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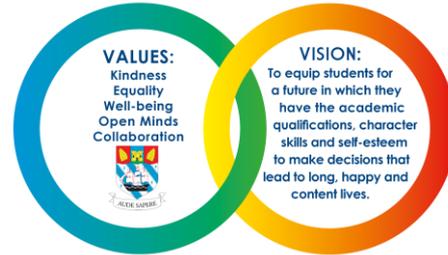
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Dear Parents/Guardians

As we are now into our final half term before the well-earned summer break, I thought it would be pertinent to share with you how our students are embracing our **Schools Vision & Values** by the many fantastic activities and events that they have been engaged with over the past few months.



Sponsored Walk (Kindness, Wellbeing)

On Friday 16th June, we held our annual sponsored walk raising money for Imprezza and TGGs projects.

This year we had almost 600 students from Years 7 through to 10 and staff walk down to the Harbour, board 3 ferries to Brixham and then take the coastal path back to TGGs walking a total of 12 miles! Many students dressed up in fancy dress with themes including Mamma Mia, Festival and Cartoon Film Characters to name but a few.

One highlight for many students was seeing a pod of dolphins in the open seas as well as Sammy the Seal in Brixham Harbour. This was a wonderful day, and a tremendous effort by all those involved.

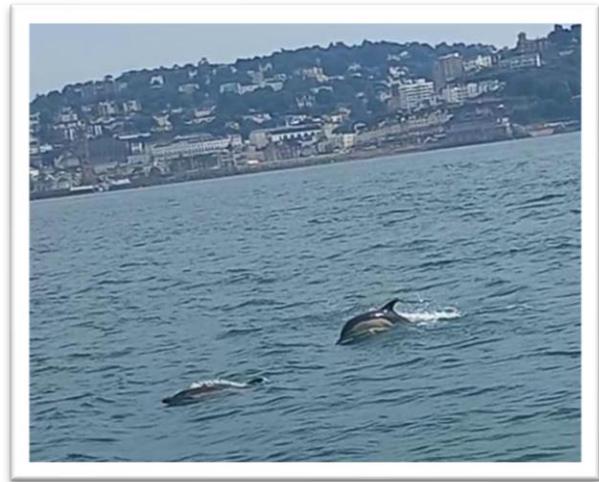


Photo courtesy of Emma (Year 10)

Southwest Junior Chef 2023 (Open Minds, Wellbeing)

Many congratulations to our Year 8 student Jessica Klapsia on reaching the final of the Devon Junior Chef semi-final of South West Junior Chef of the Year 2023 to be held at Exeter College on Friday 23rd June. Jessica will be required to prepare and cook a recipe and will be judged by renowned chefs. Her menu will include:



Pan fried sea bream

accompanied by a curry emulsion

& served with a 3-way cauliflower & capers



Good Luck Jessica - sounds like an award-winning recipe!



Year 8 Residential (Collaboration, Wellbeing)

At the beginning of June, 141 Year 8 students headed off to North Devon for three days of adventure. On arrival students rotated around high ropes, orienteering, archery and a total wipe out obstacle course. Students faced some of their biggest fears as they swung and jumped their way across the site. After tea the students took part in further activities including rounders, hockey and a massive soft play. The students even got some of the staff down the drop slide!

On the second day we went to Croyde and surfed and coasteered around the coast with some pretty epic jumps and water fights with the staff!



On the final day students did the activities from the first day that they hadn't already done. Even the most unsure managed to jump off the platform onto the wipeout balls and Mrs Bumby made it across the monkey bars!

The staff at the centre all said how lovely our students are and the surf instructors said they were one of the best groups he has ever had. Mrs Bumby said that she loved seeing the smiles on the faces, the pride when they did something that scared them and how much they all encouraged each other to push themselves to do things they didn't think that they could.

Religion, Philosophy & Ethics (RP& E) (Equality)

Year 9 students have been studying a unit on anti-semitism and how it might be challenged. Having looked at historic and current examples of anti-semitism, students were given a task to produce a reflective piece of work on anti-Semitism and how it might have been different. The quality of work produced was outstanding and thought-provoking.



Guide Dogs for the Blind (Kindness, Wellbeing)

Throughout this academic year, Year 9 have been enthusiastically raising money for Guide Dogs for the Blind; organising bake sales, a staff fashion show and a sponsored silence (to name but a few of the exciting activities). Our aim is to raise £2,500 by the end of the year, so we can sponsor a guide dog puppy from its first steps to its qualifying to be a Guide dog. If we achieve this total, we also get to choose the name of the puppy!

As a kind reciprocal gesture, representatives from the charity came into TGGs during the Year 9 exam week, to provide some well-deserved and much needed dog/puppy therapy. All the students who were invited to meet the puppies/dogs really found the experience extremely beneficial and worthwhile.

Year 9 London Residential (Open Minds)

On Thursday 11th May & Wednesday 17th May, 132 Year 9 students went on a fun-filled two-night stay to London. The students visited the Natural History Museum, the Science Museum, Covent Garden, The Lion King show, Thorpe Park, Trafalgar Square, Buckingham Palace, Westminster; all topped off with a Thames River Boat Cruise! This amazing trip has hopefully left every student with some happy memories: I know I will never forget being on the Bumper Cars with some Year 9 students with very dubious driving skills!



Year 12 Theatre Trip (Open Minds)

For Year 12 enrichment, we took a trip to the Northcott Theatre to watch the award-winning production *Pride & Prejudice*, a unique and colourful comedy retelling Jane Austen's literary classic. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed this adaptation of her most iconic love story.



Coming up

With only 4 weeks to go before we break for the summer holidays; we have a plethora of many more exciting events happening in school before the end of term:

- Year 11 Prom (28/06/2023)
- Year 13 Leavers Ball (29/06/2023)
- House Rounders & Tennis (03/07/2023 to 07/07/2023)
- Year 10 Battlefield Trip (07/07/2023 to 11/07/2023)
- School celebration event (10/07/2023 to 14/07/2023)
- House Picnic (12/07/2023)
- Geography Iceland trip (17/07/2023 to 22/07/2023)
- Challenge Day (18/07/2023)
- Summer Fair (19/07/2023)
- TGGs Talent Show (20/07/2023)
- House Shout (24/07/2023)

Don't forget the last day of the Summer term is Monday 24th July 2023!

Yours faithfully

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