

Welcome

It's been another action-packed few weeks here at school. Our students continue to impress us with their enthusiasm, talent and commitment.

Our PE department has been buzzing — Year 9 showcased incredible strength and cooperation in their balance challenges, and our Netball teams have made a spectacular start to the season, collecting well-deserved wins and debuting their fantastic new kit. A huge thank you to Taylor Wimpey for sponsoring the Year 8 kit — it's wonderful to see our students wearing it with such pride.

In the classroom, our Geographers have been hard at work delving into fascinating global and local topics, and their efforts shone brightly at our recent Open Evening. It's always inspiring to see students so engaged and confident in sharing their learning with others.

Meanwhile, our Year 7 dancers brought energy and cultural appreciation to life through their exploration of the Haka — a truly powerful performance that captured the spirit of teamwork and expression.

Finally, a special thank you to everyone who supported our Sunflower Competition last Friday. Your generosity helped raise funds for our Sensory Garden, and it was lovely to see the whole school community getting involved in a bit of fun for a great cause. Keep an eye out for the next challenge — "Guess the Weight of the Pumpkin!"

As always, I'm incredibly proud of our students and staff for the passion and positivity they bring to everything they do. Thank you for your continued support in helping our school thrive.

Mr Williams

Netball Is Back - And We're Off To A Flying Start!

Our Year 9 Team kicked off the season in style with 3 wins from 3 — all while debuting their sleek new kit! Huge well done to Ivy for getting Players Player and Cariad for Coaches Player.

Meanwhile, our Year 8 Team showed resilience and determination, bouncing back from a tough start to finish the evening with 2 wins and 1 loss. A fantastic effort all round!

Well done to Darci for getting Players Player and Emily and Freya for getting joint Coaches Player.

Both teams looked incredible out there — a huge thank you to Taylor Wimpey for sponsoring our stunning new netball kit proudly being worn by our Year 8. We're proud, we're ready, and we're just getting started.

Well done girls we are proud of you!

Anyone who is interested in playing netball please come to The Hub on a Thursday after school for netball club.



Year 8



Year 9

Geography Highlights This Term!

Our KS3 and KS4 students have been diving deep into a range of exciting topics this term! Year 7 have been exploring the world's continents and oceans, while also learning about the local geography of Devon. Year 8 are investigating freshwater environments, and Year 9 are tackling the dynamic world of natural hazards.



Their fantastic work was proudly showcased at our recent Open Evening on Thursday 2nd October at Borough Road. The quality of their books and enthusiasm for the subject truly impressed our visitors!

A huge thank you to our brilliant student volunteers who helped make the evening a success: Oliver, James, Dylan, Darcy, Charlotte, Sanuli, and Evie — all from Years 8 and 9. Your support was invaluable!

We're incredibly proud of all our geographers — keep up the amazing work!



Year 7 Dance Spotlight!

This week, our Year 7 students have been exploring the powerful tradition of the Haka through movement and rhythm. They've been developing their cultural understanding while expressing themselves through dance — and having a blast doing it!

Watch the video on our [Facebook](#) page to see their energy in action — their enthusiasm is truly contagious, and we couldn't be prouder!



Bit Of Balance Fun In PE Last Week!



Our Year 9s took on the challenge of group balances with a focus on bearing weight — teamwork, trust, and a whole lot of core strength on display!
Great effort from everyone, and some seriously impressive formations.

Sunflower Competition Success!

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who supported our students during the Sunflower Competition last Friday — your enthusiasm and generosity helped us raise £65 for the Sensory Garden Fund!

Competition Results:

- **Total seeds in the sunflower head:** 2,918
(Individually counted and verified by a trusted Year 11 student — thank you for your diligence!)
- **Student Winner:** Marley (Year 10) — guessed 2,999 (just 81 away!)
- **Staff Winner:** Mrs Thomas — guessed 2,859 (only 59 away!)
- **Honourable Mention:** Mr Warren — guessed 2,990 (72 away)

Next up... Get ready for our upcoming “Guess the Weight of the Pumpkin” competition — details coming soon!

Thank you once again for your continued support.

Warm regards,

The Sensory Garden Committee



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Dates for Your Diary

Friday 17th October	Non Pupil Day
Monday 20th October - Friday 31st October inclusive	Half Term
Monday 3rd November	Non Pupil Day
Wednesday 5th November - Friday 14th November	Year 11 PPEs
Thursday 4th December	Year 11 Parents' Evening