

Newsletter

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Keeping you informed



Teen Tech Ceremony at Buckingham Palace

TeenTech runs lively one-day events, with a year-round supporting awards scheme, to help young teenagers see the wide range of career possibilities in Science, Engineering and Technology. Last week Reece Boulton and Sam McGlynn were invited to attend a ceremony at Buckingham Palace where they were presented with a certificate by HRH Prince Andrew the Duke of York as a result of winning their category in Music, Media and Entertainment in the Teen Tech Awards. Please have a look at the more detailed report on page 6 of this Newsletter.

Holocaust Survivor, Zigi Shipper, Visits Okehampton College

Okehampton College offered the community and students the rare opportunity to hear from Holocaust survivor, Zigi Shipper, last week as part of a visit organised by the Holocaust Educational Trust. Mr Shipper was born in 1930 to a Jewish family in Lodz, Poland. In 1940, he and his grandparents were forced to move into the Lodz ghetto. He managed to remain in the ghetto until its liquidation in 1944, when he and the other survivors of the ghetto were sent to the infamous Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camp. Nearing the end of the war and with the Russians advancing, Mr Shipper and the rest of his group were sent on a death march. Upon arriving in the German naval town of Neustadt, there was an attack by the Royal Air Force. During the chaos that followed, he realised that all of the Nazis had left. They were liberated on 3 May 1943.

Mr Shipper finally arrived in the UK in 1947, where he married and had a family. He now lives in Hertfordshire with his wife Janet and regularly shares his testimony in schools across the country. Mr Shipper said 'doing things like this and telling my story is an important part of my life. Especially telling it to young people, telling them about the racism, the prejudice and the hatred that made it all happen. Young people are the most important people in the world and they can do a hell of a lot to change our future. It is their job to do it and make things better. To do that they need to know about the past. It has been a pleasure to come to Okehampton and speak to the wonderful young people here. I always think, why do schools hunt me down and ask me to speak? A man with no education like me. But you have no idea what I get out of sharing my story.'

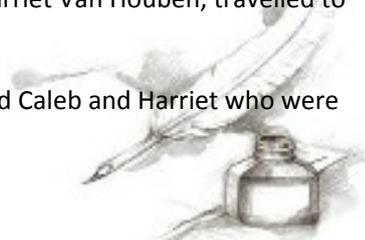
During Mr Shipper's visit, students from the Dartmoor Federation schools took part in workshops based on tolerance and equality before hearing a testimony from Mr Shipper about his experiences. Students were able to ask him questions to increase their understanding of the Holocaust. Mr Shipper also held a talk in the College's Octagon Theatre for members of the community to hear his story. The College planted a tree to commemorate Mr Shipper's visit.

This has been a great opportunity for us to reflect on the past. As Zigi said to us, there is nothing we can do to change the past but it is fully in our power to change the future. It is also in our power to make sure we never forget what happened and to learn lessons from our past.

The visit was part of the Holocaust Educational Trust's extensive year round outreach programme, which is available to schools throughout the UK. The Holocaust Educational Trust also organise a trip for two students from each school to travel and visit a concentration camp. Two Year 13 students from the College, Caleb Stevens and Harriet Van Houben, travelled to Auschwitz in March of this year.

I would like to thank Okehampton Lions for their role in bringing Mr Shipper to the College and Caleb and Harriet who were instrumental in organising Mr Shipper's visit to our school.

Daryll Chapman
Executive Principal



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Year 10 Work Experience 11-15 July 2016



On the 8th October parents and students met in the Octagon to discuss arrangements for work experience in Year 10. If you were unable to attend there are a number of key messages which were shared:

- WORK EXPERIENCE PLACEMENTS MUST BE ARRANGED BY JANUARY 8TH
- PLACEMENTS OUT OF COUNTY MUST BE ARRANGED BY FRIDAY 19TH DECEMBER
- CHECKING FEES FOR OUT OF COUNTY PLACEMENTS MUST BE PAID BY PARENTS
- STUDENTS WHO HAVE NOT ORGANISED A PLACEMENT MUST COME INTO COLLEGE FOR TAUGHT LESSONS.
- NO STUDENT CAN ATTEND A PLACEMENT IF CLEARANCE HAS NOT BE GIVEN FROM DEVON LEARN ABOUT WORK
- WHEN YOU HAVE RECEIVED WRITTEN ACCEPTANCE FROM AN EMPLOYER BY E-MAIL OR LETTER COLLECT A WORK EXPERIENCE PACK FROM MRS MACKENZIE OR MRS MORRISON IN CURRICULUM SUPPORT.

All students can access a search engine which generates leads and contacts for work placements, this is particularly useful for students who do not have any clear ideas where they wish to work.

Use the devon.learnaboutwork.org website

Remember, students can find new employers. If a company is not on the list it does not mean they will not take students.

Name: Okehampton student

PIN: 2345

Remember, Work Experience provides many benefits, giving students skills and experience that will allow them to stand out to potential employers as well as helping individuals to choose the right sector to work in.

All students should have received the "5 Ways to Support Students through Work Experience" sheet. A copy is also posted on our Website.

If you have any questions about Work Experience contact Mrs Morrison or Mrs Mackenzie in the Curriculum Support Office or book a surgery appointment with Mrs Luckhurst.



"A perspective employer will always look favorably on the effort taken by those who have done work experience, which empowers new talent and gives them an edge to push for the most sought after jobs." Institute of Engineering and Technology.

Pop Up Christmas

Cook Club



Why not get into the festive spirit and join us for some seasonal cookery?

The Food Department is running 6 sessions (1 every Tuesday) until the end of term from 3.30 until 5.00pm. Have fun making Christmas Biscuits, Mince Pies and Sweets for gifts.



Sign up and collect details from Mrs Thomas in Room 816 asap!

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, Textiles and Food Technology. Once your contribution has been received, your child will be able to take their project work home.

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

Breast Cancer Awareness Day – ‘WEAR IT PINK’ Friday 23rd October 2015

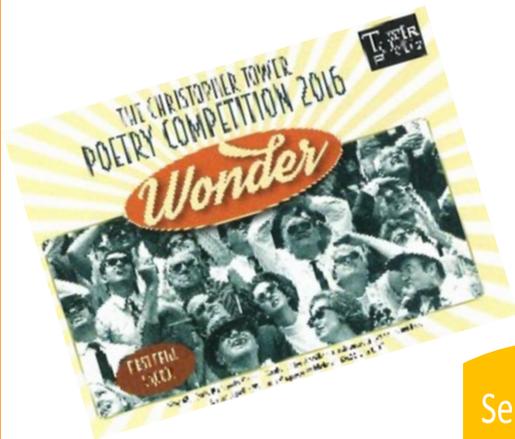
The day was a great success and was well supported by students and staff who together, raised an amazing...

£823.86!

Thank you for your support



POETRY COMPETITION



See Miss Coopey or your English teacher for info.



POETRY

Closing date: 19th February 2016

www.towerpoetry.org.uk/prize

Students receive awards at Buckingham Palace

TEEN TECH

Teen Tech runs lively one-day events, with a year-round supporting awards scheme, to help young teenagers see the wide range of career possibilities in Science, Engineering and Technology.

Last year, Mrs Webber's Year 9 Science class submitted a whole range of entries, with three of the ideas being good enough to qualify for the finals at the Royal Society in London. Reece Boulton and Sam McGlynn won their category, which was Music, Media and Entertainment with their idea which they have described below.



1. What is the Teen Tech awards?

The Teen Tech awards is a nationwide competition open to students between the ages of 11 and 18 where entrants are asked to design an innovative idea in a number of different subjects, ranging from transport to the future of food

2. What did you design and make?

We designed a guitar with reels of strings in the back. This means if you break a string you can unlock the bridge and pull some more string through. You then lock the bridge again and tune the string, allowing for a quick and hassle free string-change

3. What happened on the day you presented your idea and won your award?

On the day of presentation, we took a train to the Royal Society in London and we set up all our laminated sheets on a board. We were asked to take a look at other entries in our room as long as there was someone from our group on our "stand". Eventually, we were questioned by several judges from major companies such as JVC. In the afternoon, everyone was gathered into a presentation hall where each winner was called up based on the topic of their idea. The winners were presented a 3D printed trophy and a framed certificate after being photographed with an iconic figure from the field of their idea.

4. What was the prize for winning?

We won £1000 for the school and an all expenses paid trip to Buckingham Palace to meet Prince Andrew. We also won an extra prize of 3 sets of expensive headphones courtesy of JVC.

5. What happened on the day you went to Buckingham Palace?

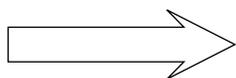
We took a train to London and as we were early, we were permitted to view the palace mews. This was full of historic items from royal history such as carriages, cars and the royal horses. After viewing this, we were invited into the palace and through into a large hallway. We put our coats into the cloakroom and were lead through into a presentation hall. There we were called to the front to explain our idea and answer a pre-selected question. Then we met Prince Andrew and pictures were taken. By 5pm we had left the palace and began to make our way back to Okehampton.

6. What lasting impact do you think your success in the Teen Tech awards might have for your future?

I think this award will help to not only inspire us and take us into careers in engineering but also to inspire those around us and encourage them into careers in STEM. We will also ideally take our idea into production and give us a future career as innovative scientists.

Reece Boulton

Sam and Reece pictured with their design at the finals of the competition earlier in the year.



1. What is the Teen Tech awards?

The Teen Tech awards is a national competition that covers a range of categories. Entrants create a new and innovative idea and pitch it to judges.

2. What did you design and make?

We designed a guitar with reels of string which can be unwound when a string breaks, saving time and money.

3. What happened on the day you presented your idea and won your award?

At the Royal Society, we were given an area to set up our presentation, where people (including the judges) could listen to our ideas and ask any questions.

4. What was the prize for winning?

We were given a trophy, certificate and £1000. Our category sponsor, JVC, also gave us a prize.

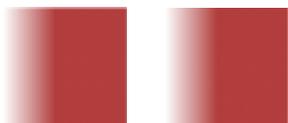
5. What happened on the day you went to Buckingham Palace?

After winning, we were offered a trip to meet HRH the Duke of York at Buckingham Palace along with the other winners. It consisted of each team giving an outline of their idea and what they had done/wanted to do after the competition. We were given a certificate and had our photograph taken with Prince Andrew.

6. What lasting impact do you think your success in the Teen Tech awards might have for your future?

Winning or even taking part in the Teen Tech awards is a great opportunity. It looks good on your CV and we have learnt new skills that will stay with us in the future.

Sam McGlynn



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 Update!

While Mrs Charlie Edwards is on maternity leave the College Child Protection Officers will be:

Mrs Nick Stoneman (Full time Child Protection Officer) [01837 650914](tel:01837650914)

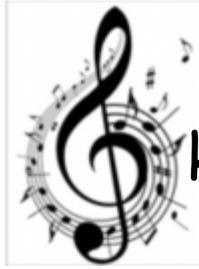
Mr Sean Freeman - [01837 650910](tel:01837650910)

Mrs Kelly Hoggins - [01837 650910](tel:01837650910)

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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Okehampton Music Centre

**Music Making, Singing Together,
Having Fun!**



Would you like to learn to play an instrument?



Do you already play an orchestral instrument and would like to join our workshops?



Would you like to sing in our NEW choir?



Come and join us
on Thursdays after school at
Okehampton College



- High quality music teaching for pupils in year 3 upwards
- Make friends and learn together
- Lessons from only £1 per week including workshops and choir

Further information and the application form can be found at

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/7QMJZZF> or contact Heather Parks

email: music@communitylinks-sw.co.uk or phone: 01837 650933



News from our Print Workshop

Hello and welcome to our November Carbon Capture newsletter.

Over the last few years there has been a rise in the global concern and awareness of the damaging effect brought on by our continued use of fossil fuels and non-renewable energy sources as well as unsustainable deforestation. Countries across the world however are now taking steps towards a greener more sustainable future for our planet and we are proud to say that we are doing our bit too!

Trees are nature's most effective tool in helping to cool down our planet. They naturally absorb and remove harmful carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions from the atmosphere helping to cleanse and purify the air whilst also providing shelter and sustenance to countless species of animals and insects.

Each month we Carbon Capture our paper purchase through the Premier Paper Group's Carbon Capture scheme with the Woodland Trust. This means that we calculate the

CARBON CAPTURE Why Every Penny Helps



average amount of CO₂ generated in the production and delivery of our paper, this equates to £8.50 per tonne of paper. This money is donated to the Woodland Trust, the UK's largest woodland conservation charity, where it is reinvested in woodland conservation and tree planting

projects throughout the United Kingdom.

By Carbon Capturing our paper purchase through Premier Paper and the Woodland Trust we have already contributed to the planting of over 53,000 trees throughout the UK!

Tree of the Month: Dogwood

Dogwood is a popular ornamental plant and is used in gardens to provide autumn colour. Mature trees can grow to 10m. The bark is grey and smooth with shallow ridges which develop with age, and its twigs are smooth, straight and slim.

Leaf buds are black and look like bristles, forming on short stalks. The fresh green, oval leaves are 6cm long, have smooth sides and characteristic curving veins. They fade to a rich crimson colour before falling in autumn.

In the sun, Dogwood twigs are coloured crimson, while those in the shade are lime green.

The origin of the name comes from the smooth straight twigs, which were used to make butchers' skewers. Skewers used to be called 'dags' or 'dogs', so the name means 'skewer wood'.

Did You Know?

Growing trees capture and store atmospheric carbon. One quarter of a living tree's weight is carbon: this remains locked safely away until the tree is either burned or decomposes.

Suffragette Oak is Scotland's Tree of the Year

An oak tree planted in 1918 as a tribute to the struggle faced by suffragettes has won Scottish Tree of the Year.

The Suffragette Oak in Glasgow's Kelvingrove Park won a public vote from six trees shortlisted in the contest, which is supported by players of People's Postcode Lottery.

Suffrage organisations planted the oak on 20 April 1918 to mark women being granted the right to vote earlier that year.

The Suffragette Oak will now go up against trees from 15 European countries to decide the 2016 European Tree of the Year. Voting in this competition takes place in February next year. The competition is organised by the Environmental Partnership Association.

The winners of the Tree of the Year competitions in England, Wales and Northern Ireland will be revealed in November.

Student wins Rugby prize!

Rugby fan and player for Okehampton U12's, Cameron Keegan, got more than he bargained for whilst at a Rugby World Cup Match, at Cardiff's Millennium Stadium.

Whilst waiting for New Zealand V Georgia match to begin he visited the FAN ZONE area at Cardiff Arms Park. It was an amazing atmosphere and Cameron had great fun, in the kicking area and even joined in on the karaoke machine on the MasterCard Bus singing the English and Welsh national anthems. However, as he was disembarking Cameron and his Father were approached by a MasterCard representative.

Apparently he had enjoyed watching Cameron having fun, so much so he was invited back to Cardiff the following week. Cameron had impressed the representative so much with his enthusiasm, kicking and singing, that he had been chosen to win one of MasterCard's Top Priceless Prizes! Cameron had won not only two VIP tickets to France v Ireland for Sunday 11th October in Cardiff but also the opportunity to present the 'Man of the Match' award! Naturally Cameron was thrilled and jumped at the chance.

After making the journey to Cardiff the following weekend Cameron and his Father had a fantastic time watching the match and then was extremely excited to present the Man of the Match award to Ireland's Sean O'Brien.



PTFA NEWS!

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

In the past the PTFA have been instrumental in helping with the purchase of a new mini bus, gift vouchers for the Major Awards Evenings, costumes for the drama productions, e-praise and text alert systems to name but a few.

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 New 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.

Forthcoming Fundraising Events:

10th Dec. (Thurs) Edwardian Evening Christmas Fayre
Charter Hall - 5-9pm. (Letters will be sent home soon)

29th Jan 2016. (Fri) Ashbury Dinner/Dance/Activity Evening

12th Feb 2016 (Fri). Valentine Swing Evening

Everyone welcome!

Dates for your diary & forthcoming events

Month	Date	Event
Autumn Term 2015		
November 2015	Fri 27 th Nov	Non-Pupil Day
December 2015	Fri 18 th Dec	Last Day of Term
	Mon 21 st Dec - Fri 1 st Jan 2016	Christmas Break
Spring Term 2016		
January 2016	Mon 4 th Jan	All Pupils Return
February 2016	Mon 15 th Feb - Fri 19 th Feb	Half Term
	Mon 22 nd Feb	All Pupils Return
March 2016	Thurs 24 th Mar	Last Day of Term
	Mon 28 th Mar - Fri 8 th April	Easter Break
Summer Term 2016		
April 2016	Mon 11 th Apr	All Pupils Return
May 2016	Mon 2 nd May	May Day Bank Holiday
	Mon 30 th May - Fri 3 rd June	Half Term
June 2016	Mon 6 th June	All Pupils Return
July 2016	Weds 20 th July	Last Day of Term
	Thurs 21 st July	Non-Pupil Day
	Fri 22 nd July	Non-Pupil Day

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.



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