



PAIGNTON  
COMMUNITY &  
SPORTS ACADEMY

# PAIGNTON ACADEMY NEWS SPRING 2016



**FORMER OLYMPIAN HAS STUDENTS JUMPING FOR JOY!**

## FORMER OLYMPIAN, VERNON SAMUELS, VISITS ACADEMY

PCSA was delighted to welcome ex-Olympic triple jumper Vernon Samuels to deliver a series of workshops with the Sports Literacy group followed by a question and answer session with KS3 and an inspiring assembly to Year 8 students. Vernon also spoke to Sports Literacy group about possible careers in sport after the completion of the BTEC Sport diploma.

It was a truly excellent day, where so many of our pupils were able to benefit from a truly inspirational individual.



**BEST GCSE PROGRESS**

## ACADEMY CELEBRATES BEST GCSE PROGRESS

The latest performance tables released by Department for Education have shown that PCSA recorded the best GCSE progress of all the non-grammar schools in Torbay.

In August 2015 PCSA students recorded a positive progress score of 1003.7. An achievement of 1000 indicates expected progress, anything above this figure shows students have achieved beyond their expected grade and above national average. This figure measures the students' best 8 GCSE grades at the end of KS4, and the progress they have made from where they were in primary school at the end of KS2 (Year 6).

This key performance measure is designed to ensure schools offer a balanced curriculum, whilst ensuring that pupils of all abilities contribute to results.

Principal, Jane English commented,

"We are delighted our students have performed so well and made progress above national average. These new progress measures indicate the hard work of our staff and students in ensuring that, whatever their starting point, they are making excellent progress and achieving above expectations".

## CELEBRATORY LUNCH FOR SUCCESSFUL STUDENTS

A selection of Year 9 students celebrated excellent exam results with a special lunch alongside the Principal, Miss Freeman, and Miss Wilkinson.

A fantastic achievement which will help them prepare for their GCSE courses.

Congratulations to: Hazal Arslan, Chloe Hall, Bethan Poppe, Johnny Barrett, George Brown, Aaron Elliott, Elise Elliott, Tillie McGrath, Kiana Morgan, Leah Perry, Izzy Sellars and Piper Thomas.



**CELEBRATION LUNCH FOR SUCCESSFUL STUDENTS**



**STUDENTS WATCH ENGLAND TRAIN AT TWICKENHAM**

## PCSA WATCH ENGLAND TRAIN AT TWICKENHAM

As part of the RFU 'All Schools' Programme a group of 48 students were invited to visit Twickenham and watch the full England Team train.

PCSA students travelled to the England Rugby headquarters. They watched the England team train with tremendous precision, accuracy and incredibly high levels of intensity, with a full contact game to finish the session.

As well as being on RFU TV, and being able to ask the players questions, the highlight of the day was when Ben Youngs, Danny Care, Mako Vunipolo, Antony Watson and James Haskell, all came to sign autographs for our students. A wonderful opportunity for all involved!

# NEWS



**CHARLEY DUNN  
E-SAFETY WEEK**

## E-SAFETY WEEK

Six primary schools visited our Virtual Learning Centre for some interesting and fun E-Safety training. Mr. Lewis and Mr Walker ran the informative, friendly yet focused session. The children were a pleasure to work with and hopefully left better equipped to make safer decisions when it comes to e-safety in the future.

Mr. Tom Page, Whiterock's Deputy Head, said

"All the children had a fantastic morning. The session was extremely informative, interactive and communicated the right message to the children regarding e-safety. Some of the statistical evidence that was shared definitely made the children think about being safe on-line and ensuring their privacy settings were secure."

## FRENCH STUDENTS COOK PANCAKES FOR MARDI GRAS!

9M1 took inspiration from French chefs, to create crepes with a range of new and exciting toppings. After tasting and evaluating each other's creations (in French of course), they could then eat them. Yum yum!

## PCSA PERFORM POETRY AT PRINCESS THEATRE

Five poets from PCSA were recently picked to perform in a Poetry Slam at The Princess Theatre. Sadly we didn't make the final four but the students delivered a superb performance and had a brilliant time. Those who performed were Weronika Kowalska, Samuel Priestley, Adam Wilcoxson, Jaye Mitchell and Harlee Adkins.

This event followed a visit from Poet Laureate Dreadlockalien who delivered a poetry workshop to a group of Year 8 students. He captured the students' attention with beat boxing and rhyming games, whilst his love of language and poetry was infectious and fascinating to watch.



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**POET LAUREATE DELIVERS  
POETRY WORKSHOP**

## CLASS GOES COSMIC WITH LIVE LINK TO SPACE!

Year 10 and 11 Science students took part in a national cosmic live link event with British ESA astronaut Tim Peake. It consisted of a one hour web-cast and a question and answer session. Inspiring for any astronauts of the future and a great way to explore some science theories that cannot be demonstrated in the classroom!

## PIRATE PROJECT PRODUCES SOME AMAZING WORK

Year 7 history students have been totally engrossed thanks to their Pirate Project. Many of the students threw themselves into the tasks, and even homework, going above and beyond with the work they produced, from amazing pirate books, to replicas of pirate ships made out of cardboard, Lego and even two ship cakes!



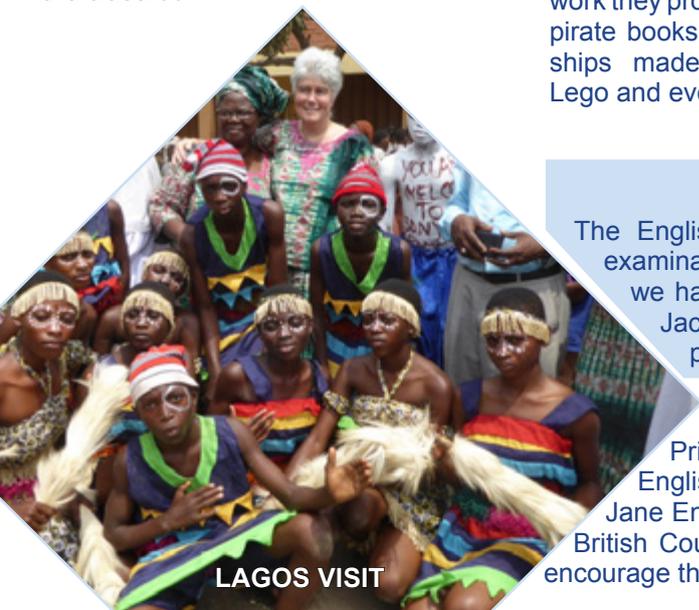
**GEOGRAPHERS TAKE PART IN  
WORLDWISE QUIZ**

## TOP GEOGRAPHERS TAKE PART IN WORLDWISE QUIZ

Year 10 geographers took part in a challenging quiz compiled by the Geographical Association. Each team answered individual and team questions about key geographical terms, worldwide landmarks and places. Well done to: Jamie Harman, Kayleigh Manley and Thomas Dyke.



**SOME AMAZING WORK FROM ABIGAIL RICH**



**LAGOS VISIT**

## EXCELLENT RESULTS IN ENGLISH

The English Faculty are celebrating fantastic achievements after their recent examination results in November. Of the students selected to take the exam early, we had 16 A grades and 56 B grades. A special congratulations must go to Jackson Zheng and Abigail Jones, who both achieved the top grade of A\* putting them in the top 3% of all students in the country.

## ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL VISIT TO LAGOS

Principal and Bay Education Trust CEO, Jane English, and Director of English, Kim Morgan, returned to visit their partner school in Lagos Nigeria. Jane English explained that the Connecting Classrooms project, funded by the British Council, aimed to establish good relationships between the schools and encourage the sharing of information and good practice.

## REWARDS TRIP TO NORTHCOTT THEATRE

As a reward for their hard work and progress on the Accelerated Reader Scheme, fifteen KS3 students went to watch a performance of Gangsta Granny by David Walliams at Exeter Northcott Theatre. The story is fun and fast paced including one scene that brought tears to the eyes of our students and staff!



**REWARDS TRIP TO NORTHCOTT THEATRE**



**SPORTS LITERACY STUDENTS TAKE A WALK IN THE 'BREEZE'!**

## SPORTS LITERACY STUDENTS VISIT BREEZE FM

After two weeks in the classroom developing their knowledge, this years 'Sky Sports Living for Sport' group visited Breeze FM to interview newsreader Corina Hunt and Matt Rogan, the station's drive time journalist.

A trip to the Life Centre followed providing a unique opportunity to view an Olympic diving session featuring elite athletes Tonia Couch and Sarah Barrow, as well as the chance to interview Great Britain diving coach Andy Banks. The students asked a series of questions which they had previously developed as part of an independent learning task.

## YEAR 10 GIRLS IN ENGINEERING

A group of budding Year 10 female engineers took part in an Engineering Taster Day hosted by the University of Exeter Outreach Team. The day was very interesting and concluded with learning how to direct and control robots.

## PCSA WELCOMES ARMY ADMIN CORP

The Army Admin Corp came into the Academy to work with Year 10 students. It was an exciting hour filled with lots of motivational exercises, team building and a variety of hands on challenges. The event concluded with a presentation on Army life.



**PCSA WELCOMES ARMY ADMIN CORP**

## STUDENT DESIGNS QMS VEHICLE LIVERY

Jake Smith joined QMS for a week of work experience learning about the Highways Industry. He quickly demonstrated a particular aptitude for graphic design and as a result was asked to redesign the vehicle livery, creating a clean new look for that tied in with the company image. The finished design was such a hit that the company has utilised Jake's design on the newly sprayed HyperLine™ truck.



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## INTERACT – YOUNG PEOPLE'S ROTARY CLUB

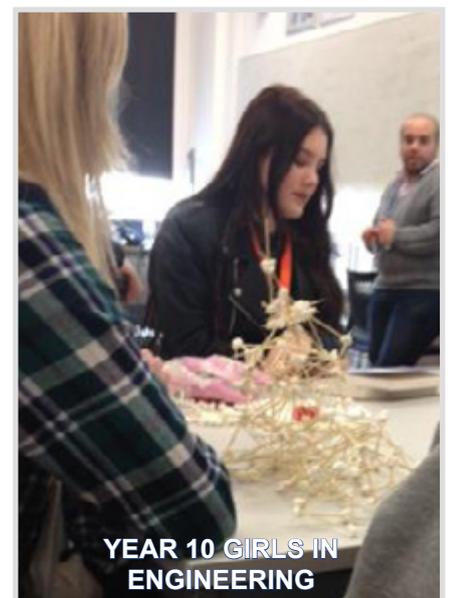
KS3 students met with members of Paignton Rotary club to discuss the possibility of starting up a younger version of Rotary at the Academy. The club will be called 'Interact' and will involve students meeting to discuss ways of organising charity events and other events for the Academy.



## NEW STUDENT SUPPORT CENTRES

January saw the launch of the two Student Support Centres, one on each Academy site. The centres are designed to be an extension of the already very successful pastoral support teams. Each centre has a co-ordinator who works both with individual students and in small groups. Mrs Kearns is based at Borough Road and Mrs Ryan at Waterleat, both in what were the Tic Tac centres.

Support is offered to students who are experiencing relationship and family issues, poor behaviour, low mood, anxiety, and bereavement. Appointments can be made directly with either centre or through the year teams.



**YEAR 10 GIRLS IN ENGINEERING**

## OUR WORD MILLIONAIRES

Since the whole of KS3 started on the Accelerated Reader Scheme in September they have read 4,275 books and 82,128,997 words between them.

Well done to the following pupils who have become Accelerated Reader Word Millionaires (or even triple and double millionaires) since September.

Chloe Hall (Y9)	3,595,724 words	Tamzin Rowe (Y8)	2,921,971 words
Izzy Sellars (Y9)	2,511,150 words	Holly Bullock (Y8)	2,072,446 words
Tia Northcott (Y9)	1,601,090 words	Bethany Hitchen (Y7)	1,326,335 words
Holly Rolfe (Y7)	1,128,221 words	Megan Johnson (Y9)	1,116,516 words
Chloe Johnston (Y9)	1,085,285 words	Lauren Ballinger (Y9)	1,045,585 words
Rebecca Paine (Y9)	1,042,104 words		

# SPORTS NEWS

## PRIMARY SCHOOL ATHLETICS FESTIVAL

Over 200 Year 3 and 4 children took part in a festival, led by a select group of Year 9 students from the Academy who coached, officiated and motivated the children to take part in six different activities including sprinting, speed bounce, long jump, obstacle relay, high jump and chest push.

Mr Julyan, who organised the festival, was impressed with the leaders:

“They did a great job encouraging the children and making sure that all scores were accurately recorded.”



PRIMARY SCHOOL  
ATHLETICS  
FESTIVAL

## DEVON WINTER ABILITY GAMES

Twelve students from Years 7 and 8 demonstrated a high level of teamwork, sportsmanship and dedication whilst competing in the Devon Winter Ability Games at Plymouth Life Centre. They were involved in sports such as Table Cricket, Sitting Volleyball and Rowing, and also offered a fantastic selection of taster activities such as Rock Climbing, Golf, Laser Shooting, Archery, Dance and Crafts.



KS3 GIRLS SHINE AT  
RUGBY TOURNAMENT

## KS3 GIRLS SHINE AT RUGBY TOURNAMENT

The hard training and dedication of our girl's team shone through. Top try scorer Erin Kingsley was an incredible leader and inspiration to her team members, who in turn stepped up their performance. Well done to Mia Robins who didn't miss a tackle and was PCSA's Player of the Tournament. The girls ended the tournament with 2 losses, 2 draws and a win!



12 OF THE BEST ATHLETES

## 12 OF THE BEST REPRESENT PCSA IN INDOOR ATHLETICS

Twelve students from PCSA took part in the recent meeting at St Cuthbert Mayne School. Well done all our athletes: Jessica Cripps, Shanay Kendal, Cally Wilson, Harlee Adkins, Ella McDonald, Hollie Brown, Bella Morrison, Rhys Moseley, Aidan Walton, Alex Radcliffe, Jack Windsor, Jamie Pope, Brooke Coldwell.



STUDENTS COMPETE AT  
COUNTY BADMINTON FINALS

## STUDENTS COMPETE AT COUNTY BADMINTON FINALS

Our elite Year 10 girls' badminton team qualified for the National Badminton Competition. The team, comprising of Phoebe McCaig, Lauren Smith and Imogen and Charlie Plumridge, successfully registered wins in both their singles and double matches, displaying some fantastic Badminton along the way.

Twelve students competing in the Under 19 competition also registered wins in their singles and doubles fixtures, which is fantastic testament to the talents of these young individuals.



JESSICA SANDERS-WYATT

## STUDENT SWIMMER UNDEFEATED!

Jessica Sanders-Wyatt has had a superb, undefeated run of sprint races for Paignton Swimming Club. Not only is she a fantastic swimmer but she inspires and coaches the younger team members.



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A group of Outdoor Education students spent a day, honing their climbing skills at Dart Rock Climbing Centre in preparation for their climbing assessment. Fantastic opportunities for all involved!

## YEAR 13 BEGIN THEIR CLIMBING ASSESSMENTS

Year 13 Outdoor Adventure students began their climbing assessments at the Dart Rock Climbing Wall. They had to demonstrate good practice using safety equipment and show that their climbing skills have developed over time.

# SPORTS NEWS

## ENCON INSULATION SPONSORS NEW GIRLS' FOOTBALL KIT

The Year 7 girls' football team is delighted to have received generous sponsorship from Encon Insulation, so will be able to choose a stylish set of new playing shirts to look ultra-smart during their matches. Mr Moylan-Jones, the Development Director for the South West, presented proud team captain Maisie, with a cheque for £250. [www.encon.co.uk](http://www.encon.co.uk).



NEW GIRLS' FOOTBALL KIT FROM ENCON



YEAR 10 SCORE 10 GOALS!

### YEAR 10 HIT 10 GOALS

Year 10 football team had an emphatic home victory against Brixham Academy, with goals from Brandon Kelly, Captain - Louis Slough, Craig Langley, Lewis Round and debutant Colby Matthews.

### YEAR 7 GIRLS ADVANCE TO DEVON FINALS

Ellie Rowland, Leah Hackman, Trinity Dart, Arwen Hatswell, Kaitlin Hatswell, Lucy McCaig, Catherine Hughes, Tuti Colley, Maisie Moylan-Jones and Elise Pulham played some excellent football resulting in advancing to the Devon Football Finals after coming second in the South Devon League.

### COUNTY CUP IN SIGHT FOR YEAR 8 BOYS

The Year 8 Football Team kicked off their 2016 Devon County Cup campaign in style with a convincing 9-2 victory over Pilton College, North Devon. Goals came from Dejay Bolton, Toby Nolan, captain Hugo Griffiths, debutant Josh Pickering and Rhys Moseley.

### YEAR 11 MAKES SOLID START IN DEFENDING TITLE

Year 11 Football Team breezed past KEVICC in the South Devon Cup by winning 4 – 0. PCSA are looking to win the competition two years in a row and got off to the perfect start with Billy Atkins scoring a hat trick.

FANTASTIC VICTORY FOR 6TH FORM FOOTBALL - PCSA 6th form football team continued their fine start to the season with a 6-0 victory in their first away game of the season against Spires Academy.



FANTASTIC VICTORY FOR 6TH FORM

### GOALS GALORE FOR 6TH FORM FUTSAL GIRLS!

The Sixth Form Girls' Futsal Team demonstrated incredible levels of skill and determination as they saw off the challenge from Cuthbert Mayne, South Devon College and Brixham Academy, to secure a convincing win in the U19 Girls' Futsal Competition.

UNDER 16 DEVON FUTSAL FINALS - Teams from all areas of Devon met at the hub to battle it out to become Devon Champions. The girls team made up of Hannah Brown, Alisha Hackman, Ashley Harris, Phoebe McCaib, Paige Blowers

and Lauren Smith formed a formidable team with five wins and one loss, missing out on the top spot by just one point.

The Year 11 boys Futsal team, Lewis Ryder, Matt Bridge, Rob Heaps, Damian Sabota, Jamie Robinson, Billy Atkins and Aaron Wellington, won three out of four games.



U16 DEVON FUTSAL FINALS



PLYMOUTH LIFE CENTRE ATHLETICS FESTIVAL

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Well done to Harlee Adkins, Hollie Brown, Cally Wilson, Rhianne Harrison, Shanay Kendal-Dawkins, Ella McDonald, Rhys Moseley, Hugo Griffiths, Jim Tipler, Alex Radcliffe, Jamie Pope and Aiden Walton, who took part in this year's indoor athletics event at the Plymouth life centre.

# NEWS



**ED SIMPSON WINS SILVER MEDAL**

## WORLD BOOK DAY

To celebrate World Book Day, many staff took the opportunity to delve deep into their dressing up boxes and wear an outfit from their favourite books. Evil witches, white witches, Harry Potter, Mary Poppins, Gansta Granny, and The Cat in the Hat, were amongst the characters taking today's lessons!



**WORLD BOOK DAY**



**HERBIE SAGE U13 TABLE TENNIS CHAMPION**

## HERBIE IS TOP AT TABLE TENNIS!

At the table tennis County Individual Championships in Plymouth our U13 boys (Herbie Sage, Harrison Grainger, Toby Nolan and Charlie Ward) and U16 boys (Matt Cooper, Matt Scott and Ben Hoare) pit their wits against the very best players in Devon.

They all played superbly, making it out of their respective groups with relative ease, but it was Y8 superstar Herbie Sage who was crowned U13 Devon Champion after a series of scintillating performances in which he exhibited both sublime skill and amazing mental strength.



**EXCELLENT WORK FROM THE PUPIL REFLECTION CENTRE**

## EXCELLENT WORK FROM THE PUPIL REFLECTION CENTRE

Students have been extensively researching the Titanic, including discussing some amazing conspiracy theories, which they have demonstrated through posters, written work and working models. Mackenzie Skelcher, Leighton Caulkin-Pope and Tyler Brown (not pictured) have been working with Mrs Scott to recreate the Titanic.

The centre offers an alternative way of learning where the enthusiasm for a subject leads the projects and the students work well together, often learning from each other. Recently Mackenzie's in depth knowledge of the Kings and Queens of England meant he was able to draw an accurate timeline, with facts and figures about each one from Richard III to Elizabeth II. The astounding way he could talk enthusiastically about it, helped other students memorise the details too.

## TORBAY HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

**Go on-line to book places for activities during the Easter holidays**  
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Sports, activities, arts, courses and much more.

## SKYE GOES FOR GOLD

Skye Kelly competed in the Tae Kwon-Do Association of Great Britain's (TAGB) Southern Tae Kwon-Do Championships where she competed in the Individual Sparring Category and won every fight to take Gold Medal position. She also competed in both the Patterns Category and the Girls' Tag Team event bringing home Silver Medals in both! Skye is now preparing for the World Championships.



**SKYE GOES FOR GOLD**

## ED SIMPSON WINS SILVER MEDAL

Year 9's Ed Simpson won a silver medal at the British Jiu Jitsu junior national championships, only missing out on the gold medal by 1 point.

## YEAR 11 GCSE ART AND DESIGN WORKSHOP

Students attended a one day workshop aimed to review and improve their art coursework. Students found that having a solid chunk of time and one to one teacher input really helped them to improve or complete any unfinished work. The Art department is hoping to run a second workshop and maybe even a pizza evening before the coursework deadline.



**ARTWORK BY NIKITA COOMBS AND LAUREN PALMER**



## APPLY TODAY - ASPIRE SIXTH FORM COURSES

Congratulations to Jack Meyler and Matt Bridge who won the driving lessons and a £10 voucher at the Aspire Open Evening Prize Draw. They had an open mind about post 16 education – both have decided to remain at PCSA, Jack will undertake the Aspire ICT Diploma and Matt is considering the Plymouth Argyle Development Squad Pathway.

We have a great variety of courses available to suit many of our current students. To see the full range and to apply, please visit [www.aspirefutures.org](http://www.aspirefutures.org).



HEALTH EDUCATION DAY

## THOUGHT PROVOKING HEALTH EDUCATION DAY FOR 6TH FORM STUDENTS

Sixth Form students attended a Health Education Day where we had a great mix of external agencies come in and present on a range of topics, such as the Bright Green Stars campaign, Self Defence, Alcoholics Anonymous, National Citizen Service, Checkpoint and Learn to Live.

Our students participated well and were engaged with our visitors, who raised some thought provoking issues. To find out more about any of these issues or organisations – please go along to the Sixth Form office.

## ACADEMY SUCCESSFULLY TRAINING TEACHERS OF THE FUTURE!

PE staff at the Academy are delighted that Year 13 Aspire Student Linnea Byrne, currently enrolled on the Level 3 Sport Course, has just been accepted onto a B.Ed Course at Marjons to commence a three year degree to become a PE teacher. We have every confidence that she will go on to become an incredible and inspiring young teacher!



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## BUSINESS STUDIES TRIP TO NATIONAL MARINE AQUARIUM

Students were able to research and investigate the marketing and promotional activities that the Aquarium uses to attract different types of customers, invaluable for their Marketing unit for the BTEC Business Diploma. Following a tour students were given a talk followed by a Q&A session with the Aquarium Marketing team.

## 6TH FORM STUDENTS HAVE A BALL!

6th form Level 3 Sport students took a trip to see Plymouth Raiders basketball team play out a thrilling national league match. The home side came out eventual winners 82-77 against Sheffield Sharks and the trip was topped off in style meeting the players and mascot Foxy!



BUSINESS STUDIES TRIP TO PLYMOUTH AQUARIUM



6TH FORM STUDENTS HAVE A BALL!

## BRICKLAYING CONTROLLED ASSESSMENT

Aspire Bricklaying Course students start their controlled assessment. It's the first of their practical walls which will be externally assessed for their course. They have to build within a tolerance and within a time line to pass.

## SPORT STUDENTS DELIVER COACHING MASTERCLASS!

Year 12 students visited Collaton St.Mary Primary School to deliver sport sessions as part of their Level 3 Extended Diploma Sport pathway. The quality of the coaching the Year 12s displayed was excellent.

## CODY IS DEVON'S LEADING LIGHT FOR FEMALE FOOTBALL

Cody Levell has recently become one of the youngest females to hold a position on the Devon FA committee. Cody was offered the position in November following her highly recognised contribution to coaching and development of young players in the Devon area.

CODY IS DEVON'S LEADING LIGHT FOR FEMALE FOOTBALL



STUDENTS DELIVER COACHING MASTERCLASS!

# STUDENT OF THE MONTH

NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	JANUARY
 <p>TJ Tunkin is a pleasant, helpful and enthusiastic young man. He is a great role model for his peers in 7G1.</p>	 <p>Sam Lamburn consistently works well in English and is always helpful to his teachers and class mates.</p>	 <p>Luke Taylor is always helpful both in and out of the classroom.</p>
 <p>Regan Tucker has put a massive effort into all lessons this month and always tries her best in lessons.</p>	 <p>William Arthur has scored two 100% results in assessments, and has a superb attitude in every lesson.</p>	 <p>Tallulah Harrison has an excellent work ethic at all times.</p>
 <p>Leah Perry is consistently achieving beyond her target grades and produces excellent work in French.</p>	 <p>Emily Summers has achieved above her target level in her last two modules and her work is beautifully presented.</p>	 <p>Sarah Bell tries really hard and often can exceed target.</p>
 <p>Annabelle Cairns produced a fantastic result in her French speaking Controlled Assessment.</p>	 <p>Beth Thompson has produced excellent work in maths, whilst at the same time having a lead part in the pantomime.</p>	 <p>Chloe Thomson is an excellent role model and credit to the Year Group.</p>
 <p>James Burton exceeded his target grade in his recent PPE Geography exam. A well-deserved 'A' grade!</p>	 <p>Jake Boon made such a good impression on his work experience; he has landed himself a future apprenticeship.</p>	 <p>Jake Smith impressed the company with which he did work experience so much that they used his design on vehicle.</p>
 <p>Joe Cleevley produced outstanding work in his BTEC Sport.</p>	 <p>Steph Candlish is positively progressing in Outdoor Education and has just achieved her Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award.</p>	 <p>Dermott Shiels uses his independent study time effectively and achieving A &amp; B grades in recent Psychology essay work.</p>