

NEWSLETTER SUMMER 2022

It's that time of year again! It is difficult to believe this is our first full year without a lockdown and that it is the end of the year already. I am in awe of the progress our wonderful learners have made this year: from personal development, resilience and social skills to massive improvements in reading. We couldn't do it without the support of parents like yourselves and we have loved working with you. If learners, parents and the school are a partnership then the sky is the limit for our amazing, unique and bubbly young people.

From next year you will be getting a newsletter from individual sites so that we can share more information including things like photographs of new staff and more details that are relevant to you and your learner.

Please read on to see a few of the things we have been up to.

Y9 LEARNERS



It has been a fantastic pioneering year for our first Year 9s. They have enjoyed the ASDAN courses, worked on some exciting projects including regenerating an area of bog, building French Drains and planting wet loving plants. They have been excellent peer mentors for younger learners on the Shillingford site. They have made great progress with their reading and writing and gained confidence by doing things that were outside their comfort zones, learning it is ok to make mistakes.

The year's definite highlights were a visit to see bees at Buckfast Abbey, volunteering at The Birds of Prey Centre and TOS first residential to visit HMS Victory with a stay overnight in Southsea.

We wish the boys lots of luck with their move to their new learning base at Crediton and being pioneers there too!

Thanks must go to the staff for making the year so interesting for the learners.



OPEN DAYS AT CREDITON SITE FOR Y8 PARENTS AND LEARNERS

Robyn Vincent (Headteacher) will be available at our Crediton site on the days below, to show learners and their families around. Robyn will be available between the hours of 10am – 2pm on **Tuesday 2nd August, Monday 22nd August and Tuesday 23rd August**. If possible, please can you telephone the school office and let us know in advance on what day you will be visiting the Crediton site. The Post Code for the site is EX17 3NH.

REMINDERS

Following our consultation earlier this term, the School day on all sites will run from 10 am until 3.30pm. We will be advising Transport at Devon County Council accordingly.

PICTURES FROM SOUTH BRENT

Our learners at South Brent have settled in well and have found their own creative and helpful ways of dealing with the challenges presented to them. Here they can be seen making crop circles, chilling in the hammocks, using the shave horse and helping the tutors!



TIVERTON SITE

The learner and staff on our Tiverton site have been having way too much fun! This started with the challenge of cooking a Christmas dinner on the fire, fantastic re-enactments of historical events such as The Plague, WW1 and The Battle of Hastings. The produced some very entertaining videos produced by Hazels. Scots Pine built a road system and everyone enjoyed the Comic Relief custard pie fight.

The learners have been doing their own shopping and budgeting also taken part in many of the Enrichment trips such as climbing, trips to the Moors, swimming, beach trips and many more.





SHILLINGFORD SITE



Our recent topic on the history of humans, finished with learning about electricity in our brain and the different circuits.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

DAY/DATE	EVENT
Monday 5 th September	First day back for all learners
Monday 24 th October – Friday 30 th October	Half Term Week
Friday 18 th November	Children in Need Day
Wednesday 7 th December	Parents Evening meetings
Friday 9 th December	Christmas Fair at each site for Learners
Friday 18 th December 2022	Last day of term
Thursday 5 th January 2023	First day of Spring term

As the school year draws to a close after completing our first full year, it is nice to look back and remember all of the things that learners have achieved with the help of our wonderful staff at all three sites. Without them all of the learning and progress which has been achieved would not have been possible. So thank you to you all. Please make the most of the summer holidays, take care and see you in September.

Robyn Vincent (Headteacher)