

WAVELENGTH



APRIL 2019 EDITION

KEY DATES :

Times and dates for Easter revision sessions are listed on our website

24th April
First Day of Summer Term

10th May Year 11 Celebration
Assembly

13th May
Main GCSE Exams Begin

14th June Final GCSE Exam

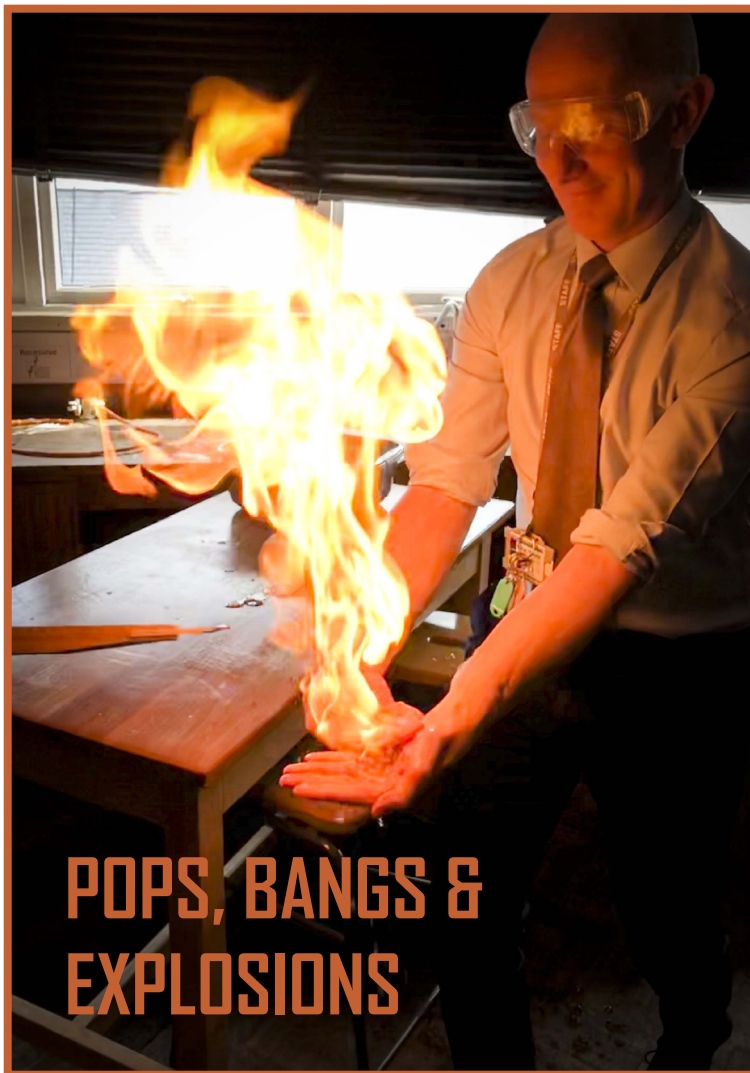
4th July Year 11 Prom

22nd August Results Day

Many date are added daily to out online calendar, please see our website for more details

Devon schools' Under-15s Rugby

Congratulations to Year 10 students Jude Baker-Hands, Jack Parr, Luca Barbot and Jake Howard who have been selected to play for the Devon schools' Under-15s Rugby squad. Their County season started with an encouraging result when they hosted Somerset at Mount Kelly College. Devon will next be in action against Bristol & Avon at home and finish their season playing Cornwall away. Best of luck boys!



POPS, BANGS & EXPLOSIONS

Take a look at some of the experiments that took place during Science Week, here at Teignmouth Community School.

We held demonstrations and invited all the students to pop along and get involved.....or just watch from a distance. Principal Mr James O'Connell couldn't resist getting involved. You can see James here holding an explosion of hydrogen filled bubbles.

Students currently studying at our Sixth Form centre were delighted to attend a talk given by a representative from Northumbria University. The aim of the talk was to provide learners with a view and to widen their horizons for where they would like to go next with the next step of their education. The talk gave valuable information on available options. Students are now looking forward to and preparing for the UCAS exhibition. Whether students are interested in higher education, apprenticeships, volunteer and gap year programmes, or career opportunities, they're sure to find something that appeals to them at a UCAS exhibition.





Primary School Fun Sports Festival



We welcomed local primary schools to join us for a day of fun at our sports festival. A selection of Year 8 volunteers teamed together with their P.E teacher to create a fun afternoon for the local primary school children. The festival provided an ideal opportunity for the younger children to mix with the older students whilst familiarising themselves with their prospective new surroundings here at Exeter Road.

We often invite local schools to join us for fun and exciting activities and experiences, this helps massively when transitioning from primary to secondary school. For many children the change can add stress and anxiety dealing with new experiences such as new classrooms, bigger buildings, new travel arrangements and meeting new teachers and staff. Overcoming such difficult experiences early enough helps removes barriers to learning and enable them to reach their full academic potential as well as feeling happy and enthusiastic.





Talent

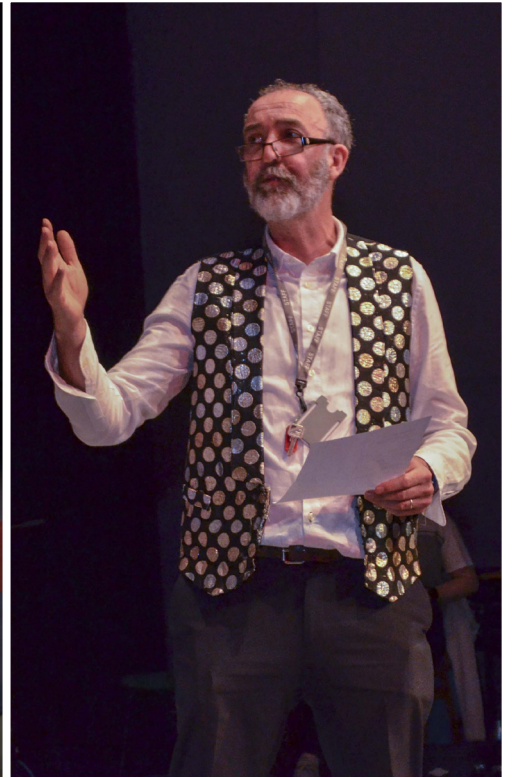
Sixth Form students organised a fantastic talent show watched during lunchtime by over 200 students.

Huge congratulations to the talented and brave students who all performed with great skill. Mr Humphreys also graced the stage with his guitar and Ms Pedder and Mr Johns brought the house down with their own finely choreographed dance to a song from Grease!

The Sixth Form environmental group organised the event with the aim of raising funds to produce a Sixth Form branded 'Eco Cup'. The group are passionate about reducing the use of plastics across the school site, and have now raised the funds to launch the project.

A huge well done to the Sixth Form students who have taken part in this enrichment project and contributed to organising of the event. Katie Wilby and Louise Jarrett took the lead, with valued support from Finlay Scollick, Katie Thain, Julianne Dela Cruz, Carrie Strutt, Gina Newton-Browne, Jaide Bervoets and Alex Jeffs.





Show

RAISING MONEY FOR



Stand-up comedian Dave Smith visited a Year 11 class, inviting them to take part in a workshop. The workshop provided useful skills, developing students' ability to use humour in their work. The afternoon was aimed at growing the craft and love of writing. Students can embed these skills into their exam for their English Language Paper 2-, Writing Viewpoints and Perspectives. Dave discussed with students the opportunities available to make a living from writing professionally. The students can be seen really enjoying his talk, and at some points they were in complete hysterics!! Dave has a background in stand-up comedy and has worked along side other comedians such as Peter Kay and Michael McIntyre. Dave's other passion is writing. His work can be found in The Sunday Times and Radio 4's Home Truths For more on Dave Smith take a look at www.wordsmith-features.com.



**STAND-UP
Dave Smith
Gives Talk to
Year 11
Students**



We love to hear about our students' achievements, not just in school but also activities taking place outside of school.

This week we would like to congratulate Ella Stephens. Ella is a member of NSEA (National Schools Equestrian Association), and last week represented Teignmouth Community School in a show jumping competition at Bicton.

Ella came a very proud 5th out of 28, in a very competitive class, with participants from all over the Westcountry.

A very well done to Ella. Keep up the good work! We will look forward to hearing more about how you do in future events!

UCAS

Y12 students who are interested in pursuing university degree, attended the annual UCAS Higher Education Exhibition at Westpoint in Exeter.



Our students joined 9000 other like-minded Y12 students from the South West where they visited exhibits from more than 150 UK universities. After undertaking some prior research, students were then able to ask questions about courses, places of study, costs and bursaries. In addition, other organisations such as the armed forces and professional organisations were present to answer questions on career opportunities.

The event was busy and exciting and hopefully it inspired students to really start thinking about their Next Step and helped to decide which Open Days they should now attend.



MALAGA 2019

Following on from a very successful trip last year, Year 10 students from Teignmouth Community School visited Malaga, Spain, for a week in February.

The weather was kind to the group this year, and students arrived to a very warm 25 degrees – a reward for getting up so early to catch their flight.

On the first day, students experienced their first public bus journey to the 'Peñón del Cuervo', a picturesque rock formation at a nearby beach, and then walked back to the hotel. In the evening, students met with their penpals from IES Bezmiliana, Rincón de la Victoria, where their teacher and trip leader had previously worked. It was great to see them practice their Spanish, and during the course of the week they met several times, hopefully creating lifelong friendships.

Every morning students had Spanish classes at Academia Inma, where they learnt essential vocabulary to be able to survive in everyday situations in Spain, as well as practising the skills needed for the speaking part of the GCSE exam. After classes, students were able to use their language skills in real-life situations, such as buying tickets, going to the market, and ordering at a restaurant.

Students got to try typical Spanish dishes, including croquetas, paella, and natillas (Spanish custard). They were also treated to a 'campero' – a large round sandwich bigger than their hand, which is typical from Malaga. Everyone tried something new and it was lovely to see so many of them enjoying it. Naturally students also had authentic churros con chocolate and celebrated a classmate's birthday on Valentine's Day with a Spanish birthday cake.

Cultural visits included the historic centre, the Alcazaba fortress, a coastal walk, a visit to the Centre Pompidou, and a graffiti walk. The trip also included several shopping trips, with Ale-Hop featuring highly!

Another activity was a 'selfie trail' where students were given clues in Spanish and had to work out what the clue meant, and then find that place around the city centre, asking people in the street for directions and help with the clues. On the last day, students also took part in an Apprentice-style challenge where they were given a list of items in Spanish and had to work out what they were, and then find it for the cheapest price. Both activities saw students practising their language skills and gave some surprising results.

The day trip to Nerja was arguably the highlight of the trip. The short coach journey from the hotel took students past the Acueducto del Agila and the beaches around Nerja, before arriving at the Caves. Students were given a guided tour around the Caves and learnt about the formations in the caves and the different chambers that have been discovered. After being in dark for so long, they made the most of the sunny weather and strolled around the botanic garden, learning about herbs, trees and flowers in Spanish. Students were then taken to have lunch in Nerja town and were amazed at the artist who painted scenes onto white tiles using only his fingers, as well as local musicians playing on the Balcón de Europa. After a few hours to admire the balcony, the beaches and the quaint town, and have a quick photo with King Alfonso XII's statue, students returned to the hotel to relax and have dinner with their penpals. Students have come home feeling inspired, wanting to speak Spanish more, and feeling more confident using the language. Some students have even said they want to retire to Spain in the future! It was a great experience for all concerned, and teachers were impressed by their mature attitude and willingness to try new things. ¡Hasta la próxima!





JACK WILLIS

Jack is no stranger to an early morning, in fact he often wakes at 4am and heads to the swimming pool where he spends the next 2 hours covering between 6 - 10 KM, before getting ready for a long day at school. Jack took to the water at 2 years old during water baby classes, learning to swim independently by the age of 4. After spending a few years growing in confidence; developing his skills and technique, Jack entered his first competition. Jack now frequently takes part in national and international tournaments often walking away with a medal.

In 2017 Jack came first place out of around 40 competitors in an open water competition. He remembered that day really well, He mentioned "the weather proved pretty difficult, with strong winds and huge waves". Despite this, the swimmers swam 600 metres to a buoy out at sea and returned to shore running through a series of flags for the win! Back in February Jack visited a swim camp in Fuerteventura, Canary Island. He was there for a week and completed 24hrs of swimming. The camp helped Jack to lengthen his stroke, improving on speed and performance.

Jack's next competition in Bristol as we head into the Easter break, he'll be competing against 200 other swimmers in the 800m freestyle. We wish Jack all the best and cannot wait to hear how he gets on.

We've just been passed the exciting news that Jack Carden and Tom Cairns are both now counting down the days until their trip to Japan. Both lads have a campaign in place hoping to raise enough money to fund the trip, enabling them represent England in the World Rugby Youth Tournament. Whilst we held a fundraising event here at the school, many other supporters have also been doing their bit. With further events still in the pipeline, the current total raised stands at a staggering £45,000. We're looking forward to seeing the boys upon their return and we're equally excited to hear about their experiences away.

