



WELCOME TO OUR FIRST AIXEMINISTRA OF THE SUMMER TERM — This term, at Axe Valley Academy has sped by. I am proud to note that our students are coping with their exams with a calm, purposeful spirit and great maturity. We are looking forward to being able to celebrate their time at Axe Valley with their Leavers events next term.

Our Pre-Loved Prom wear has been a delightful initiative and I am so grateful to our wider community for their support. We want all of our students to feel their very best at their Prom and I can guarantee after a few teary moments (from the staff!), that our Year 11s will look absolutely wonderful on the night.

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Our Year 7s have continued to fill us with pride. They have enjoyed being heard with their own publication 'Year 7 Out Loud'. This magazine will give future Year 7s an overview as to what it is really like to be a student at Axe Valley Academy. We look forward to sharing their work with you.

Our work with our feeder schools is absolutely key. Today as I write this, our Orchestra for a Day initiative is in full swing. Children from our feeder schools work with our staff and students to produce a concert at the end of the school day. This kind of work is invaluable, particularly as we have exceeded our Year 7 numbers again this year.

A look at our social media gives a view of how much we achieve as a school on a daily basis. I do hope you will be able to give us a follow to see all the wonderful things that happen here: Facebook | Twitter: @AxeAcademy | Instagram: studyataxevalleyacademy

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

Have a wonderful break.





WE ARE VERY PROUD

Obviously we think all of our Year 7s are superstars but you may have seen our Archie R starring in an ad campaign for a broadband supplier (others are available!) over Easter.







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Our Matthew T completed 55km in a day. He took on this Conqueror Event challenge on his own. Well done Matt!





Huge congratulations to our Christopher P and the five other members of East Devon Explorer Scouts team, pictured at the finish of 35-mile route Ten Tors event at the weekend. They crossed the finish line at 11.44 and were the joint second team in their route group to finish. Well done all!





OUR SCARECROW, Cilla, created by our fabulous students, enjoyed great few days out at the Devon County Show. Congratulations all - Cilla was very much admired!



PROJECT FOOD

PROJECT FOOD supports many of our young people. These students are making some delicious carrot cake that they can share at home. To find more about this wonderful organisation please do follow their work at www.project-food.org.uk









THE BANK OF DREAMS & NIGHTMARES

A GROUP OF OUR YEAR 8 AND 9 STUDENTS were 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 is planned very soon. Our students had great fun this week. In these images the students are using their "highlighters of awesome!" We are delighted to be part of this wonderful project.













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WORKS AS A VOLUNTEER WITH BURNING NIGHTS (BEFRIENDING AND COMMUNICATION TEAMS) CRPS SUPPORT CARDIFF UNIVERSITY:

STUDENT ACADEMIC REPRESENTATIVE (2022-23) DIVERSITY REPRESENTATIVE (2021-22, 2022-23) NEUROSCIENCE SOCIETY SECRETARY (2022-23)



The subjects you studied at Axe Valley Academy(GCSE and/or post 16): GCSE: Triple science, French, German, History

The year you left Axe Valley Academy: 2018

The name of any further college/university or training provider. What did you study or train in:
Exeter College (A levels in Biology, Chemistry and Sociology)
Studying neuroscience at Cardiff University
(Y2, on the integrated Masters Degree Scheme)

Explain what you have done since leaving Axe Valley Academy: Winner of Cardiff Biosciences Citizenship Award 2022

I may not have climbed the ranks at a company, or gained my degrees, or radically changed all the things I need to in the world (yet!), but I have grown in ways that are imperceivable unless you knew me a decade ago, compared to the woman I am today.

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I am changing the face of academia day by day, just by being here. By being a woman in STEM, from a working-class background and a whole bingo card of diversity categories. I am trying to make the world a better place day by day and be a trail blazer so the next person who doesn't fit the mould doesn't have to dismantle the system before they embark on their journey, like I have done. I had my dream to become a doctor taken away on health grounds, cut adrift without knowing what the future holds, but I have found my place in the world, with a reason "to be", to do some measurable good and help people to help themselves. I went from scrambling to my future to thriving on an alterative pathway (and some might say a strange way round of getting my degrees and further training), but even though I'm now a wheelchair user living with chronic pain, my future hasn't gone. I will be a psychotherapist, despite it all. I plan to come home and practise in our local area in the future, to make a difference to the area that helped shape me.

Explain how Axe Valley Academy helped prepare you for the next stages in your life?

AVA helped fire my passions for the subject areas I study today. I wasn't made to be "smaller" to fit in, I was encouraged and allowed to spread my wings.

I had supportive, passionate, and knowledgeable teachers, for that I am grateful.

Opportunities to get involved:
• DofE award

- DolE award
 Trips to Austria, France (north and south), Germany (long weekend in Berlin and the German exchange)
 The prefect system

Tips/Advice you would give current students to help them to prepare for life after Axe Valley Academy. Never give up! Despite what life throws at you and how hard it gets, never stop striving, but also don't be afraid to ask for help from your friends, teachers, family, healthcare providers, pastoral care etc. Don't be afraid to do things differently, as cheesy as it sounds be unapologetically "you" Take all the opportunities you're presented with, your time at school is a great time to try out different things and build your skill set, without the pressure/risk of the "real world"

THEN...



66 DON'T BE AFRAID TO DO THINGS DIFFERENTLY.



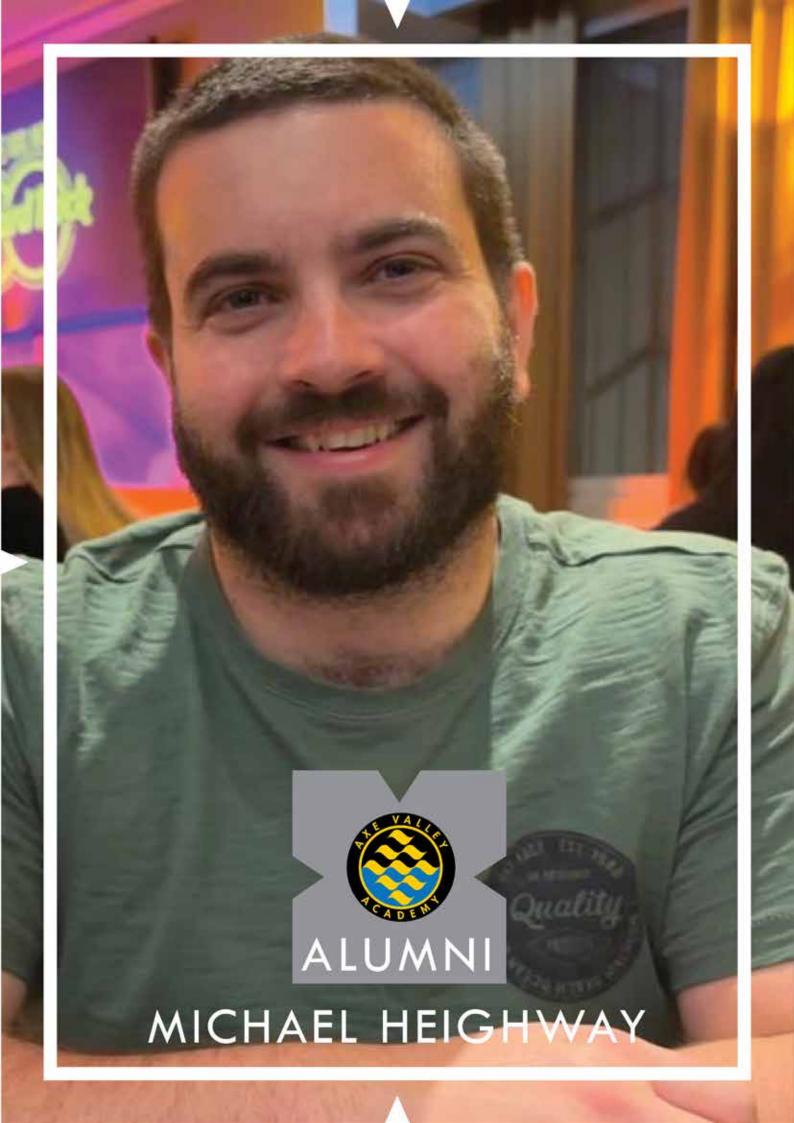
NEWS



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)





NOW

WORKS AS A SOFTWARE ENGINEER FOR LEIGHTON (IAG), FOR A BRITISH AIRWAYS PRODUCT TEAM



The subjects you studied at Axe Valley Academy(GCSE and/or post 16):

First time around in 6th Form: A-levels - Physics, Maths, D&T resistant materials. AS-level:

Electronics, Chemistry. Second time around:

A-Levels only - Biology, Chemistry, Maths

The year you left Axe Valley Academy: 2009

The name of any further college/university or training provider.

What did you study or train in:

Southampton Solent University (1 year)

Dundee University (4 years, did the foundation year at the start)

Explain what you have done since leaving Axe Valley Academy:

Uni for 4 years, 8 years in food production (5 years wine/cider/liqueur, 3 years frozen food for education sector/airlines/retail).

Explain how Axe Valley Academy helped prepare you for the next stages in your life?

Axe Valley allowed me to enjoy myself, I think that's why I liked being there so much. Great teachers (Mr Leach is a legend!), great people and supportive learning environment. I was a laidback student but I'm a hard worker now

I took on almost anything that was offered - first aid courses, Art trip to Paris (even though I didn't do Art!).

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

(Sorry, some are cheesy and a lot of them are too long, but these are the rules I try to live by).

- Lead by example, even if you're only leading yourself.
- . Treat people as you would like to be treated. Respect is important and you should grant it to others until they prove they don't deserve it.
- Be forgiving. Everyone makes mistakes, you will too.
 Don't take life too seriously. Success and fun are not mutually exclusive.
- · Put yourself out there and don't be afraid to fail. Getting good at anything means failing first, often repeatedly. People who mock you for failing are afraid to fail themselves so just get used
- · Not everyone will like you, get comfortable with that.
- . Manners matter, think before you speak and don't allow others to be rude under the guise of honesty. It's easy to be rude, the easy path is not always the most rewarding one (take the stairs, not the elevator ;)).
- · Don't be afraid to change and adapt to new information or circumstances. Ultimately, people respect you more for being adaptable as long as you stay true to your morals.

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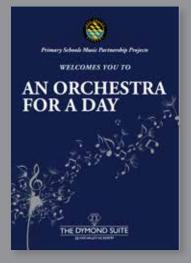
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MUSIC

At our Summer Term Orchestra for a Day event, children from our surrounding schools work with our staff and students to produce a classical concert at the end of the school day. This is a unique orchestral experience which we are delighted to host.













YEAR 7, 8 AND 9 have all been working on ensemble performances in this term, Year 7 with a focus on chords and melody, Pop Ballads for Year 8 and a free choice 'Build a Band' project















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AS THIS HALF TERM comes to end it stands out as one of the wettest periods I can remember at the Axe Valley. Students in our Yr 11 CNAT Sport Science group have handed in their final pieces of coursework and we wish them well for their results in the summer. The Yr 10's received some positive news recently being given some extra time to complete their coursework due to a number of their lessons being impacted by strike action.

On the sporting front we are meant to be in the height of our athletic season but due to the weather we haven't managed to get outside consistently for the students to hone their athletic skills. We have clubs on Tuesday and Thursday lunch times and one session after school on a Tuesday which all are very welcome to attend. East Devon Schools Athletic Championships take place Thursday June 22nd at Exeter Arena and students need to post a good distance, time or height to gain selection and attend this great schools occasion.

Early on this half-term we selected nine students to attend the East Devon Athletics Trials held at Exeter Arena and all students who attended performed really well. Four students Jenson M-200m, Uriel W- discus, Rachel D- shot/discus and Lily AB- discus gained selection for the match vs Exeter Schools where all have gained selection for county trials in June and we wish them all good luck in the next round.

U15 cricket returned last week with a game against Honiton College held at the Mountbatten playing fields. The boys were buzzing about their first fixture and full of enthusiasm to be back out in the middle representing the Academy. We won the toss and decided to field first – the boys did their best and restricted Honiton to a large total and then fought hard for the runs they scored. All agreed part of a learning curve that they will take into the next game they play.

Miss Walker and I accompanied the Yr 7's to the annual Super 8 athletics competition held at Kings on Monday night. Seven of the local East Devon Schools sent teams competing in many events the results I will be able to give at a later time. A big well done to all those who took part hopefully it will inspire the students to get to practice so we are prepared for the East Devon Schools Athletic Championships.

Please remember that if you are leaving this term any trainers, moulded studded boots or school PE kit you no longer want would be gratefully received by the PE dept. There are lots of clubs on at present and we want everyone to attend there is no better way to spend your lunch than with your friends having fun at lunch playing and enjoying sport.

Have a great half-term remember you need the same kit for next half term as the activities will be striking and fielding. Enjoy the weather and stay safe. **Dave Owen, Head of PE**



Y10 HOUSES





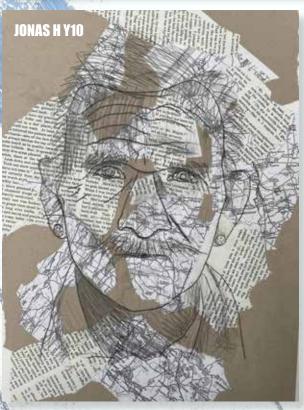


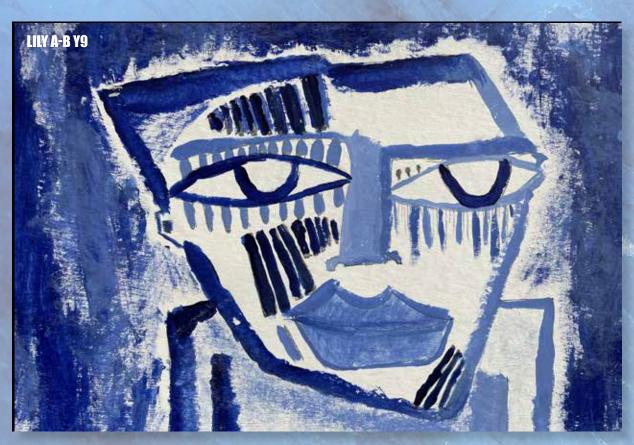








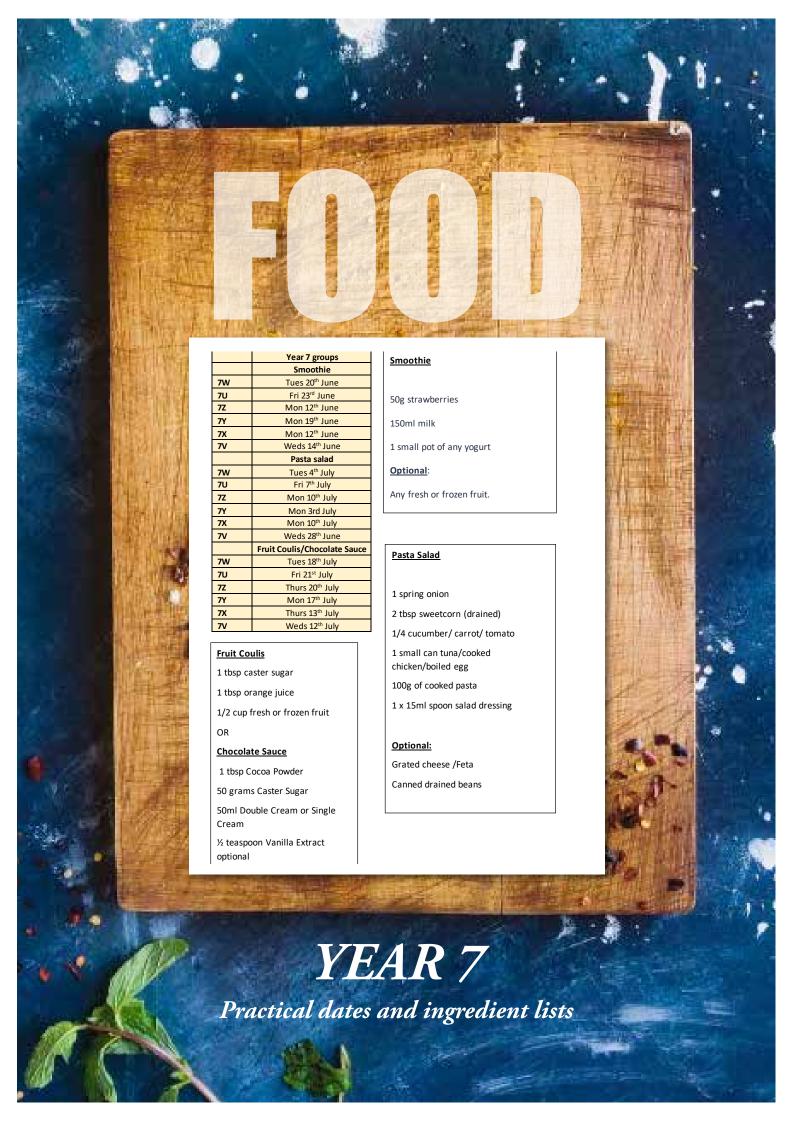


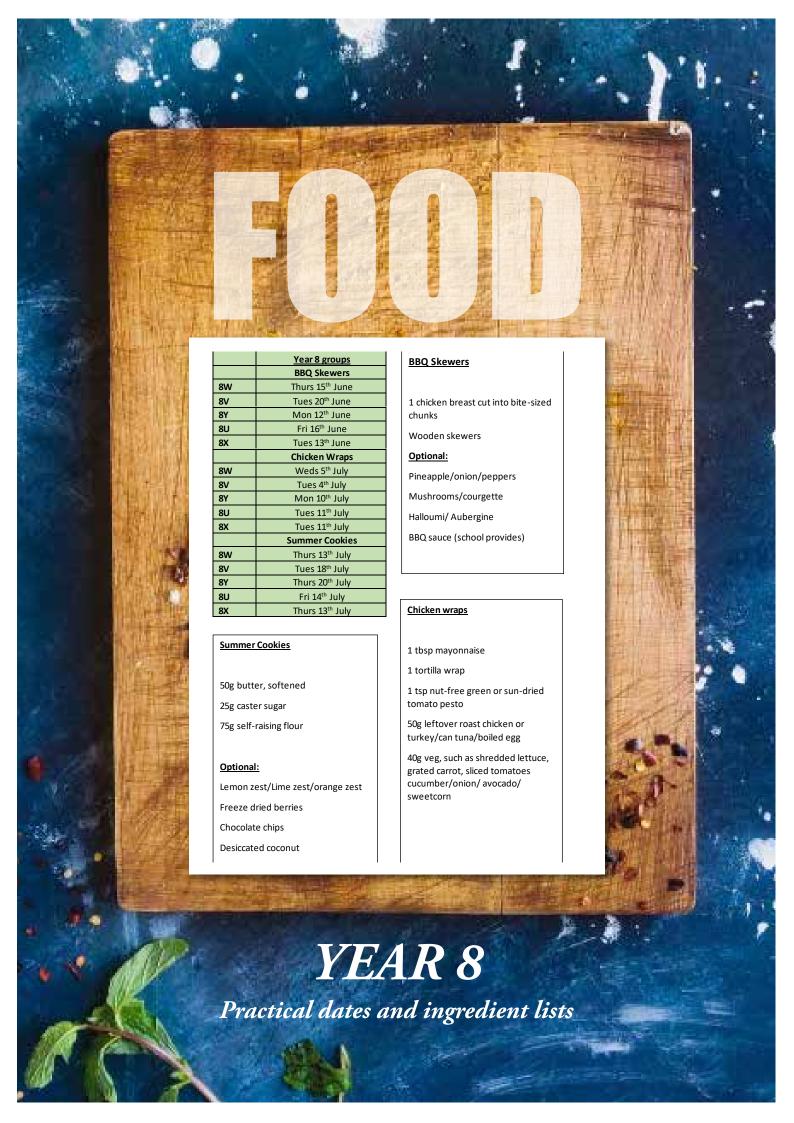


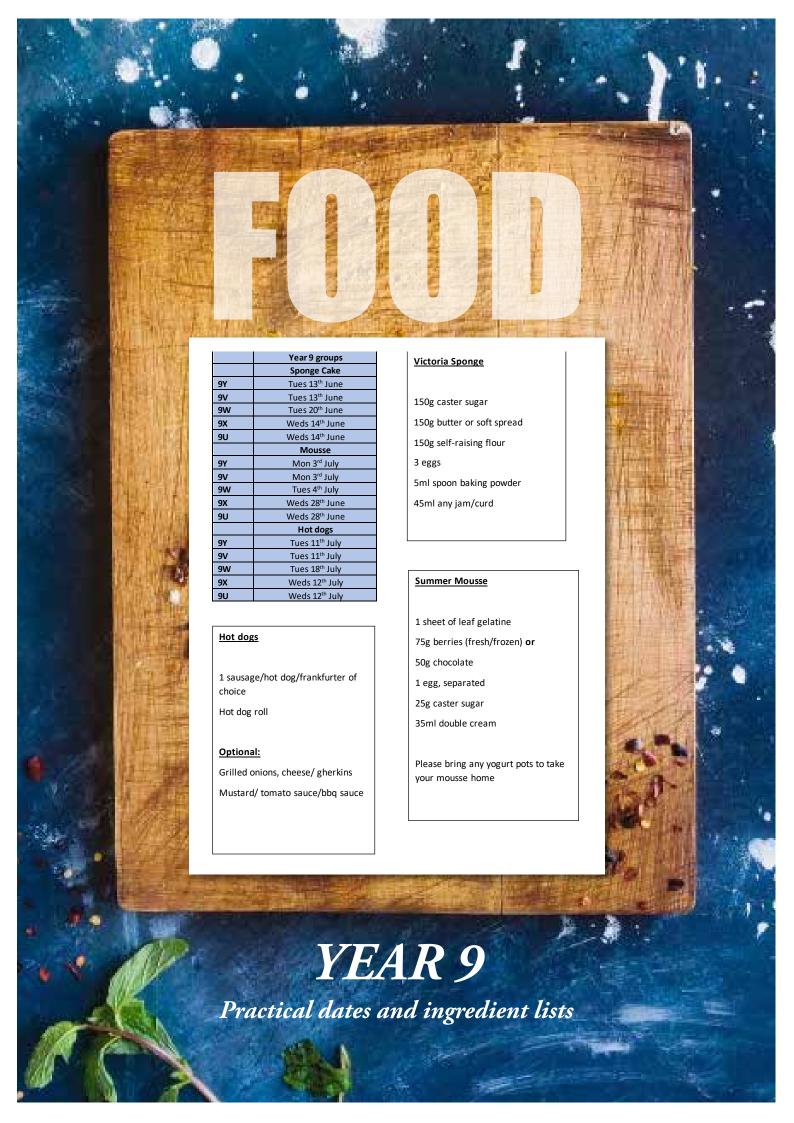












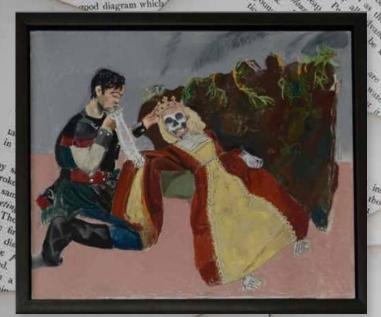






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THE FOLLOWING **ACTIVITIES HAPPEN EACH WEEK IN THE LIBRARY:**

MONDAY: Bookworm Buddies

TUESDAY: Chess Club

WEDNESDAY: Manga Club

THURSDAY: Quiet reading

FRIDAY: Movie Club

DAISY GOODWIN FLASH FICTION PRIZE FOR YOUNG WOMEN. JUDGES ARE LOOKING TO REWARD INTENSE, EXCITING, AND ORIGINAL PROSE, INSPIRED BY THE VISUAL ARTS.

The Daisy Goodwin Flash Fiction Prize will draw upon one of the College's greatest resources The Women's Art Collection, the largest collection of art by women in Europe. Students are encouraged to write a maximum of 250 words

about the famous Dame Paula Rego painting, Ines de Castro. The fictional entries can be based on the historical facts of the painting, the myth, or writers can let their imaginations run riot and be inspired by the artwork.

The submissions will be judged by screenwriter and novelist Daisy Goodwin, Dr Leo Mellor English Fellow at Murray Edwards College, Cambridge and BBC Culture Editor, Katie Razzall.

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THE JOURNEY BEGINS WITH YOU

Our DofE students meet with Mr Knott. Do contact him if you are interested in getting involved.

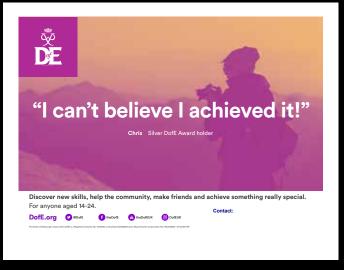
LAST WEEK 22 students from Year 10, and 3 from Year 9 successfully completed their Bronze qualifying expedition. Our students left Uffculme School ascending up through the Blackdown Hills, to a warm welcome and the great facilities of Forest Glade campsite. They camped and cooked in the 5 acre field, before getting an early start on Saturday with most up and preparing breakfast before 6:30am! They then wound their way down to Hemyock for a timely finish. The quality of navigation, hiking and campcraft was excellent, and our expedition providers 'Chase Training' commented on how the entire group were more like experienced 'Silver' DofE candidates rather than 'Bronze'.

The majority of the year 9 Bronzes are completing their preparations for their qualifying expedition near Huish Woods Taunton on June 29th and 30th 2023. I hope that the weather and the navigation will be just as good!











THE JOURNEY BEGINS WITH YOU























































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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?

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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	I6 weeks per year	Over 5 years
3 days per week (40% attendance)	I 20 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years



HOUSES AT AVA

If you need the support from our House charities or would like to find out more, please visit their websites:

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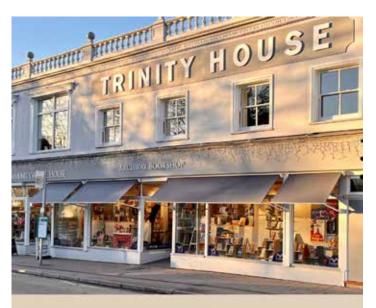
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