
YEAR 7
Oscar Murrell 1st Discus 15.17m
Izzy Ferguson 2nd Javelin 16.3m
Kallum Daumman-Rattenbury 2nd 200m
Honey Chesterfield 3rd 100m 14.5secs

YEAR 8

Rachel Derrick 1st Shot 7.74m
Xander Evans 1st Shot 9.59m
Rachel Derrick 2nd Discus 16.6m
Jasmine wood 2nd Long Jump 3.91m
Lily Anning-Beckett 3rd Discus 16.1m
Louis Manley 3rd Triple jump 8.73m

YEAR 9 Jenson Mitchell 1st 200m 26.01secs Uriel Wilson 3rd Discus 21.87m

The Year 7 girls rounders squad travelled to Uffculme Academy on Tuesday 5th July to take part in the annual area rounders competition. The girls had a fantastic start to the day with a closely fought win against Exmouth Community College. Some impressive fielding and big hits resulted in an Axe victory! After a short interval, the Year 7s took on Kings Ottery where they battled hard after losing a few batters early on to some excellent fielding. Unfortunately, despite their best efforts, the team struggled to recover and were unable to defend the total they had set the opposition. After 1 win and 1 loss the girls finished second in their group which meant they were to face the winners of the opposite group in a semi-final, Uffculme. Uffculme started strong, keeping it tight in the field but Axe were managing to tick the score over nicely. There was some fantastic batting on show with Freya Cottrell, Tiley O'Brien and Angel Wilson doing particularly well. The Year 7s worked hard against a particularly strong team but couldn't quite cross the line. The team showed fantastic spirt, determination and resilience throughout the afternoon. Well done girls!

Mrs Preston

On the 7th July I took a group of fantastic students to the Wimbledon Tennis Championships accompanied by our resident tennis expert Mrs Tregale. Apart from a rather tedious journey up to London the M3 shut due to a medical emergency the students behaved impeccably and were a pleasure to be with. We had tickets for No1 Court and saw the eventual men's doubles winners Matthew Ebden and Max Purcell beat Rajeev Ram and Joe Salisbury in a five set marathon. All agreed that the day had been an enjoyable one and that we would return again soon.





Sports Day took place on Thursday 14th July and it was obvious from early on that Houses were in a competitive mood. We witnessed great performances both on track and field events and special mention goes out to Owen Dibling Yr 10 who broke the school record for high jump recording 1.69m which had stood since 2013 but even more pleasing he was pushed all the way by Lucas Santos. In year 8 Isaac Buxton broke the record for discus by 16cm which had stood since 2010 and we expect them both to progress to East Devon School trials next summer. The school field looked superb with gazebo's kindly loaned to us by parents and Beer village offering that needed shade at times. The tug of war event was keenly contested and a certain 10EC were a force to be reckoned with on the day. The staff are keen to enter a team next year! Dodgeball on the AGP saw all students using their tactics and strategies to gain the advantage in a very fast moving activity. As for target Frisbee not as easy as it first seems but yet again some really great performances. The results of sports day will be given out in the final assembly.

SPORT TEACHES YOU CHARACTER. IT TEACHES YOU TO PLAY BY THE RULES. IT TEACHES YOU TO KNOW WHAT IT FEELS LIKE TO WIN AND LOSE.

IT TEACHES YOU ABOUT LIFE.

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SPORTS DAY 2022



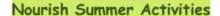




& OF COURSE, THE STAFF WON THE RELAY!



#PART OF OUR COMMUNITY



Picnics in the Park

Every Tuesday in August

Millwey - Foxhill - North Street



Collaborating with Devon & Cornwall Police PCSO Hayley Widger

PCSO Hayley will escort us in her Police van to each park so listen out for the "Neee Nawww" to mark our arrival.

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ART OF THE MONTH

This term our Year 7s have been enjoying our new kiln.







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COMPETITION WINNERS

Here are our winners of our Summer Art and Photography Competition – This work shown in our September Art Exhibition!



LIBRARY NEWS







Our Dof E bronze award students have travelled in groups, for up to 18km treks in the Quantock Hills. They stayed overnight @QuantockCamping and finished on day two for a well earned meal together at the Plough Inn.























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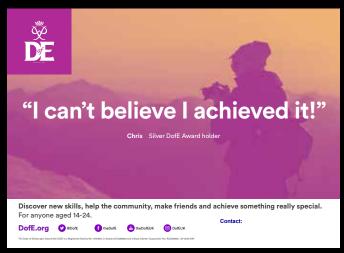
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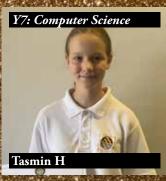


YEAR 7 AWARDS



















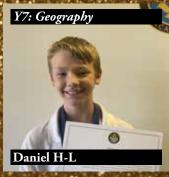










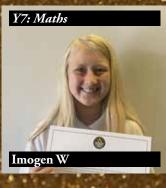












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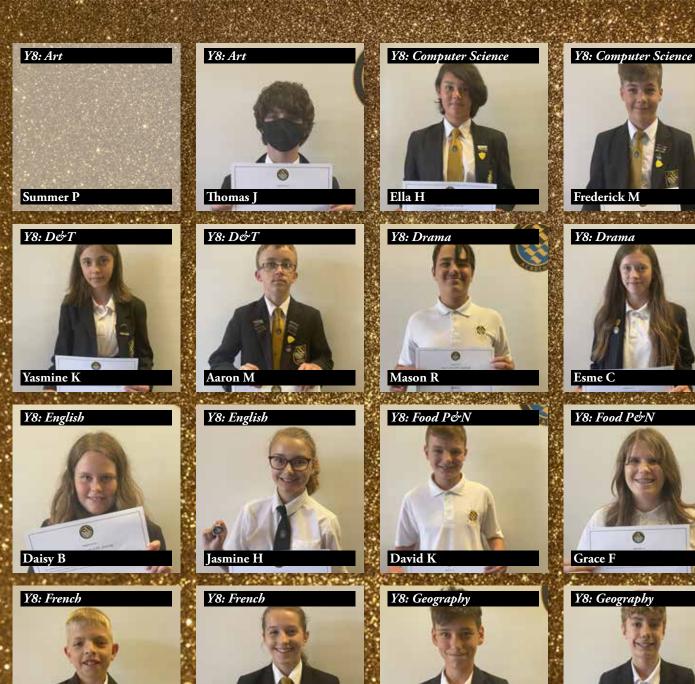








YEAR 8 AWARDS

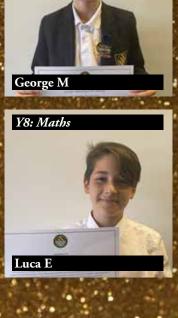




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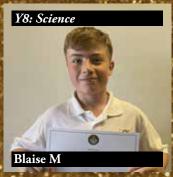


















YEAR 9 AWARDS



Stephanie-Rose H

Brandon M

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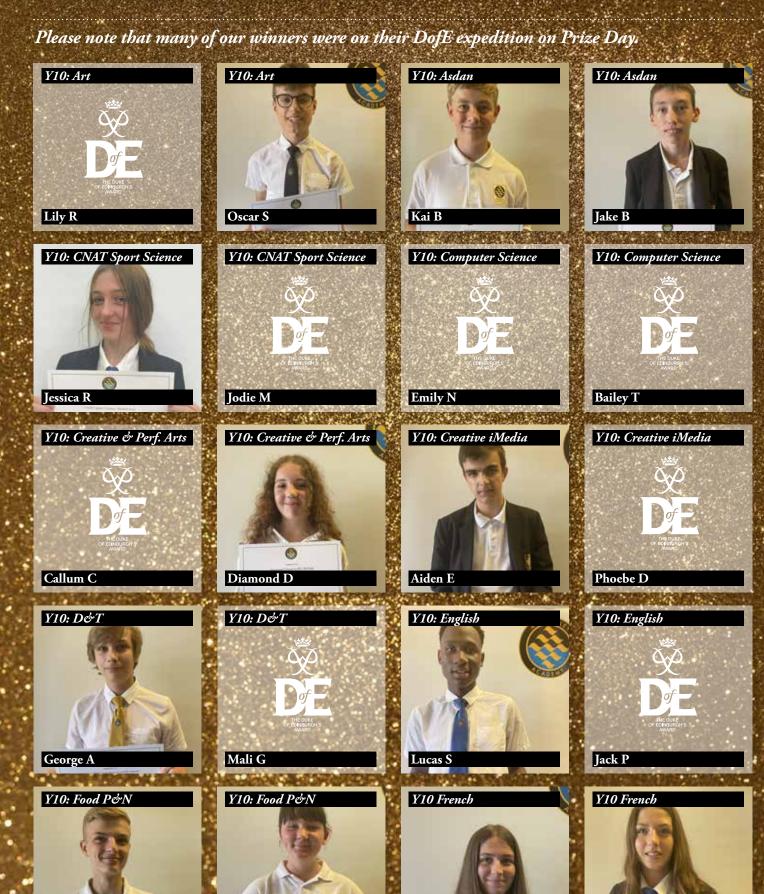






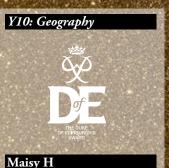


YEAR 10 AWARDS



Jordan F

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Y10: Geography





































AVA CELEBRATES

HEADTEACHER AWARD: YEAR 7













AVA CELEBRATES







READING AWARD
ARCHIE G

NOAH O

SPORT AWARD
SOPHIE L





RONNI HARRIES HOUSE CAPTAIN



HARRY McMAHON HOUSE CAPTAIN



JESS ROCKETT VICE CAPTAIN



LUCAS SANTOS VICE CAPTAIN

LADY MARY CHUDLEIGH 1656 – 1718



WILLOW TULLOCH HOUSE CAPTAIN



CALUM CHATTAWAY HOUSE CAPTAIN

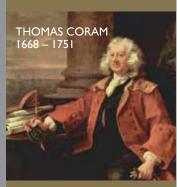


SHEHANAZ JAFFAR-SADIQ VICE CAPTAIN



BAILEY TAYLOR VICE CAPTAIN

CHUDLEIGH





CAITLIN MITSON HOUSE CAPTAIN



JACK PULMAN HOUSE CAPTAIN



PHOEBE DARE VICE CAPTAIN



KYRAN PAYNTER VICE CAPTAIN

CORAM



HOUSES AT AVA

& THE WINNERS ARE...

SPORTS CUP: CORAM







READING CUP: ANNING

CURRICULUM CUP: CHUDLEIGH



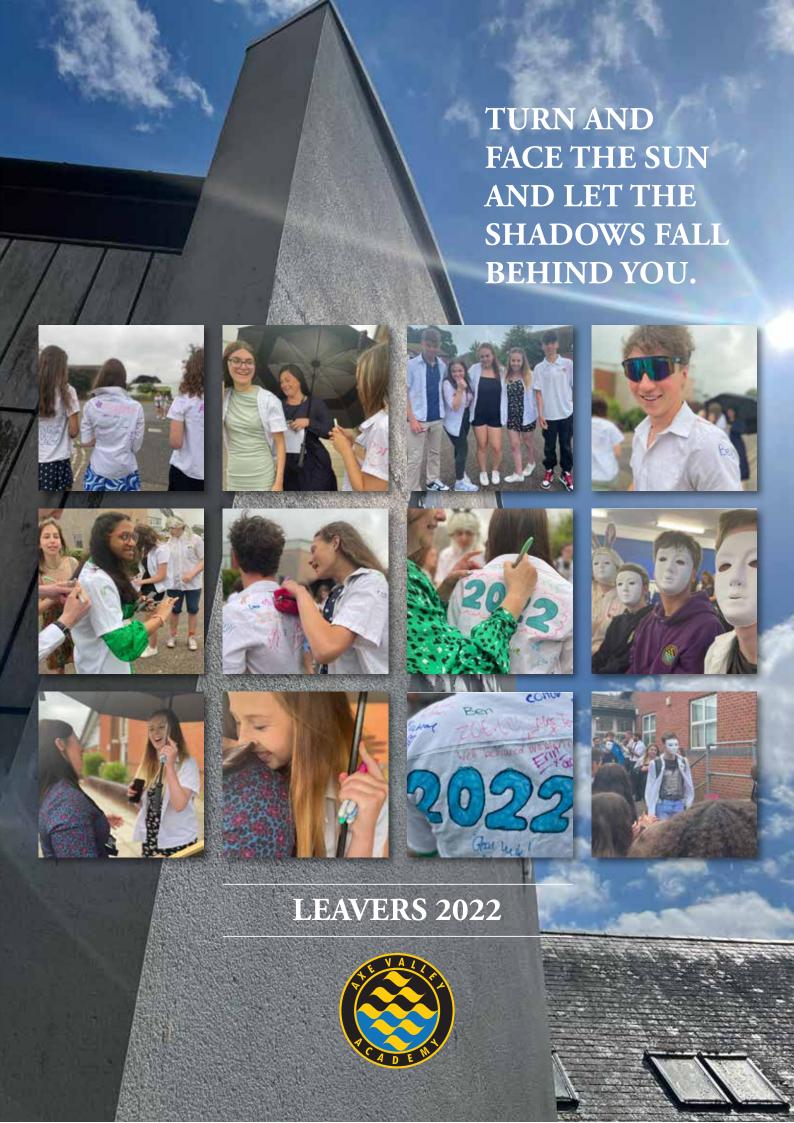


HOUSES AT AVA

SO THE OVERALL WINNERS ARE... CHUDLEIGH







WORDS OF WISDOM

(From Mrs J's Godchildren aged (9,8,6,4))

When you go to big school (college) don't let someone be your best friend if they won't share your crisps with you.

Don't use a sharpie to do your lipstick.

If you get in big trouble at school only tell your mum when she is already busy on the phone.

Don't shower your cat and hamster together (May have not understood the question)



"Well behaved women seldom make history."

Make good choices. Be safe. Work hard. Be kind. Never give up. Never ever settle for less than you are worth.



Every teacher will have different and special memories of each and every one of you. You have left your own legacy, your own imprint and a part of you here.

This will always be your school and you will always belong here.

MRS JENKINS, 26TH JUNE 2022

LEAVERS 2022

























