



In order for our young people to be safe, ALL visitors, including parents MUST report to Reception on arrival at the school.
Jan Sampson, Assistant Head, Student Welfare

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A Message from the Head... Year 11 in 'working hard' shock!! It is always fashionable among teachers to complain that Y11 are not settling down to work at this stage of the year but I must, in all fairness, report that the vast majority are showing an impressive commitment to their studies at this stage. Mr Sowden and a number of subject leaders have commented on how pleased they are with Y11. I am a little nervous of saying so in case they relax but at the moment..... praise is due!

English held a GCSE coursework open evening as part of the family festival fortnight (report overleaf). This is the second year it has taken place and feedback was very positive. My thanks to Sally Hancox, Sarah Donnelly and all the staff who worked hard to make it a success.

Last week we had our Open Evening for parents of Years 5/6. It was the best attended yet and intake numbers are projected to pass our intake limit shortly. Staff worked hard to celebrate THS and what it stands for that evening and did a great job in communicating our commitment to each young person's success.

Guitar Summer Exams. Congratulations to the children who over the summer have passed their guitar exams with the Registry of Guitar Tutors, Thames Valley University:

Mark Andrews	Yr 8	Preliminary Grade, Distinction
Chloe Diggle	Yr 8	Preliminary Grade, Distinction
Joseph Taylor	Yr 8	Preliminary Grade, Distinction
David Bartlett	Yr8	Bass Preliminary Grade, Merit
Emily Chilcott	Yr 9	Grade 1, Merit
Emily Stone	Yr9	Grade 1, Merit
Ben Furneaux	Yr9	Grade 1, Distinction
Josie McDowell	Yr9	Grade 1, Distinction
Olivia Purrington	Yr9	Grade 1, Distinction
Will Luxton	Yr10	Grade 3, Merit

Well done to everyone! Ruth Harry

Tiverton's Carnival and Christmas Lights Committee are holding a fashion show

featuring clothes from Jo Amor, Tony Price Sports and others at the New Hall, Barrington Street, Tiverton on Friday 19th October at 7.30pm. Tickets cost £5 and include a glass of wine. They are available from Jo Amor, Tony Price Sports and the Town Council Office at the Town Hall.

Open evening at Bridgwater College. If you're considering your options on leaving school, you should come along to our Open Evening on Tuesday 6th November 2007, 5.30-9pm. Meet our staff and students, tour our facilities and pick up a prospectus. For more details, call us on 01278 441234 or visit www.bridgwater.ac.uk

Tesco Music for Schools A really big thank you to all staff, students and parents for diligently collecting a significant number of Tesco vouchers for the 'Music for Schools' initiative. After the final counting, Tiverton High School Music Department could finally invest in two Acoustic Guitars which will have a positive impact, not only on the new 'Rock School' Key Stage Four course, but also for all KS3 students and GCSE students both in and around the curriculum. Once again a tremendous thank you from THS Music Dept. If you want to see them in action, then come along to the Autumn Concert where they will undoubtedly be being put to the finest use by some of our talented minstrels. Ian Wright Head of Music



Cross Country Running. Mr Jenkins and Mr Winter took students from years 8-11 to the October meeting of Minehead Running Club Seafront Races. These races will be held on the first Monday of every month until April, providing motivation and training during the winter. On Wednesday 3rd, it was a very mild evening and resulted in some good times by THS students. Anyone interested in coming along should see Mr Jenkins. The route to and from Minehead (selected by Mr Winter) would appeal to those interested in 'hidden Devon'.

Mr Winter 4th, Mr Jenkins 2nd, Simon Cooper 1st, Kian Rayment 2nd, Alex Wynn 2nd, Lorna Callahan 3rd, Kyryn Wiggins 4th, Lauren Wiggins 5th, Brendon Parr 2nd, Barry Pike 4th, William Greatrex 6th, Belinda Cooper 1st, Harriet Greatrex 4th, Lisa Hancock 6th, Georgina Pike 7th
Well done to everyone who took part.

Twyford Spartans Youth FC - All welcome to join. Training for both girls and boys Come and join us.

Under 5s-11s – Tues 6-7pm Tiverton Astro Turf
Under 12s – Tues 6.30-8pm Amory Park, Tiverton

Under 13s-16s – Wed 6.30-8pm Amory Park
Girls 7-16 years – Mon 6.30-8pm Amory Park
If you are interested, just turn up at the relevant training session. The girls and boys play in football leagues throughout the football season.

For more details see www.twyfordspartans.co.uk or email postmaster@twyfordspartans.co.uk

THURSDAY BULLETIN

On Tuesday night, a large number of our G.C.S.E students' parents got back into the classroom to find out what KS4 English is all about! Below are just some of the positive comments we received about the evening. We would like to thank parents for their support and energy during this event!

- "Very useful, informative and worthwhile".
- "I thought the short snappy sessions were fun and kept my interest up".
- "This kind of evening is very welcome Thanks".

Year 10 Students! Don't forget that your Prose Study coursework is due in on the first Monday after half-term: 29th October! Remember that if you are struggling with any aspect of the assignment, help is available at the coursework support sessions: every lunch time in Room 33 – ALL NEXT WEEK.

Young Cultural Creators – year 7

For one day last week, all of year 7 spent time in writing workshops with reputable authors. Some students found themselves writing about dolphins, whilst others brought interesting and obscure objects to life. Their day ended with a group sharing activity and 'question and answer' sessions with the authors. Some of the responses included:

- "It was awesome"
- "It's easy to personify an old-fashioned object"
- "I've learned that to be a good writer you must grab readers' attention"
- "I learned to ask 'what'? and 'where'?"
- "I have learnt that dolphins sleep with half a brain"!!

Well done year 7! Watch out for published work to come!

English Department



Devon Youth Dance. Sophie Pudney has successfully auditioned for the Devon Youth Dance Company. About 100 dancers auditioned from across the whole of Devon. The Company perform in 6 shows around the county; they will rehearse at weekends during the autumn and spring term leading to performances in March. This is a fantastic opportunity and we wish Sophie good luck and well done on this great achievement.

Ashfords League. As part of the Exeter School Sports Partnership we are part of the Ashfords league where we play fixtures in Hockey, Netball, Football and Rugby at U13 and U15 age groups. On Thursday we played U13 and U15 Hockey against St Margarets, where both teams came away with a defeat. The U13 team lost 26 -11 and the U15 team lost 33 – 7, however despite the disappointing results the team spirit shone through. This is an on-going league with the finals in March, Watch this space for more results.

PE Department

A String Group starting on 31st October. We would like to invite you to attend the newly formed String Group. It will meet every Wednesday lunchtime in room 72. The group will accommodate complete beginners through to more accomplished players. It will be run by Joanne Atkins (year 11) and it is hoped that this informal ensemble will help to improve confidence and instrumental skills for all those involved. We look forward to meeting you on the 31st October (first Wednesday after half-term). Ian Wright Head of Music

Peer Mentor Support If you have a problem of any kind inside or outside of school, come and see the Peer Mentors in The Den (room 85) at lunchtime. If you wish to see a Peer Mentor in private, please contact Angela Britton through Reception or call in her office (opposite room 82). 'Nothing is too small or awful we can't talk about it with someone.'

SING UP COMMUNITIES. The Music Department is delighted to announce Devon Music Services' success in winning a substantial award from Youth Music to launch a fantastic new two year singing programme for all schools in the Tiverton and Honiton areas. The project aims to establish a culture of singing in all the Local Learning Community (LLC) schools, where everyone will have the opportunity to sing. Children and young people will work together, alongside a resident author and composer, to create a song cycle for their LLC, based on local history and heritage. It is hoped that all primary school children will eventually transfer to secondary school knowing common songs. In September 2008 a new work will be commissioned to celebrate the



Visual Arts at Tiverton High School



This year Tiverton High School is hosting the annual 'Best of the West', a showcase of Art from schools and colleges in the South West. The exhibition runs from 9th October to 2nd November.

On display will be a range of work from Tiverton High School, East Devon College and several other schools and colleges from as far away as Gloucester and Bristol. It is a wonderful opportunity to see the excellent work done by students throughout the South West.

If you would like visit the exhibition please phone Ann on 01884 256655 ext 248 to arrange a time.

coming together of the two communities and a choir will be created, consisting of Yrs 5,6 7 & 8 pupils.
Ian Wright Head of Music

Would contributors please note that the deadline for items to be included in the next Bulletin is midday Wednesday