



Parents' Newsletter

9th November 2018

Dear parents and guardians of Sixth Form students,

Here's a taster of what we've been up to since half term...

Last week, **Year 12 Art and Photography** students travelled to Exeter for the day and were lucky to have the benefit of some glorious autumnal sunlight, as well as a spectacular view from the Cathedral roof-top, to enable them to practise and develop their skills. They have come back with plenty of material and ideas to develop in their current unit of work – perhaps we'll see some of it in the Harbour House Exhibition later in the year!

We had visit from **South Hams Community & Voluntary Services** to give students a fresh perspective on what it means to be a volunteer in their community. As young people with energy and a varied set of skills, they have the ability to contribute enormously to other people and organisations, as well as benefiting their own wellbeing and self-esteem in the longer term. We encourage every sixth former to actively participate in our enrichment programme, which includes self-motivated voluntary work; we are really proud of those students who go out and, in many small ways, make a positive difference to the lives of others. On a related note, our **Careers Fair** was attended by over 50 delegates from a wide range of sectors, including the NHS, Fire Service, Armed Forces, GWR, theatres, training agencies, and educational establishments such as South Devon College and Exeter University. This was a brilliant showcase of just some of the opportunities the South West has to offer, and it was great to see the lively discussions and information-gathering that took place.

In Friday Tutorial we hosted a visit from a **Police Drugs Expert**, who delivered a powerful message about the realities and risks around drug taking and supplying. As parents, carers and teachers, we know that we can never fully remove risk for our young people at this time of increased independence, but this assembly is just a part of the programme we have in place to help students to reflect on their choices, options and the support networks available when they need them. If you want to find out more, would like to start a conversation with your child about the issue and need a starting point, or have any concerns about drug abuse, a helpful resource is the **FRANK website**: <https://www.talktofrank.com/>, or please get in touch with a member of the Sixth Form Team for help or advice.

We look forward to seeing many of you at Year 13 Parents' Evening!

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Year 12

- Learn2Live Roadshow (for students) – during the school day, Thursday 15th November
- Parents' Evening – Thursday 13th December

Year 13

- Parents' Evening – Thursday 22nd November