



Dear Parents

Thank you all for coping so well with the recent spell of bad weather. We were delighted with the efforts that students made to get into College. It is very important for us to open if we possibly can and only if we think safety is being compromised will we take the decision to close.

INTERNATIONAL VISITORS

We were very pleased to welcome four staff from the Hospitality School of Biarritz who are looking to form a link with us, and also from the Head and teacher from the L'Alcudia de Crespins school near Valencia who are our Spanish exchange partners. We look forward to welcoming their party of students at the end of this term.

ISLAMIC ART/RE/MATHS PROJECT

We were delighted to welcome Razwan ul-Haq who spent two days as an artist in residence in the College. He worked with Year 8 classes in Maths and RE, looking at the role that Maths has played in Islamic culture and then working with students on a piece of Islamic Art merging calligraphy and Islamic patterns. He also worked with students producing some monumental figures out of silver foil.

MODULE RESULTS

Congratulations to all the students who have just received module exam results and best wishes to those students who are currently sitting January modules for GCSE, AS and A2 examinations.

EDEN PROJECT TRIP

Two out of the three groups of Year 8 students managed to make it for their trip to the Eden Project as part of the Geography curriculum. They coped very well with the adverse weather conditions and had a very fulfilling and successful time at the Project.

Best Wishes,
Razwan ul-Haq

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

27th January: Singer~Song Writer Evening
7 pm in Drama Studio One

5th February: Expedition Training Weekend

10th February: East Coast Experience Trip
leaves for New York

10th February: Successtracker 3 published to
parents

12th February: Ski Trip departs to Crans
Montana

5th March: Year 12/13 Art & Photography
Exhibition at Harbour House

and don't forget our Main College Produc-
tion of Les Miserables from 2nd-6th March:
tickets will be on sale soon.

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Newsletter

CALLING FOOTBALLING WRITERS!

We are very fortunate to have been offered 8 free places on a week's residential writing course at the Arvon Foundation, Totleigh Barton, near Okehampton. The course is funded by the Football Foundation and is targeted at football lovers who want to develop their writing. One course tutor is a professional dramatist, and the other the chief football correspondent for the Sunday Mirror. This will be offered initially to Year 9s and those interested should see Miss Gadd.

DPYK Parenting Course

The next Drug Proof Your Kids Parenting Course will start on Thursday 25th February. It will run for 5 weeks. Course Fee is £15. If you would like you join this course or you require more details you need to contact Susan Fish either at school on 01548 852641, student services, or at home on 01548 852506 or ring.



WHO ARE WE?

This is the second in a series of short articles profiling our Trust Partners: I hope you find it informative and useful.

PROFILE OF OUR TRUST PARTNERS: RIO (REAL IDEAS ORGANISATION)

Hello. We are the Real Ideas Organisation and we like to do things differently. We are a pioneering social enterprise which helps young people around the world realise their potential and make change happen. We work with a wide range of clients, from government departments and local authorities to private businesses, universities and schools, developing and delivering specialist products and services that meet their needs and create real opportunities for young people.

Everything we do has economic, social and environmental goals - we invest all our profits back into building our work with young people so they can design their future using their own ideas, energy and ability.

What we do can be broken down into three areas -

Real - because our actions make a difference. We provide support and resources that enable young people to express their views and make real change happen in their communities in very practical ways. Our real resources include youth-led magazine Splash, www.cinderfordsplash.org, and online TV channel Chew, www.chewTV.com.

Ideas - because they are free and can change the world. We provide consultancy services which help our clients find new and effective ways to engage young people. Our fresh thinking covers everything from a new approach to rural youth provision www.cultivateideas.org, to an online learning resource and community, www.nesta.org.uk/future-world-of-work.

Organisation - because we want change to last. We provide project management services for clients to ensure their programmes are effective, exciting and expertly delivered. Our skills are put into action running the government's flagship creativity programme Creative Partnerships in the Southwest www.creative-partnerships.com and the Arts Council's successful programme Arts Award, www.artsaward.org.uk.

And on top of all of that we discover, incubate and grow new socially entrepreneurial ideas from and for young people ourselves - constantly working to live up to our name.

To find out more about us and how we work log onto www.realideas.org

PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

Isobel Ponsford	7WD	Luke Lane-Prokopiou	7EA
Oliver Hale	7SS	Alysia Stringer	8AI
Jake Tucker	7SS	Elizabeth Varcoe	8HG
Brittany Moore	7SS	Dominic Luscombe	8HG
Melanie Stephens	7SS	Charlotte Holland	9VS
Tilly Durant	7KE	Alexander Gubbay	9VS

TOUR DE TRIGS

Congratulations to the Junior Challenge Team who took part in the rigorous Tour de Trigs.

The junior challenge involved walking 30 miles within 15 hours. The team comprised Sarah Fox, Carys Johns and Beth Walker all from 11 JS.