

Welcome to

Okehampton College

NEWSLETTER



I hope you all had a very enjoyable Christmas break and took advantage of the good weather during this time. The new term has started in

earnest and we are already in the midst of the Post 16 mock exam season. This will be a useful indication for students on the progress they are making and areas for improvement.

On Thursday night, we had the Year 9 Curriculum Evening. Thank you to all those who came along it was a very busy event. I hope that you found the evening informative and helpful as you come to make your choices. The completed forms were due back on Monday 21 January and Mrs Carter has begun to plan the curriculum for next year.

Plans for the Mumbai trip by the Music Department for half term are in full swing now and, as you will see elsewhere in the Newsletter, the 'Curry and Quiz Night' fundraiser evening will be taking place next Friday 25 January in the Octagon. Please do get in touch with us if you would like to take part. Tickets are £5 per person and the evening is starting at 6pm.

Our 'Titanic' Ball on the 8 February is something else to look forward to. If you have been to previous such events, you will know that they are all exceptionally enjoyable and it is a great way of raising money for the PTFA. For more information and ticket details, please email: iteixeira@okehamptoncollege.devon.sch.uk or you can pick up a form from Donald's in Okehampton.

Derrick Brett
Principal



There are some empty spaces to be filled on the Outdoor Adventure, Paris and London Trips. If you are interested please see Mrs Thompson and Mrs Stevens in the Curriculum Support Office.

SINGING & MUSIC THEORY RESULTS

Many congratulations to Miss Mott's Singing students & Mr Gaughan's Music Theory student who took exams last term. They all received fantastic results, 1 Distinction and 10 merits, in the following areas. LCM Music Theatre. LCM Pop Music Vocals. ABRSM Singing & Music Theory.

HAVE YOU CHECKED YOUR DATA?

To make it easier for parents/guardians to check and update the information Okehampton College holds on students we are inviting all parents/guardians to use an online portal that will allow you to do so quickly and easily. Emails were sent to everyone in December (from noreply@sims.co.uk) which had links and instructions to follow in order to register for this SIMS Online Service. Please take a few minutes to register and log in to check the addresses, emails, telephone numbers, parental consents etc. are up to date. If you experience problems doing so please email: datacheck@okehamptoncollege.devon.sch.uk



On Wednesday 16th January 13 girls from year 10 attended an event and Exeter University called 'Women in STEM'. Hosted by the College of Engineering, Mathematics and Physical Science, the day included talks, workshops and the opportunities to have lunch with a range of inspiration women from the world of STEM, both those in academia and industry.

The students who went on the trip were a credit to the college, they engaged with all activities and asked some really probing questions.

Feedback from some of the students who participated include:

"I really enjoyed hearing about the science and engineering had impacted peoples lives"

"Learning about the speakers stories, the places they've travelled to and the people they've helped was really inspiring"

"The women were inspirational, hearing about their experiences was really interesting and the Astrophysics workshop was really fun".

"I enjoyed hearing about the things that inspired them and how they got to where they are today, learning and being told about their experiences inspired me even more. I liked learning about Astrophysics and the technology to find out more about the Universe"

"It was really inspiring and great to hear about different opportunities"



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NEWS FROM GEOGRAPHY

Classes 7x3 and 7y2 have just finished studying Coasts. Part of their topic was to collect any plastic packaging they had at home and create a 'plastic footprint'. We then decided to create a new display for the classroom with all students helping to create the display by making seaweed, shells, sharks turtles and so on. We added a quote by Sir David Attenborough to highlight the indestructible nature of plastic. Thank you to all the students from 7x3 and 7y2 for all their hard work and also to our Connect worker Lydia and Gail in Print Workshop for our wonderful aeroplane.



“What humans do over the next 50 years will determine the fate of all life on the planet”.

Sir David Attenborough



News from Learning Support

HELP WITH DYSLEXIA

Microsoft has become the first company to sign a global pledge to help people with dyslexia with a range of new tools to assist learning.

Office Lens is like having a scanner in your pocket. Office Lens trims, enhances, and makes pictures of whiteboards and documents readable.

You can use Office Lens to convert images to PDF, Word and PowerPoint files, and you can save images to OneNote or OneDrive.

Printed and handwritten text will be automatically recognised (using OCR), so you can search for words in images and then copy and edit them.

Sketch your ideas and snap a picture for later.

Capture and crop a picture of a whiteboard, make digital copies of your printed documents

Immersive Reader is a free Microsoft tool that reads out text, breaks words into syllables, increases spacing between lines and letters and can change the colour of the background screen.

In addition, Immersive Reader will now work with the Office Lens app on android devices. Students can take a photo of a book or worksheet and their phone or tablet will read the words aloud, space out the text and change the font size, among other features.

To use Immersive Reader log into Office 365 using the school email and password and click on the 'Word' icon. Open a new blank document and on the toolbar at the top under the 'View' tab you will find 'Immersive Reader'.



CALLING ALL PARENTS/CARERS OF YEAR 11 STUDENTS!!

Extended Learning Day 2 for Year 11 will see an external company called Positively Mad come into College to deliver an interactive and fun (yes I did say FUN) session on revision tips and how to revise. Having invited them in for the last 3 years we are excited to have Jay back to talk to the students about time keeping, mind maps and to prove that they can remember lists and information when put to them in the right way, something they can go on to practise on their own!

NEW for the Class of 2019 we are inviting YOU the parents and carers to come in and hear about what the students did and how you can support at home with revision and planning for the exam season... And best of all – it's free! Interested? A letter is coming home with students so send reply slips back ASAP to book your seats. Places are limited to the capacity of the Octagon and will be distributed on a first come first served basis so don't hang around; this is a once only opportunity that we know gets results!



INVITE YOU TO ATTEND



FREE CPR & DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING

Okehampton College – Octagon Theatre
 Tuesday 12th February 6.30 – 8.30pm

Booking essential due to limited spaces
 This will be an active and physical course that will involve kneeling
 Charity donation buckets available on the night

www.okepads.wixsite.com/okepads
okepads@gmail.com @okepads

THE TITANIC BALL
 supported by the Okehampton College FTFA
 Friday 8th February 2019 — 7pm for 7:30pm

Held in a glamorous indoor marquee
 at Okehampton College
 Three Course Meal
 Live Entertainment including
 Okehampton College Big Band

In aid of 'Ronald McDonald House Bristol'
 and 'Jeremiah's Journey'
 Tickets £25 per Person
 For more information and ticket details
 please email:
jteixiera@okehamptoncollege.devon.sch.uk or
 pick up a form from Donald's in
 Okehampton.

Okehampton College India Trip 2019 Presents

In the Octagon

Curry + Quiz NIGHT

Friday 25th January
 6:00pm Start!

Tickets £5.00 Per Person 6 Players Per Team

Tickets Available From:
 Caleb Stevens, Jo Teixeira and Courtney Bolt
 Or Please Put Your Name(s) on the Sign Up Sheet Below

Soft drinks and a variety of cakes to purchase! Raffle Draw!

(Includes a Chicken or Vegetarian Curry, Rice, Onion Bhaji and a Poppadom)

PosterMyWall.com All proceedings will go towards fundraising the India Trip 2019

Why Good Attendance Is Important....

90% Attendance = 1/2 a day missed EVERY week

90% over 5 years = 1/2 school YEAR missed!

1 school year at 90% attendance = 4 whole WEEKS of missed lessons!

Research shows that 17 missed school days in one year will result in a GCSE GRADE DROP in Achievement! Remember this when booking Holidays!

The Greater the Attendance The Greater the Achievement

If you have any concerns regarding your attendance please contact Mrs Casbolt - Attendance Officer

Dates for your diary & forthcoming events

	Weds 6 February	Positively Mad YR11 Parents
February 2019	Mon 18 Feb - Fri 22 Feb	Half Term
	Mon 25 February	All Pupils Return
	Weds 27 February	Yr 11 Mocks start
March 2019	Thurs 21 March	Year 11 Photo
	Friday 5 April	Last Day of Term
April 2019	Mon 8 April - Mon 22 April	Easter Holidays
	Summer Term 2019	
	Tues 23 April	All Pupils Return
May 2019	Mon 6 May	Bank Holiday
	Mon 27 May - Fri 31 May	Half Term
	Monday 3 June	All Pupils Return
June 2019	Weds 26 June	Year 11 Graduation
	Fri 28 June	Year 11 Ball
	Friday 19 July	Last day of Term
July 2019	Mon 22 July	Non Pupil Day
	Tues 23 July	Non Pupil Day
	Weds 24 July	Non Pupil Day
	Thurs 25 July	Non Pupil Day
	Mon 2 September	Non Pupil Day
September 2019	Tues 3 September	Non Pupil Day
	Weds 4 September	All Pupils Return

Our school values a good partnership between school, parents and pupils to ensure the best outcomes for your children. As part of our commitment to do this, our weekly newsletter provides an important link to news and events happening in the school which may affect you or your child. By sending our newsletter electronically, we can communicate with you efficiently, and meet our obligation to safely and effectively run our school for the benefit of pupils and parents alike. We will always manage your data responsibly and will never sell your data. If you would like to find out more about how we use data, please read our Privacy Notice at www.okehamptonet.com.uk/policies-and-documents



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Learning Support



SENDCO – Miss Karen Moore
TA Team Leader – Mrs Linda Harding

The Learning Support Faculty provides support for students with additional needs and those pupils identified as needing different or alternative educational provision who may be at SEN Support or have an EHCP.

If your child is having difficulties with their learning and you would like some help, advice and support, please contact us on 01837 650910.

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