

Dear Parents/Carers

As we draw to the end of another successful school year, I would like to personally thank you all for your continued support during these challenging times.

The school has achieved an incredible amount which we are all very proud of. We even managed to move two schools to different sites during the pandemic, with all of our students settling into their new environments very calmly. We have delivered our first year of exams to our year 11 students, resulting in amazing results, creating a secure post-16 pathway for their transition to their next provision. We wish them all the best for a prosperous future. Place House students went on a whole school trip to Woodlands on Monday and were wonderful advocates for our very special school. College House students have also been on some wonderful trips; including Plymouth Cinema and Paignton Zoo. The staff and students had a great time, with all of the venues praising the behaviour of our children. I couldn't be more proud of our fantastic students and staff! If there are any notifications regarding COVID information or updated guidelines, we will post on Class Dojo through the holidays. I would like to wish all of our families a safe and relaxing summer break and look forward to seeing you all back in school on Tuesday 7 September.

Pete Jenkins, Executive Principal



NEW STARTERS

This term we welcome new staff to the school.



Hello everyone

My name is Tessa Cunningham and I have been working in education both here and abroad for the last twenty years and at School for Inspiring Talents for the past six years. My role has been as an LSA working at both sites.

I am excited to have the new role as Creative Art Coordinator which will involve me working with the curriculum in each class and spending time with individual students creating their own projects. My interests and experience are in painting, sewing, gardening, and furniture upcycling which I greatly enjoy.

I look forward to starting this new role next term.



Josh Correy
LSA



Paul Curtis
LSA



Sadi Storey
LSA



REMINDER!

Please remember that the school day ends at 3:10pm from September.

Thank you!



Please note: School mobile phone number 07806 768 241

PLEASE TEXT to notify the school of any absence/sickness of students, collection information etc. Availability to access it is in term time only.



A MESSAGE FROM LEWIS HARBEN



What a year it has been! It is crazy to think back to September and consider all the exciting changes that have taken place.

Moving to College House and seeing the students build trusting relationships with new peers and staff has been so inspirational.

I am incredibly proud of the community spirit that has been fostered throughout our five classes, as demonstrated by the whole school activities in the last week.

It has also been an honour to have been able to organise more school trips than ever before, this is a testament to our students' behaviour as ambassadors of our school.

I'd like to wish the students moving to Place House all the best for the future; I look forward to staying in touch and seeing their continued progress.

Have a great summer, stay safe and we look forward to welcoming all students back to school in September!



TAMAR CLASS

This half term Tamar's topic has been Paddington's Passport! We have loved this topic and have really enjoyed taking Paddington on adventures in our local area! We have learnt all about the similarities and differences between Peru and London and then compared this to School for Inspiring Talents! This term we have also made lots of progress in our swimming sessions as well as having an amazing afternoon in the kayaks! We're all so proud of Tamar for such a fantastic half term!



DEER AND PLYM CLASS

This term the students have enjoyed taking advantage of the being outdoors. The changeable weather has brought out many tiny creatures which our students have hunted around the school grounds for with great enthusiasm and care. Baking is always a firm favourite, with the children planning what they are going to bake, organising ingredients and then practically creating their masterpieces! Have a super summer break boys!

As a reward for all the hard work Deer has done this term, they got to have a lovely trip to the zoo! They loved seeing all the animals, so did Blu, and especially loved the play park and ice cream.



EXE CLASS

The summer has turned into a term of memorable experiences for Exe Class. Fridays are now great fun with our weekly gym session at Venture fitness in the morning, and swimming in the afternoon. All of this is part of our physical development programme; aimed at increasing the physical and emotional wellbeing of our students.

As we approach the end of this academic year, older members of Exe Class have been taking part in transition visits to Place House to prepare them for the move to our new, dedicated KS4 class in September.

There has also been a significant increase in student participation in core subjects too since we have switched Exe students onto Functional Skills in English and maths. This has the potential for students to gain qualifications once they leave and will equip with many of the skills required for the world of work.

As we approach the end of the academic year, our class will be participating in end of term events, such as a disco, sports day, and end of year awards. Oh, and we are going on a trip to Plymouth Vue as a treat for all our students' hard work for what has been a challenging year!

I am confident that next year is going to be amazing! Have a lovely summer from all of us in Exe!



AXE CLASS

This half-term in Axe Class we have been lucky enough to experience so many fun activities.

We have been fortunate enough to go on a school trip to Woodlands as a reward for how amazing the class have been over the school year. We had a great time on all the slides, rides and taboggan!

We owe a huge thank you to Chris, Gavin and Ally for leading us on our kayaking session at Decoy Lake, even if we did capsize a few times!

We have been embracing our inner-chefs and made some delicious food this term, including tacos, sausage rolls and pizzas all from scratch.

The outside has been an amazing place for us this term and we have been making the most of the sunny weather. Bug hunts, walks to the park, den building and tree climbing have been some of the many activities that have been done outside.

Thank you for all your support this term and I hope you all have an amazing summer break!



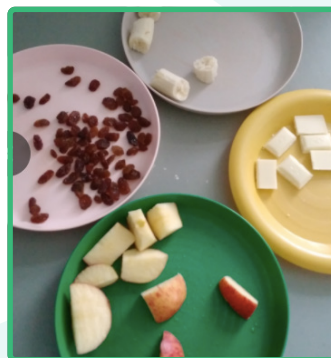
ASHBURTON

A MESSAGE FROM LUCY GRENN



What a fantastic Summer Term we have had at the Ashburton site! The weather has been incredible, so the children have been outside helping to improve our Forest School area and start planning some gardening for the Autumn Term. It is so nice to

see the children playing together from different classes and taking advantage of the space we have. They are beginning to be really good at sharing the tyre swing, scooters and bicycles. We have also been doing quite a lot of cooking, and experimenting with recipes from different parts of the world. In the next few weeks the children will be taking part in Come Dine with Me here! There are also lots of other activities planned for the last week of term. I am so pleased with how well the children are doing here at School for Inspiring Talents Ashburton, we are all really proud of them. I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you for your continued support and wish you a lovely summer holiday!



TEIGN CLASS

This term in Teign we have been focusing on Fairies and Frogs. We have written some amazing stories about a mystery door. In maths we have been looking at measurement and place value.

We've been on many therapeutic walks with Blu. As a class, we always seem to see lots of cows which we have decided to give names too.

One of our favourite activities that we were lucky enough to go on was kayaking. They all really enjoyed playing games and having fun on the water.

Teign have been doing some fantastic artwork from Picassos faces, to making a Fairies house for the garden. In science, we looked at the life cycle of a frog which they found very interesting. The students always enjoy food tech and tasting different flavours and textures. Thank you for all your support this year. Have a lovely summer break!



ERME CLASS

This term Erme have been exploring taste and texture in food tech, making links with Peru and London. The students have enjoyed some calm mindfulness colouring sheets and talking about the motivational quotes associated with them. Swimming is always a huge success! We have had a busy yet wonderful summer term and wish you all a wonderful and safe summer holiday!



DART CLASS

Dart class have had a very busy Summer term, and staff are extremely proud of how much learning they have been completing! All of the boys have been preparing to start focusing on qualifications, and we have looked at jobs that they may be interested in when they are older. In their free time, the boys have been really enjoying the new basket swing and continuing to spend time exploring Ashburton. They also had a fantastic time kayaking at Decoy, and we have had lots of conversations about other outdoor activity trips they would be interested in next year! In between lessons, the boys have been taking part in lots of art lessons, and we have been focusing on texture and colour, including looking at the patterns that we can make using different items we find in the class.



PARRETT CLASS

In Parrett Class this half term our topic has been 'Abracadabra' related to all things magical.

In English, we have been reading Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone. Students have designed their own magic wands, written formal letters to Harry Potter and created our own houses using information we gathered about the existing Hogwarts's houses.

In cooking we have been recreating a multitude of Harry Potter inspired recipes, such as: Mrs Weasley's Meatballs, Slytherin Key Lime bars, and Golden Snitch cake pops.

In maths our focus this half term has been 2D and 3D shapes, measurement and time.

For 'National Thank a Teacher Day' students recreated Van Gogh's 'A Starry Night,' with some amazing results.

I would like to say a big 'Good Luck' to our 2 leavers this year! It has been a pleasure teaching them and watching them thrive in school.

Have a super summer term break!

TAVY CLASS

During this term our topic has been Around the World in 7 weeks. We have been looking at various stories from different cultures and countries. We placed most of our focus on The Magic Lake and based our writing tasks on the story. The children's imagination was wonderful as well as their verbal contributions to class discussions.

We have also been cooking foods both inside and outside, using different methods. They particularly enjoyed making and tasting Brigadeiros, a traditional Brazilian dessert. The students have been doing art from around the world by recreating Michaelangelo's ceiling art. We even taped the paper under the desks and the children laid under them to paint and stapled it to our classroom ceiling! They also loved making their own Inca masks.

Thank you so much for your support throughout the year and look forward to seeing you all again in September!





Blu has had a fantastic term supporting the students on a variety of school trips. Blu has been to Paignton Zoo, Woodlands and even on a kayak at Decoy Park. Blu would love to know what places students would like to visit in the new academic school year. Blu has enjoyed spending time with all the students and will miss them over the summer holidays. Blu hopes everyone has a good break and looks forward to seeing everyone again in September!

A MESSAGE FROM JULES SANDERS



The Multi-Disciplinary Team have been busy supporting the students on their caseloads, facilitating visits for our new starters and supporting school teams where necessary. The team have also been delivering training in house to our school

teams, and externally both to schools from Teaching Schools South West (TSSW) and at the Babcock Safeguarding Conference. Tea and Talks have taken place for parents and a brochure of summer holiday activities is in the process of being compiled which will be sent out before the end of the academic year. Our therapeutic spaces - Hope Cove, The Bay and The Cove- are all looking inviting and nurturing environments for our students to spend time in. All in all, it has been a busy term! We would like to wish all students and families a relaxing summer break and will look forward to welcoming you back in September.

MDT would like to say a fond farewell to Ben Stephenson who has recently left us to work for Devon Information Advice and Support (DIAS) team. Ben has been working across both sites as a Trauma Recovery Practitioner and will be greatly missed.

In September MDT will be welcoming Tara Acton to join the team. Tara is a fully qualified Play Therapist, and she brings with her a wealth of experience and many exciting ideas about how she can grow the role here at School for Inspiring Talents.

TEA & TALK - 8th JULY

This was the first face to face Tea and Talk of the year. Due to circumstances beyond their control, many of our families were unable to attend, but this left us able to celebrate with Carol (a parent of one of our school leavers this year). Her journey at School for Inspiring Talents and the success their family have felt with the level of support they have received has contributed to successful outcomes for their future.

Further information of events, activities and provisions, along with details on how to access them and other useful information will be emailed out before the end of term.



As we come to the end of the term, and the end of the academic year, it's a great time to review all the progress that has been made across the school. As you know, we have been following the themes suggested by The Five Ways of

Wellbeing for the whole academic year now and it's been a great success!

This term, we have been looking at "Keeping Active" and we've had some wonderful weather which has made it easier to get outside. Even on rainy days our wonderful staff and students have found a way to move their bodies - like yoga!

We know that physical exercise keeps our bodies and minds healthy. It can support our mental health by boosting self esteem and confidence and it's even proven to reduce feelings of anxiety and low mood due to a release of "feel good chemicals" called endorphins. It also affects chemicals called Dopamine and Serotonin which can help with low mood and anxiety.

Exercise doesn't have to be about running and going to the gym. Here are some simple ways to get more movement in to your day:

1. Get up for a walk around every 30-45 minutes - even if you're gaming!
2. Do some gentle stretches before bed.
3. Join a sports team.
4. Put some music on and dance for 10 minutes.
5. Play games outside with friends.

Wishing you a happy and active Summer break - see you all in the new academic year!

Megan Hornsby,
Mental Health Practitioner



If you require more support or would like further information on supporting your own or other's mental health, please visit www.nhs.uk/mentalhealth.

Public Health Nursing - Contact Details (PHN hubs)

The PHN hubs and the Chat Health texting service have continued to operate and been prioritised throughout Covid-19.

Please continue to signpost young people to Chat Health, and advertise this service as widely as possible, where they can access confidential information and advice via a School Nurse.

We have continued to receive and respond to referrals into the service and have been offering a mix of phone contacts, video conferencing and face to face contacts based on the needs of children, young people, and families.

Devon County Council, Children's Services -
Public Health Nursing Service

<p>Southern Hub Contact Details T: 0333 234 1901 E: Rde- tr.SouthernPHN hub@nhs.net</p>	<p>Exeter Hub Contact Details T: 0333 234 1902 E: Rde-tr.ExeterPHN hub@nhs.net</p>	<p>Eastern Hub Contact Details T: 0333 234 1903 E: Rde- tr.EasternPHN hub@nhs.net</p>	<p>Northern Hub Contact Details T: 0333 234 1904 E: Rde- tr.NorthernPHNhub@ nhs.net</p>
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School for
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School Term Dates 2021 / 2022

Term Lengths

Autumn Half Term

- 7 Sep - 15 Oct

Half Term to Christmas

- 1 Nov - 17 Dec

Winter Half Term

- 5 Jan - 18 Feb

Half Term to Easter

- 28 Feb - 8 Apr

Spring Half Term

- 25 Apr - 27 May

Summer Half Term

- 6 Jun - 22 Jul

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Key

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 Bank Holiday