



ASPIRE Events

Autumn 2017

ASPIRE Clubs:

- **Book Club - Years 5-7** **3.30pm to 5pm**
Sixth Form Common Room

We will be meeting twice per term to discuss some brilliant new books. The first session will be an introduction where we will talk about some of our favourite fictional characters and authors such as Harry Potter and Roald Dahl.

We will also be handing out our first book, *The Wizards of Once* by Cressida Cowell. This is the story of a young boy Wizard and a young girl Warrior who have been taught since birth to hate each other like poison; and the thrilling tale of what happens when their two worlds collide.

Meetings this term will be on **Wednesday 4th October** and **Wednesday 29th November** both after school and in the Sixth Form Common Room.

The sessions will finish in time for the late bus at 5pm.



- **Current Affairs Club – Years 7-9** **Thursday lunchtimes 1.30pm in C1**

Catch up on the latest hot topics in the news, watch video clips and discuss the most important issues that are facing our country and the world today. The topics discussed will depend on what's happening in the news, but for the first session on **Thursday 5th October** we will be discussing the US / North Korea conflict.



October

- **Visit to Northcott Theatre Years 5-8**

Wed 11th October – 1pm to 5.00pm

Around the World in 80 Days is an imaginative, high-spirited escapade including six trains, five boats, four fights, three dances, two circus acts and an elephant!

We will leave Axe Valley at 1pm and travel by minibus to Exeter Northcott Theatre and return after the performance arriving back in Axminster at approximately 5.30pm.

Tickets and transport: £16 per person – 15 places



- **Science Workshop – Years 5-7**

Thur 19th October – 1.45pm to 3.45pm

Kitchen Chemistry - The Science Department will be working on a circus of mini experiments looking at the chemistry of food and cooking. The carousel of four experiments will include the chemistry of baking powder, the science of ice cream, acidic foods and energy in snacks and popping corn.

Year 7 students will be able to leave slightly early to catch their usual transport home.



November

- **London Trip - Years 9-13**

Wed 8th November – 7.15am to 8pm

Considering a career in the professions, Law, Property, Finance, Politics or Consulting? We will be taking the train to London to visit Westminster and the City of London with the following schedule:

- Take a tour of the Houses of Parliament followed by a workshop on Representation and Voting with their Education team.
- Visit the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors to find out about careers in property.
- Careers talk with Management Consultants, Protivity, based in the Shard and visit the top of the Shard with incredible views of the capital.

It is a wonderful opportunity to get a feel for the realities of corporate life in our vibrant capital city only a few hours from Devon.

The costs of tours and transport approx £60 – max 20 spaces



- **Classical Music at Powderham Castle**

Fri 10th November - 1.30 to 5pm

Again this year the Music in the Castle organisation will be offering a series of classical concerts at Powderham Castle. The Alke String Quartet, formed by students currently studying at the Royal School of Music, will be playing pieces by Haydn, Beethoven and Schubert in the stunning James Wyatt Music Room.

The concert is free of charge for students and the organisation contributes towards transport costs. Voluntary contribution of £3 - Transport - 25 spaces



- **Skills for Success Workshop**

Wed 15th November - 3.30pm to 5pm

This workshop will look at Emotional Intelligence. We will be talking with Wendy Knee about social skills and mindsets. Cultivating a growth mindset could be the single most important thing you ever do to help you achieve success.

Find out about these soft skills that will help you to do well in all areas of your life as well as in school.

- **Meet the Coach – Years 9-11**

Thur 16th November – 3.30pm to 5pm

This is an opportunity for you to meet the ASPIRE coaches who will be available for one-to-one meetings with you this term. Each one has an area of expertise that may be relevant to your career aspirations. They are keen volunteers who want to help you explore your options and give you extra confidence to make the most of your opportunities.

December

- **Discrete Maths Workshop – Years 9-11**

Mon 4th December – 3.30pm to 4.30pm

If you are considering maths for A'level or just really enjoy exploring complex mathematical concepts this is the workshop for you. Miss Cleare will be exploring 'Discrete Maths' which is the mathematics of solving puzzles – it's really cool!

- **Woodturning Workshop - Years 7-8**

Date to be confirmed - 3.30pm to 5.30pm

Make a beautiful wooden Christmas decoration using the huge industrial lathes and tools at Axminster Tools and Machinery Skill centre.

This workshop is run by expert Colwin Way who will talk to us about wood turning and other skills and show us examples of the beautiful and intricate pieces that can be made.



- **ASPIRE Coaching – Years 9-11**

Thur 7th December - 3.30pm to 5.30pm

If you have been allocated a coach we will arrange your one to one appointments in the Conference Suite.

- **Classical Music at Powderham Castle**

Fri 15th December - 1.30pm to 5pm



Just before the end of term there is no better way to get into the Christmas spirit other than going to a concert of seasonal music sung by the Exeter Cathedral Choir.

The concert is free of charge for students and the organisation contributes towards transport costs.

Voluntary contribution of £3 - Transport - 25 spaces