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HEADMASTER'S MESSAGE

Oh what a year of so many highlights. Off the top of my head, a Performing Arts Evening done club style, "Newsies", a triumph of performance and song by pupils who only a year before were, by and large, in the chorus, our results in football against Millfield, played 3 and won 3. Our Ten Tors team, told by the captain of another school that they were no hoppers, that then came in two hours ahead of his team, breaking our school record. Next year, we may have two teams, with one having a go at the 45 mile distance. Sports Day, more of a day, with everyone competing, not just a few. There was face paint and parents in evidence, having been invited and we want more of both next year.

Then there are the individual triumphs, Lily Mae Pettifer as Captain of the GB Under 19 Underwater Hockey Team, Tom Sinclair, South West Young Chef of the Year, Matt Cusworth playing at the Albert Hall, George Tucker, a nationally ranked triathlete, the current ISA National Triathlon Champion, Nova Jeffrey, silver medalist in the ISA National Javelin. We had so many pupils at regional and national level this year in athletics and swimming; a small school punching above its weight. Elliot and Jayden making the England ISFA Under Fourteen team, given the politics around that, as well I know, they will have had to have been twice as good as some of their competitors and Ruwa, representing Zimbabwe at Hockey.

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Jacob Mason instigated and designed a medal for the children of those in the armed forces. This national “Young People’s Award” has been named Jacob’s Award. Jacob was presented with it and next year has been asked to present it to its next recipient. Then, and I couldn’t resist including this, Logan Jeffrey beating Mr Lovett in the Teignmouth Park Run for the first time, not so much a national achievement but the news of which did make me smile; oh, the passing of the years. There were so many more individual achievements celebrated throughout the year, so well done to all those involved.

Then there were the events, the discos, our Sixth Form Dinners, the new International Evening, who would have thought that playing games could be so much fun and the different foods! The Colour run, more colour than run. All our Christmas events, including incredible performances at the Carol Service and the return of the Kristingle Service. I had no idea you could have such entertainment with an orange, a dolly mixture and a toothpick and having lots of children holding burning candles in a largely wooden Chapel wasn’t as scary as I first thought.

I will have missed many highpoints and if I haven’t featured yours, I apologise but I am not surprised, given the sheer volume of all we do. Ms Moss at the start of the year encouraged all our pupils to take the opportunities available to them and in a follow up assembly recently, she highlighted them: Duke of Edinburgh, Declamations, Art competitions and exhibitions, Drama productions, scholarships, CCF, residentials, skiing, Ten Tors, Science Buskers, Ambassadors, Prefects and Envoys, a raft of sport of all kinds and so much more of it, and we are no longer the team that turns up to make up the numbers. There were House competitions, Clubs, surfing, fishing, socials, leading assemblies, trips to Spain, Germany and locally, teaching in Prep, World Challenge, it went on and so could I but you get the picture. Ms Moss asked pupils to stand up if they had been or were involved in anything on her list. Nobody was able to remain in their seat throughout. This is a school of opportunities for all, not just the few, where pupils take and are encouraged to take those opportunities.

This extracurricular activity enables young people to learn how to work as a team, to communicate and network with peers with similar interests, to problem solve, to communicate, to lead, to develop social and collaboration skills. All desirable things in of themselves but also very appealing to future institutions of further education and training, and employers. Along the way, pupils build confidence and self-esteem, learn to fail well, manage stress and mental well-being. They realise they are their own project. It is their character they are shaping and that as the old Chinese proverb goes, “Teachers open the doors but you must enter yourself”. And no pupils, that does not mean you can stop opening doors for teachers!



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A Splash of Adventure and a Dash of Chaos: Students' Weekend Escapades

Friday Evening: Water Adventures

The weekend kicked off with a tranquil outing to the local canal, where students embraced the serenity of nature—albeit occasionally from a submerged position. Kayaking and paddle boarding were the order of the evening, with participants gliding (and sometimes wobbling) across the calm waters. While some stayed dry, others may have unintentionally invented new water-entry techniques. Either way, spirits remained high.



Saturday: Pedal to the Metal (and Sometimes the curb)

Saturday introduced a stark change of pace with off-road go-karting. Students donned helmets, revved their engines, and tore through the rugged track with the kind of enthusiasm that would terrify most driving instructors. The course quickly transformed into a chaotic show of crashes. Thankfully, all mishaps were minor, and the only real damage was to lap times.



End of the Year...

We're coming to that point in the year where we are seeing boarders leaving in their staggered succession. With some leaving due to conquering their exams, and some leaving as it's their end to the Trinity Journey they've embarked on; some for a long time and others for a short period. Either way, it's been a pleasure to support them in the boarding houses.



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The Heart of Crime Writing Fiction: Agatha Christie's Home

Need a crime solving? A body wound up on a train? You can't find any clues or leads and the solution is looking more and more bleak...? Fear not, as our Year 7s explored the house of the world renowned crime author Agatha Christie; and I think it's safe to say they've become inspired and awakened to solve criminal mysteries...



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Year 8 Crack the Case!

To kick start Activities Week, Year 8 pupils turned into detectives for an hour of fast-paced fun during a Sherlock Holmes-themed treasure hunt

In teams, they raced around the school solving riddles and uncovering clues, from the CCF to the library and Food Tech rooms! The biggest challenge? A fiendishly difficult clue hidden in The Hang Out, which had every team stumped for a while

After collecting evidence and eliminating suspects, the young sleuths finally cracked the case; the missing manuscript was in the hands of the mysterious Irene Adler all along!



Soaking up the Sun in Style

As part of the Year 7 enrichment week, they took to the water in style and had an afternoon of paddling, kayaking and various team building activities (as seen building a human pyramid on the 'mega-board') They all had a great time; another great opportunity to reward them on their hard work over this past year.



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Year 10 Drama students take to the Prep School Stage!!

The Year 10 BTEC Drama group proved just how professional they can be when working with the little people over in the Prep School on their annual summer concert. With perfect comic timing, they provided links between the varied Prep acts. Pretending to be a slightly dysfunctional family watching tv, eating junk food and fighting over the remote control, they created the perfect “Trinity Prep Gogglebox” allowing the variety acts to flow seamlessly!



It was wonderful to see how they nurtured and guided the Prep 5 and 6 actors especially when improvising to detract from a few technical glitches! But most notably, a joy to see our talented Prep and Senior students collaborating together. Smilla, an international boarder, did not let her nerves take hold, giving a convincing performance as the sophisticated foreign exchange student. A big round of applause to Cat, Esmee, Jacob and Smilla!



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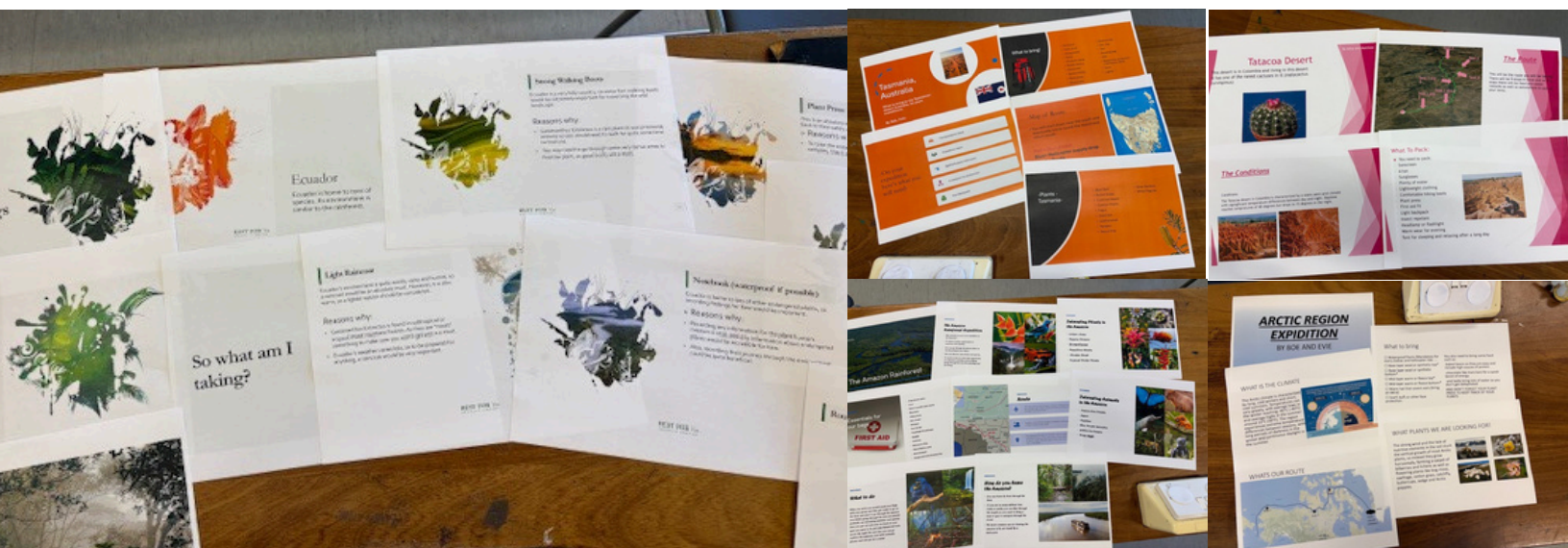


Kew Gardens Science Competition...

Years 7&8 have been taking part in a competition recently, run by Kew Gardens.

They all had to imagine they were a plant hunter working for Kew Gardens, searching for rare and endangered plants all over the world. They all tackled the challenge of designing the perfect “expedition pack” for travelling in a remote region, enthusiastically!

We could only submit one entry and after rigorous deliberation, Libbet was chosen as the overall winner. Her design stood out as she had gone into detail about why she had packed what she did. Well done Libbet! Runners up, close behind include Shakira, Seb and Felix, Alice and Matthew, and Win. Prizes and certificates are on their way. Well done everyone!



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Year 8 Residential at Cofton

The rest of the school has been busy, but what about our Year 8s?

They've spent, since Wednesday, time at Cofton exploring a plethora of activities from fishing to conquering the high ropes. They've had a great time getting out of their comfort zones and trying new activities; or for some, mastering those activities. They'll all sleep well on Friday evening; no need to thank us for tiring them out!



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Heartbreak Ridge? Not for our Troopers

This week has seen our Year 9 cadets take on their annual CCF summer camp. After a lot of hard work preparing over the year; their skills are finally being put to use on the range and in the field.

This week our cadets have had the opportunity to experience what our military do. They've had expert help and lessons from serving members.

Most notably, they've fired the standard issue cadet SA 80 rifle (which fires 5.56mm rounds); they've done archery, paintball, laser tag, air rifle, shotgun and field gun, and experienced living in the Okehampton barracks. A great week for them.

Thanks to Ma'am for organising a great week!



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Crime Investigators: Trinity's Way

Year 7 and a group of Year 9s visited Dartmoor this week to coincide with their British Crime Stories Enrichment Week. Their first stop was the National Park Visitor Centre in Princetown where Conan Doyle resided whilst he wrote the novel 'Hound of the Baskervilles'. They certainly got into character with some enthusiastic dressing up! The next stop was the picturesque Postbridge for lunch and a game of Frisbee. They finished their trip with a scramble on Hound Tor and, luckily, the sun was shining for most of the day as they marveled at the fabulous views of Dartmoor.





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Reenacting the Middle ages Trials: Year 7 Edition



The year 7s had a great time exploring the Middle ages, especially the trials by ordeal judicial system. Students reenacted trials by fire (carrying a hot rod), water and combat. They really enjoyed showing off their acting skills and making the props too. Are they innocent or guilty...? Did they prove that they were worthy of Divine Judgement...?

Shop Opening Times

- Thursday 31 July and Friday 1 August between 10am to 1pm on each day
- Monday 1 September from 2.30 to 4.00pm
- Wednesday 3 September between 3 to 5pm (this is the first day of term so instead of being open on Thursday as usual we're bringing it forward a day)
- After these dates, the school shop will revert back to it's normal times of 3-5pm

Dates for your diaries...

- July 9th - Speech Day
- **SUMMER TIME!**

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HOUSEPOINTS UPDATE

1st – Luscombe – 5197 Points

2nd – Powderham – 5091 Points

3rd – Ugbrooke – 5045 Points

Student Leaderboard

1st – Shakira May - 295 points

2nd – Alice Lovett - 260 points

3rd – Jayden Kirungi - 245 points

4th – Libbet Marshall - 228 points

5th – Lana Magill - 227 points

The house point totals will be updated on Speech Day



“Discipline is the soul of an army. It makes small numbers formidable; procures success to the weak, and esteem to all”

Editor's QOTW

George Washington emphasized that discipline is what transforms potential into performance. In a military context, it's what allows even a smaller force to succeed against larger ones. The same principle applies in school: discipline—showing up on time, staying organized, persevering through challenges—is what helps students excel, even when things feel overwhelming or when others may seem more naturally gifted. In a school setting, this quote reinforces that success doesn't only come from talent, but from consistent effort and self-control. It encourages students to value structure, routine, and accountability—traits that help them thrive academically and personally





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4th of July Commendations

· Kodie Humphries · Mason Wesley
Matthew Norrish-Jones · Joshua Ball
· Elliot Starr · Owen Young
· Felix Balfour-Paul · Smilla Gamma
· Boe Taylor · Jacob Mason
· Alice Lovett · Esmee Glue
· Gemma Newton · Catherine Flynn
· Ashton Foxworthy

Headmaster's Commendations

· Elliot Starr
· Boe Taylor
· Gemma Newton
· Mason Wesley
· Joshua Ball

Have a great Summer Holiday...!



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ON THIS DAY IN HISTORY...

THE 4TH OF JULY

In 1776 US Congress proclaimed the Declaration of Independence...

In 1829 the first London horse-drawn 'omnibus' began its service...

In 1837 the world's first long-distance railway opened between Birmingham and Liverpool...

In 1865 the first edition of Lewis Carroll's 'Alice's Adventures in Wonderland' was published...

In 1884 the French presented America with the Statue of Liberty in Paris...

In 1934 Hungarian scientist Leo Szilard patented the chain-reaction design for the atom bomb...

In 1954 the WWII food rationing finally ended in Britain...

In 1960 the new American flag with 50 stars was unfurled, honouring Hawaiian statehood...

In 2004 the cornerstone for the new Freedom tower in new York was laid...

In 2012 scientists at CERN announced the discovery of the so-called "God Particle"...

In 2021 researchers revealed there were 14 living descendants of Leonardo da Vinci...



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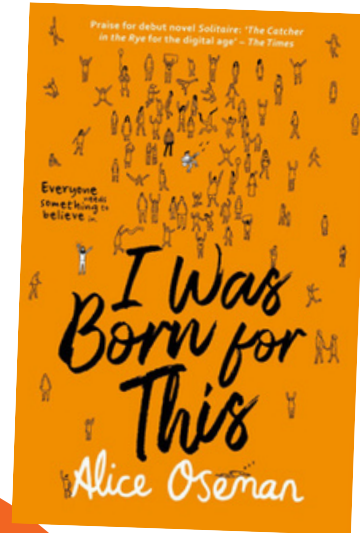
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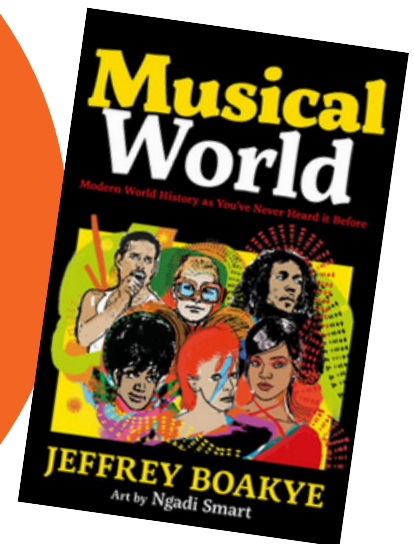
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Nicola Collison

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Talking and Creative therapy

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I will have a room set up in school so children and young people can choose, with my guidance, how they want to use the sessions.

Hi there, my name is Nicola Collison. I am a qualified counsellor accredited by the NCPS (National Counselling and Psychotherapy Society) and have a Post-Graduate Diploma in Play Therapy. Before that, I was a Primary School Teacher for over 20 years.



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I have worked with children and young people with a variety of needs. Amongst these are bereavement, anxiety, self-esteem, gender, trichotillomania, addictive tendencies, self-harm, eating difficulties, emotional and behavioural difficulties, children with A.D.H.D. and autism. I work primarily in a person-centred way, but depending on how the person I am working with wants to progress, we can dip into different ways of working together either creative or Cognitive Behaviour Therapy (CBT). This will very much allow them to lead the session and me to be there to listen- we can explore together.

Please do get in touch: nccounselling7@gmail.com

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