

Newsletter

July 2016 Issue 18

Keeping you informed



Sports Day

Congratulations to all the students who were involved in this year's Sports Day. It was great to see so many participating, especially those who volunteered to do events outside of their comfort zone. Many school records were broken on the day and, once all the information has been finalised, I will ask the PE Faculty to publicise the results in the next Newsletter.

Industrial Action 5 July 2016

As you are aware the College remained open during the industrial action and I must say how pleased we were with the way the students responded to the changes that we made for the day. Hopefully you are aware of the issues that led to this industrial action. Those of you who attended the Key Stage 3 Awards Evening will have heard me ask for your support in whatever form to help address the inequalities of school funding across the country. We are facing real term cuts to our budgets which is making it ever increasingly difficult to manage our schools effectively. Devon is one of the worst funded Authorities in the country and this further exacerbates the situation. We have fought very hard here at Okehampton College to keep group sizes down as low as possible and to keep a high teacher/student ratio but, quite honestly, this is proving to be extremely difficult to maintain. At a time when many schools across Devon are facing a redundancy situation, I am pleased to say that this is not the case at the College but we need to continue to be extremely careful how we manage our finances in order to maximise the opportunities and chances for all of our students. I ask that, if you are in a position at any time to voice your concerns about the funding issues facing all of our schools, please do so.

Curriculum Extension Week and Year 10 Work Experience

These two events commence next week so hopefully you will have had all the information to inform you of the arrangements for your son/daughter. We have very high expectations of our students whilst they are out and about representing the College so please discuss the importance of adhering to these expectations with your son/daughter before they go off on their activities. I regularly meet with past students of the College and they frequently refer to the experiences they gained through Curriculum Extension Week and Work Experience so I hope that next week proves to be equally successful and that students will enjoy participating in these activities.

I will write again prior to the end of term to inform you of staffing changes for September but I am pleased to be able to tell you that the College will be fully staffed with subject specialists in all areas in September.

Daryll Chapman
Executive Principal



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Job Vacancy

Required from September 2016:

Job Title: Primary Class Teacher (Key Stage 2)
Location: Northlew & Ashbury Parochial Church of England Primary School
Job Term: Permanent / Part Time 0.2fte
Salary: TPS

Please email recruitment@okehamptoncollege.devon.sch.uk to request an application pack

Closing Date: 9am Monday 11 July 2016

Interview Date: Monday 18 July 2016

Sporting Hall of Fame

We would like to put together a notice board showing photographs of our most talented sports students.

If you have represented Devon, the South-West, England or the UK at any sport, we would love to be able to recognise your achievements on this board.

Please could you bring to the PE Office, a photograph in paper or digital form with a short description of who you represented and your achievements.

Thank you

Mr Farr.

Parental/Carer Contributions towards Design & Technology Practical Work

We respectfully remind all parents/carers to make their annual voluntary contribution towards the cost of materials in accordance with the list below.

Year Group	Contribution per Year (2015/2016)
Year 7	£10.00
Year 8	£10.00
Year 9	£10.00
Year 10	£10.00
Year 11	£10.00
Year 12	£15.00

Polite Reminder

We would like to receive your contribution via SQUID, the College's secure and easy to use online payment system.

Your contribution will help cover the cost of materials used to make your child's projects, for the whole academic year, in Electronics, Resistant Materials and Textiles. Once your contribution has been received, your child may take their project work home.

Your contribution will also help cover the cost of the sundry items used by students within Food Technology and Catering. **However, Food Technology and Catering students are still expected to provide their own ingredients.**

We hope you are able to help support the faculty with this matter.

Modern Foreign Languages

National Speaking Competition Success!

We would like to say a huge **CONGRATULATIONS** to Emily Wingfield Digby Year 12, who recently won second place in the KS5 category of the **National Modern Foreign Languages Speaking Competition** run by Routes Into Languages.

You may remember that Emily won the regional final at the beginning of March, where she faced tough competition from other near-native speakers of different languages. Winning the regional final was a fantastic achievement in itself, but to go on and take second place in the national final was, indeed, **incroyable!**

To win, Emily delivered a presentation on the topic of 'Les Salutations du Monde' or 'World Greetings'. This involved explanations of the etiquette of greeting people of different nationalities, and the physical actions and politics involved in this. Emily received an excellent response from the audience, with a few laughs and a good round of applause for her acting skills and intonation!

Emily adds: 'It was a great experience, heightened by the political backdrop of the referendum. I really enjoyed seeing the other interesting and unique presentations. School was very supportive in helping me to prepare and taking me to Bristol to compete!'



Language Leaders Achievement



'BRAVO!' to our Year 9 Language Leaders, who have all successfully completed their qualification, and now hold the Foreign Language Leader Award Certificate with Sportsleaders UK.

To gain the certificate, students gave up their time every Tuesday after school to attend extra lessons on: leadership skills; team working; communication and language teaching. They then planned and carried out their own lessons and activities in French, leading younger learners in Year 7, before going to Okehampton Primary to run a Christmas and an Easter Workshop in French for Year 5! They also participated in the Year 6 taster days.



So, **'WELL DONE!'** to: Holly Adams, Chelsea Bailey, Jade Barnett, Ben Bowles, Ella Clarke, Sammy Gallagher, Vanessa Garratt, Carina Hutchings, Grace James, Sophie Luddington, Toby Loud, Louise Noyes, Jessie Seaward, Izzy Shannon, Amelia Townsend, Jenny Turnbull, and Michael Walker.

Truly Inspirational!

Max Watson, Year 9, is creatively inspiring students throughout the College, including Post 16 students, with his artwork consisting of inspirational art phrases to encourage student's motivation.

This has positively enabled other students to be encouraged to also contribute and display their work across the College.

Mrs. V. Berry Head of Expressive Arts commented on how "contributing exceptional work to better the welfare of other students is truly inspirational, and Max should be very proud of himself."

Well Done Max, continue your hard work!



Max Watson pictured with Mr Sproats Head of Post 16 & Mrs Berry Head of Expressive Arts

Learn to swim



Can your child swim? Does he/she lack confidence in water?

If your child is in Year 7 and 8 and is unable to swim 25m, or does not feel confident in water OCRA & Okehampton College are offering a FREE intense swimming course starting in September 2016.

If you would like to take this opportunity for your child to develop this key life skill or for more details contact OCRA .

Email: admin@ocrasport Tel: 01837 54546

TEENTECH[®] 2016

Huge congratulations to Nat Bonfield and Ben Bowles who were National finalists in this Year's TeenTech awards. They presented their 'Green Water Turbine' idea to the CEO for Science for the BBC and representatives from the National Grid, who were very positive about our students.

The day was an early start to get to the inspiration Royal Society Building in London but it was a thoroughly enjoyable day, full of aspiration and we would like to say a huge well done to the boys who represented the College in such a positive way.

Our TeenTech idea is 'The Green Water Turbine'. It has evolved from our original idea to place a hydroelectric turbine in a drainpipe to make energy from rainwater, however after some research and talking to an energy expert, we realised that the lack of pressure would mean that the turbine wouldn't work efficiently. Our next step was to find a place, used in everyday life, where a hydroelectric turbine could generate electricity cleanly and efficiently. We decided that a mains water pipe would fit this brief, so, again we spoke to our energy expert, and he agreed that a turbine in a mains water pipe would be able to generate clean energy. We then spoke to Mr Andrew Burrows, who works for 'i20 water' and he gave us some advice for our idea. We addressed the issues that he presented and entered our idea into the first round of TeenTech judging.

Two months later, we were delighted to find out that we had made it to the final of the TeenTech awards in the Energy category. However, we still knew that our idea needed a large amount of refining! Our first step was to check our calculations on the amount of energy 'The Green Water Turbine' could produce. After these recalculations, we realised that the optimum place for the turbine to be stationed would be in the water pipe to a whole town. Our calculations show that, just for our local town, Okehampton, the turbine could produce 231 KW of Power! We then had the idea that 'The Green Water Turbine' could be more than a product, it could be an initiative. If we helped the people who receive the energy generated by the turbine how to use it more efficiently then that energy would go further. This would mean that the customer would need to consume less energy and reduce some of the strain on the power stations of this country. This would then, in turn, benefit the environment as less greenhouse gases would be produced and released in the to atmosphere by these power stations.

Next, we worked on building a working prototype of 'The Green Water Turbine'. We designed a scale model and then sourced and bought the necessary equipment to construct a working scale model of our product!

We also worked on the branding of our product. My partner, Nat Bonfield, produced our logo (which you can see at the top of the page) which will aims to make our brand unique and memorable.

Finally, we have to continue to refine our product, and produce posters to explain our idea to the judges at the TeenTech final.

Thank you for reading about the progress of 'The Green Water Turbine'. We hope you like our idea and will consider it for winner of the Energy category at the TeenTech awards 2016.

Ben Bowles and Nat Bonfield

Creators of The Green Water Turbine



The Green Water
Turbine

This Term's Child Protection Focus is on...

Online Safety and Sexting

'Sexting' refers to sending nude or semi nude images over social media (including apps such as Snapchat, Facebook, or through texts). Sharing any images of an intimate nature of children is illegal, whether the image has been taken with consent (or even is taken and shared by the young person themselves). This trend seems to be becoming more acceptable among young people who may not believe that they are breaking the law, or have not considered the consequences of the image being widely shared, and the risks of losing control of the image. According to research, 16% of teenagers don't think that naked images are inappropriate.

As a school we follow advice of the UK Safer Internet Centre and Government Statutory Guidance and work with other agencies where appropriate to keep all young people safe. There is also some really useful information and support for parents on the NSPCC website ([nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/sexting](https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/sexting)) called 'Sexting: Advice for Parents', which includes how to talk to teenagers about online safety and sexting, what to do if it does happen and how to get explicit images taken down from the internet.

If you have any concerns please feel free to contact one of the Child Protection Officers in College.

Mrs C Edwards

Director of Inclusion and Safeguarding

INTERHOUSE COMPETITION



It has been a great year for Inter-House Competition. All departments have offered students an opportunity to take part in events in order to display their talents and win points for their House.

A few of the results:

ASH HOUSE won the Year 8 Boys and Girls Cross Country, Year 7 Transition Reading Passport and had best Attendance from September - October.

BEECH HOUSE won the Rotary Club Short story, the Maths Easter Quiz and the Yr 7 and 8 Girls Orienteering.

ELM HOUSE won the Yr 8 Boys Rugby, the most achievement Points from February to Easter and Yr 8 Girls Hockey and Dance.

OAK HOUSE won the ABC Poster Competition, the Yr 8 Sport Relief Mile and the Science Week Competition.

Well done to everyone at the College who has been involved in the Inter-House Competition this Year. The Inter-House Cup has been funded by the PTFA and they will present it to the winning House at end of year Assembly. At the moment Ash and Beech House are literally head to head, fighting for the top and the results from Sports Day will result in one of them becoming the winning House.

WHO WILL WIN?!

Yr 8 PSHE (Personal, Social & Health education) this term has focused on loss, bereavement and mental health...

We also looked at ways to boost our self-esteem and wellbeing to maintain good mental health including:

Exercise

Getting enough sleep

Eating healthily

Not comparing ourselves to others

Saying "Thank you (it's been scientifically proven to boost the happy chemicals in our brains)

Some of the things our students were grateful for when asked included:

I am grateful for my family because..."they love and care for me",

"they do everything for me and always help me 24/7",

"they are very kind, and do so much for me",

"they make me feel wanted when I'm upset"

Something good that happened this week...

"was playing hockey all day Sunday",

"when I went on a fun ride on the pony I ride", "I went to the cinema",

"I went to Pizza Hut with my friend"

I am grateful for my friendship with _____ because ...

"they have a laugh we me and understand",

"we have lots of memories, although throughout arguments we're still as close",

"he is never rude and a good friend",

"they make me happy!"

I am grateful for who I am because...

"I'm not like everyone else and have different interest"

"I am lucky with what I've got and lots of good things happen to me, my family and friends",

"I am a happy person who always looks on the brightside",

"I am unique"

Something silly that I am grateful for...

"my sense of humour",

"my flamingo neck travel cushion and blanket",

"my watermelon umbrella",

Something else I am grateful for...

"what I have - family, friends and more",

"that I can play the guitar and it makes me feel good",

"my talent for sewing things",

"being privileged enough to have clean water and clothes everyday",

"I have lots of opportunities and a healthy life".

For those of us who's mental health isn't 100%, or for people we know who need support we looked at these useful websites.

The CALM (calmzone.net), youngminds and the lifesigns site.

- **Childline:** Sign up to create your own locker – a safe space for you to post on message boards, speak to counsellors or create your inspirational art work to share: <http://www.childline.org.uk/pages/home.aspx> OR call: 0800 11 11

- **NHS Young People's Mental Health Questions** – lots of facts on many different mental illnesses and how to get support: <http://www.nhs.uk/Livewell/youth-mental-health/Pages/Youth-mental-health-help.aspx>

- List of **Mental Health Helplines** -

<http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/stress-anxiety-depression/pages/mental-health-helplines.aspx>

- **Young Minds** – a charity for supporting young people with mental health issues; Young minds also has lots of great information on different issues and also what different medication are for: <http://www.youngminds.org.uk/for-children-young-people>

- **Mind.org.uk** - Helping Someone Else: Information on how to help someone you feel is suffering from mental health issues: <http://www.mind.org.uk/information-support/helping-someone-else/>

- **Mind.org.uk** - Tips for everyday living - <http://www.mind.org.uk/information-support/tips-for-everyday-living/>

2016 Awards Evening



Our annual awards evening was very successful; 700 guests attended two ceremonies to see more than 350 students receive awards from College staff.

The evening commenced with the Key Stage 3 Awards, where teachers in each faculty area nominated students for awards covering excellence, improvement, effort and House awards which reward student contribution to either their tutor group, or active participation in House activities. The ceremony also included the presentation of Junior Graduation Awards by the Executive Principal, Daryll Chapman.

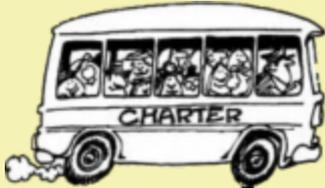
Following this, was the Year 11 Graduation Ceremony. During Year 11, students receive graduation points for the various aspects of College life that the College and the community think are important. In order to graduate, each student must gain a minimum score in areas of progress, attendance and approach to learning. The more points gathered and recorded, the further up the leader board a student graduates.

Guests also had the opportunity to watch the hugely successful work of Year 11 Media Studies Students who had put together a video trailer as part of their course work.

Arron Wilson, Awards Evening Coordinator said: 'This was an opportunity for parents to glow with pride and for the College to publicly recognise the achievements of so many of our students. The evening was a real success and I would like to thank everybody who supported it'.



PTFA



PTFA Coach Trip to Cardiff

Saturday 24th September 2016

Tickets cost £20 and are available through Quinns Hairdressers

Cardiff, Wales' Capital city, offers a startling range of unique attractions, top class entertainment and quality shopping with a difference – all within walking distance. Innovative architecture sits alongside historic buildings and Cardiff Bay offers entertainment for everyone.

Cardiff is a capital for shopping, and with a combination of designer brands, high street names as well as more individual and independent shops, there's something for everyone. Recently named the 6th best shopping destination in the UK, Cardiff has the whole spectrum of shopping, with charming Edwardian and Victorian arcades and ultra-modern shopping centres. And when you've had your fill of retail therapy, there are plenty of cafés, restaurants and bars to stop and relax in.

Start your journey with the spectacular St David's Shopping Centre, one of the UK's newest, brightest and largest indoor malls, the Queens Arcade, or one of Cardiff's older arcades such as the Royal, Castle, High Street or Morgan.



The PTFA plays an important part of College life and provides the extra funding the different departments in the College need to buy equipment or resources that are not supplied through the normal school budget.

Whilst we have an official committee, any parents or carers are welcome to join us for the committee meetings and we are always grateful of any help we receive. We welcome new members at any time, if you are interested in joining us or would like further information about the PTFA please email ptfa@okehamptoncollege.devon.sch.uk (or call the College on 01837 650910).

Our PTFA fundraising Goal:

....is to raise money to purchase outdoor fitness stations and table tennis tables to be installed within College grounds for all to use.

Please support us wherever you can.



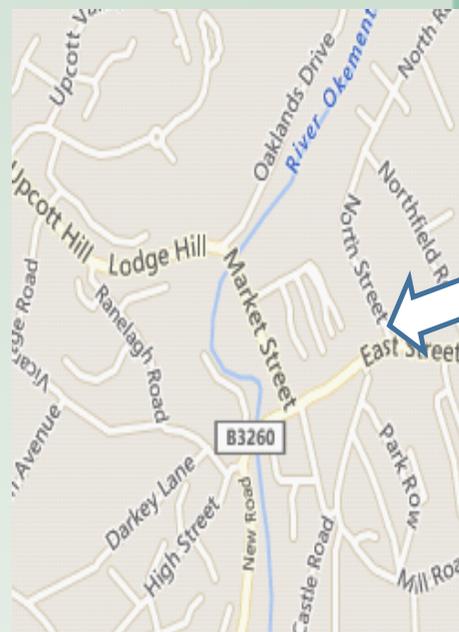
Love Literacy

Over the summer holidays please do the following:



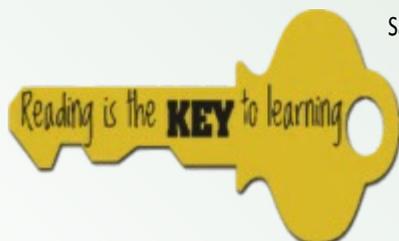
The public library in Okehampton is FREE to join. Find it in North Street, near the junction with the main road.

Okehampton Library
4 North Street
Okehampton, Devon, EX20 1AR
Tel: 01837 52805
Renewals: 0345 155 1001



Opening Hours:

Monday → 09:00 - 17:00
Tuesday → 09:00 - 18:00
Wednesday → 09:00 - 13:00
Thursday → 09:00 - 17:00
Friday → 09:00 - 18:00
Saturday → 09:00 - 13:00



Introducing Our New Head Boys and Girls..



Mollie Rickwood (Head Girl), Jessica James (Assistant Head Girl)
Munkhbayar Bayartsengel Elkins (Head Boy) and Tristan Shaw (Assistant Head Boy)

Over the past few weeks a selection process has been taking place in order to appoint a Head Girl and Boy. Teachers were asked to nominate students from Year 12 who they felt would be suitable for the roles. This left a handful of students who were given the chance to write an application for the opportunity to represent the school as Head Boy or Girl. We were all then invited to an interview to present our ideas and aptness for the position with the 6th Form Senior Team.

We are grateful that, after this process, we were asked to take on the responsibility which we hope to do so fully with enthusiasm and pride. We look forward to next year and our primary aim is to connect the lower school with the 6th Form and show them the unique learning atmosphere created by our small and friendly environment. Hopefully this will encourage more students to remain here for Alevels and achieve their best.

We wish to thank the teachers who made nominations and gave us this wonderful opportunity to give back and help to develop the school.

Munkhbayar Bayartsengel Elkins (Head Boy), Tristan Shaw (Assistant Head Boy), Mollie Rickwood (Head Girl) and Jessica James (Assistant Head Girl).

Year 13 Summer Ball



To celebrate an amazing two years at Okehampton College Sixth Form, the Year 13's held their summer ball last Tuesday at the Lord Haldon Hotel.

It was a lovely evening had by all and, because of the money raised by the Sixth Form throughout the year, a photobooth was hired which rounded off an already unforgettable night allowing us to capture memories to look back on in many years time.

I speak on behalf of everyone in my year group; growing up at Okehampton College, whether for the past two years or the past seven years, has been a pleasure and we have all grown as individuals to get to where we are now. Everyone will be moving on to new things and going their separate ways but Okehampton College will stay part of our lives in years to come.

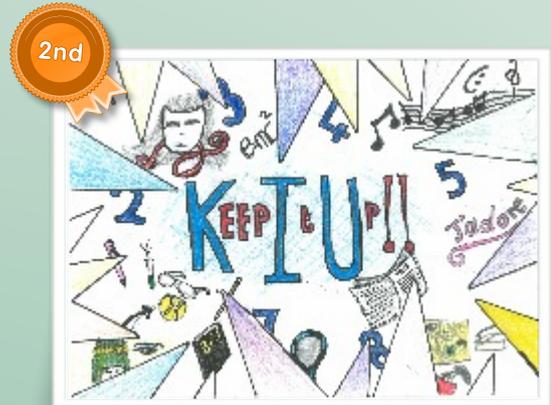
We'd like to thank the Sixth Form staff, tutors and teachers for supporting us endlessly in every way possible. I hope that everyone coming to Post 16 in the future will get as much out of it as we have done and I wish everyone the very best of luck with their future plans.

Millie Roberts

Praise Post Card - Inter-house Competition



Mark Watson. Elm House



Verity Saunders. Beech House

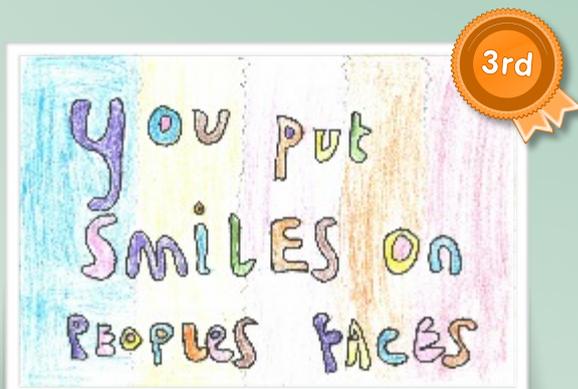
Students were asked to create some Praise Postcards which the Pastoral Team of Tutors and Student Progress Leaders could use to praise students for the wonderful things they may do during their school day. For example, being kind to someone in their tutor group, being helpful, making great progress in a particular lesson which they are finding challenging, improving their behaviour etc. Mrs Hughes in the Art department ran the competition in Key Stage 3 and had a fabulous response. the winners were:

- 1st Max Watson Yr 9 Oak house
- 2nd Verity Saunders Yr 8 Beech House
- 3rd Lauren Pike Yr 7 Ash House
- 4th Carina Hutchins Yr 9 Elm House

As we were so impressed, we also chose 6 more winners: Aaron Neale, Louise Braime, Louise Noyes, Alicia Waddington, Kaitlyn O Connor and Chloe Farrimond.

All 10 Praise Postcards will be available for staff to use to congratulate students on their achievement whatever it may be next academic year. Which one will you receive?

Well done to all who took part.



Lauren Pike. Ash House



Carina Hutchings. Elm House

Students Stage EU debate & Referendum



The College Debating Club held its “Big EU Debate” last month, the day before the national referendum on Britain’s membership of the European Union.

The Club spent the preceding two weeks organizing their teams—one to represent the Remain campaign and one the Leave campaign—doing their own research, writing and rehearsing their opening and closing statements, and practising answering questions from the audience. Other members of the Debating Club organised and promoted the event, which was held in the Octagon and was chaired by Year 11 pupil. Ryan Harnell, a member of the UK Youth Parliament.

The debate was well attended by students and staff, and everyone agreed that the teams, and especially their speakers, Phoebe Muir, James McGlynn, Kestrel Read and Nathan Fitton, put on a really impressive performance. Unusually, no vote was taken at the end of the debate; instead audience members were encouraged to express their support at the mock ballot box the next day.

On Thursday 23rd June the College’s Student Council ran a mock referendum on Britain’s membership of the European Union. All College students were eligible to vote; the facts and issues from both sides had been explained during tutor time that week; and in the end 58% of the College’s voters voted to Remain.



Extended Learning Day Makes us Think...

Students from all Years took part in a wide variety of activities during our latest Extended Learning Day.

Year 7 students learnt more about identity, recycling and education in poor countries. They also took part in a presentation on Refugees and Syria.

Lizi Allnatt from Refugee Support Devon spoke about who refugees are and why they move. Barra Ehssan Kouja is a student from Aleppo in Syria who has been studying in Exeter. He has seen his home town of Aleppo destroyed. He spoke very movingly about what Syria was like before the war and what has happened to ordinary Syrian people. Barra has helped set up a charity "From Syria With Love" which supports refugees in Lebanon and within Syria itself.



Barra giving his presentation in the Octagon theatre



Barra and Lizi with Head of School, Derrick Brett

Register with Okehampton College's Alumni Portal

Alumni:

An **alumnus** ([/ə'λmnəs/](#); masculine, plural **alumni** [/ə'λmni/](#)) or an **alumna** ([/ə'λmnə/](#); feminine, plural **alumnae** [/ə'λmni:/](#)) is a former student or pupil of a school, college, or university. Commonly, but not always, the word refers to a graduate of the educational institute in question.^[1] An alumnus can also be a former member, employee, contributor, or inmate, as well as a former student.

Dear Parents,

We are lucky enough to be working with Future First, a company which encourages participation from previous students to raise aspirations for our current students. We would love more former students to join our alumni community by registering via our portal/website. If you, or your older children, previously attended the college and would like to be involved, you can sign up to our database:

<http://networks.futurefirst.org.uk/former-student/okehampton>

Our current leavers will be encouraged to sign up the day they receive their results, via an alternative login.

We will then engage with you via letter advising of all the exciting events which are taking place at the college, and inviting you to participate in a number of ways. Below are a number of ways in which alumni have participated in other schools, but we have lots of other ideas of engaging with our alumni community.

Please join us in widening our school community and encouraging student aspirations; you will receive your first newsletter in September.

- Become a role model
- Mentor or e-mentor a student
- Fundraise or donate
- Volunteer
- Provide a work experience placement
- Become a governor

Many thanks in advance,

Vicky Thornton
Head of English and Assistant Principal

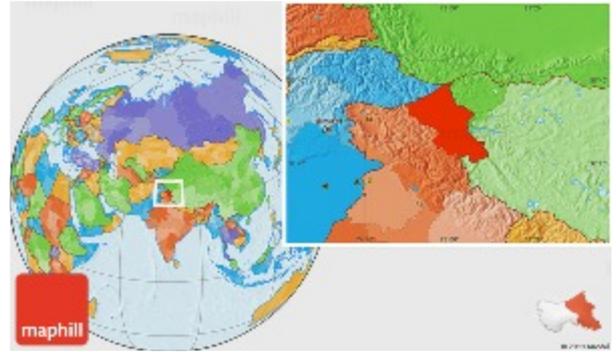




When you wake up on the 21st of July for the first day of long dreamy summer holidays spare a thought for the 35 intrepid students and staff who have gone on a three week expedition to the remote Himalayan Buddhist valley of Ladakh in the northern most reaches of India close to the Kashmir line of control.

After an overnight flight to Delhi and transfer to Leh (the capitol of Ladakh) we will be splitting in to three teams. Our first project is to build LEHO green houses in the remote high altitude villages of:

- Stakmo (3,900m)
- Taroo (3,700m)
- Likir (3,650m)



An important issue in Ladakh is the availability of green vegetables throughout the year, especially in the winters. Due to harsh climatic conditions in the 6 month long winter (temperature go as low as -30°C centigrade) it is practically impossible to grow anything. Most of the vegetables that are available during the winters (all imported from the neighbouring regions) are distributed around the urban areas and not accessible to villagers in remoter areas. The other issue pertains to the high costs of these vegetables as they require long distance transportation.

Since these greenhouses enable vegetable cultivation in harsh climatic conditions, they not only contribute in providing additional income to the locals but also contribute to the improvement of daily nutritional intake.

The green house concept consists of providing plants with the necessary sunshine and the adequate temperature for their growth. The solar energy should be collected on the south face of the green house through a transparent polythene sheet. The heat is then stored in the walls and released during the night. The walls insulation maintains the inner temperature at a reasonable level. The walls are double and the air gap can be filled with locally available materials (straw, dung, saw dust). The roof, which can be made of branches and mud, increases the insulation. A door and some shutters, on the roof and the walls, will help to ventilate the green house to avoid overheating.

More information can be found here: <http://www.leho.in/index.html>

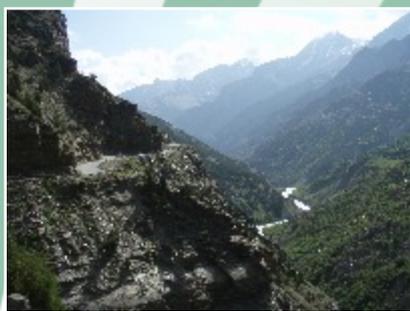


During this project we will be getting acclimatised to the high altitude to help us prepare for the 6 day trek we will be going in the Rumbak and Ripcar valleys. We will be walking at altitudes of up to 5,000m (200m higher than Mont Blanc) through stunning valleys and villages and over high inaccessible passes.

We will then spend three days on an extreme road trip from Leh To Manali driving over the Tanglangla, which at 5,300m is one of the highest roads in the world. The road is so extreme that it is only open for the short summer months and needs to be rebuilt each year.

Suitably exhausted we will be flying home after the adventure of a lifetime.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Rotary Club of Okehampton for the very generous grant of £750 that has been put towards our transport to Heathrow.



Year 11 Graduation: Qualifying Criteria

Attendance:

A minimum of 180 points needed

The College target is 95% so this is a realistic goal for all Year 11 students.

Any holiday taken *will* count against attendance.

95%
attendance
or better

Approach
to learning
mean score
of 3 or
above

Approach to Learning:

A minimum of 120 points needed

A mean score of 120 points for all subjects.

- mean score of 2 = 80
- mean score of 3 = 120
- mean score of 4 = 160

Entry to
2 Exams
or more

Progress:

A minimum of 180 points needed

A mean score of 180 points for all subjects.

- Above target = 300
- On target = 200

Below target = 140

Be on
target for
most
subjects

Final Total:

a minimum of 500 points needed.

Any points lost will be deducted from your total score.

We want you all to succeed -



You can do it!

How Points Are Lost

Reason	Points Lost
Behaviour Memos	-1
Late to Tutor Time	-2.5
Tutor Report (2 weeks)	-50
SPL Report (2 weeks)	-100
Isolation (per day)	-75
Exclusion (per day)	-150

Child Protection

Our Child Protection Officers are:

Mrs Charlie Edwards
Mrs Nick Stoneman
Mr Sean Freeman -

Telephone our Direct line number:

01837 650914

Or via college switchboard: 01837 650910

If you have any concerns regarding the safety and wellbeing of any student, please feel free to contact one of our Child Protection Officers.

During holidays anyone can contact the Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) on 0345 55 1071 if they have a concern about a child or young person.

Child Protection and Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. Please contact a Child Protection Officer if you have any concerns about a young person's safety or well-being.

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Dates for your diary & forthcoming events

Month	Date	Event
July 2016	Weds 20 th July	Last Day of Term
	Thurs 21 st July	Non-Pupil Day
	Fri 22 nd July	Non-Pupil Day
Autumn Term 2016		
September 2016	Thurs 1 st September	Non-Pupil Day
	Fri 2 nd September	Non-Pupil Day
	Mon 5 th September	All Pupils Return
October 2016	Mon 24 th Oct - Fri 28 th October	Half Term
	Mon 31 st October	All Pupils Return
November 2016	Friday 25 th November	Non-Pupil Day
December 2016	Friday 16 th December	Last day of term
	Mon 19 th Dec - Mon 2 nd Jan 2017	Christmas Break

Important Information for Parents/Carers:

Please be aware of new safeguarding guidance, 'Keeping Children safe'

Paragraph 117 - *Parents/Carers using Facebook, Twitter and other social media to make derogatory remarks about staff is not acceptable under the prohibition on reporting and publishing allegations about teachers in section 141F of the Education Act 2002. Schools across the country are reporting issues relating to the misuse of social media sites. If any such abuse of these sites regarding Okehampton College takes place, appropriate action will be taken.*

The Federation Safeguarding and Child Protection policies can be accessed via the College website www.okehamptoncollege.devon.sch.uk or a paper copy will be made available upon request.



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