MARCH 2023

INSIDE THIS ISSUE: Over 50 pages celebrating another busy term at Axe Valley Academy.

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WELCOME TO OUR SPRING TERM AIXEMINISTRA – This term, at Axe Valley Academy has whizzed by. As I reflect on this jam-packed issue, I cannot believe how much as a school we achieve in just 7 weeks.

We hope you have enjoyed our alumni campaign as much as we have enjoyed putting it together. To hear about our students and their successes in life is one of the true highlights for us as a school. If you studied here or know someone who did, we'd love to hear about the journey you have been on since leaving AVA. If you or someone you know would like to be part of our alumni campaign, please contact Mr Scott, our Assistant Head, email: jscott@ axevalley.uat.ac

One of the highlights for me as a Headteacher was to meet with three of our ex-students, Hayley, Hannah and Jade from Police, Paramedic and Fire and Rescue Services. On IWD2023 we celebrate women such as Hayley, Hannah and Jade as outstanding members of our community.

History is filled with women who took a stand in an attempt to redress the balance in gender inequality. All week to honour International Women's Day, we talked to all of our students here at Axe Valley Academy about equity. We have been working in focus groups with students to launch an equity campaign here. We are delighted that our students are forthright and committed to studying in a community which values equity as a concept and look forward to launching our poster and social media campaign to reinforce this. We look forward to sharing the resulting campaign with you next term.

Our production of Bugsy has been an absolute joy to have undertaken. It is a fabulous production which engages so many of our students. I will miss it as a backdrop to after school life at Axe Valley. Thank you to all those who have worked so hard to make it happen. It has been a real labour of love but completely worth it for the experience it has given our students from the lighting technicians to the lead players. We hope you enjoy the photos of our production on pages 21 – 23.

I hope our students are able to recharge over the Easter break as we prepare for our typically busy Summer Term.

Have a wonderful break.

LAURA JENKINS | HEADTEACHER





WE ARE VERY PROUD

There's a competition every year to design a T-shirt for the Grizzly race and Year 7 student Billy G won! Here he is modelling his design. Well done Billy, we are very proud of you.



THE BANK OF DREAMS & NIGHTMARES

A GROUP OF OUR YEAR 8 AND 9 STUDENTS have been selected to be part of a series of ten creative writing workshops. The leaders and story mentors from The Bank of Dreams and Nightmares work with the children to develop ideas and craft their thoughts into remarkable writing and a beautifully finished product. A book launch in Archway Books in Axminster at the end of the programme is planned. Our students had great fun this week. In these images the students are writing love poems (with the usual Bank of Dreams twist!) We are delighted to be part of this wonderful project.













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7B enjoying a Ukranian Easter celebration. One of our Ukranian students, Kira, wore her traditional clothes and we will be sampled Ukranian delicacies and decorated eggs with Ukrainian patterns. She also 'smashed' the egg game much to the delight of her friends!



One friend, David, had the measure of Kira. He's played this game before in Romania!









NOW

CURRENTLY AN ADULT AGENCY NURSE STUDYING FOR HER MASTERS DEGREE



The subjects you studied at Axe Valley Academy(GCSE and/or post 16): The name of any further college/university or training provider. What did you study or train in: • Health and Social care Level 3

• Textiles

BTEC Science

Studied BSc Adult Nursing at University of Plymouth (2017 - 2020)

· Currently studying MSc Physician Associate studies at University of Plymouth

The year you left Axe Valley Academy: 2017

Explain what you have done since leaving Axe Valley.

I studied to become an adult nurse after leaving Axe Valley and graduated during the pandemic. I have been working as an Adult Nurse since. Firsly in RD&E as a Gastroenterologist Nurse but left in August 2022 and became an Agency Nurse as I started my Masters in January of 2023.

Explain how Axe Valley Academy helped prepare you for the next stages in your life? Axe Valley has taught me the most important things that I use day to day such as good team working skills and good communication skills. The teachers also taught me how to be independent.

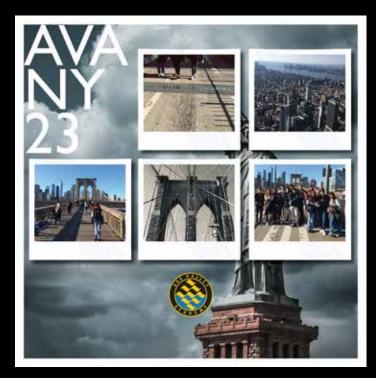
Tips/Advice you would give current students to help them to prepare for life after Axe Valley Academy.

Take in every moment you are at school because these are the best years of your life. When you are thrown into the real world it can be a shock. Pay attention in school, I know this is something that gets said a lot but what you do in school matters when you are older and reality hits. 66 WHAT YOU DO IN SCHOOL MATTERS WHEN YOU ARE OLDER. 97





NEW YORK 2023

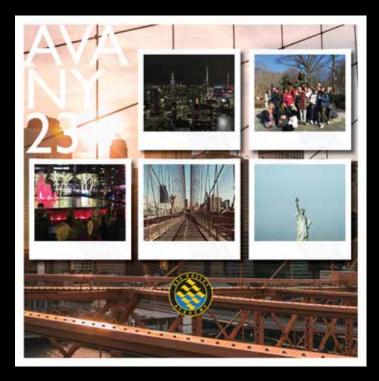




NEW YORK 7-11TH FEBRUARY 2023 We set off from the AVA at 2am on Tuesday 7th Feb making our way to terminal 3 Heathrow airport and the Virgin check in counter. Mr Owen and Mrs Collins tour guides extraordinaires led the way. We stayed at the fantastic Gallivant Times Square Hotel and had breakfast 2 miles away at a Chinese delicatessen. The students visited all the well-known sites of interest Liberty and Ellis Island, Wall Street + the bull, we walked from Brooklyn to Manhattan over the Brooklyn Bridge, Empire State Building, Central Park, Grand Central Station, Rockefeller Tower, 5th Avenue, Times Square.

After 65,000 steps in 3 days some were quite pleased to get back on their Virgin flight to the UK – but all agreed New York was a great place to visit – fantastic memories – thank you to all those who travelled until the next time.

STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS





The highlight of my trip was going to the Empire State Building, especially enjoying the breath-taking view as we could see the impressive skyline and everything New York had to offer. I also loved seeing the lively hood of the infamous New York Times Square surrounded by culture, diversity and colourful billboards everywhere you look.

It was brilliant to experience New York and see the sights. Seeing the view of Manhattan from the The Empire State Building by night, Rockefeller Centre and the Statue of Liberty were amazing. The 9/11 memorial was very moving and brought home what happened there. I would highly recommend the trip to anyone who has the opportunity.

Going to the Rockefeller centre was one of the highlights of the trip. It was fun and I especially enjoyed being able to see New York at night as this was magical. I also loved seeing the statue of Liberty and the boat ride there, although it was a lot smaller than I expected it was still a breath taking experience.

The trip to New York was an incredible adventure filled with laughter and amazement. My favourite sight was admiring the skyline of the city from the Empire State Building during the day and Rockefeller by night. Walking through Central Park made me realise these famous landmarks are real places that we actually visited, not via film or tv. I would recommend the trip to anybody as the memories made are invaluable. Thank you Mr Owen and Mrs Collins for being great guides!

On the New York trip I think I enjoyed the top of the Rockerfeller Center the most as the high view of the city below at night was really cool because of all the lights. The Empire State and Statue of Liberty were also really good due to how famous they are and their symbolism of America as a country.

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WRITER AND DIRECTOR AT BBC CHILDREN'S CBEEBIES, CBBC & CBEEBIES BEDTIME STORIES

The subjects you studied at Axe Valley Academy(GCSE and/or post 16): Music, Drama, German, Food Tech (GCSE)

The year you left Axe Valley Academy: 2005

The name of any further college/university or training provider. What did you study or train in: Axe Valley Sixth Form - English Literature, German, Drama University of East Anglia, (Norwich) – English Literature and Drama

Explain what you have done since leaving Axe Valley.

I worked in Tesco in Axminster to save for a GAP year in Germany. I moved to Norwich for university and spent my second year living and studying in Germany. After volunteering in BBC local radio, I got my first job as a BBC Broadcast Assistant. A year later I moved to Manchester to begin my career in BBC Children's where I worked in CBeebies. I learnt to how to write scripts and direct cameras in TV studios and soon found myself writing for Mr Tumble and directing celebrity readers on CBeebies Bedtime Stories.

Explain how Axe Valley helped prepare you for the next stages in your life? (e.g. opportunities you took, experiences, teachers, lessons, enrichment, volunteering etc). Teachers at Axe Valley always showed such support and encouragement, Mr Selby (Drama), Mr Jevons (Music), Mrs White (English) and Frau Spencer (German) really helped build my self belief and confidence in the subjects I loved most. A German school exchange in year ten was a pivotal moment in my life and had teachers at Axe Valley not arranged this opportunity for students, I would not have chosen to take my GAP year in Germany and later study there, not to mention the lifelong friends I made - all as a result of an Axe Valley school exchange! I was taught how to play netball at Axe Valley and though we could never get a full team together the PE teachers were dedicated to helping us improve – nearly 20 years on I can still be found leaping like a salmon on netball courts around Manchester. Thanks Axe Valley!

Tips/Advice you would give current students to help them to prepare for life after Axe Valley Academy.

Take EVERY opportunity that Axe Valley offer, try something new and dare to dream, you never know what doors it might open...







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If you or someone you know would like to be part of our Alumni campaign, please contact Mr Scott, our Assistant Head, email: jscott@axevalley.uat. ac. We'd love to hear about the journey you have been on since leaving AVA.



Parents, carers, friends and grandparents... we need you! We are trying to re-establish our PTFA. We have so many ideas for community events we wish to hold and reinstate, such as the Minster Challenge. If you would like to play a part, please do get in touch with our School Business Manager, Jacky Lomax (jlomax@axevalley.uat.ac)



The study and appreciation of Shakespeare's work remains a critical part of our school curriculum and our cultural history. We secured a unique opportunity to visit the world-famous Globe Theatre in London, with this iconic venue showing a live production of The Tempest.



SHAKESPEARE'S GLOBE 27 | 03 | 23

MUSIC

YEAR 7 have been learning how to play Chords and Melody with the popular songs 'Country Roads' and 'Can't Stop the Feeling'. After half term we'll be introducing vocals and ukuleles!

YEAR 8 are fully fledged rock stars now, after learning all about riffs and rock anthems. Lessons have been loud as the students learn classics such as 'Seven Nation Army', 'Back in Black' or Bon Jovi's Livin on a Prayer.

YEAR 9 are building a class band and learning the song Riptide, as well as gaining the skills needed to form their own bands after half term in preparation for their end of term performance.

YEAR 10 are storming through the theory content of the course, embarking now on their final area of study, The Concerto Through Time. They have been busy working on composition skills, and will be starting to prepare an ensemble piece for their end of year performance evening.

YEAR 11 continue to work hard on their coursework, and their deadline for compositions and ensemble performances is looming. Lots of revising has been taking place for the taught exam, and the newly formed Year 11 Band will be performing at the Waffle House takeover at the end of term!

The extra-curricular world has been as busy as ever, with Axe Valley Voices flourishing as nearly 40 students gather to sing together on a Thursday lunchtime. We were very lucky to receive a vocal workshop led by Devon Youth Choir on the 14th March, and it's safe to say the staff had as much fun as the students! Axe Valley Band has had a salsa theme this term and the practice rooms have been buzzing with students making music.

The Powderham Castle trip on the 10th March was a great success and the students represented our school and Music Department beautifully.

Bugsy Malone, of course, has been the centre of attention. Our drama, music and art teams have been working together/ tirelessly to prepare for what promises to be a funny, energetic and messy show! We hope to see you there.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

18th April – new ensemble recording date for Year 11 21st April – Powderham Castle Trip (more details to follow) 24th May – Orchestra Day





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AS SPRING TERM fades and we look forward to a summer term full of promise with athletics and striking and fielding games. It has been a busy term for the Academy sports teams with both boys and girls participating both in matches and central venue competitions. Our year 7 boys football team look very promising and ones to watch for the future ably led by Alfie Mungovan. The Year 8 boys are involved in a central venue competition at Kings and will play their last round on Thursday as this goes to print. We are still hopeful of getting an U13 and U15 girl's football team but interest at practice needs to improve. Netball is in full swing and both Mrs Baker and Miss Walker have witnessed some really good play at all levels but key to this is having strong squads to select from.

Extra-curricular clubs are supported but we really want to see more students at clubs as they are the building blocks to successful school teams. At present trampolining has been a big success and Miss Walker looks forward to developing it further next year. Dodgeball participation has grown in the last few weeks and is certainly building up those important muscles needed in striking and fielding games.

Looking forward to the summer term the planned activities are athletics followed by striking and fielding, rounders and cricket. Some breaking news we have been successful in a financial bid to purchase a new virtual fitness suite allowing students to experience the most up to date fitness classes, spinning, aerobics, just dance, Zumba to name but a few. We look forward to our students using this resource at lunch and after school.

Our CNAT Sport Science students continue to work through their courses enthusiastically and are presently completing coursework for May 15th deadline. The year 11 group have recently received their exam results from January and achieved a 100% pass rate with some excellent individual efforts. The year 10's are busy planning and working through training programmes to improve their performance in their chosen activities. We are impressed with the focus and resilience demonstrated by all our students during the last year and are looking forward to celebrating their achievements on results day in the summer.

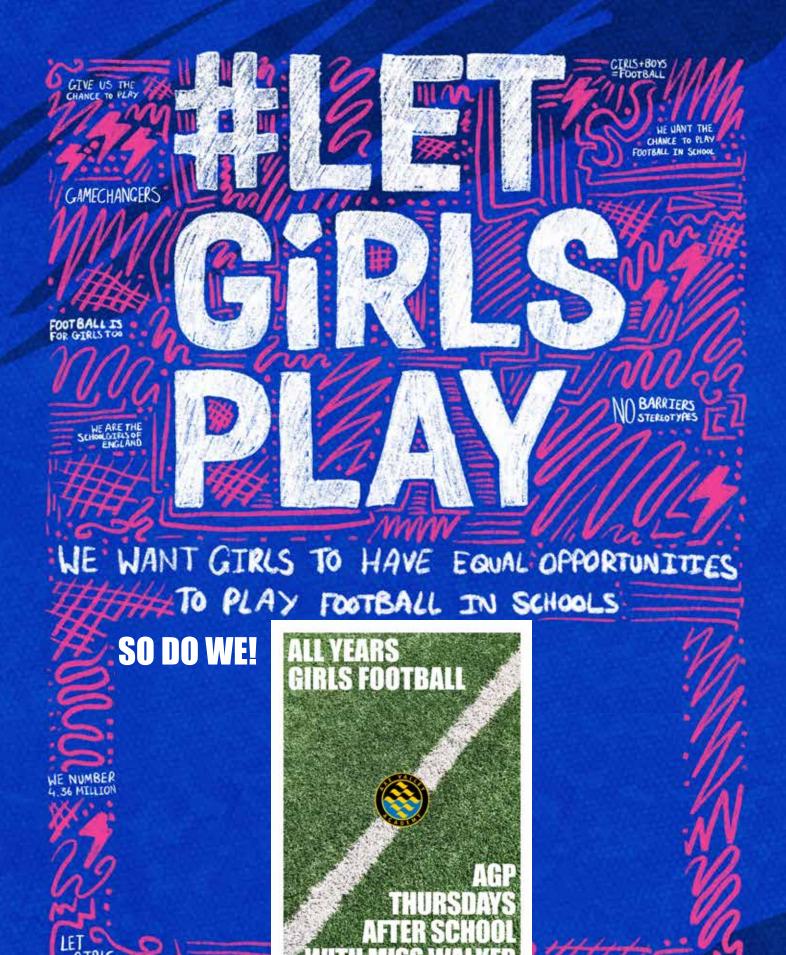
As a department we are very lucky to have access to a fantastic artificial surface (AGP) but to use it we must all wear the correct moulded stud footwear. If you have any moulded stud boots that your son/daughter have grown out of please could you donate them to the school (PE dept) to ensure that everyone benefits from using the AGP.

Summer term PE equipment is the same for all lessons – trainers, white socks, shorts/leggings, t-shirts and hoodies if needed. (Please remember kit should be brought to every lesson as students can still take an active role in their lesson)

Have a great Easter and enjoy some quality time together.r

Dave Owen, Head of PE

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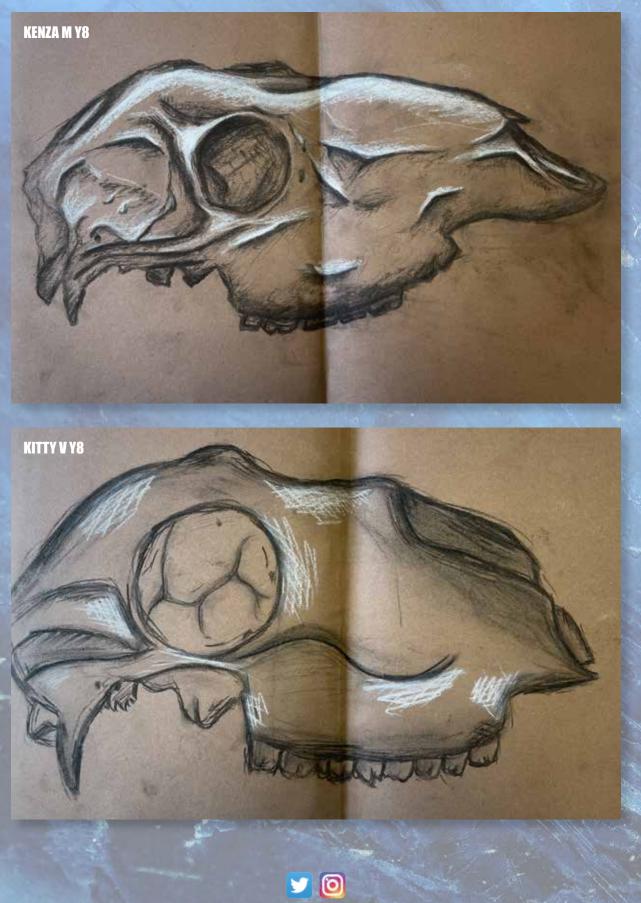


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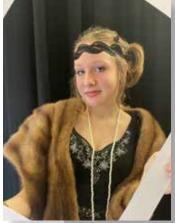


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	Year 7 groups
	Chicken Goujons
7W	Tues 2 nd May
7U	Fri 5 th May
7Z	Mon 24 th April
7Y	Weds 26 th April
7X	Mon 24 th April
7V	Weds 26 th April
	Macaroni cheese
7W	Tues 16 th May
7U	Fri 19 th May
7Z	Thurs 4 th May
7Y	Mon 15 th May
7X	Thurs 11 th May
7V	Weds 10 th May

Chicken Goujons

- 1 chicken breast
- 35g plain flour •
- 1 egg •
- 50g breadcrumbs •

Macaroni cheese

- 50g shaped pasta 20g Margarine ٠
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- 20g flour
- 125ml milk
- 25g grated cheese
- 1 tomato or sprig of parsley to garnish
- DISH small oven proof dish

YEAR 7

Practical dates and ingredient lists

	Year 8 groups
	Cinnamon swirl
8W	Thurs 27 th April
8V	Tues 2 nd May
8Y	Mon 24 th April
8U	Fri 28 th April
8X	Tues 25 th April
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Cinnamon Swirl

pastry

1/4 cup demerara sugar, brown sugar, or granulated sugar, plus more if needed

• 1/2 sheet frozen puff

1/2 tsp cinnamon •

Cheesy/Veg Pasta

- 75g Veg of your choice (e.g. a few florets of broccoli or cauli, peas, peppers
- 50g shaped pasta
- 15g butter
- 15g flour
- 1/4 tsp mustard powder
- 125ml milk
- 25g cheddar
- DISH oven proof dish

YEAR 8

Practical dates and ingredient lists

	Year 9 groups
	Couscous
9Y	Tues 25 th April
9V	Tues 25 th April
9W	Tues 2 nd May
9X	Weds 26 th April
9U	Weds 26 th April
	Poached Egg on toast
9Y	Tues 9 th May
9V	Tues 9 th May
9W	Tues 16 th May
9X	Tues 16 th May
9U	Weds 10 th May

Poached Egg on Toast

- 1 large egg
- 1 slice of bread to be toasted at school

Vegetable couscous

- 1 vegetable stock cube
- 100g couscous
- 1 medium tomato
- 1 spring onion
- ¼ cucumber
- ½ yellow pepper
- 4 dried apricots
- 1 x 15ml spoon parsley
- 2 x 15ml low fat dressing

Please remember you can change the ingredients to suit your preferences.

YEAR 9

Practical dates and ingredient lists



























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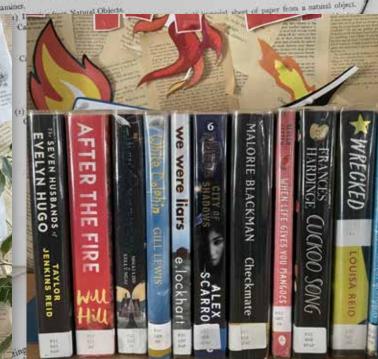
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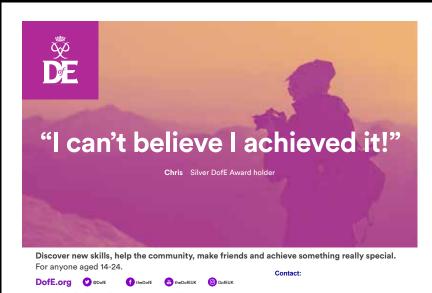


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ATTENDANCE AT AVA

INTRODUCTION TO ATTENDANCE ADMINISTRATOR:

My name is Emily Gabb. I was previously a student at Axe Valley and have really enjoyed coming back here as a member of staff. My role as Attendance Administrator includes monitoring attendance and sending out the dreaded attendance letters! At a basic level, I look at how many absences there have been, what the reasons for them are, and then based on this and the overall percentage (and historical attendance) I decide whether an attendance letter needs to be sent. Therefore, I am probably not your favourite member of staff! I understand that attendance isn't the easiest subject to talk about and can be frustrating, but if you ever have any questions or concerns about it, I am more than happy to chat over the phone or via email and answer any queries you may have:

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WHY IS ATTENDANCE IMPORTANT?

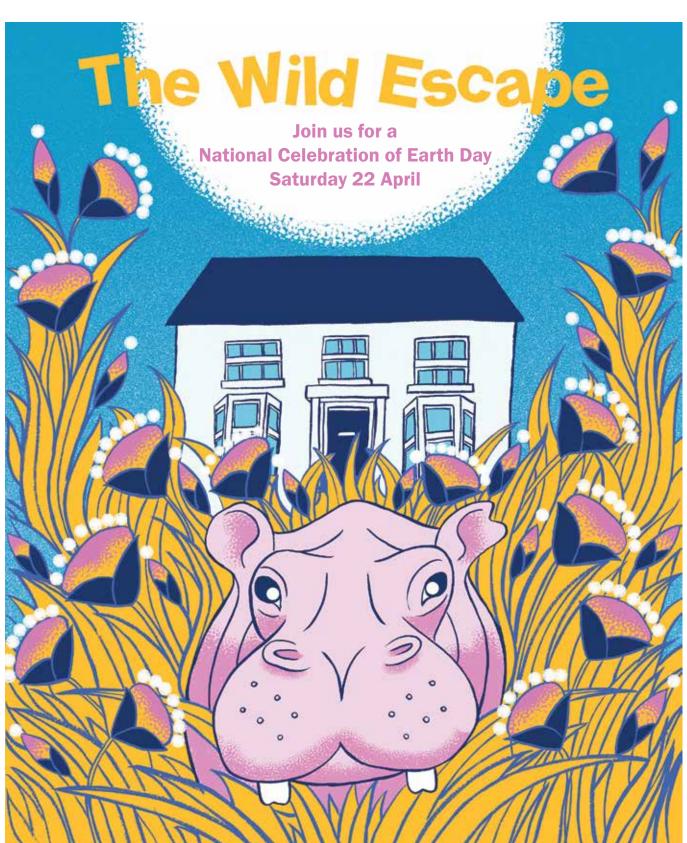
Good attendance sets students up for success. The better their attendance, the more subject areas they are covering, and the more well rounded their education will be. As well as this, good attendance will mean more opportunities to make friends, meet new people and be involved in extra-curricular clubs and activities.



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l day per week 80% attendance	38 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ¹ / ₂ years
2 days per week 60% attendance)	76 days per year	l6 weeks per year	Over 5 years
3 days per week (40% attendance)	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years



ATTEND TODAY | ACHIEVE TOMORROW



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7DC: Tutor Award



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7ES: Tutor Award

Liliwen J-T

7SMP Tutor Award



7JM: Tutor Award



Maisie P



YEAR 8 AWARDS









































YEAR 8 AWARDS

8KA: Tutor Award





Tasmin H



8SD: Tutor Award





Tilly O

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YEAR LEADER AWARD: YEAR 8

HEADTEACHER AWARD: YEAR 8





YEAR 9 AWARDS



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YEAR 10 AWARDS















YEAR 10 AWARDS





YEAR LEADER AWARD: YEAR 10

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Abbie T

10VM: Tutor Award



James J

HEADTEACHER AWARD: YEAR 10





YEAR 11 AWARDS



















YEAR 11 AWARDS



11EC: Tutor Award

Ella H

11BP: Tutor Award



Maria K

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YEAR LEADER AWARD: YEAR 11



HEADTEACHER AWARD: YEAR 11 BENJY M

HEADTEACHER GETS SPLURGED IN DRAMATIC TWIST TO BUGSY PLOT!





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