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23 January 2026



Year 10 Collaborative Art Workshop

Dear Parents and Carers,

January is always a difficult month weather wise and at the end of a particularly wet and windy week I am sure we are all now counting the days until the spring comes and blue skies beckon. It is always heartening to see snowdrops appearing, one of those first signs that the brighter days ahead are not too far away.

Our Ten Tors first camp and the Cross Country Event have both fallen victim to the weather this weekend. I hope we can see these events rearranged soon and thank parents and families for bearing with us. The number of pupils taking part in outdoor education continues to be impressive. This is a real testament to the ambition of our pupils and their families and made possible by a small army of volunteers who so freely and happily give up their free time to enable this opportunity.

I would like to congratulate our Year 9 Geography Quiz Team, who competed at the annual Geographical Association event at The Maynard School in Exeter this week. Thank you to Annemiek, Tallie and Amelie for taking part and to Mrs Payne for arranging. Chulmleigh came a very respectable 4th out of 12 teams and impressed throughout.

I have sent a letter with a few school reminders this week - I hope this is helpful. Year 7 parents will also be receiving a letter regarding our Year 7 Examination Week, which starts on February 2nd and I am really looking forward to learning how our youngest group are progressing this year and seeing them in their first taste of formal examination.

I wish you all a restful (and dry) weekend.

Mr Payne, Headteacher

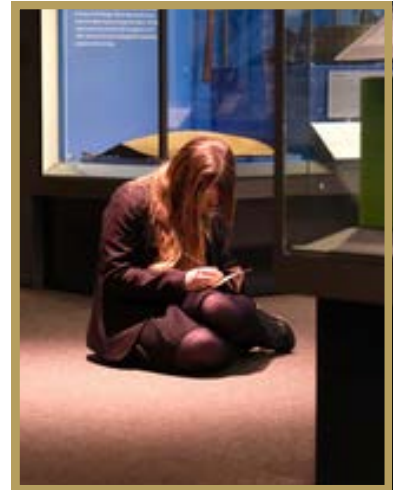


Year 10 Art and Textiles trip to the Royal Albert Memorial Museum

Last week 30 Year 10 Art and Textiles pupils enjoyed a wonderfully inspiring visit to the Royal Albert Memorial Museum. Throughout the morning, they explored the museum's rich and varied collections, closely observing natural forms, textures, and patterns. From intricate fossils to beautifully detailed botanical specimens, pupils produced thoughtful and expressive observational drawings which reflected their curiosity and attention to detail.

In the afternoon, they returned to school for a collaborative workshop where teamwork and creativity took centre stage. Working in groups, pupils transformed their morning sketches into ambitious mixed-media artworks, combining visual elements and techniques inspired directly by their discoveries at the museum. The collaborative pieces they produced were imaginative and dynamic, highlighting their ability to develop ideas, experiment with materials, refine their ideas, and present a meaningful outcome.

Mrs Lawrence, Teacher of Art and DT



Daisy Bennett interviews Daniel Rhodes, Deputy Head Boy

Daisy: Can you tell us a bit about yourself and why you decided to apply for a Year 11 leadership role at Chulmleigh College?

Daniel: When I first joined Chulmleigh College it was during Covid-19, which was quite difficult because I was separated from many of my family members and friends from my previous school. During that time, I focused more on myself and worked on building my confidence, which is one of the reasons I wanted to apply for deputy head boy.

Daisy: How did you build your confidence during that time?

Daniel: I joined the cadets, which taught me a lot about life skills, determination and loyalty. I've been part of the cadets for around four and a half years now and I've earned many awards that I'm very proud of.

Daisy: Do you think Chulmleigh College helps pupils discover new interests and hobbies?

Daniel: Definitely. There are a wide variety of lunch clubs and extra-curricular activities. Ten Tors and DofE are great things to get involved with and offer similar opportunities to some of the things we do at cadets. Many teachers help to guide pupils into trying out different activities, and if you enjoy a subject, there's usually something linked to it that you can take up as a hobby.

Daisy: What subjects have you enjoyed most at school?

Daniel: When I was younger, I enjoyed a few subjects, but my favourite was science because it was fun. That has changed quite a lot now – my favourite subject is French, and I got a grade 9 in my mocks. I also enjoy geography, triple science and maths, so I chose them as my options. My teachers were very supportive and helped me a lot with revising for my mocks.

Daisy: How did you prepare for your mock exams?

Daniel: I revised at the start of lessons and during silent study. I worked out which topics I needed more practice on and focused on those areas.



Daisy: What has becoming Deputy Head Boy taught you?

Daniel: Becoming Deputy Head Boy has taught me a lot. It has helped me to gain confidence with public speaking and believe more in myself. Knowing that I am representing Chulmleigh College has also made me work harder.

Daisy: Finally, what advice would you give to younger pupils?

Daniel: You should work hard in school and don't hold back. You can achieve as much as you want in life if you put the effort in.

LEGO League: Full Speed Ahead

Our LEGO League team is now firmly in the build-up phase as the competition draws closer, and there is a real sense of momentum across the group. What began earlier in the year with unpacking robots, learning missions, and setting up practice tables has grown into a focused, energetic team effort – and the pupils are thriving.

Most lunchtimes now see the IT room buzzing with activity as our programmers put in extra time to hone their skills. Debugging code, refining movement sequences, and solving stubborn problems have become part of the daily routine. It has been fantastic to see pupils willingly give up their free time to collaborate, test ideas, and persevere when things don't work first time. These sessions are where real learning happens: resilience, teamwork, logical thinking, and the confidence to try again.

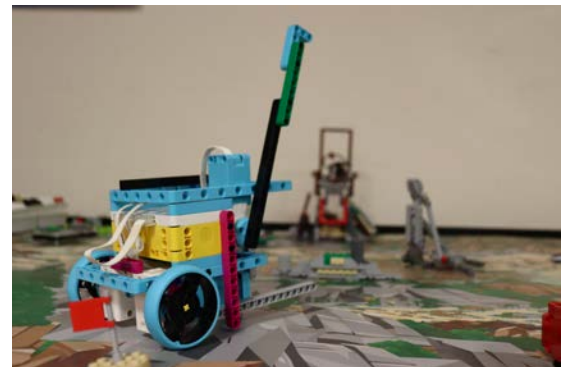
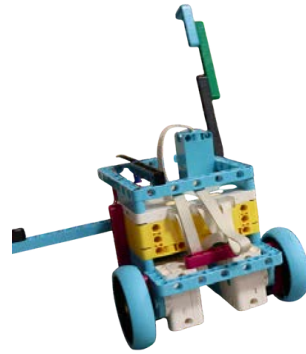
Alongside the programming, our research team has been diving deep into this year's LEGO League theme, which explores how archaeologists use technology to uncover and understand the past. Pupils have been investigating modern tools such as ground-penetrating radar, drones, 3D scanning, and AI-assisted analysis, learning how technology is transforming archaeological work around the world. Even more exciting has been their creativity when imagining the future – from autonomous exploration devices to advanced data-visualisation tools that could allow archaeologists to "see" ancient sites before a single spade enters the ground.

As competition day approaches, the sense of anticipation is growing. The team is now focused on refining their robot runs, sharpening their presentations, and pulling everything together for the big day. There is a wonderful mix of excitement and determination as pupils realise just how far they have come and what they are capable of achieving.

We would also like to offer our sincere and heartfelt thanks to the companies whose generous support has made this opportunity possible. MKH Tractor & Machinery Parts, Holcim, and Forage Wagon have provided vital donations that have supported both the purchase of equipment and our access to the competition itself. Their backing has had a direct and meaningful impact on our pupils, enabling them to engage with high-quality STEM experiences that inspire curiosity, ambition, and problem-solving skills. We are incredibly grateful for their commitment to supporting young people and education.

The LEGO League journey is about far more than robots. It is about confidence, collaboration, creativity, and preparing pupils for a future where technology and teamwork go hand in hand. We are immensely proud of the dedication our team has shown so far and can't wait to see them rise to the challenge on competition day.

Mr Smith, Teacher of Computer Science



NORMANDY EXPERIENCE JULY 2027

Open to our current
Year 7 pupils



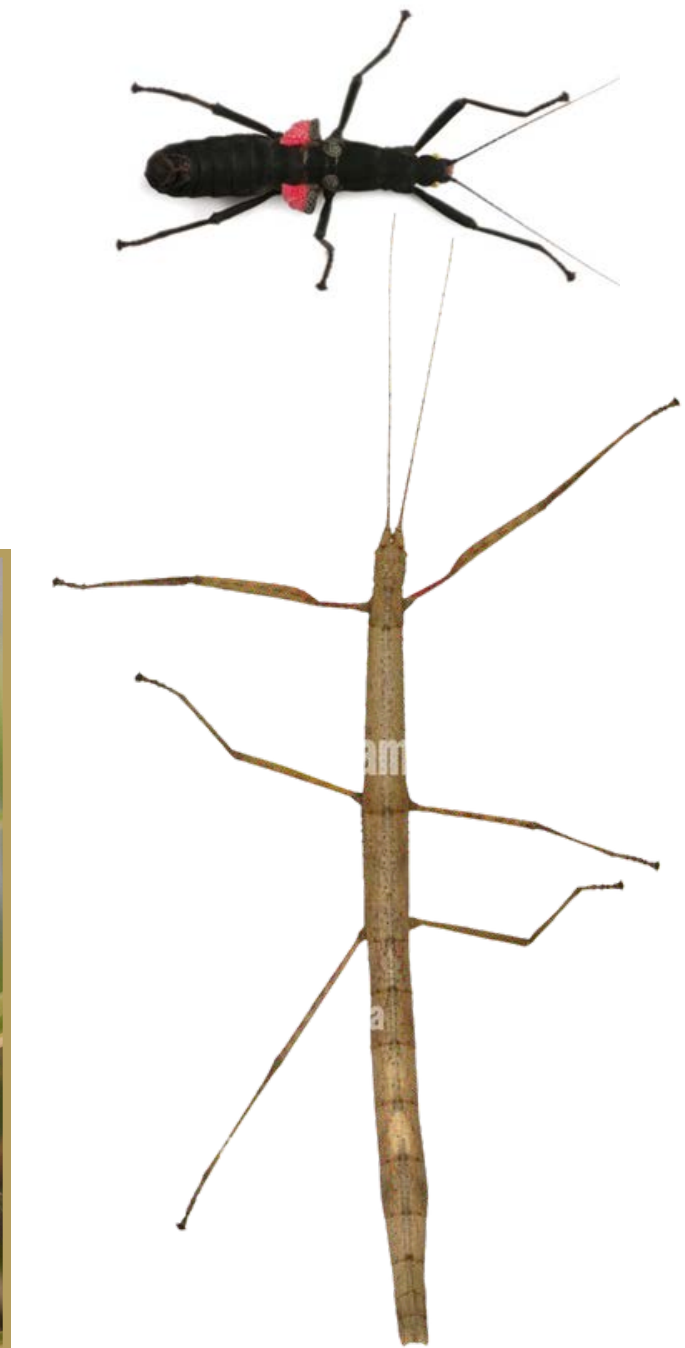
More details
to follow -
watch this
space!

Stick Insects Requiring a Loving Home!

As part of our animal care course we keep Indian (*Carausius morosus*) and Black Beauty (*Peruphasma schultei*) stick insects. We have had great success with them and currently have an excess of stick insects, so we can offer some of them free to a good home.

They are easy to care for and fascinating little creatures. The Indian stick insects can eat Ivy, bramble and privet among other things, the black beauty stick insects eat Privet, honeysuckle, lilac and Japanese laurel. They will need a small tank/enclosure from about 1 foot high. Parents and careers can email JKing@chulmleigh.devon.sch.uk for further information.

Mr King, Senior Science Technician



FOOD TECHNOLOGY ADVENTURE

Sicily - Italy - July 2027

Explore Sicily's food wonders and traditions.



Open to current Yr7 & Yr8

Look out for email with further details



Accelerated Reader

Accelerated Reader

205,538,412 words read so far this year.



Average daily minutes per English group. This is based on the books students have quizzed since January 4th. We can tell that lots of students were reading over the Christmas holidays and quizzing them on the first week back. Well done everyone!

Class	Average daily minutes
7O	114
7P	84
7T	70
7M	65
7I	54
7E	40

Class	Average daily minutes
8T	92
8I	52
8M	51
8O	49
8P	42
8E	20

Class	Average daily minutes
9T	51
9I	50
9O	47
9E	44
9P	32
9M	30

Creative Writing Competition HT2 Winners - Cold Tales For Cold Nights!

Last half term's Creative Writing Competition theme was Gothic and I have had plenty of entries to sink my teeth into... This week the spotlight is on runner up, Louie Friggens, who wrote a gory horror short story with a macabre ending. Well done Louie!

Mr Garrett, Teacher of English

The Silencer

by Louie Friggens, Year 7

It all started on a wispy cold evening at West Mason Town in Wales 16th May 1862. The breeze was shifting over the valley like a gas released in a compact room. As the sorrowful children ran across the pavement slabs of West Mason Road, the drains let out an eerie rattle of death. The children of West Mason Town felt a shiver down their spines as a creak spat out of a door on the left of the dusty clay road. The infants started a challenging pace as they picked up speed with their little legs as one of the juveniles skipped down the left side of the alley of houses, not knowing what was occurring, the boy was suddenly snatched from the deafening door that creaked a couple minutes ago.

Here, the people of West Mason were never to be seen again as they looked intriguingly out of their shutters with awe as blood oozed out of the closed wooden door, then all of a sudden the petrifying thing was lurching out of that one door on the left side of West Mason Town Road with the dead being hanging out its colossal jaws as it scrutinised the people with red beaming eyes of death and anger. The monstrous alien strode toward the living beings (well at the moment) with its mammoth teeth ruthlessly grinding on each other as if about to attack its predator. As it sliced through their clothing and collided with the ribs of the poor and lonely, the creature was dangerous with claws coming out its long spider like fingers extending through force.

The cops arrived with everything they had, and they were shouting to the people who were trying to fight back to stop but it was too late: the people's bodies were lying on the floor hopelessly.

The officers bellowed at the other officers stating that they had seen the monster before, near the district of a lake, massacring more and more lives that tried to tell the police force that the beast of doom had a name. . "The..." the poor person screamed "Silencer" but before she could say anything more she was thrown off the reservoir and then followed by more fatal deaths. So the police then discovered that it was the alienating beast that was spreading across Wales, killing thousands that were once alive but then they were therefore not alive. The people of West Mason town started to run as fast as they could which was quite slow because they had scratches and gashes across their legs. As they fled they looked behind them to see the monster that they now call "The Silencer" pelting its furious hairy legs directly at them with power.

As the people started to sprint (well at least tried) up the windy mountainsides, some chose to hide under old rocks that were extremely cold whereas others tried to run a further distance. When everyone who managed to escape for the moment were in luck because the beast was all of a sudden startled as the freezing droplets of rain fell from the grey clouds and sky. The people of Wales were in shock as the monstrous thing known as "The Silencer" was sprinting off down the horizon with anticipation and anger that it didn't manage to finish its job... for today.

And so the people were now safe as they designed a water main that lead around the town which guarded them every step of the way apart from the next summer when everything changed and there was a drought for the rest of the year and they didn't have anything to protect them....

Wales 16th May 1863

NEWS HEADLINE: NO MORE LIVING BEINGS IN WALES, WHAT SHOULD WE EXPECT TO COME FOR US ACROSS THE WORLD?

The End



Competition Time



Photography CHALLENGE

Writing CHALLENGE

HT3 Theme: Give Me Space.
Science Fiction?
Or giving someone emotional space?
As always, interpret your way!



Please submit your art piece to **Mr Tomlin in A1**, photography to **Ms Lawrence in T1**, or your written piece to **Mr Garrett in E7**, by **Tuesday 10th February**.

First Prize:
Art equipment

Create a piece of art (any form, from a drawing to a collage).

First Prize:
It's a surprise!

Take a photo... are you giving someone space, or are you looking up to the stars?

First Prize:
£10 amazon voucher

Write no more than 500 words (any form, from poetry to a story).

Our wildlife series **Young Country Diary** is looking for articles written by children, about their winter encounters with nature



Chance to get published in The Guardian!

Come to Creative Writing Club (Tuesday lunchtimes) if you want a tip for how to get started, but here's the process for getting your entry in by the deadline, which is 2nd February:

Step 1 - Go out one day to where there is some nature. It could be your local woods or beach, garden, farm, or simply the nearest park.

Step 2 - Write an article of 200-250 words telling us what you saw and what happened.

Step 3 - Get your folks at home to send the article to us using the form on The Guardian site - they ask that parents or guardians do this for you:

<https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2021/aug/27/nature-lovers-guardian-young-country-diary-writers>

Mr Garrett, Teacher of English



DISTINCTLY WINKLEIGH

QUARTERLY JOURNAL

The Winkleigh Society

WORKING FOR WINKLEIGH & HOLLOCOMBE

WINTER 2025



Write for Distinctly Winkleigh

What is it really like to be young in our locality today? How easy is it to get where you need to go? What role do smartphones and social media play in your life - for better or worse? And what do you think adults often misunderstand about your generation?

Distinctly Winkleigh, a local community newsletter, wants to hear your side of the story.

We are keen to give younger people a space to share their views, experiences and ideas, and we would love pupils from Chulmleigh College to get involved. This could take the form of a short article on themes that matter to you - such as transport (or the lack of it), education, mental health, social media, friendships, or life in a rural community.

Should you enjoy writing and want your voice heard, we are looking for pupil contributors who would like to write a 500-750 word article on a topic of their own choosing. This is a great opportunity to express your opinions, develop your writing skills, and see your work published in a real magazine read by people across the community.

You don't need to be a "professional writer" - just honest, thoughtful, and willing to share your perspective. Whether your article is serious, creative, reflective or challenging, what matters most is that it's your voice.

We would be especially excited to include pupil contributions in our Spring issue, so now is the perfect time to get involved.

This is your chance to speak up, be heard, and help shape the conversation in your community. Why not give it a go?

Please email your contributions to Mr Garrett by Monday 23rd February.



Competition Time

Calling All Young Photographers!

Do you love taking photos? Have a creative eye for capturing the beauty of the world around you? Then this is your moment!

The Rotary Young Photographer Competition 2025–26 is now open—and this year’s theme is “Happiness in Nature.” Whether it’s a sunlit forest, a playful pet, or a peaceful moment in the garden, you’re invited to show what happiness in nature means to you.

Be imaginative! Your photo doesn’t need to follow a strict definition—just express your own unique view.

Who Can Enter?

There are three age categories:

- Junior: Up to 10 years old
- Intermediate: Ages 11–13
- Senior: Ages 14–17 (Age as of 31 August 2025)

What You Need to Do

- Submit one photo in digital format (JPG, minimum 1500 pixels).
- Include a short sentence explaining how your photo fits the theme.
- Make sure you have permission if your photo includes people.

Why Enter?

- Develop your photography skills.
- Showcase your creativity.
- Progress through local, district, and national stages.
- Win recognition and prizes!

Deadline: Friday 20 February 2026

For entry forms and full details, visit the Rotary Young Photographer Competition page or speak to your art/photography teacher.

Let your lens tell a story—get snapping and show us your version of Happiness in Nature!

Rotary YOUNG PHOTOGRAPHER COMPETITION



INFORMATION PACK

2025-26

For further information please follow this link:

<https://tinyurl.com/mpzrmk6s>



ROTARYGBI.ORG



The entry form can be found here:

<https://tinyurl.com/53bw5xcx>



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Join us for exciting activities!

DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY CLUB



Wednesdays
1:15pm to 1:45 pm
(Starts 21.01.26)

Room T4

**HT3 PROJECT:
SUPPORTING THE SWIFT AND
HOUSE MARTIN PROJECT IN
CHULMLEIGH**

**OPEN TO YEAR 7 & YEAR 8
PUPILS ONLY**

maximum of 20 pupils - sign up at T4



Report an absence due to an illness

- Use ClassCharts
- Click on your child's initial.
- Select REPORT ABSENCE.
- REPORT NEW ABSENCE.
- Enter Date of Absence.
- Enter reason for absence i.e. *Temperature and Headache*



ClassCharts can be accessed via MyEd

- Click on School Information
- Select ClassCharts



Diary dates...

JANUARY

Sat 24 - Sun 25 Jan:

Dartmoor Discovery Camp 1- POSTPONED

Tues 27 Jan:

Year 7 Netball League - Park School

Years 7 and 10 Rugby v SMCC @ CC

Weds 28 Jan:

U14s Girls Football @ Bideford

Year 8 Rugby @ SMCC

Thurs 29 Jan:

Year 9 Rugby @ SMCC

Years 7-10 Focus Day

February

Mon 2 - Fri 6 Feb:

Year 7 Assessment Week

Tues 3 Feb:

U13 A & B Netball Tournament @ Park

Thurs 5 Feb:

Year 10 Parents Evening

Mon 9 - Fri 13 Feb:

Year 10 Speaking Mocks

Tues 10 Feb:

Year 7 Netball League @ Park

Years 7 & 8 Rugby Home v GTS

Weds 11 Feb:

U14s & U 16s Girls Rugby Home

Year 9 Rugby @ GTS

Thurs 12 Feb:

Year 9 - Immunisation Team

Year 10 Rugby @ GTS

Mon 16 - Fri 20 Feb:

Half Term

Tues 24 Feb:

Year 7 Netball @ Park School

Years 7 & 10 Rugby @ CC v Pilton



School holidays adding to your energy costs?



Our energy team can help

citizens advice

Torrige, North, Mid & West Devon

Call us on **01237 879 233** to see if you're eligible for help with fuel vouchers and grants, and to receive tips on how to cut your bills



Need advice on energy?

Our dedicated energy team are here to help you:

- Check for grants to help you pay for your energy usage
- Apply energy-saving measures to save you money
- Talk to your supplier to sort out any problems you might be having

Call us on **01237 879 233**

Scan the QR code to fill out a referral form



citizens advice Torrige, North, Mid & West Devon

www.citizensadvicetnmwd.org.uk

Registered charity number 1068496



Devon Children & Young People's Neurodiversity Navigators

A free, confidential wellbeing service supporting children, young people and their families navigating neurodiversity.

Contact Us

livewell.devonndnavigators@nhs.net

Monday - Friday
9am-5pm

What we do

- Information and guidance relating to specific aspects of neurodiversity
- Objective, evidence-based advice and positive support strategies
- Active listening and practical and emotional support
- Connect with other teams and external services to help co-ordinate your journey
- Connect families to enable peer support and connection



Have your say

We are interested in hearing about the lived experiences of young people and their families.

Your views and experiences allow us to develop our team, and tailor the services we provide to improve the support for our families and young people.

We support people to lead independent, healthy lives



School aged vaccinations

Did you know children will be offered these routine vaccinations at school?

- ✓ **FLU** - Reception - Year 11
- ✓ **MMR** - Catch-up
- ✓ **HPV** - Year 8 - Year 11
- ✓ **Meningitis ACWY** - Year 9 - Year 11
- ✓ **Diphtheria, Tetanus, Polio (DTP)** - Year 9 - Year 11

HPV

MENINGITIS ACWY

DIPHTHERIA TETANUS POLIO (DTP)

Did you miss us?

We also have community clinics across Devon for:

- ✓ Home educated children
- ✓ Anxious children
- ✓ Children who missed the session at school



SCAN HERE

For further information scan the QR code or please speak with a member of the team

Call us on

01392 342678

Kernowhealthcic.schoolimmsdevon@nhs.net



Sparx XP Top 20 Weekly Leaderboard

Congratulations to the following pupils for going above and beyond on their Sparx homework this week (up to 22nd January). An overall yearly leader board can be found on the Maths corridor!

1	Jake Adams	1780
2	Rupert Cardnell	1725
3	Hope Peake	1560
4	Grace Andrews	1530
5	Tiffany Artis	1514
6	Lydia Carter	1512
7	Nathan Day	1498
8	Poppy Middleton	1410
9	Harry Veysey	1410
10	Noah Ravenscroft	1370
11	Esmæ Cowle	1290
12	Ebony Baxter	1280
13	Zak Cheriet	1260
14	Sophia Trythall	1220
15	Sophie King	1195
16	Tommy Rodgers	1130
17	Chloe Cooke	1070
18	Emilia Locke	1050
19	Kai Karczmarz	1010
20	Poppy Smith	1000

Badged Up! 10,000 XP to get the next badge.

Levels 10 to 60 - too many to mention this week but special mention to the first Year 7 to reach

Level 20 - Rupert Cardnell!

Level 60 - Emily Phalachan, James Howard and Sophia Trendell

Level 70 - Lara Crane

Level 80 - Finley Raybould, Isla Drew and Connor Millward

Level 90 - Olivia Harris and Harry Elston Level 100 - Lucy Kivell

Level 210 - Lacey Hawkins









Hand-in:
Red Box in M2 or
 MathsPOW@chulmleigh.devon.sch.uk

by **3:14 pm** next Monday for a chance to be this week's MathsPOW Champion!

There are prizes for all entries and a special reward for the overall winner!

MATHS PUZZLE OF THE WEEK

Last Week's Solution

- Guesses: 163, 169, 178, 182
- The real number must be within 16 of 163, within 10 of 169, within 1 of 178, and within 3 of 182.
- Let's try 179:

Actual number = 179 ✓

163 + 16 = 179 ✓
 169 + 10 = 179 ✓
 178 + 1 = 179 ✓
 182 - 3 = 179 ✓



163 + 16 = 179 ✓

169 + 10 = 179 ✓

178 + 1 = 179 ✓

182 - 3 = 179 ✓

- So there were 179 sweets in the jar!

POW! So there were 179 sweets in the jar!
 Well done if you spotted it!





This Week's MathsPOW

Ayesha has **red** and **blue** stickers.

Red packs of 6,
Blue packs of 8.

She buys some packs of each and ends up with exactly 100 stickers.



How many packs of each?
Find all possibilities!



Hoodie Shop

Pupils have the option to purchase a hoodie to commemorate their leaving date at the College. These hoodies can be purchased at an 'early bird' price, hence this information is being communicated to you earlier in the year than usual.

To order and pay for a hoodie, please follow the link to the online shop here:

<https://www.leavershoodies.com/chulmleigh-community-college-2026-yr11-leavers>

The **deadline is 11.00pm on 31st January 2026**, any orders after this date will not be accepted.

Please choose your size carefully. All items are custom made to order, so returns or exchanges for incorrect sizes will not be accepted. Check the size guide for detailed measurements.

Leavers' hoodies are given out on the last day of Year 11, Monday 15th June 2026.



FUNDRAISER FOR
YR 11 PROM

Bake sale!!

5TH FEBRUARY,
DARTRIDGE HALL,
AT BREAKTIME!!
£1 OR 50P PER CAKE,
(ONLY COINS
ACCEPTED)

PLEASE BRING IN
DONATIONS TO
ATTENDANCE OFFICE AT
THE START OF THE DAY

**WE HOPE
TO SEE
YOU
THERE!**



Chulmleigh College

Local Events

HEDGEHOG AFTERNOON 31st January 2-4pm

Chulmleigh
Pavilion
Main Hall



- >Celebrating Hedgehog Champions
- >Giving out FREE hedgehog homes
- >Tea, Coffee & CAKE
- >Swapping knowledge & ideas
- >Plotting your hogs on a large map
- >Craft & Fun activity for all ages



Coffee Morning!

To Raise Funds for
Chulmleigh Youth
Football Club

All Welcome!

Raffle
Sweet stall
Cakes
Hot and Cold Drinks



"Savor the Warmth,
Share with a Friend"

Come & Join us
Chulmleigh Town Hall
Sat 31st January
9am-11am





The **Chulmleigh PTFA** works hard to support our school community by raising funds throughout the year. From cake stalls to preloved uniform sales, there are plenty of fun ways to get involved. We'd love your help — many hands make light work! Come and chat with us at one of our events, drop into a meeting, or email ptfa@chulmleigh.devon.sch.uk to find out more.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Uniform & Home Baked Goodies

The PTFA relies on your kind donations of school uniform and delicious home-baked treats!

Uniform donations: please drop off clean, good-quality school uniform at reception.

Preloved items: available to purchase through the College website Chulmleigh College - Second-hand Uniform

New school ties: can be bought via the MyEd shop.

For your child's parents' evening we'd love your help by bringing along cakes, cookies, or other tasty treats to sell at the event — every contribution makes a difference!

LET'S GROW TOGETHER IN 2026

By joining the PTFA, you're supporting not just your child, but every child in our school. Your ideas, presence and support help build a stronger, more connected community. **We'd love to have you with us! Why not join us at our next meeting on Monday 26th January at 6pm.**

PTFA Events & Meetings

- **PTFA Meeting Monday 26/01/26**
6pm Dartridge Hall
- Year 10 Parents Evening Thursday
05/02/26
- Year 7 Parents Evening Thursday
12/03/26
- Coffee Morning Saturday **NEW**
DATE - 23/05/26 Chulmleigh
Town Hall - Refreshments,
baked goods, raffle prizes



JOIN US IN MAKING A DIFFERENCE.

To find out about how you can help the PTFA support children at Chulmleigh College join us Monday 26th January 2026 Dartridge Hall (Canteen) 6pm.





HELLO!

We hope you are all getting into the festive spirit and are looking forward to a well deserved break. It has been lovely meeting so many of you at the Year 11 assemblies and careers fairs throughout this term.

As we head towards the end of the year, it is really important to start thinking about your next steps after Year 11 and getting your college applications submitted as soon as you can.



DISCOVER OUR OPEN EVENTS

Our next Open Event is on **Wednesday 25 February from 5.00 - 7.30 pm.**

This event will give you a clear look at Petroc's courses, facilities, and progression routes for September. The Apprenticeship & Careers Hub will be running throughout the event, giving students the chance to speak directly with employers and explore real apprenticeship options early.

This is a great opportunity for you to come and explore the college campus and ask the lecturers any questions you may have on any of the courses. Open Events help to provide clarity and confidence to decide on your next steps.

HOW TO SIGN UP

Registering for our Open Events is super easy - you can do it all through our website or simply by scanning the QR code!



SCAN HERE

STUDY CHOICE TIPS



HOW TO APPLY

- Go to petroc.ac.uk
- Click on the menu and select 'Courses' and then 'School Leavers'
- Choose between the different types of courses and select 'apply'.
- Follow the steps to enter your personal information and then submit your form. Petroc will then send you details on the next steps.

WHAT'S ON AT PETROC?

Our students have been busy over the last few months on some exciting trips and taking part in some brilliant activities.

The Creative Media, Art and Digital students went to the NEC Birmingham for MCM Comic Con and the EGX Gaming Convention. They got to test new technology, learn new skills and get ideas for their games design projects. The trip was fun and really inspiring for everyone!



Join Healthcare Cadets

Exciting Free Weekly Programme!

Are you aged **13-16** and interested in a career in healthcare?

This new year join us for one of our **free, fun, and interactive Healthcare Cadets programmes**, hosted at the University of Plymouth.

What is Healthcare Cadets?

Run by the **University of Plymouth**, this programme gives young people the chance to explore a variety of healthcare roles — and gain invaluable experience!

What's included?

- ✓ Guest speakers: doctors, nurses, paramedics, and more
- ✓ Tour of an ambulance
- ✓ Explore university healthcare facilities
- ✓ Meet new people & build skills
- ✓ Certificate of achievement signed by the University of Plymouth



Weekly Programme

- For ages: 13-16
- When: Thursday evenings
- Dates: January to April 2026
- Sign up: <https://gck.fm/cmraq>

Don't miss this fantastic opportunity to discover healthcare!

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PERSONNEL & ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**
2 x Permanent, Part Time roles

Grade D: £13.90 - £14.82 per hour
at Chulmleigh College

Required as soon as possible

Closing date:

10 am Monday 26 January 2026

Interview Date:

Monday 2 February 2026

The candidate pack and application form
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To be emailed to:
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TEACHING ASSISTANT

Temporary, part time,
30 hours per week X 39 weeks per annum
Grade C: £13.26 - £13.69 per hour
at Chulmleigh College
Required as soon as possible

Closing date:

10 am Monday 26 January 2026

Interview Date:

Tuesday 3 February 2026

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GOVERNANCE PROFESSIONAL

Permanent, Part Time
25 Hours per week x 39 weeks per annum
Grade E: £15.82 - £17.47 per hour
at Chulmleigh College

Required February/March 2026

Closing date:

10 am Thursday 29 January 2026

Interview Date:

Thursday 5 February 2026

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TEACHING ASSISTANT & EXPRESSIVE ARTS TECHNICIAN

Temporary, part time,
30 hours per week X 39 weeks per annum
Grade C: £13.26 - £13.69 per hour
at Chulmleigh College
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10 am Monday 26 January 2026

Interview Date:

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TEACHER OF RELIGIOUS STUDIES

Permanent, Full Time
MPS/UPS
at Chulmleigh College

Required from September 2026

Closing date:

10 am Monday 9 February 2026

Interview Date:

Monday 23 February 2026

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TEACHER OF ENGLISH

Temporary, part time, (0.8fte)
MPS/UPS
at Chulmleigh College

Required as soon as possible

Closing date:

10 am Tuesday 3 February 2026

Interview Date:

Wednesday 11 February 2026

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HEAD OF PRIMARY EDUCATION

Permanent, part time, (0.6fte)
Leadership Scale L13-15
(£69,596 - £73,105)
at Chulmleigh College

Required from April or September

Closing date:

10 am Monday 9 February 2026

Interviews will be held over two days
in the week commencing 23 February 2026

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CATERING ASSISTANT

Temporary, part time
15 hours per week term time only
Grade A: £12.65 per hour
at Chulmleigh College
Required as soon as possible

Closing date:

10 am Friday 6 February 2026

Interview Date:

Friday 13 February 2026

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FOUNDATION STAGE PRACTITIONER

Fixed Term

19.5 hours per week x 38 weeks per annum

Grade C: £13.26 - £13.69 per hour
at Chulmleigh Primary School

Required from February 2026

Closing date:

10 am Friday 30 January 2026

Interview Date:

Wednesday 11 February 2026

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CHULMLEIGH ACADEMY TRUST School Terms and Holiday Dates - 2025/2026 Academic Year

	September					October					November					December					January					February											
College Week	1	2	1	2	1	1	2	1	2		1	2	1	2		1	2	1				2	1	2	1		2	1		2							
Monday	1	8	15	22	29		6	13	20	27	3	10	17	24		1	8	15	22	29				5	12	19	26	2	9	16	23	30					
Tuesday	2	9	16	23	30		7	14	21	28	4	11	18	25		2	9	16	23	30				6	13	20	27	3	10	17	24	31					
Wednesday	3	10	17	24		1	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26		3	10	17	24	31				7	14	21	28	4	11	18	25						
Thursday	4	11	18	25		2	9	16	23	30	6	13	20	27		4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22	29				8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26	
Friday	5	12	19	26		3	10	17	24	31	7	14	21	28		5	12	19	26		2	9	16	23	30				9	16	23	30	6	13	20	27	

	March					April					May					June					July					August											
College Week	1	2	1	2	1	1	2	1	2	1	1	2	1	2		1	2	1	2	1	1	2	1	2		1	2	1	2								
Monday	2	9	16	23	30		8	15	22	29	4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22	29				6	13	20	27	3	10	17	24	31					
Tuesday	3	10	17	24	31		7	14	21	28	5	12	19	26		2	9	16	23	30				7	14	21	28	4	11	18	25						
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Thursday	5	12	19	26		2	9	16	23	30	7	14	21	28		4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22	29				9	16	23	30	6	13	20	27	
Friday	6	13	20	27		3	10	17	24		1	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26		3	10	17	24	31				7	14	21	28	7	14	21	28	

Bank Holidays ■

25 December 2025
 26 December 2025
 01 January 2026
 03 April 2026 (Good Friday)
 06 April 2026 (Easter Monday)
 04 May 2026 (May Day)
 25 May 2026 (Spring Bank Holiday)
 31 August 2026 (Summer Bank Holiday)

Non-Pupil Days ■

Five days selected from within the term dates to be determined by the Board of Directors

School Holidays ■

Occasional Holidays ■

Two days selected from within the term dates to be determined by the Board of Directors

CHULMLEIGH ACADEMY TRUST School Terms and Holiday Dates - 2026/2027 Academic Year

	September					October					November					December					January					February											
College Week		1	2	1	2	1	2	1			2	1	2	1	2	1	2					1	2	1	2	1	2		1								
Monday		7	14	21	28		5	12	19	26	2	9	16	23	30				7	14	21	28				4	11	18	25	1	8	15	22				
Tuesday		8	15	22	29		6	13	20	27	3	10	17	24		1	8	15	22	29				5	12	19	26	2	9	16	23	30					
Wednesday		9	16	23	30		7	14	21	28	4	11	18	25		2	9	16	23	30				6	13	20	27	3	10	17	24						
Thursday	3	10	17	24		1	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26		3	10	17	24	31				7	14	21	28	4	11	18	25						
Friday	4	11	18	25		2	9	16	23	30	6	13	20	27		4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22	29				8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26	

	March					April					May					June					July					August											
College Week	2	1	2	1			2	1	2		1	2	1	2		1	2	1	2		1	2	1			1	2	1									
Monday	1	8	15	22	29		5	12	19	26	3	10	17	24	31				7	14	21	28				5	12	19	26	2	9	16	23	30			
Tuesday	2	9	16	23	30		6	13	20	27	4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22	29				6	13	20	27	3	10	17	24	31					
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Friday	5	12	19	26		2	9	16	23	30	7	14	21	28		4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22	29				9	16	23	30	6	13	20	27	

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Five days selected from within the term dates to be determined by the Board of Directors

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During the College Term

Tuesday 9am - 4pm

Wednesday 9am - 4pm

Thursday 9am - 3pm

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Thursday 19th February 9am - 3pm

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Eraser	10p	Book Wallets	30p
Pencil Sharpener	10p	Pack of 12 Colouring Pencils	£1.25
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15cm Ruler	15p	Gum Shield	£1.85
A5 Exercise Book	30p	Scientific Calculator	£13.50
Highlighter Pen	50p	Replacement Planner	£3.75
30cm Ruler	30p	Revision Study Cards	90p

550ml Chulmleigh College Purple Water Bottle with Straw £2.75

Exam Case £1.50

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SPRING MENU · WEEK ONE

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Main ONE	Breakfast Brunch with Bacon, Sausages, Hash Browns and Beans	Beef Lasagne with Wedges, Garden Peas, Garlic Foccacia, Salad & Coleslaw	Roast Gammon, Roast Potatoes, Parsnips, Carrots, Cabbage, Stuffing & Gravy	Chicken Korma with Rice, Naan, Mango Chutney, Mint Dip & Tomato & Onion Salad	Jumbo Fish finger Sandwich with Lettuce, Tartare Sauce, Roasted New Potatoes and Garden Peas
Main TWO	Vegetarian Breakfast Brunch with Quorn Sausage, Tomatoes & Beans	Vegetarian Lasagne with Wedges, Garden Peas, Garlic Foccacia, Salad & Coleslaw	Brccoli & Cauliflower Gatin Roast Potatoes, Parsnips, Carrots and Cabbage	Vegetarian Cauliflower, Chickpea & Sweet Potato Korma with Rice & Naan	Veggie Finger Sandwich with Roasted New Potatoes and Garden Peas
Pasta BAR	Pasta Bar & Jacket Potatoes	Themed Menu Day	Pasta Bar & Jacket Potatoes	Themed Menu Day	Pasta Bar & Jacket Potatoes

- Homemade, Fruit Pots, Desserts & Pasta Pots Available daily
- Freshly Prepared Sandwiches & Baguettes Available daily
- Baked Jacket Potatoes with a selection of fillings
- Homemade Soup of the Day with Bread

We are pleased to offer a variety of allergen free options on our food menu. Although all food is prepared in a kitchen that handles most allergens and therefore we cannot guarantee that cross contamination will never occur, we do take every possible precaution to prevent this from happening.



SPRING MENU · WEEK TWO

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Main ONE	Battered Chicken Burger in a Bap with Wedges & Salad, Piri Piri Sauce & Coleslaw	Savoury Mince with Creamy Mashed Potato, Garden Peas & Carrots	Roast Pork with Roast Potatoes, Parsnips, Carrots, Cabbage, Stuffing, Apple Sauce & Gravy	Kung Pao Chicken with Steamed Rice & Sweetcorn	Breaded Fish with Roasted New Potatoes & Peas or Beans
Main TWO	Plant Based Burger in a Bap with Wedges & Salad, Piri Piri Sauce & Coleslaw	Vegetarian Spanish Bean Stew with Creamy Mash, Carrots & Peas	Hominy Pie with Roast Potatoes, Parsnips, Carrots and Cabbage	Vegetarian Sweet & Sour Vegetables with Rice & Sweetcorn	Vegetable Fajita with Roasted New Potatoes & Peas or Beans
Pasta BAR	Pasta Bar & Jacket Potatoes	Themed Menu Day	Pasta Bar & Jacket Potatoes	Themed Menu Day	Pasta Bar & Jacket Potatoes

- HOMEBAKES, FRUITPOTS, DESSERTS & PASTA POTS Available daily
- FRESHLY PREPARED SANDWICHES & BAGUETTES Available daily
- BAKED JACKET POTATOES WITH A SELECTION of fillings
- Homemade SOUP OF THE DAY WITH BREAD

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SPRING MENU · WEEK THREE

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Main ONE	Beef Chilli with Rice, Nachos, Guacamole, Sour Cream & Cheese with Sweetcorn	Hoisin Chicken with Stir Fry Noodles, Sweetcorn & Garden Peas	Roast Turkey with Roast Potatoes, Stuffing, Parsnips, Carrots, Cabbage, Gravy & Cranberry Sauce	Chipolata Sausage & Mash with Onion Gravy, Carrots & Peas	Chicken Nuggets with Roasted New Potatoes and Peas or Beans
Main TWO	5 Bean Chilli with Rice, Nachos, Guacamole, Sour Cream & Cheese with Sweetcorn	Vegetarian Singapore Noodles with Sweetcorn & Garden Peas	Vegetarian Leek & Mushroom Bake with Roast Potatoes, Parsnips, Carrots, Cabbage & Gravy	Vegetarian Sausage & Mash with Onion Gravy, Carrots & Peas	Vegetarian 'No Chicken' Nuggets with Roasted New Potatoes and Peas or Beans
Pasta BAR	Pasta Bar & Jacket Potatoes	Themed Menu Day	Pasta Bar & Jacket Potatoes	Themed Menu Day	Pasta Bar & Jacket Potatoes

- HOMEBAKES, FRUITPOTS, DESSERTS & PASTA POTS Available daily
- FRESHLY PREPARED SANDWICHES & BAGUETTES Available daily
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PRICE LIST

TOAST (Morning Break)	£0.41	CEREAL (Morning Break)	£0.41
MAIN MEAL	£2.20	PIZZA SLICE	£1.50
MEAL DEAL (MAIN MEAL & HOMEBAKE OR PASTA & HOMEBAKE)	£2.61	SOUP & ROLL	£1.15
SALAD BOX	£2.15	SNACK ITEMS	£0.75
PASTA BAR	£2.00	ROLL & BUTTER	£0.60
GRAB & GO	£1.95	PASTY	£2.00
JACKET POTATO (1 FILLING)	£1.65	ETON MESS	£1.25
JACKET POTATO (2 FILLINGS)	£2.15	CHEESECAKE	£1.25
BAGUETTES	£1.95	FRUIT POT	£1.25
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SANDWICHES	£1.90	MUFFIN	£1.20
WRAPS	£1.90	HOMEBAKE	£0.90
		TAKEAWAY BOX	£0.15

