



#### **HEADTEACHER'S FAREWELL**

#### Dear all

I am feeling extremely emotional writing my final introduction to Aixeministra as I prepare to leave Axe Valley Academy this year. This, as is typical of Axe Valley, has been an actionpacked term with a wider enrichment curriculum that has been full to the brim and exciting and important transition times for our new Year 7s and our Year 11s preparing to arrive and preparing to leave. With this has come a series of my 'last evers' which has given me the opportunity to really reflect on what an incredible community Axe Valley is.

This term I have had the pleasure of attending my last ever leavers events for Year 11. We had a fun packed day of music, assemblies, farewells and shirt signing along with an impromptu whole school tutor event where everyone came out together on the field to watch the staff school Year 11 in staff versus Year 11 rounders. We were all relieved that despite an obligatory tumble from Mr Pillay he scored a rounder and did not break any bones! Staff won by a country mile showing that we have still got what it takes! Prom was a great success at our new venue Cranberries at Kilmington. Staff came to see our Year 11s arrive in style and dance the night away in the most beautiful setting. As always they were a delight. They looked beautiful, behaved impeccably and made lots of their teachers extremely proud and emotional!

I have also been a part of my last ever Year 6 transition and being a part of welcoming yet another large year group into our school was a real privilege. They were so enthusiastic, kind, eager and full of joy – it was infectious. I want to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to Rupert Carr, Year 7 Leader, who has put on an extremely thorough and successful transition programme this term for Year 6 and of course the roaring successes that were the Year 5 STEM days. The lengths Mr Carr goes to to ensure that Year 5s and 6s have an amazing Secondary experience really shows no bounds.

I did my last ever Year 10 work experience visits and was a part of my last ever Year 10 mock interview day. Seeing our students thrive and impress is always a joy but this year was particularly exceptional. Many Year 10s chose to dress for interview and looked absolutely superb and impressed their interviewers from industry with their preparation and maturity. We had a record number of work experience providers in our local community as well as much further afield and I want to extend a heartfelt thank you for those incredibly meaningful opportunities. The wider support we have from our local businesses and organisations is unbelievable.

I have been to my last ever Prize Days and given out my last ever Headteacher awards. Again being able to stand back and see our students support each other's academic success with such encouragement is a pleasure. The culture of success at Axe Valley is truly infectious. We had the added honour of Richard Foord MP attending Year 7 Prize Day and hearing his positivity about our students attitudes and successes was wonderful. These are just a few of the highlights for me and the 'last evers' this term but you will see in this bumper edition just how much more there has been to recognise and celebrate. There isn't a day that has passed without a trip, visit, workshop or event this term and being a school that has so much to celebrate is special. I want to also say some farewells to staff who are leaving us this year. It is really hard to capture just how much these staff have contributed to the school over their time with s and they will all be sorely missed. Students have had the opportunity to say goodbye and to thank these staff themselves during final assembly and again seeing those strong relationships between staff and students. As students articulately express to these teachers just what they have meant to them and what a difference they have made, is difficult to explain without becoming even more emotional. Mrs Sarah Goodson comes to the end of her English maternity cover this term and we wish her lots of luck in her new job. The innovative ways she has celebrated different cultures in her classroom has been beautiful.

Miss Georgie Roberts leaves us after teaching Art with us for the last two years. She has been an exceptional Art teacher whose talent, creativity, calmness and unwavering support of her students has meant she has been a well-loved teacher and colleague who ensures students can produce simply exceptional work. We shall miss her greatly and know she will go from strength to strength in her new job.

Mr Dave Owen leaves us as Subject Leader for PE after 20 years. It is extremely hard to express our gratitude to Dave over this period where he has led the school in a number of areas, including as an exceptional Head of Sixth form and a Year Leader that remains loved for his relentless pursuit of success for the students in his care, as well as his leadership of PE. Dave has given an incalculable amount of his time through the years, including evenings weekends and holidays, to support fixtures, trips, visits and residentials. He is also someone who follows his students success in their regional, national and international campaigns and will be regularly found supporting them at their events all around the country on his weekends. Dedicated doesn't even come close! As arguably the most travelled member of staff he will definitely be remembered for the trips he has led all around the world.

Finally we say farewell to Mr Jon Scott with a dedicated 18 years of service. It has been a pleasure to watch Jon grow from a trainee teacher through his middle leadership journey as a Year Leader to his Assistant Headteacher Post. Like Dave, Jon has embraced the school as a community and has run an endless list of trips, visits, fixtures and work experience opportunities in the UK and abroad and will be remembered forever for his legendary ski trips. As you will be aware Jon has always had a pastoral, safeguarding and attendance remit and he is relentless in the pursuit of safety, security and opportunity for every pupil in his care. He has built relationships with families that will leave an indelible mark on them. He is one of the most patient, kind and caring people we have ever had the pleasure to work with and we know that Holyrood are extremely lucky to have him. We congratulate him on his promotion and wish him the best of luck in his new role.

I know that this reads as a love letter to Axe Valley and I am unapologetic about that. It has been an honour and a privilege to serve this community over the last decade and I cannot thank staff, students, parents and local community enough for the unwavering support and kindness you have shown me. I am certain that everyone will afford Mr Crocker the same support as he begins his Headship and I am certain that he knows what a privilege leading this very special school is. I have said it before and I stand by it, you will be hard pressed to finder more skilled and dedicated staff and young people that will go to any lengths to support their teachers and to better themselves. Axe Valley Academy will always have an extremely special place in my heart.

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HEADTEACHER, AXE VALLEY ACADEMY





# AVA NEWS

### *WE ARE VERY PROUD*...



**WE ARE VERY PROUD OF HARRY B & BILLY G** who helped out as part of the newly reformed Seaton Chamber 'Ship Shape Clean Up'. This is a community event to generally make the town look more inviting for the influx of visitors over the Summer. Billy and Harry turned up and help to make their town look smart! Well done to you both!





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WELL DONE TO JACK N! We always knew he was a superstar but this week he was interviewed by Nikki Fox from The One Show about the wheelchair access matting on Seaton beach. The show airs next week and we will be glued to the screen!



# AVA NEWS

### *WE ARE VERY PROUD*...



**HUGE CONGRATULATIONS** to our U13 Girls Cricket Team. Anne-Marie Presswell from Devon Cricket came into school and presented them soft cricket kit-bag for their commitment to training. Well done girls!



WE ARE VERY PROUD OF HENLEY and his AVA team mates. Henley plays for Perry St under 13 and won the Yeovil and District Youth League Division 2 cup. Congratulations!

**OUR HARRY** has been awarded Under 12's Division 1 Top Goal Scorer in the Exeter and District Youth Football League. He plays for Seaton Town U12s and this is a great achievement!







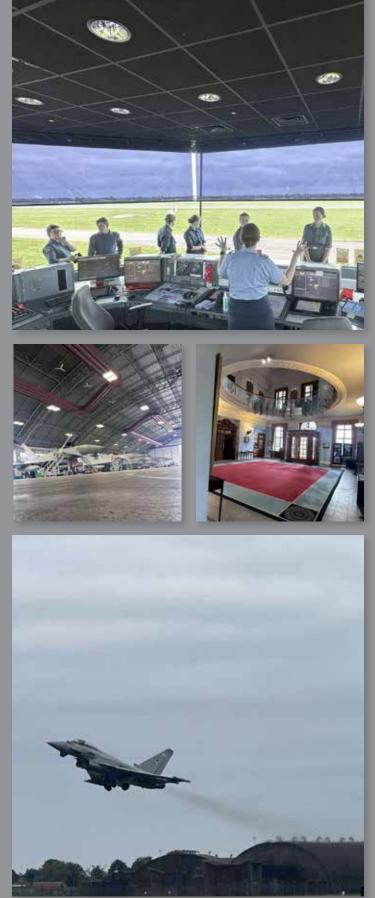
**WE WERE SO DELIGHTED** to welcome Richard Foord MP to share the joy of our Year 7 prize-giving ceremony today. Richard particularly noted how our students encourage each other. As ever, this makes us very proud.

# MOCK INTERVIEWS

Our Year 10s will be experiencing mock interviews. The 'role' is in retail and our interviewers are from a range of professional backgrounds (including two of our #avaalumni). We are very proud of these students who arrived calmly, immaculately turned out and ready for business.



# **RAF CADET NEWS**



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A few weeks ago we had the opportunity to go to RAF Coningsby and RAF Cranwell. We were able to see what life was like on a military base and see the front line eurofighter typhoons in action. We also all got to the BBMF Squadron (Battle of Britain Memorial Flight) which included a supermarine spitfire fly past, and many photos with an Avro Lancaster Bomber. We all had a great time sitting in cockpits and meeting pilots minus the lack of sleep and hope to do something similar again in the future. MATT T, 9JW



































## **SPAIN TRIP**















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# MUSIC

**EXCELLENT ENSEMBLES** from everyone in KS3 at the start of this term:

**From Year 7** we had a variety of ensembles playing either John Denver's classic 'Country Roads' or the more contemporary Justin Timberlake's 'Can't Stop the Feeling'!

**From Year 8** we had students performing Adele's 'Someone Like You', James Arthur's 'Say You Won't Let Go', or the most popular choice this year, Keane's 'Somewhere Only We Know'.

Year 9 had free choice over their bands and songs so there was a wide variety of genres and lots of great pieces all supported brilliantly by classmates.

**CREATIVE COMPOSITIONS** have emerged from all KS3 students in our MAC Suite across the last few weeks. They've all had a go at using Logic Pro software which is also used at GCSE. There have been some very interesting ideas and lots of awesome tunes and rhythms.

**TERRIFIC YEAR TENS** had a very successful ensemble performance evening where they also supported their fellow Drama students. Some great results from their mock exam too- this class have come a long way this year and Year 11 looks promising!

**SO LONG, SUPERSTARS** in Year 11. They went out in a musical fashion with some great performances at their leavers' assembly. They will be missed!

**EXCITING EXTRA CURRICULAR** activities have also been occurring! We had a fantastic 'Sing Your Heart Out' concert where the Axe Valley Voices performed alongside several local primary schools. Our Prize Days were punctuated with musical items from different year groups and our Music winners were recognised for their hard work and contributions across the year. The Waffle House Take Over was fabulous as always and the last week of term saw a super Summer Showcase combine music and drama performances and a Creative Arts trip to Cornwall to visit the Tate Modern and Minack Theatre. We even gathered on the last morning of term to learn a song ready to perform at the final assembly so everyone was able to go home to their summer holidays with music in their hearts!

Keep an eye out for more Powderham Castle trips, music workshops, theatre excursions, an introduction to the 2024 school show, orchestra days, Waffle House takeovers and AVA concerts in the new term. *Have a happy, sunny summer, and make lots of Music!* 



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INTERVAL 1 - STEEL PANS

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# MUSIC



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**AS ANOTHER SCHOOL YEAR** is racing towards completion the students and staff have been very busy organising numerous sporting opportunities for our students to have taken part in.

We said goodbye to our Yr 11 CNAT Sport Science group who had been working hard right up to final submission day to gain the best marks possible for their coursework. The Yr 10's are completing their first Unit R181 Applying the principles of training fitness and will be returning in September to study for their exam in January Unit 180 Reducing the risk of injury in sport.

On the active side of sport we have raised teams for cricket for Yr 7, 8 and 10 boys something we would really like to grow in school alongside the good progress we saw last year with girls cricket. Amazingly Anne-Marie Presswell came into school and presented last year U13's girls with a soft cricket kit-bag for their commitment to training. There has been good interest in both the hard and softball versions with practices being attended in numbers regularly. Mr Ward is very impressed with the Year 7's and is convinced they could achieve if all turn up to practice and maintain their level of enthusiasm for the game whatever form.

Miss Walker has recently attended the various rounders competitions being held at Uffcume.

The summer term is split between athletics and cricket/rounders and we have already seen some great performances from our athletes this summer. Our Y7 Super 8 finished a very creditable 3rd place at the East Devon Schools competition held at Kings with both Liliwen J-T (Hurdles & Long jump) and Sebastian G (200m & High jump) performing at a high level.

We sent a small number for students to athletic trials where Rachel D cemented her reputation of being the best shot putt at her Y9 age group, Uriel Wilson using his long levers to sling the discus furthest and Jenson M who flew round the 200m race setting a new joint school record and finally Sebastien G was selected for his 200m in the Y7 Super 8 Competition.

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# PE



The pinnacle of the summer term is school Inter House Sports Day which took place on Thursday 6th July. The weather threatened at the start – the high jump was duly moved inside – students were focussed on achieving their best effort to gain points for the House Sports cup and overall house competition. The field events in the morning were fiercely contested along with the middle distance running events and the afternoon competition was watched by the whole school. Fabulous colours adorned the sports field along with a very supportive crowd who were willing on their housemates – lots of records were challenged and final results will be given on last day presentation after the conclusion of dodgeball.

Please encourage our students to maintain their interest in sport as I truly believe we have very capable students who can compete with any other school on their day. I look forward to celebrating many more sporting achievement by Axe Valley Academy students in the future but from a spectator's point of view. I will treasure the memories I have from the time I have been privileged to work alongside both students and staff of the Axe Valley – stay committed, focused and believe and your dream is in your hands.

Good luck! Mr Owen.



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### SPORTS DAY 2023



































### SPORTS DAY 2023





This term our Year 7s have been enjoying our kiln.



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This term our Year 9s have made these beautiful vases.



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## **COMPETITION WINNERS**

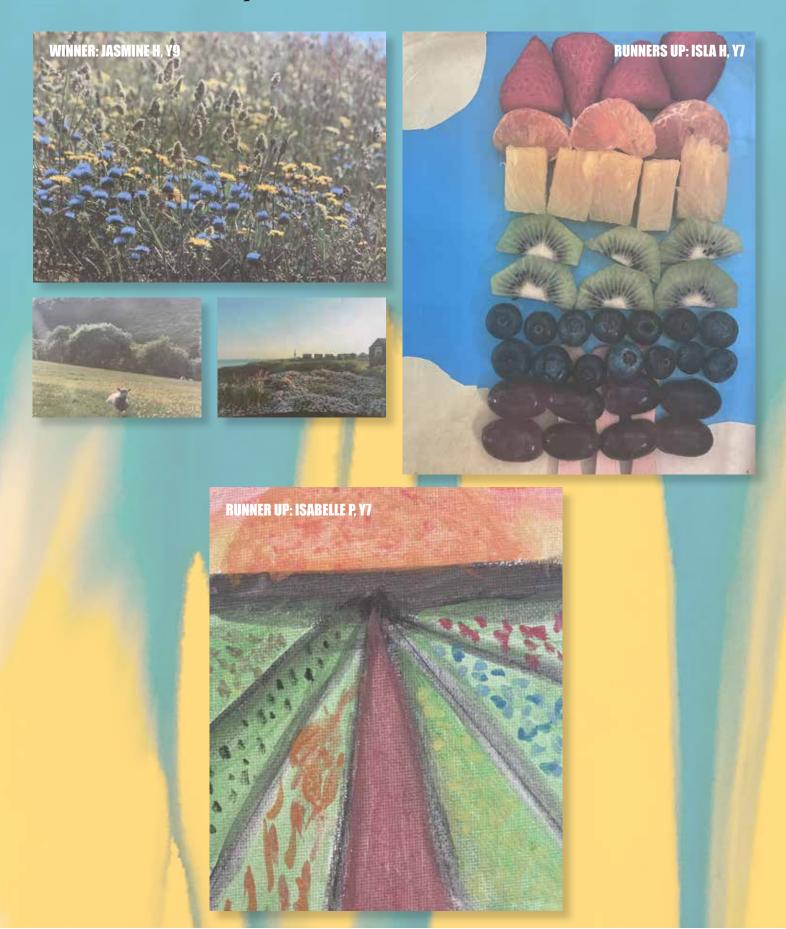
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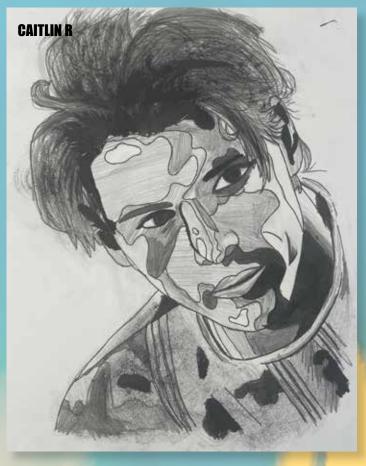
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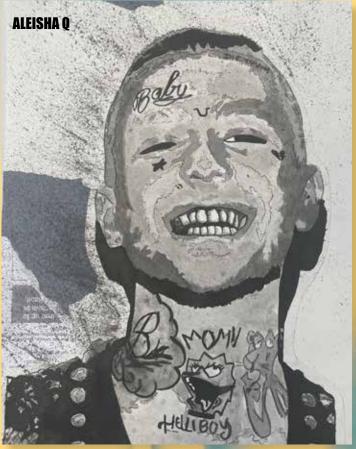


Year 9 Pop Art



Year 9 Portraits



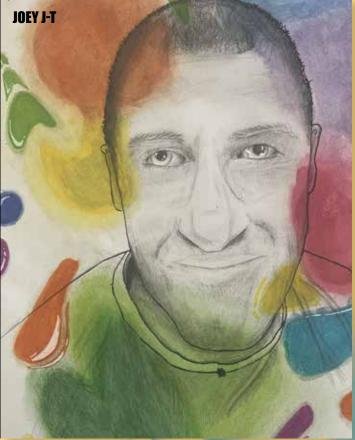


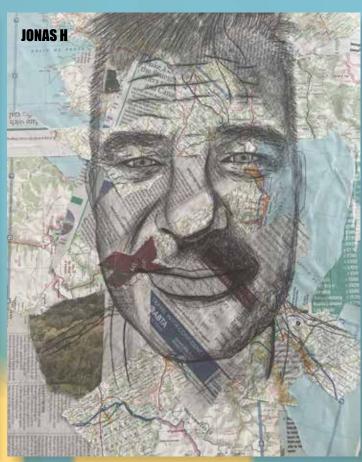




### Year 10 Portraits

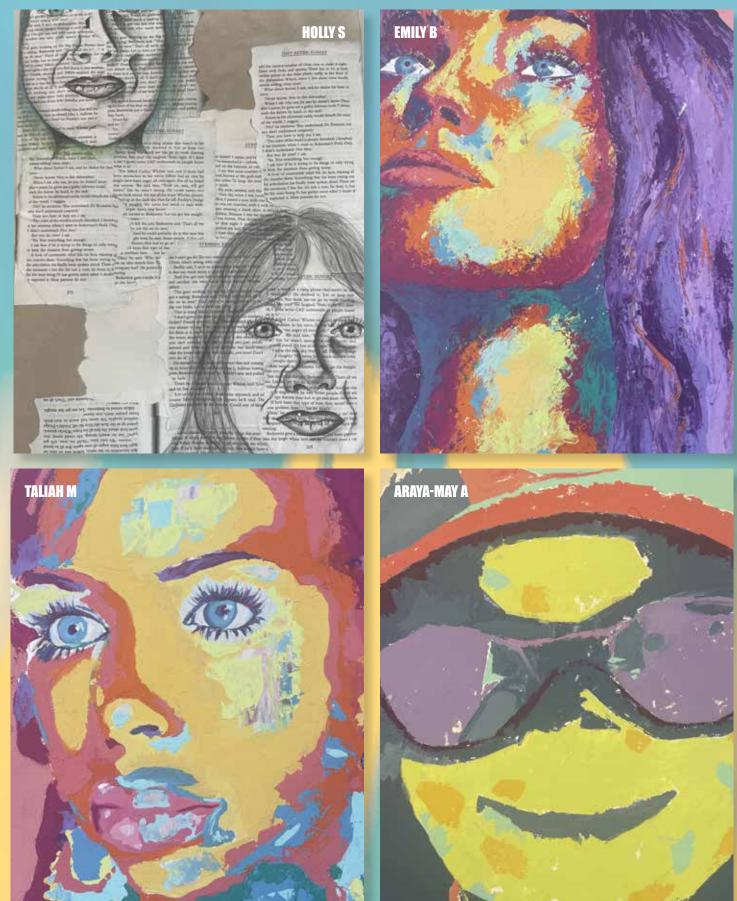








### Year 10 Portraits



### CREATE OUR SPACE COLLABORATE/CREATE/CHANGE

## THG SUMMER FAMILY VVORKSHIDS and THG OUT & ABOUT WITH CREATIVE CABIN

#### Saturday 22 July Two sessions: 11am or 1.30pm (please choose one) THG, Honiton

Celebrate Marine Week and design your own T-shirt using beach-combed plastics and raise awareness of plastic in our oceans. Limited places so book early. Bring a t-shirt from home or print onto fabric to take home. £5 per person.

#### Saturday 29 July Sunday 30 July Monday 31 July Exmouth Festival

**Exmouth Festival** Creative Cabin will be at Exmouth Festival. Drop-in activities for all the family.

### Tuesday 1 August 10am-2pm

**The Glen, Honiton** For Love Parks Week, come and find our Creative Cabin to get making.

#### Tuesday 8 August 10am-2pm The Beehive, Honiton Get inspired by fun free activities from Creative Cabin.

### Monday 14 August 10am-2pm Cranbrook

Creative Cabin will host a range of fun family activities.

#### Saturday 19 August Two sessions: 11am or 1.30pm (please choose one) THG, Honiton

Illustrating Nature family workshop with artist Monica Shanta. Working from plants, learn illustrative techniques to embellish nature Limited places so book early. £5 per person. Tuesday 22 August 10am-2pm The Beehive, Honiton Get inspired by fun free activities from Creative Cabin.

Friday 25 August 10am-4pm Seaton Children's Festival A range of fun and inspiring activities from Creative Cabin.

#### Friday 25 August 10.30am-12pm

**THG, Honiton** Our monthly early years creative play sessions continue.

### MORE STUFF >

More info and book at thelmahulbert.com/cos



### **LIBRARY NEWS**

### Top Book Charts 2022/23

The library has had an amazing year. Book issues continue to be high, with students enjoying many different genres of fiction and non-fiction. The most popular books this year have mostly been graphic novels, but there are plenty of other interesting (and often surprising) books that have been read by many students.

New Books!





#### **NEW BOOKS**

The library always has an excellent selection of the latest YA fiction and non-fiction. You can browse and reserve the latest book arrivals here:

https://axevalley.slls.online/Home/NewTitles



**CHESS CLUB** Yana and Cory will be running Chess Club after the summer break. They are two incredible players who are keen to share their knowledge and passion for the game with other students.

Training will commence in September for the Chess Federation Championships in February 2024.

New members are always welcome to come along, even if you've never played before!



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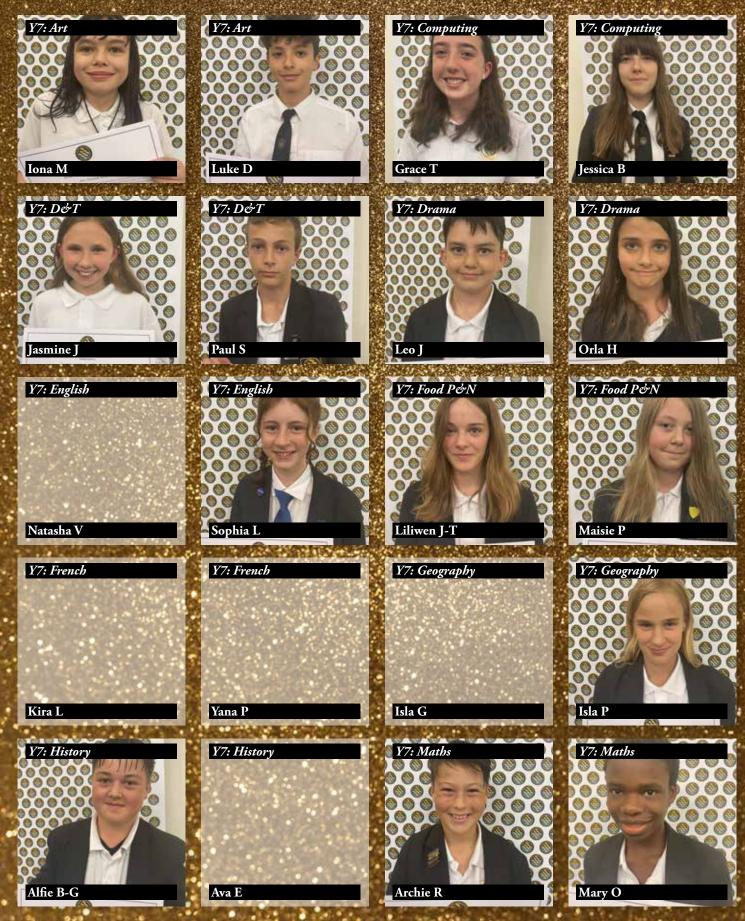


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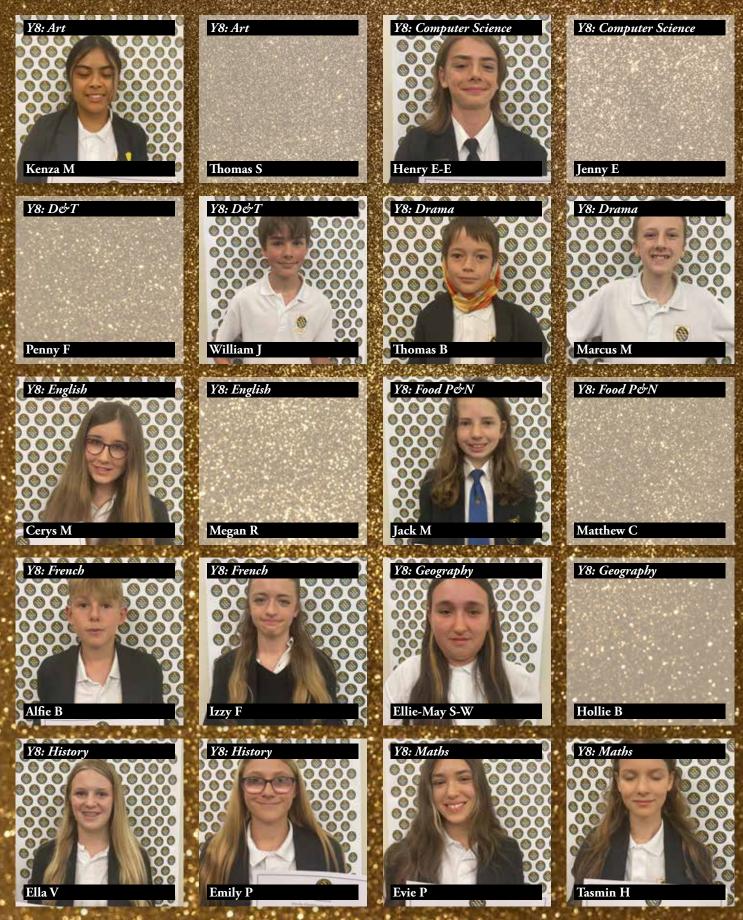
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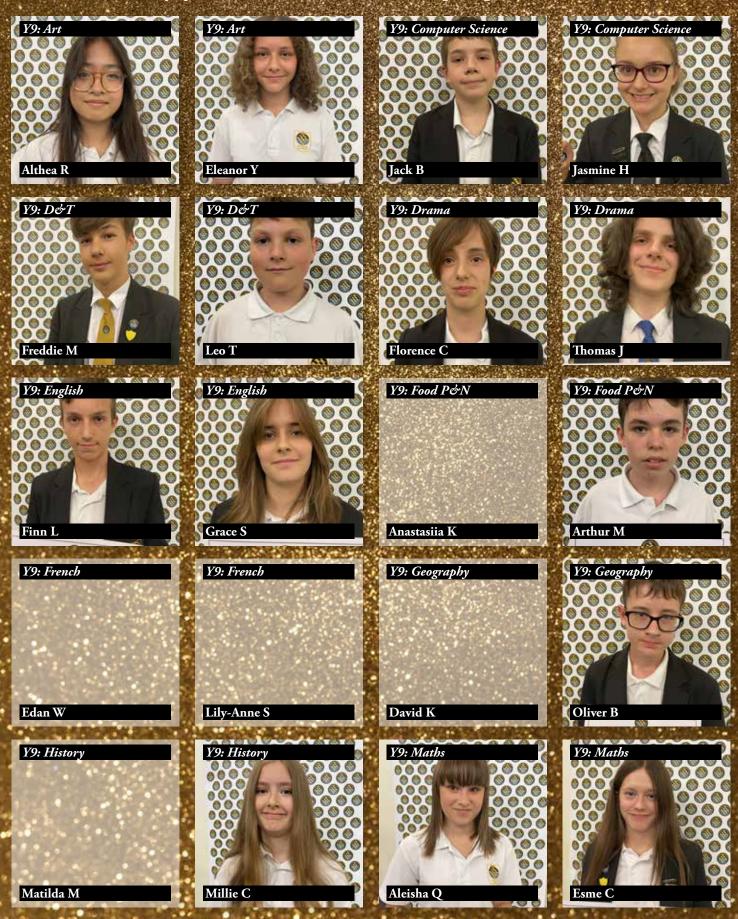
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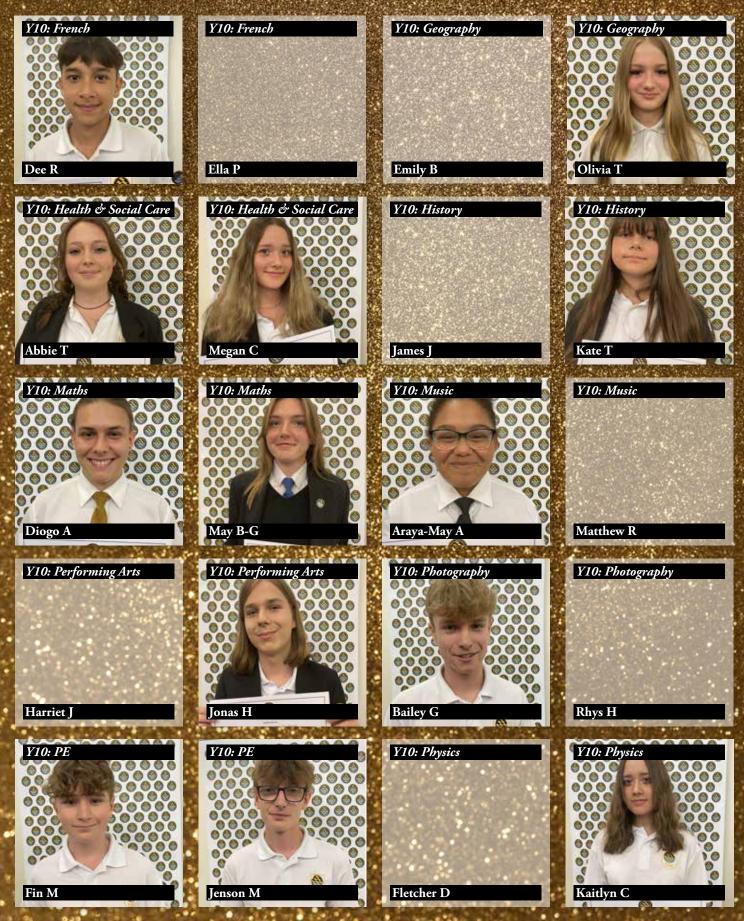
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## AVA GELEBRATES

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HEADTEACHER AWARD: YEAR 8

**HEADTEACHER AWARD: YEAR 7** 



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**HEADTEACHER AWARD: YEAR 9** 

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MAY B-G VICE CAPTAIN



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LADY MARY CHUDLEIGH 1656 – 1718





JAMES J HOUSE CAPTAIN



ABBIE T House captain



HARRIET J VICE CAPTAIN



JOEY J-T VICE CAPTAIN





ETHAN P House captain



KAITLYN C HOUSE CAPTAIN



DIOGO A VICE CAPTAIN



MADDIE H VICE CAPTAIN

UDLEIGH



# AVA HOUSE AWARDS

# ARTS CUPCOMMUNITY CUP1ST CORAM<br/>2ND CHUDLEIGH<br/>3RD ANNING1ST CHUDLEIGH<br/>2ND CORAM<br/>3RD ANNING

#### CURRICULUM CUP

1ST CHUDLEIGH 2ND ANNING 3RD CORAM

#### **READING CUP**

1ST CORAM 2ND CHUDLEIGH 3RD ANNING

#### SPORT CUP

1ST CORAM 2ND CHUDLEIGH 3RD ANNING

#### **OVERALL HIGHEST POINTS**

1ST JASMINE P – CORAM Y7 – 737 POINTS 2ND EZRA J – CORAM Y7 – 609 POINTS 3RD OLIVIA B – CORAM YEAR 7 – 578 POINTS

#### **ARTS CUP**

1ST HARRIET J – CHUDLEIGH Y10 – 130 POINTS 2ND AMELIA B – CORAM Y7 – 126 POINTS 3RD MATTHEW T CHUDLEIGH Y9 – 120 POINTS

#### **COMMUNITY CUP**

1ST SOPHIE B - CORAM Y9 - 73 POINTS 2ND OLIVIA B - CORAM - Y7 - 70 POINTS 2ND WILLOW V CHUDLEIGH - 70 POINTS

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#### **CURRICULUM CUP**

1ST JASMINE P – CORAM Y7 – 458 POINTS 2ND RILEY D – ANNING Y8 – 457 POINTS 3RD LILIWEN J-T ANNING – Y7 – 425 POINTS

#### **READING CUP**

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1ST JENNY E – CHUDLEIGH Y8 – 128 POINTS 2ND ELLA V – CHUDLEIGH – Y8 – 94 POINTS 3RD WILLIAM J Y8 – 87 POINTS

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#### SPORT CUP

1ST MARY O – ANNING Y7 – 68 POINTS 2ND GEORGE M – ANNING Y7 – 60 POINTS 3RD JASMINE P – CORAM Y7 – 57 POINTS

# HOUSES AT AVA

#### SO THE OVERALL WINNERS ARE... CHUDLEIGH





TURN AND FACE THE SUN AND LET THE SHADOWS FALL BEHIND YOU.





















#### LEAVERS 2023





#### WORDS OF WISDOM (From Mrs J's Godchildren aged (9,8,6,4))

When you go to big school (college) don't let someone be your best friend if they won't share your crisps with you.

Don't use a sharpie to do your lipstick.

If you get in big trouble at school only tell your mum when she is already busy on the phone.

> Don't shower your cat and hamster together (May have not understood the question)



Never ever settle for less than you are worth.

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Every teacher will have different and special memories of each and every one of you. You have left your own legacy, your own imprint and a part of you here. This will always be your school and you will always belong here.

MRS JENKINS, 20TH JUNE 2023

#### LEAVERS 2023











#### "Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world." NELSON MANDELA

I am filled with many different emotions while writing this post. However, the overarching emotion I feel is pride. It has been an absolute privilege to serve the Axe Valley community over the last 17 years. To serve the wonderful children, fantastic parents and passionate wider community. The memories I have are that of joy and happiness and I will be eternally grateful for the opportunities that this school, and this job has given me.

The idea of community is deeply embedded at Axe Valley, making it a very enjoyable place to work and learn. We constantly talk about how we expect high standards from our staff and children. I've had the pleasure of seeing these high standards executed on a daily basis. The values that are engrained within the school permeate in everything that happens. These values have become the norm, nudging the children towards an aspirational culture where they strive to have the best possible habits, completely dedicated to the school. The brilliant relationships that staff and students have made this possible. Watching relationships develop and flourish has been the cornerstone of what makes the school so very special. These special relationships make Axe Valley what it is... a community, a family.

"Every child deserves a champion, an adult that will never give up on them, who understands the power of connection, and insists that they become the best that they can possibly be."

#### **RITA PIERSON**

I have been fortunate enough to work with some amazing members of staff over the years. These adults have shown me what's needed to become a teacher, a leader and a better person. They have allowed me to connect the personal meaning of education to a higher purpose of belief, belonging and a sense of direction. Their daily guidance has not only allowed my own professional journey to develop, but they always provide high quality education to the children at school. Watching the staff champion the children at every opportunity continuously inspires me to be the best version of myself.

Axe Valley has shown me that teaching is the best job in the world. Being able to change lives, leading future generations is a privilege and a role that I haven't taken lightly. I have always enjoyed providing the children with the very best opportunities both inside and outside of the classroom. The sports fixtures, trips abroad, visits and wider curriculum have hopefully allowed the school community to see what life is like beyond the school gates. I have enjoyed watching the children develop and grow, consistently improving during their five-year journey at the school. In all honesty, coming to school every day hasn't seemed like a job, it is a way of life.

#### **MR SCOTT**

#### "You don't own the jersey, you're just the body in the jersey at the time" GRAHAM HENRY

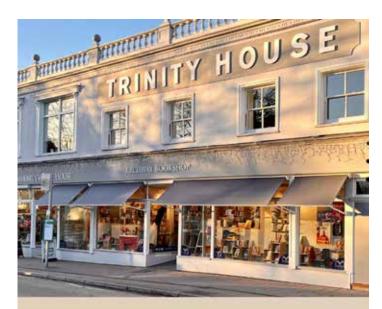
I have always tried to continue the fantastic legacy of the school. I have always put my heart and soul into the school, for the children that fill the classrooms and the fantastic teachers that have been before me. I hope I have had an impact, leaving the school in a better place than when I started. As George Bernard Shaw said, "Life is a sort of splendid torch which I have got a hold of for the moment, and I want to make it burn as brightly as possible before handing it on...". Axe Valley will always have a special place in my heart. I hope everyone has a restful and enjoyable summer holiday, returning in September ready to achieve great things.

#### WORD HARD, BE KIND.

**MR J SCOTT** 







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Peer support services (13-18 & 18-25yrs)

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#### **School Mentoring Services**

Supporting young people aged 11-18 yrs with a wellbeing mentor at school > Supporting teachers with

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At Action East Devon we are passionate about raising awareness of the issues facing those with mental health difficulties but also sharing ways to wellbeing that we can all do to stay healthy.

#### **Children & Family Support**

Information, advice and guidance for parents and care givers Family support resources Workshops and training for professionals community members and families

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