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# OKEHAMPTON COLLEGE



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## Highlights

### Faculty Spot light on:

- Computer Science
- Maths
- PE
  
- Student Wins Gold Medal

## The Principal's Message; Craig Griffiths

Welcome to the latest edition of our Academy newsletter, for our families and friends in the community. It has been a typically busy time at the Academy since our last Newsletter, with numerous events, successes and milestones marked, alongside the everyday, routine, monotonous excitement of learning and discovery! We share some highlights with you in this newsletter, and offer our usual spotlight on curriculum areas, this time on Mathematics, Physical Education and Computer Science.

It is, to say the least, a genuine privilege to be Principal of Okehampton College, a school with a tremendously bright and exciting future. We are a school proud to serve its community, a school that is unceasingly focused on helping all our students — irrespective of their starting points — to make outstanding progress and reach the highest possible academic standards in a caring, supportive and nurturing environment, and in genuine partnership, moreover and crucially, with parents and carers. We are driven to ensure that we will fulfil our simple aim that is nothing more, and nothing less, than for all of our students to leave us as highly qualified, personable, articulate, and socially responsible young citizens, ready to lead happy and enriching adult lives.

Thanks to their inspirational commitment and dedication, along with the obviously unswerving support of their families, several of our students have had remarkable

## Important Dates

- 28th February - All students return to College
- 3rd March - Year 11 Whole Year and Individual Photos
- 9th & 12th March - Years 7 and 12 Progress Meetings
- 18th March - Red Nose Day
- 11th - 22nd April - Easter Holidays

sporting successes in recent weeks. I am thrilled to congratulate Lydia, Eloise, Isa and Zara, our NSEA (National Schools Equestrian Association) show jumping team, who came 2nd to qualify for the National Schools Equestrian Championship taking place later this year in October, despite — in Ms Webber's words — the 'horrific driving rain'. Five of our students also proudly represented their region at the national Schools Shooting Championship: congratulations to Zara, Eleanor, Neve, and Shannon — and Marina, who represented the school individually in the pistol shooting and won a gold medal in the para pistol shooting category. Huge congratulations also to Connor, Adam, Eleanor, Stan, Holly, Sam and Tom, who qualified and represented Devon at the South West Cross Country Championships. And a massive well done to our Under 15 Girls Cricket A team who won the West Devon Indoor Cricket competition and will now represent West Devon in the County Indoor Cricket Finals at Exeter University in March. I must also congratulate Mari, who led her team 'Wensum TTC' and won the Girls Premier Division of the Junior British Table Tennis League held at the Derby Velodrome. Mari won all 20 of her matches across the competition, living up to her current ranking of England No.1 Junior Girl! We are immensely proud and in awe of you all.

There have been far too many highlights in the College in recent weeks for me to be able to record here, but with sincere apologies to those I omit purely because of a lack of space, I would nonetheless like to share some to give you a flavour. I have, as always, loved visiting classes and witnessing the joy that is students learning, for example: students learning about friction and modelling the atomic structure of elements in typically buzzing science lessons, Students discovering little gems of European culture whilst learning French, The unremitting focus of students preparing for exams in mathematics, The expert modelling provided by teachers in English for students in response to ongoing assessments, Learning about Francis Bacon and Coco Chanel when helping our Art Teachers judge Y13 EPQ articulation presentations. Wallowing in students' enjoyment in Technology lessons, and helping our Learning Support staff help our students in an after school club. I have been very impressed with the approach of our Y11 and Y13 students to their second mock examinations that have been taking place recently, and have no doubt that the preparation will stand them in good stead when it comes to the real examinations this summer. I have also been particularly delighted to start our 'Principal's breakfast', where I meet and dig into a croissant and pain au chocolat (or two) with

different groups of students to simply listen to them describe their experiences of school. This has been a real privilege and I must thank and commend the many students that have joined me for their openness, honesty, and thoughtfulness. We have already made some changes as a result of what students have told me, and are planning some bigger changes that we will share in the coming months. We are also very excited to be opening our brand new, state of the art Fitness Suite at the College after half term, and cannot wait for our students to begin to use the facility.

We recently marked Children's Mental Health Week, and are very much looking forward to beginning our relationship with Humanutopia, an organisation whose work focuses on improving students' mental health and wellbeing, later in the year. Having worked with Humanutopia myself before, I know first-hand the hugely positive impact and effect this wonderful organisation has on students. I am also very happy to have reaffirmed our partnership with Tor Support Services, and look forward to developing their work with us.

I am delighted to welcome Mr Cooper to our College family, who will be joining us as our new Vice Principal after the half term break. Along with the other shortlisted candidates, Mr Cooper endured a rigorous selection process, a process we carefully designed to ensure that we recruit teachers and leaders of the highest calibre — the calibre that our students deserve. In addition to interviews and tasks focusing on curriculum and standards, teaching and leadership, candidates were interviewed by various panels throughout the two-day process, including a panel of students, a panel of teaching staff, a panel of support staff, and, for the first but most definitely not the last time in our College's history, a panel of parents. I am incredibly grateful to the parents who were able to give up their time to participate in the process, and for their invaluable insight after evaluating and questioning candidates' presentations on 'How the College can support parents' engagement with their children's learning'. We know that parents play a crucial role in supporting their children's learning, and that levels of parental engagement are consistently associated with better academic outcomes. To this end, explicitly involving parents will continue to be an important aspect of our school's development, and we will be sharing more information in this regard with families in the coming months.

Of course, the coronavirus pandemic has continued

## Gold for Marina at the National Shooting Championships!

Five students headed north of Birmingham last week to take part in the Schools National Shooting Championship. Our students had qualified to represent their region at the championship.

Year 9 student, Marina Pritchard represented the school individually in the pistol shooting. Marina has improved her skill significantly since the qualifying rounds and is showing lots of talent with pistol and rifle shooting. Marina won a gold medal in the para pistol shooting category. This is a remarkable achievement, and we are very proud of Marina's performance under the pressure of the championships competition.

Our Junior pistol team of Zara Plaskett, Eleanor Pearce and Neve Webber had 3 solid rounds to score well and have gained lots of experience in competing on a national stage. Shannon Giffiths was our only student to qualify in the rifle rounds. She had an excellent shoot and did a fantastic job to qualify as an individual and represent the school nationally.

Well done to all 5 students for putting themselves forward into the qualifying rounds, we congratulate you all on your success.

Next years championships are in the planning stage and for any students interested in taking part next year keep an eye out for information in September.

to provide all of us with challenges, and it would be remiss of me not to thank our families very much again for their continued support as we have again collectively navigated our way through the additional demands and burdens the virus has put in our way. Despite the significant number of cases the community and College has faced for a sustained period, we have continued to work tirelessly to minimise any disruption to our students' learning and school life. We have responded as quickly as we can to changing guidance, and have been in regular contact with public health experts in the UK Health Security Agency and Devon Public Health Team, to ensure that the mitigations outlined in our COVID-19 Outbreak Management Plan are invoked carefully and appropriately. We have also recently shared with families a communication from the School Age Immunisation Team regarding COVID-19 vaccinations for 12–15-year-olds, and have confirmed the on-site administration of second doses (and first doses if not already received) to take place on 23 and 24 March. We will, of course, provide further updates and information in the coming weeks regarding any changes to the measures we have in place.

I will end by wishing you a relaxing and peaceful half term break, and of course, a wonderful Twosday: At 22 seconds past 22 minutes past ten in the evening of the 22nd day of the 2nd month of the 22nd year this century (which is a Tuesday, or 'Twosday'), the time and date will consist of a single repeating digit — 22:22:22 22/2/22 — the last occasion this will happen in our lifetimes. In the date format dd/mm/yyyy, 22/02/2022 is also a palindromic date, i.e., is read the same backwards as it is forwards! Enjoy!

Mr Craig Griffiths  
Principal



# Tackling Homophobic Bullying in Schools

# ...Student Success...



At Okehampton College we want all of our pupils to fulfil their potential and achieve academically as best as they can in terms of GCSEs. We also want them to

enjoy their time at school, to make friends, develop new interests and learn how to get on with others while growing up. These two aims are linked; if someone is not enjoying their time in school and finds it off-putting or frightening then they are unlikely to achieve the grades they are capable of.

*"Pride is important to everyone whether you're gay or straight - it's about respect"*

*Y9 Pride Alliance member*

It is the case that one of the prime causes of bullying in schools is due to prejudice against LGBT+ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and people with gender expressions outside traditional norms) students, or students who are assumed to be LGBT+. This was first recognised by Ofsted more than 10 years ago. National surveys still show that LGBT+ students are less likely to feel safe, and more likely to be bullied, in schools. There are also related issues of mental health and self harm, with LGBT+ students having a higher incidence of self harm than those who are not.

*"Being a good person is noticing the good in people's differences, not mocking them"*

*Y9 Pride Alliance member*

In the last 20-30 years there have been huge changes in society, moving from a situation where laws were passed that discriminated against LGBT+ people to the legalisation of gay marriage in 2014. Schools have lagged behind society in changing attitudes, and there are still widespread issues with regard to the use of prejudiced language and behaviour.

Consequently the College has been working for many years to tackle homophobic bullying and support LGBT+ students as part of supporting all of our students. This has

involved several different strands of work.

- **Tackling homophobic bullying** – this has involved training staff to recognise and deal with any incidents that happen in class. We have tried to impress on our students that 'banter' cannot be at the expense of others, and that often banter tips over into bullying.

- **Culture** – trying to create a culture where acceptance and respect is key. Assemblies deliver these points, and we have a badge of the College logo in Pride colours that delivers this message which is worn by many of our students.

- **Pride Alliance** – this is the student group for LGBT+ students and their friends and allies and is now in its 7th year. The group provides a safe and supportive environment for LGBT+ students and their straight friends. Covid has obviously made the running of this group very difficult as we can only have one year group meeting at a time.

- **Intercom Trust** – Intercom is the leading LGBT+ charity in the South West and we have worked closely with them in terms of training and advice. They have also provided some students who need support.

We want ALL of our students to feel happy and safe at school. Growing up LGBT+ is still unacceptably tough. At the College we want to change that by making our school more inclusive. School should be a happy, welcoming place for all of our young people.

For more information please email Citizenship Lead Mike Gurney on [mgurney@okehamptoncollege.devon.sch.uk](mailto:mgurney@okehamptoncollege.devon.sch.uk)

*"While there is work being done towards the inclusion of LGBT+ students in the school, too many of our students are rude and derogatory. It's nice to have a place to talk about issues and bad interactions without feeling judged and uncomfortable"*

*Y9 Pride Alliance member*

## Table Tennis Success!

Year 13 Student Mari Baldwin led her team 'Wensum TTC' and won the Girls Premier Division of the Junior British League organised by Table Tennis England and held at the Derby Velodrome last weekend.

Mari won all 20 of her matches across the competition for a 100% average - living up to her current ranking of England No.1 Junior Girl.



## National Championship Qualification

Congratulations to our NSEA show jumping team who came 2nd on Sunday to qualify for the National Schools Equestrian Championship in October.

Our brilliant team of Lydia Arscott, Eloise Garrett, Isa Thomas and Zara Plaskett all jumped great rounds in the most horrific driving rain to secure 2nd place and a qualifying spot at the championships.

Well done and good luck at future NSEA events.

If you are interested in taking part in NSEA competitions please come to Room 410 Tues Lunchtime (Week B Only).

Mrs Webber



## Children's Mental Health Week

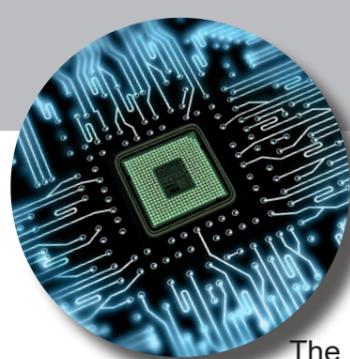


At Okehampton College, we have been participating with 'Children's Mental Health week', a national campaign. The theme this year is 'Growing Together'.

In tutor time, our assembly was presented by the student Mental Health Ambassadors and the weekly PSHE activity explored the theme of personal growth and the teenage brain. It helped to make the connection between growth, good mental health, and the importance of sleep.

In lessons, teachers were encouraged to invite pupils to participate in short mental health/ wellbeing activities where possible.

More info about this national campaign can be found here, which includes a section for parents and carers: <https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/>



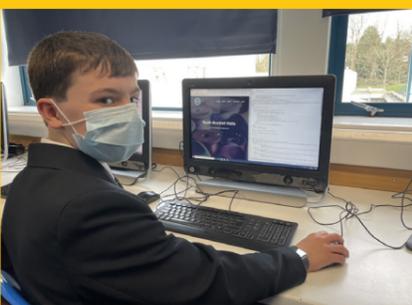
## New Course! Btec Digital Productions at Wardhayes

The growth in the creative media industries has opened up a wealth of job opportunities for creative, motivated young professionals, so I'm pleased to announce that we have a new facilities at Okehampton Post-16. The College has invested in new computers that have the capability to run 3d Modelling, concept art, 3D animation and games engines. Students will be using software Utility and Blender.

*"I have managed to improve my skills in art through the several weeks of learning, writing, and drawing concept art. The process involved plenty of research about styles, poses, etc. This was an enjoyable process, as it has drastically improved my skills in character art which encouraged me to leave my comfort zone"* Year 12 Student.

*This is the first time I've regularly enjoyed a lesson in school. Currently we are researching and designing our own game concept art for our course work. I've also briefly used the 3D design software called Blender which is fun and exciting to work with"* Year 12 student.

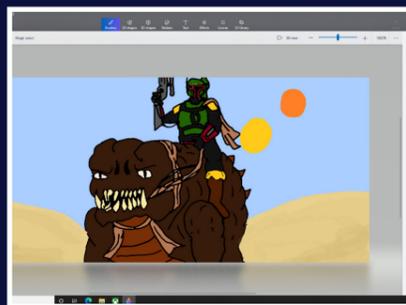
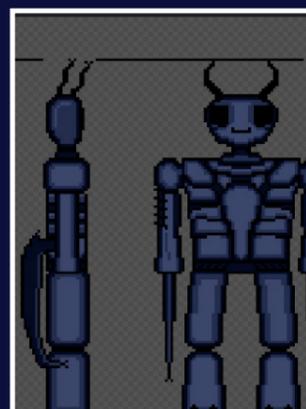
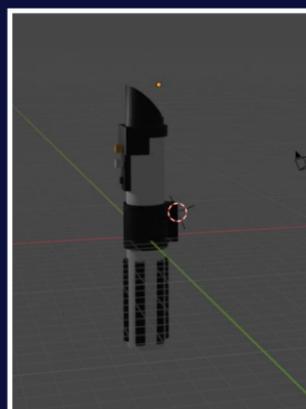
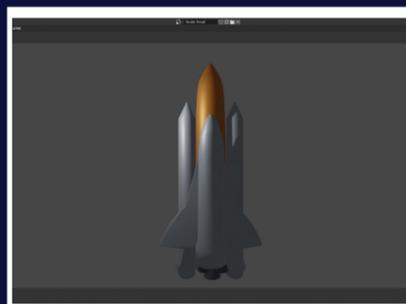
## Computer Science Student of the Term!



Congratulations Stanley Frangleton! Stanley has taken skills learnt in lessons to create an exceptional website that he has been working on in school and at home. He has independently learnt different HTML tags and CSS styles that are used in commercial professional websites. Outstanding!

## Year 9 Computer Science

Students in Year 9 have been busy creating multi-page website by HTML coding. They have learnt new skills in CSS to define the styles used in a web page and navigation system in HTML. Furthermore, inserted text, images, sounds, and videos.



## Extended Learning Resources

If students would like to revise previous topics, or to extend and enrich their learning, the following websites would be suitable:

Click on the logos to go direct to the websites.



## Key Stage 3 Maths

This term, in Mathematics, Key Stage 3 students have studied a range of topics designed to improve their numerical skills and give them the opportunity to develop problem solving techniques.

Year 7 have based their work in the four operations of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division; from this they have extended into many areas, from finance to bus timetables, shapes to averages.

Year 8 have spent time delving further into algebra, a key part of their mathematical study; they have consolidated their understanding on many basic skills before solving equations and inequalities, and on to patterns and sequences.

The key part of the term for Year 9 has been spent on Fractions, Decimals and Percentages, with the topics tailored to the level they are studying at; percentages are tied to real-life situations. The year group has recently moved on to areas and volumes of 2D and 3D shapes.

All the Key Stage 3 classes have short unit assessments as they go through the course, however, the Mathematics Faculty would like to take this opportunity to highlight that there will be summative assessments in the middle of March to review the topics covered over the last couple of months. Students have topic lists for these units already, and these contain Hegarty Maths video details to aid revision, however, we will also ensure that electronic copies of these lists are sent to students prior to the assessments.





## KS4 Maths

Year 11 are currently busy with their second round of mock exams and have been working hard on their revision. Their endeavours will hopefully pay off and they will be able to see how they have progressed since the last set of mocks in November 2021.

There are numerous on-line sites that students can use to aid revision; both for the mock exams and the actual GCSEs.

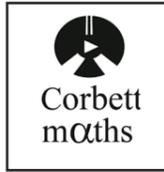
Students have free access to Hegarty Maths which they will have got used to using during the lockdowns over the last couple of years. They can search up a topic, watch a short instructional video to remind them of the methods, and then complete short tasks where they receive immediate feedback as to whether their answers are correct or not.

Sparx Maths is used as our homework platform but recently they have introduced a brilliant 'Independent Learning' option. Here students can search up a topic and then be presented with lots of tasks and questions to check their knowledge and understanding. Within each question there is a short video to give them clues or remind them of the methods and techniques if necessary.

Revising Maths is all about 'doing' Maths so the more questions answered the better. The use of flash cards and summary sheets will help students remember information and formula that is not provided on the Exam Aid Formula Sheet.

Please note that students will be taking the Edexcel Mathematics GCSE (9 -1) qualification. Students should be aware if they are being entered for the Higher or Foundation tier but please contact their class teacher if you have any queries about this.

As well as the two Maths sites already mentioned; the following websites are just



a few that provide a wealth of extra revision materials. Click on the logos for more information.

- Corbettmaths – Videos, worksheets, 5-a-day and much more
- Maths Genie - Free Online GCSE and A Level Maths Revision
- GCSE Maths Revision | Past Papers | Worksheets | Online Tests (mathsmadeeasy.co.uk)

Over the next few months, we will be preparing the students well in class by working through past exam papers to strengthen their exam technique as well as revising the content. However, it is imperative that students also revise independently and the 'little and often' approach tends to work best for maths. We will shortly be sharing the 'advance information' from the Exam board which will detail the topics being assessed in each paper and this should form the basis of the students' revision.

Year 10 classes are now settling into the routine of their GCSE classes and enjoying the rigour and challenge of the curriculum. One of their last topics, both at Foundation and Higher Tier has been solving simultaneous equations algebraically. This is a fantastic topic!

Simultaneous equations are a system of equations that are all true together. You must find an answer or answers that work for all the equations at the same time. They require a methodical approach, good general algebra skills, excellent written Maths, and in the case where you have to create your own equations, a good problem-solving mind. Whilst many students may never solve a simultaneous equation again once they leave school, the associated skills needed to master them can be translated to

## Half Term Connundrum!



lots of jobs and situations.

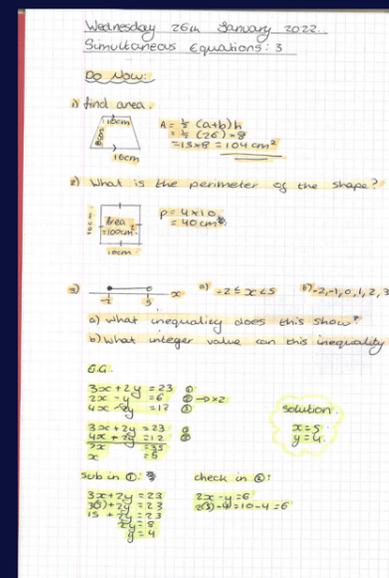
On a farm they keep chickens and sheep.

The animals altogether have 40 heads and 112 feet.

How many chickens were kept on the farm?

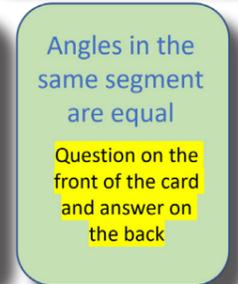
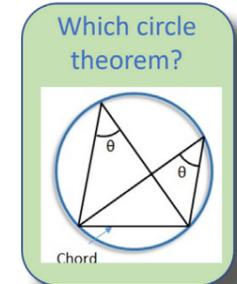
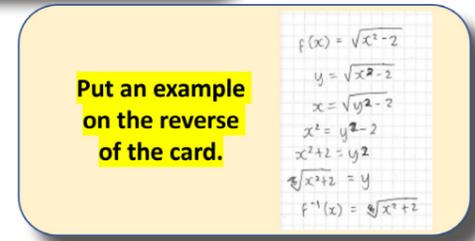
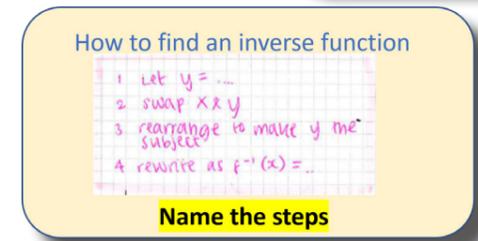
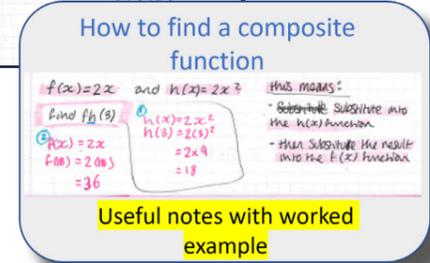
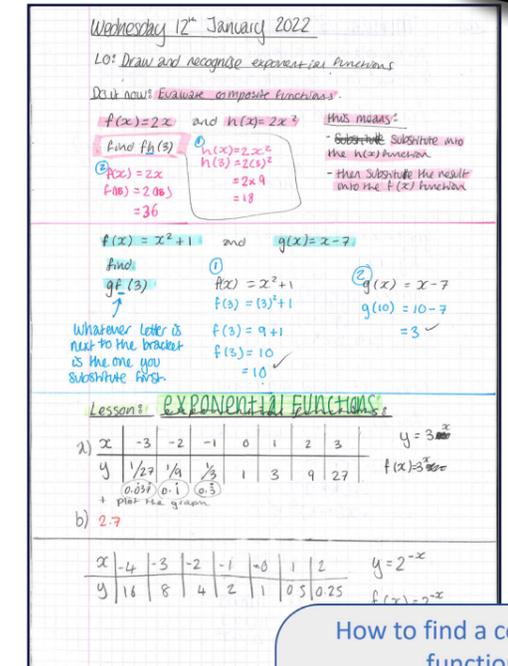
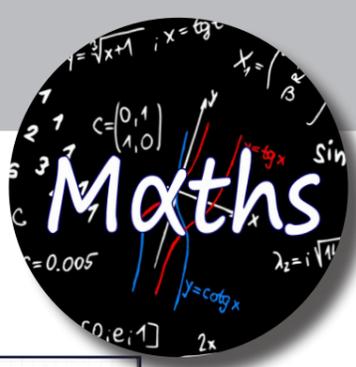


## A Sample Of Year 10 Simultaneous Equations Work



## Flash Cards

An example of how to use class work to make flash cards.



# ...Physical Education Faculty...



## Exciting Times Ahead

We are excited to announce the opening of a new Fitness Suite here at Okehampton College! As a result from a successful bid by Mr Brett, in his role as Executive Director of Civic Leadership of the Trust, we were able to access a substantial grant from Active Devon and have used this money in the first steps of creating a fitness suite here at the College.

We now have 7 pieces of cardio-vascular equipment and hope to have a fully operational fitness suite open in a few weeks. This will be a great new facility to use in lesson time, lunch times, after school and for the local clubs to have access too.

Exercise is so important to maintain both our physical and mental health, we really hope that this facility will help even more of our young people maintain a healthy active lifestyle.

## ...Competiton... Design a Logo!

Any professional fitness suite / health centre has a logo or brand image. We would like to have a similar idea used in our new fitness suite. We are inviting all students to design a new logo for our fitness suite.

### Criteria:

- Designs should include the College logo
- Designs should depict fitness/ healthy active lifestyle

Entries can be hand drawn or designed on a computer.

Submit an entry to your PE teacher or email [m Bailey@okehamptoncollege.devon.sch.uk](mailto:m Bailey@okehamptoncollege.devon.sch.uk)

Closing date: Friday 4th March 2022

## Stop Press...

A delivery of 4 cardboard boxes has just arrived - This is some new equipment to further increase the number of activities we can offer in the department.

What do you think it is?  
Ask a PE teacher to see if you can guess.

## A Special Mention..

...must go to Connor Peryer, Adam Foster, Eleanor Foster, Stan Wood, Holly Cole, Sam Priday and Tom Mason, who all qualified and represented Devon at the South West Cross Country Championships, an outstanding achievement by all!



## Cross Country

Firstly, we would like to congratulate all pupils who participated in the cross-country event at St Luke's back in November. The conduct of all was excellent and it was great to see pupils from across year groups supporting each other throughout the day. You should all be proud of the way you represented Okehampton College, humble in victory and graceful in defeat.

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Sophie George Adkins	Eleanor Foster	Tom Chapman	Neve Capon	Joel Culwick
Lola Dwyer	Alice Graham	Euan Donovan	Sam Carling	
Adam Foster	Iris Leslie	Stanley Frangleton	Sophie Caylor-Owen	
Arthur Hicks	George Sivyver	Reuben Hutchinson	Holly Cole	
Rosalie Pell		Freya Mondova-Sharp	Imogen Devine	
Connor Peryer		Phoebe Pengelly	Josh Gardner	
Vinnie Richards		Amy Perkins	Phoebe Ogborne	
Maisie Radford		River Terry	Tom Perkins	
Aaron Ross		Ben Waterman	Carey Phillips	
Bertie Rowe			India Simmons	
Neve Webber			Luke Stannus	
Ruby Wyatt				

Well done to the following pupils who qualified to then compete in the East Devon & Exeter Cross Country event at Blundell's.

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Aaron Ross	Eleanor Foster	Ben Waterman	Luke Stannus	Joel Culwick
Lola Dwyer	Iris Leslie	Euan Donovan	Sam Carling	
Adam Foster			India Simmons	
Arthur Hicks			Holly Cole	
Bertie Rowe			Imogen Devine	
Connor Peryer			Carey Phillips	
Vinnie Richards			Phoebe Ogborne	
Neve Webber			Tom Perkins	

Of the 21 runners at Blundell's, an incredible 13 managed to finish in the qualifying places and were invited to compete in the Devon Cross Country event at Exeter arena. Congratulations to the following pupils:

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Sixth form
Connor Peryer	Eleanor Foster	Ben Waterman	Luke Stannus	Joel Culwick	Sam Priday
Neve Webber	Iris Leslie		Tom Perkins		Tom Mason
Adam Foster			Holly Cole		
Arthur Hicks					
Bertie Rowe					



# ...Physical Education Faculty...



## Indoor Cricket

On Tuesday 1st February, Mrs Colton and Mr Harris took the U15 girls cricket teams to Ivybridge College to play in the area round of the West Devon Indoor Cricket competition.

Okehampton U15 A team played 2 and won 2 games, resulting in them winning the competition and will now represent West Devon in the County Indoor Cricket Finals at Exeter University in March.

The B team, played 2, won 1 and very narrowly lost the other. They finished the competition in second place based on runs scored.

There were excellent individual performances throughout the afternoon with Marla's batting a highlight.

To the right is a team photo of the winning U15 girls' team.

The U13 & U15 boys have their West Devon competition on Monday 14th February at the Ivybridge Tennis Centre – best of luck to them.

As always – I am always on the look out for keen cricketers – so if you haven't been to a cricket club this year, please come and see me and I'll let you know the time and place.

Thank you  
Mr Harris

## The Winning Under 15 Girls Cricket Team



## Extra-Curricular Activities

It is so great to be able to have competitions against other schools again and we hope to increase the amount we do during this year.

Remember – you need to be in it to win it!

Please see below all the clubs we currently have on offer. To be involved in our fixtures and to be able to organise fixtures we need you attending our clubs.

You don't need to sign up – just turn up and have a great time.



When	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Lunch Time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Girls Dodgeball</b>, Gym. Miss Wilcock</li> <li>• <b>Year 7 &amp; 8 Cross Country Club</b>. Meet tech changing rooms. Mr Fox</li> <li>• <b>Year 9 &amp; 10 Girls Netball</b>, Parklands Sports Hall. Mrs Colton</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Year 7 - 9 Badminton Club</b>. Boys and Girls. Parklands Sports Hall. Mr Bailey</li> <li>• <b>KS3 Volleyball</b> Gymnasium Miss Scullion</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Year 7 &amp; 8 Girls Netball</b> Parklands Sports Hall Mrs Colton</li> </ul>
After School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Year 7 Boys Rugby</b></li> <li>• <b>Year 8 Boys Rugby</b>. Field. Mr Bailey &amp; Mr Harris</li> <li>• <b>Badminton/Short Tennis</b> All years. Parklands Sports Hall Mr Collins.</li> <li>• <b>Girls Rugby Club Year 7-10</b> Miss Scullion/ Miss Wilcock</li> <li>• <b>Hockey. All years.</b> Boys and Girls. Astro. Mr Arthur.</li> <li>• <b>Year 9/10 Boys football</b> Astro Mr Abbey-Pobee</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Baileys Body Blast</b> Fitness Gym. Mr Bailey</li> <li>• <b>KS3 Mixed Basketball</b> Parklands Mr Corkell</li> <li>• <b>Girls Football Club</b> All years Mr Collins/Miss Wilcock</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Y9-10 Boys Cricket</b> Parklands Mr Harris</li> </ul>

## Introducing Our Football Activators!



Okehampton College have pledged to provide equal access for girls to participate in football. As part of this pledge, girls from across KS3 have applied to participate in the Game On programme supported by Barclays. 12 girls have been accepted onto the programme and will now receive training to create, deliver and lead their own extra-curricular football club next academic year to KS3.

The aim of the programme is to inspire young leaders to engage girls in football.

We would like to congratulate the following pupils: Marla Richards, Daisy Rowe, Alice Oldland, Daisy Benstead, Olivia Devine, Phoebe Pengelly, Zara Friday, Lilianna Fewkes, Eliza Luke, Amy Perkins, Bethan Honey, Ellie Reeve.

We look forward to you inspiring the next generation of girls footballers at the College!



# ...Your Head of Year Team...

A WORD  
FROM:

Mrs Wheeleker

Head of

Year 7

Happy Half term. You are now halfway through Year 7 so take time to relax and enjoy time with your family and friends. When we come back the sun should be shining, and spring will be in the air. Lots of you have been taking part in sporting activities, community action and even baking for your tutor group.

I would like to mention some outstanding Year 7 students. Shannon Griffiths recently took part in the National Shooting Championships. Her fantastic performance means she qualifies as an individual and also to represent the school nationally. What a great achievement. Mr Fox's tutor group have been busy with a Bake Off in tutor time on a Friday. Well done to Annaliece Kiely, Cayden Kinkead and Abigail Graves for their amazing bakes. I have also heard that Luca Malbera has a special bake planned for the last lesson before half term. In other sporting news, Mrs Morrision reports that a student in her tutor group (name redacted) has completed a 5K run with the Chagford Runner and is also now training with the West Exe Ladies Netball Club- well done!

Congratulations to those who have been awarded a silver badge. The first recipient was Rosie Penfold and there has been a steady stream since with Lola Dwyer, Fergus Elliott, Ember Hine, Jessica Just, Ben Kemp, Gabriel McCloskey, (name redacted), Lily Sargent, Rudy Simmons, Noah Spencer and Aiden Spinney all being awarded their badges this half term.

Until our new bronze badges arrive we are awarding a certificate for students who get 250 achievement points- there are too many to mention but congratulations to everyone who has been awarded a bronze badge so far.

Have a lovely half term,



You are halfway through Year 9, Happy Half Term! Well done for all your hard work and kindness you have shared over the last 6 weeks, it is lovely to have such a fabulous year group to be supporting.

It has been lovely to hear about the sporting achievements you have been partaking in this half term, including the cricket team, football team and the students who took part in the National Shooting Championships.

Congratulations to the 2 students in Year 9 who are the first to achieve their silver badges and I know how proud the Tutor and I am of these students.

Enjoy a restful break.

Since January the Year 10 students have been awarded an incredible 16441 praise points and an additional 74 Bronze pin badges. This is proof of how hard the majority of this year group are working to achieve their best.

At the moment Miss Wilde and Mrs Proudfoot-Smith are at the top of the bronze badge leaderboard but the gap is closing with Mr Sharpe hot on their heels. The tutor team and I have been supporting the students through the Work Experience process and many of the students have now secured a work placement for July. Please support your child to make a phone call or write an email to a company over the half term break, if you haven't already.

I would also like to share this exciting news... four of our Year 10 students have been selected from 4000 people to go to South Korea in 2023 as part of the Scouting World Challenge. Over 40,000 people will be there in total from all over the world and we are hoping to support them with their fundraising efforts to enable them to have the best experience possible, we are really proud of them and will be sharing more information with you all in our next newsletter.

Have a well deserved rest over the half term break.

A WORD  
FROM:

Mrs Teixeira

Head of

Year 10



A WORD  
FROM:

Mrs Hodgson

Head of

Year 9

# ...Your Head of Year Team...

A WORD FROM:

Mr Wilson

Head of

Year 11

It is incredible to think we're nearing the end of another half term. That leaves just 9 school weeks until our Year 11 students start their final exams! With that in mind, I would like to take this opportunity to update you briefly on some of the recent events that have happened and what is set out for the coming weeks.

**Mock Exams** – In a similar vein to the November mocks, most students have approached these with such maturity and determination. Instilling good morning routines in school has certainly helped to set the tone for what will come in the summer term. Feedback from these assessments will be shared with families during early March.

**Tutor Time Core Subject Intervention** – I am always pleased to note how the year group continue to engage positively with these sessions. Indeed, most students have a clear understanding of how these sessions will help develop their subject knowledge and prepare them for the summer exams season. Furthermore, students spent two weeks in tutor time focusing on independent learning skills, time management and revision techniques in the lead up to their February mock exams.

**Careers Sessions** - Mrs Luckhurst (Careers Lead) continues to work with the year group by running careers sessions during tutor time. To remind you, Mrs Luckhurst has kindly offered to run after school 'CV Surgeries' to equip those students who need a CV. This will be particularly useful to those thinking of an apprenticeship at post-16. If this is something of interest, please encourage your child to discuss this with their tutor or Mrs Luckhurst.

### National Citizenship Service.

The NCS will be visiting our Year 11 before the Easter break to raise awareness of their work and to give our students an opportunity to attend a 3-week residential after their summer exams. Subsidised by the government, the cost per student is £50.

The college has worked with NCS (National Citizen Service) for many years and those students who have attended previously have always returned full of praise and enthusiasm. For more information, visit <https://wearencs.com/about-ncs>

### Year 11 Dates for your Diary:

**Summer GCSE Exams** commence the week of 16th May and run until the contingency date of 29th June 2022. Exam timetables will be distributed towards the end of next half term. Any plans you have outside of school should be made after this date please.

**Year 11 Leavers Ball** will take place at Sandy Park, Exeter on Friday 8th July 2022.

**GCSE Results Day** is planned for Thursday 25th August 2022. More information will follow in relation to all these events over the coming weeks.

I would like to thank you for your continued support and wish you all a well-deserved half term break.

# ...Year 10 Physics...

SPRING TERM 2022

## GCSE PHYSICS ENHANCEMENT PROGRAMME FOR Y10 STUDENTS

- Aiming to help students who are predicted a level 6 or 7 in GCSE Physics to get to a level 8 or 9
- Weekly in-person, after-school workshops led by our EMS teachers
- Boosting student's confidence and increasing proficiency at tackling GCSE assessments.

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## GCSE PHYSICS ENHANCEMENT PROGRAMME FOR Y10 STUDENTS

### Overview

During a series of workshops and group sessions, students will have the opportunity to develop a deeper and more connected understanding of GCSE content. Supported by EMS staff, students will be provided with the stimuli to broaden their application of Physics and its related fields, whilst supporting their development; thereby encouraging them towards further study of Physics beyond GCSE.

This programme is designed for students that are showing potential, but are not yet working at the highest level (i.e. working at a 6/7, but capable of achieving an 8/9). It is our aim to increase levels of attainment for all students, by providing the additional support and inspiration to enhance their skills in physics.

### Programme

Students join the programme in Year 10 and will participate in weekly in-person after-school workshops, starting on the 16th March 2022 at Exeter Maths School. Sessions will continue until the Year 11 Spring half term. Upcoming dates: 16 March, 23 March, 30 March, 6 April, 27 April, 4 May, 11 May, 18 May, 25 May.

### Next Steps

Please complete our [online application form](#) for your child. We will be in touch no later than the 9th March to confirm if your child has a place and with details of how to join the first week's session on the 16th March.

If you have any questions, please contact the Outreach Team at Exeter Maths School: [events@exeterms.ac.uk](mailto:events@exeterms.ac.uk) Our Data Protection Policy can be found via our website.

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