

# Parent, Carer and Community Briefing

Friday 24th March 2023



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## Under 15 Girls Indoor Cricket County Runners Up 2023

On Friday 17th March our Under 15 girls cricket team travelled to Exeter University to take part in the Indoor Cricket County Finals Day. Seven schools were in attendance, they were all county regional qualifiers. Okehampton were drawn in a tough group with Blundells, Ivybridge College, and Braunton. After a challenging morning group stage, the team eventually finished a very good second place in the group, winning two and losing one to a very strong Blundells team. Finishing second gave the girls a semi-final spot against Newton Abbott College who won their group in the morning. The semi-final went down to the last ball with Mia hitting the winning runs to secure a county final spot. The final was against Blundells who had won their semi-final. The girls knew this was going to be a very difficult challenge - Blundells are an exceptional team and Okehampton put up a very brave and determined display, losing by just thirty runs. This was a great improvement from the morning group match.

The result left Okehampton College as runners up in Devon but also the top state school in the county for Under 15 girls' cricket!

To celebrate this success, students attended a lunch with Mr Sweeney, where they were all presented with certificates to mark this impressive achievement. Well done to all those involved.



## Okehampton College Invites Local Community to Celebrate Spring Concert 2023

On Wednesday 22nd March 2023, the College opened its doors to the local community for their highly anticipated Spring Concert. This annual event is a celebration of the extra curricular music clubs and the exceptional work that students have been participating in throughout the term.

The Post-16 musicians of Okehampton College chose this year's theme, which was 70's & 80's music and co-ordinated the entire event. Each ensemble was asked to prepare something that would tie in with this theme, resulting in a fantastic array of musical performances that brought back memories of an iconic era.

Students from Year 8 to Year 13 were involved throughout the evening and for some, this was their last concert at Okehampton College after participating in every musical event over the past seven years. Their leadership and organisation throughout the evening marked their celebratory rite of passage.

The evening started with a rendition of the famous Doctor Who theme played by the musicians in the Little Big Band and Orchestra. Every ensemble and soloist, from the youngest Year 8's to the older Year 10's; The Stereo Problems; Year 11 and Post-16 Bands, performed their original compositions and well-known 70's and 80's numbers with energy and joy. This was echoed by the oldest members of the audience initiating whole audience participation in the YMCA dance number whilst the Orchestra played!



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As the evening drew to a close, the musicians came together to perform a reggae-influenced version of 'Girls Just Wanna Have Fun.' The audience was left feeling exhilarated and energised, and it was clear that the hard work and dedication of the students and staff had paid off. Every performance was refreshingly unique and yet they all shared a common theme - their love of performance and a sense of belonging.

In summary, the Spring Concert 2023 at Okehampton College was a night to remember. It showcased the incredible talent of the students and provided an opportunity for them to demonstrate their love for music and performance. Alongside the incredible talent of the students, the buzz from the support of parents, carers and local community filled the room. Okehampton College should be very proud of their students' exceptional hard work, talent and accomplishments.



## Post 16 Quiz Night

The Okehampton College Post-16 Quiz returned after a 4-year absence. The Octagon was packed with 17 teams. It was great to see staff, parents and past and present students having an enjoyable evening. Seeing the Octagon full again for a social event was fantastic, the warm atmosphere and competitive environment led to a very successful quiz evening with just over £400 being raised.

Thank you to Quizmaster John Martin, the senior students for their efforts and to all those who attended. Special thanks to the College site team for transforming the Octagon into a social venue within 45 mins.



## Key Dates

- Wednesday 29th March – Year 11 Parents Evening (online).
- Thursday 30th March 2023 – Last day of the Spring Term.
- Monday 17th April 2023 – First day of the Summer term.

Thank you for all your support.

If you have any questions, please get in touch via email at [admin@okehamptoncollege.devon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@okehamptoncollege.devon.sch.uk) or telephone (01837) 650910.

Yours sincerely

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