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24 April 2026



Dear Parents and Guardians

The sunshine heralds the start of the summer term! I hope everyone has had a restful Easter break as we look forward to warmer days ahead.

I think every term stakes a claim to be the busiest – the summer term is, of course, dominated by examinations, and I know everyone in our community will be rooting for our Year 11 pupils this summer. The exam season at the College is now underway. We have had Art and Textiles exams this week, and next week sees French speaking examinations alongside the first full written examination in the Sports Hall, which is Animal Care. A huge team effort goes into running exams at the College, and the site team, kitchen, office and examinations team all make sure everything runs smoothly for our pupils. Teaching staff have prepared pupils well for this, and we were particularly pleased to have had so many revision sessions running over the Easter holiday. Attendance at these sessions was remarkably high. As we often say, hard work produces great results. We anticipate another year of excellent results at Chulmleigh.

The Expressive Arts team treated parents, pupils and staff to an incredibly entertaining evening on Wednesday this week – Cabaret. I was delighted to see so much hard work and talent on display as we were treated to a showcase of acting, musical theatre and musical performance. As a Lead Music School in Devon, we know we have a great deal of talent – but the standard has risen higher and higher in recent times. There were so many standout performances. I was particularly pleased to see the collaboration between Music and Drama and look forward to exciting projects ahead. My huge thanks to Mrs Morgan, Mr Miners and Mrs Jones for organising the evening, and also to our PTFA for their wonderful support and mocktails. I hope you enjoy the photos to follow.

Year 10 enjoyed their first taste of GCSE Geography fieldwork on Thursday. Mrs Payne and the team led a very successful day in Exeter, where we received many compliments from passers-by regarding the conduct and good manners of our young people. This time next year, our Year 10 pupils will be contemplating their own GCSE exam season in 2027, and the indications are very positive for how well they will achieve.

Thursday also saw the first of our year group awards evenings. Kicking off with Year 11, it was a real pleasure to congratulate so many pupils on achieving and progressing well this year. My thanks to all the pupils, parents and staff who attended. In a week of positivity and achievement, it was a real joy to spend time with pupils and their families and celebrate not only what they have achieved this year, but what they will achieve this summer in their GCSE examinations. Have a good weekend.

Mr Payne, Headteacher



Cabaret!

On the evening of Wednesday 22 April, Heywood Hall was transformed into a vibrant 1920s speakeasy—The Heywood Club—where audiences enjoyed a lively programme of music, song, drama and dance.

Set against the glamour of the Roaring Twenties, CMAC delivered a spirited performance featuring favourites such as New York, New York, Soul Bossa Nova and Tequila, complete with enthusiastic audience participation. The CMAC Choir impressed with rich harmonies and dynamic renditions of Say a Little Prayer for You and Hey Jude, among other songs in their repertoire.

The evening also provided a wonderful platform for soloists to showcase the progress they have made in their singing lessons with Miss Stroud, with confident and powerful performances throughout. Singing continues to be a particular strength at Chulmleigh, reflecting the passion and dedication Miss Stroud fosters both in lessons and through the weekly Rock Choir.

Drama Club, who rehearse during Thursday lunchtimes, delighted the audience with a series of energetic and engaging performances. They transported us to the world of Bugsy Malone at Fat Sam's Grand Slam, raised laughs with the antics of Fat Sam's hapless gang, tugged at the heartstrings in Miss Hannigan's orphanage from Annie, and brought a touch of intimidation with the six Merry Murderesses from Chicago, culminating in the iconic Bob Fosse choreography of All That Jazz.

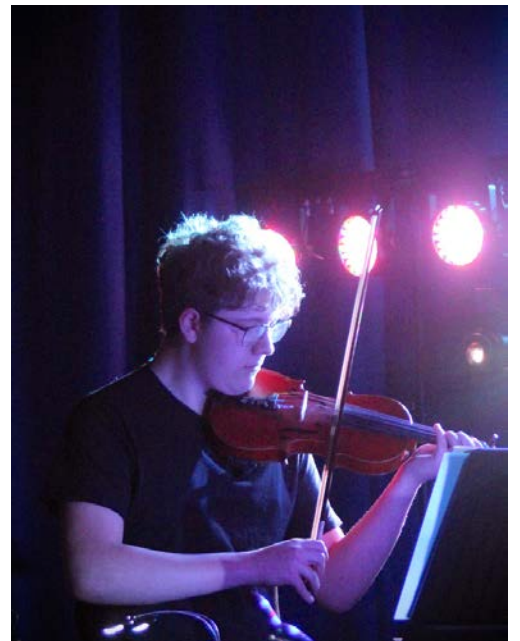
Mrs Morgan and Mr Miners extend their sincere thanks to everyone who contributed to the evening's success: the PTFA for their delicious mocktail bar; Ryan and the caretaking team for their invaluable support with set-up; EA technician Lora for her assistance and photography; the peripatetic staff for their musical guidance; and, of course, Mr Payne on the door—ensuring that if your name wasn't down, you weren't getting in!

Mrs Morgan, Head of Expressive Arts











LEGO League National Finals – The Journey Begins!

The engines are running, the playlists are questionable, and the snacks have already started to disappear... Jam over Cream have officially left the building.

This morning, our LEGO League champions climbed aboard the minibus and began the long journey to Harrogate, where they will compete in the National Finals. Spirits are high – somewhere between excited, nervous, and mildly convinced they are now operating on a higher plane of existence.

There's a definite sense on board that this is no ordinary school trip. These are students who have already conquered the regional stage. They've debugged code under pressure, engineered solutions from chaos, and somehow kept a robot behaving itself (mostly). At this point, they're not just participants – they're travelling as champions... possibly even robotics demigods.

The mood in the minibus is a mix of:
Careful last-minute strategy discussions
Re-enacting robot runs with hand gestures.

Checking (and re-checking) that everything has been packed
And the quiet, unspoken thought: "We might actually do something amazing here..."

Of course, alongside the confidence is a healthy dose of nerves. Competing at a national level is no small thing, and the team knows they're about to face some of the very best in the country. But if their journey so far is anything to go by, they're more than ready for the challenge.

One thing is certain – Jam over Cream are going to Harrogate to make their mark.

Whether it's through brilliant coding, creative thinking, or simply the unstoppable energy they've shown from day one, they will represent Chulmleigh College with pride (and possibly a few crumbs of scone along the way).

Stay tuned...
Mr Smith, Teacher of Computer Science



Chulmleigh College Oxford University Trip 2026

Pupils from Year 10 enjoyed a trip to Exeter College, Oxford on Monday 30th March - organised by our Religious Studies and Sociology Teacher Miss Oldham, who gained her under-graduate degree at this very institution.

Following the news that Chulmleigh pupils from the class of 2024 had secured offers of places at Cambridge and Oxford - it was timely that our class of 2027 began raising their sights to follow in these footsteps.

Pupils were treated to a tour of College and also talks and demonstrations as part of the trip.

All of us at Chulmleigh College are proud of our academic tradition that sees all pupils reach their potential as we continually strive to be nothing but our best.





Year 10 Revision Session

Year 10 pupils recently took part in a whole-cohort revision session led by Mrs Heeney, designed to help everyone prepare effectively for the busy exam period ahead. The session focused not just on what to revise, but how to revise in a way that is genuinely productive.

Mrs Heeney began by addressing some common revision mistakes, highlighting habits that can waste time—such as passively rereading notes or relying too heavily on highlighting. She then introduced more effective strategies, including blurting, spaced repetition, and ‘look, cover, write, check’, to strengthen understanding.

Pupils were given the opportunity to try out these techniques during the session, applying them to their own subjects. This hands-on approach helped to demonstrate how small changes in study habits can make a big difference in retaining information.

The session also reinforced key upcoming dates. Year 10 pupils were reminded that their Religious Education exams will take place on 12th and 20th May, followed by the start of summer mock exams on Monday 15th June. With these dates approaching quickly, the importance of starting structured revision early was emphasised.

Overall, the session provided valuable guidance and practical tools, giving pupils a clearer idea of how to approach their revision with confidence and purpose.



French Exchange 2007

Open to current Year 8 and 9 pupils

We are pleased to announce that we now have a link with a school in Soissons, Picardy, and plan to receive French pupils in March/April 2007 for a five night stay. Our pupils will visit Soissons in May for a five night stay. The exact dates are yet to be confirmed.

If you are interested please see the letter shared via MyEd emails dated 9th March 2006 and complete and return the attached form to the Admin Office after the Easter break.

Please email: ljohnson@chulmleigh.devon.sch.uk with any questions.



Chulmleigh Academy Trust is entering an exciting new chapter. As we establish Local Governing Boards across our four schools, we are creating new opportunities for people in our community to help shape the future of education.

This is more than a volunteer role. It is an opportunity to influence strategy, support leadership, champion our values, and ensure every child thrives. We are building strong, skilled, diverse governing boards that reflect and serve our communities. If you care about education, want to make a meaningful difference, and are ready to contribute your experience and perspective, we would love to hear from you! For further information please follow this link: <https://tinyurl.com/847d3cr3>

SHAPE THE FUTURE



BECOME A GOVERNOR!

Distinctly Chulmleigh!

In our quest to celebrate creative writing at Chulmleigh College, several of our pupils have seen, or are to soon see, their names in print.

Peter Hopkinson of the parish magazine *Distinctly Winkleigh* reached out to us, calling for articles from our pupils with a view to capturing the thoughts, feelings and concerns of local young people. Thanks so much to Peter for giving us this opportunity.

So far, Charlotte Pierce (Year 11) has already had her piece published in last quarter's publication of *Distinctly Winkleigh*. Moreover, Ismay Thompson (Year 7) and Jas Llewellyn (Year 11) have articles in the pipeline for the summer edition. Agnes Catling (Year 11, our very own Head Girl!) also has an article under consideration, column inches allowing.

What a marvellous, positive move from those pupils. Well done for making your voices heard.

Mr Garrett, Teacher of English

Beneficial boredom? By Agnes Catling

Boredom. It often screams emotions of dullness, feeling unmotivated and being restless. Boredom is a feeling that most of us despise, but luckily for those people, most of us hardly experience it anymore. However, (if we do experience it) it is only for a short period of time, before the brain is distracted again. With access to mobile phones and the internet only improving, immediate distractions are within our clutches: "I feel bored - so I will scroll." This solution seems perfect: a feeling most of us hate can now be removed; but, it's not perfect. Far from it.

In fact, boredom is actually beneficial to us.

Boredom takes place when the attention network of the brain disengages, often due to lack of stimulation; this then triggers the DMN (Default Mode Network) into effect. The DMN initiates actions revolving around internal thought, from daydreaming to self-reflection. This can then act as a catalyst for creativity. It forces our brain to go off on a wander! Such cerebral meanderings have the power to initiate imagination. Did you know that the Harry Potter novels' initial ideas came to J.K. Rowling, when she was bored on a delayed train from Manchester to London in 1990?

Boredom can be a productive state. This can be a time to come up with new ideas and make them happen, or perhaps gain a burst of energy to complete a challenge. Boredom gives us a time to explore our creative side and to generally fill in the 'gap' our brain has 'discovered'.

However, that's not all. Replacing a short-term feeling of boredom doesn't just temporarily relieve any restless emotions, it actually generates a habit of getting bored. Every time we pick up our phone, we are provided with a fast dopamine hit (a neurotransmitter and hormone, often known as the 'feel good' hormone). This trains our brain that everyday activities we need to complete, are dull and that time on our smartphone is engaging. However, each time we are hit with that dopamine, the dopamine actually becomes less effective. So, something that once filled us with pleasure, becomes the norm, while other activities feel like they are the worst thing you could partake in.

So, to summarise: in a world full of digital stimulation, don't let yourself see boredom as a negative emotion. View it as a secret power tool, unlockable at any moment, prepared to create what could be the next big thing. Except if it is not, it is still a time to create your own dopamine, do something fun and turn the small things into big things.

As Neil Gaiman said, "You have to let yourself get so bored that your mind has nothing better to do than tell itself a story." Boredom is beneficial to us all.



Competition Time

Extreme Reading Competition 2026!

One of the reasons Chulmleigh College stands out in our part of the world is the whole school community's commitment to reading. AR is a vehicle for formalise what is life's greatest pleasures, as well as the foundation for learning across all our subjects.

Thanks to those who contributed to last month's Extreme Reading Competition. It's a tough call, but Alicia-Rose takes the top prize and the £10 Amazon voucher.

Mr Garrett, Teacher of English



Alicia-Rose enjoys a flipping good book!



George dives into a good book!



Henry relaxes into a good book!

South West Junior Chef of the Year 2026 - Entries now open!

Recognising the region's budding young chefs.

Entries are open for South West Junior Chef of the Year 2026. An opportunity for young cooks, aged 11-16 to demonstrate their culinary skills, meet like-minded young people and learn from some of the region's leading chef. Young cooks are invited to send in their recipe for a main course dish, using principally locally-produced ingredients. The judges will be looking for recipes that demonstrate skill and creativity. After assessing all recipes entered, the judges will select the entrants they would like to invite to a final in their own county initially. Here they will be asked to prepare their dish for the judges and each of the county winners will then meet at the overall South West final.

If there are any budding young chefs who would like to take part, please see Mrs Jones or Miss Gower for further information and how we can help and support your entry.



South West Junior Chef of the Year 2026

Recognising the region's budding young chefs


Young cooks, aged 11-16, are invited to send us their recipe for a main course dish for two, using principally locally-produced ingredients, as their entry for South West Junior Chef of the Year 2026

Our judges will invite selected entrants to prepare their dish, in 90 minutes, at a county final, initially, and the winners in each county will meet at the grand final in the Autumn to compete for the overall title.


All county winners will be supported by one of our judges, who will act as their mentor, helping them to enhance their dish and providing a fantastic opportunity to develop their skills and experience life in a working kitchen.

Devon County Final
Tuesday 7th July 3.30pm
Exeter College

Judges
Scott Paton
Head Chef, ÀcIèaf, Plympton
Paul Carne
Hospitality Curriculum Manager, Exeter College



South West and Devon Junior Chef of the Year 2025, Jessica Klapsia, and head judge, Michael Caines MBE




Jessica's winning dish, confit cod fillet with dashi beurre blanc and oyster



Entry closing date: Tuesday 26th May 2026


The South West Junior Chef final will be held at Exeter College, Devon, on Saturday 10th October 2026
Competitors must be aged 11-16 and still at school in year 11 or below on the date of the South West final

South West Junior Chef of the Year is sponsored by  Michael Caines

 Thanks to our partnership with Springboard FutureChef, our South West finalists will be invited to take part in the FutureChef regional final to compete for a place in their national final in 2027

For more information and to submit your entry, visit: www.southwestchef.co.uk
Email: info@southwestchef.co.uk Tel: 07970 518756

 [swchefcomp](https://www.instagram.com/swchefcomp)  [southwestchef](https://www.facebook.com/southwestchef)

Lead sponsor:  Bidfood

SEWING CLUB!

Every Monday with Mrs Dinnis
Years 7, 8 and 9

This is a chance to learn the basics on the sewing machines and make items to take home and use.





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Maths

Exeter Maths School Year 8 Computational Problem Solving Workshops

Exeter Maths School are inviting applications for Year 8 pupils to take part in Computational Problem Solving Workshops. Successful pupils will be granted authorised absence to take part. Parents will be required to organise transport to and from the venue.

Please follow this link to apply: <https://ems.applicaa.com/cps2026>



Year 8 Computational Problem Solving Workshops



Build essential **problem-solving** skills for **design & other creative fields** that use **coding** in real-world tasks to strengthen **computational thinking**



For **Year 8** students who demonstrate a strong interest in **Design & Technology, Product Design, Maths &/or Science**

A programme of **4 face-to-face** events at Exeter Maths School

29th April, 6th, 13th & 20th May



Applications NOW OPEN!
Places are limited - Don't delay

Free for state school pupils

events@exeterms.ac.uk | 01392 429020





Sparx XP Top 20 Weekly Leaderboard

Congratulations to the following pupils for going above and beyond on their Sparx homework this week (up to 23rd April). An overall yearly leader board can be found on the Maths corridor!

1	Rupert Cardnell	3668
2	Jordan Squire	2820
3	Olivia Harris	1550
4	Louis Parish	1464
5	Ruby Cowan	1460
6	Skye Elston	1410
7	Olly Finney	1410
8	Eddy Passmore	1370
9	Harley Jones	1350
10	Elphie Solity	1290
11	Oliver Dyke	1287
12	Olivia Perry	1250
13	Blake Wonnacott	1240
14	Sienna Deacon	1200
15	Jacob Furneaux-Harris	1180
16	Eliza Walsh	1168
17	Ava Smith	1135
18	Isla Phillips	1130
19	Henry Macpherson	1130
20	Jago Wood	1072

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 Year 7's who reached Level 20 (Ebony Baxter) and Level 30 (Rupert Cardnell)

Level 70 - Kester Barry and Amelia Bourne

Level 80 - Charline Boucher, Maddie Evans and William Keenor

Level 90 - Francesca Millichope and Sean Symons

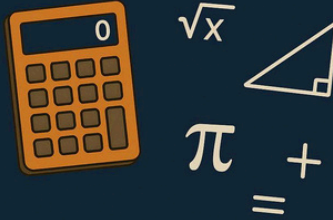
Level 100 - Eddie Payne

Level 220 - Alfie Jones



Hand in your answer to
M5
 or email:
 MathsPOW@Chulmleigh.devon.sch.uk
 by **3:14 pm next Monday** for a chance
 to be this week's MathsPOW
 Champion!

MATHS PUZZLE OF THE WEEK



HERE IS THE SOLUTION!



23 out of 30 numbers can be expressed as the difference of two perfect squares!

Answer: 23 out of 30

★★ **EXTRA PRIZE:** The impossible numbers are 2, 6, 10, 14, 18, 22, 26 – these are even numbers that are NOT multiples of 4!

★★★ **EXTRA EXTRA PRIZE:** Because $a^2 - b^2 = (a+b)(a-b)$. Both brackets must be the same parity (both odd or both even). If n is even but not a multiple of 4, this is impossible!



MathsPOW GOES TO THE MOON



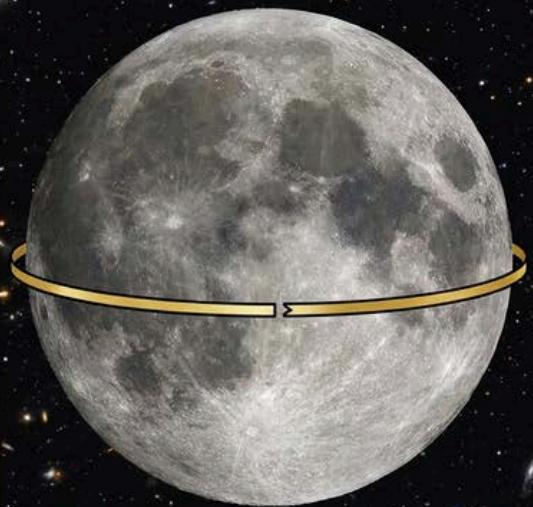
Following the Artemis II mission, imagine placing a steel band tightly around the Moon's equator (circumference $\approx 10,917$ km). You add exactly 1 metre of extra steel. This raises the band above the surface of the Moon. By how much?

Which of these could you slip under?

A human hair
 (~0.07 mm)

A Coke can
 (~12 cm)

Walk under it
 (~2 m)



★★ Same question for Earth (circumference $\approx 40,075$ km)?

★★★ What do you notice? Can you explain why?

HINT: Start with $C = 2\pi r$

Lost Property

The lost property room at the sports hall is currently overflowing with unclaimed items. A recent check has revealed a wide variety of belongings, all unfortunately unlabelled.

Items include 8 coats from brands such as Trespass, New Look, Primark, Karrimor, McKenzie, Peter Storm and H&M. There are also over 20 pairs of trainers and football boots, some stored in PE bags and others loose, as well as 7 odd shoes without a matching pair.

In addition, a large assortment of clothing has been found, including woolly hats, skirts, trousers, shirts, shorts, jogging bottoms, PE tops, and even a knitted poncho. Other items include water bottles, glasses, PE bags, and packed lunch boxes.

Parents and guardians are kindly reminded to clearly label all items with full names rather than just initials, as this significantly improves the chances of lost belongings being returned. Children with labelled items have already been contacted directly.

Thank you for your support in helping us reunite these items with their owners.





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CAT News

Nurturing Excellence
from 9 months - 4 years



Opening 5th May 2026 - Book Now!



Tel: 01363 83292

Email: admin@stc-primary.devon.sch.uk
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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...

April

Fri 24 - Sun 26 Apr:

Lego League Competition, Harrogate

Sat 24 - Sun 26 Apr:

Dartmoor Discovery Camp 4

Mon 27 Apr - Fri 1 May:

Scholar Assemblies

Year 11 GCSE Speaking Exams

Wed 29 Apr:

Year 10 Animal Care Coursework Day

Year 11 GCSE PE Moderation

Thurs 30 Apr:

Year 10 Assembly - Exeter College

May

Mon 4 May:

Bank Holiday

Thurs 7 May:

Welcome Evening (Year 7 Sept 2026)

Thurs 7 & Fri 8 May:

LAMDA Performance Exams

Fri 8 - Sun 10 May:

Ten Tors Event (Years 9 & 10)

Thurs 21 May:

Year 10 Awards Evening

Mon 25 - Fri 29 May:

Half Term



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.

PTFA Events & Meetings

- Coffee Morning Saturday - 23/05/26 Chulmleigh Town





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



Tennis Coaching Opportunity

Fancy trying tennis? We have some upcoming taster sessions for various age groups. All welcome and no previous experience required.

The dates available are:

2nd Taster Day – Saturday 25th April

Group 4. 10.00-11.00am - Ages 5-8 Parents and Children

From 11-12pm David is available for private Coaching

3rd Taster Day – Saturday 2nd May

Group 1. 10.00-11.00am - Ages 9-12

Group 2. 11.00-12.00pm - Ages 13-16

Group 3. 12.15-01.15pm – Adults Rusty Rackets

The website for booking is: [Clubspark / Chulmleigh LTC / Coaching](#)

There is also more information on our Facebook page: [Facebook](#) or you can email izzymoser@hotmail.co.uk to join our Coaching Contacts list.



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						
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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

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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			4	11	18	25	2	9	16	23	30
Tuesday	2	9	16	23	30		6	13	20	27	4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22	29			5	12	19	26	3	10	17	24	31	
Wednesday	3	10	17	24	31		7	14	21	28	5	12	19	26		2	9	16	23	30			6	13	20	27	4	11	18	25		
Thursday	4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22	29	6	13	20	27		3	10	17	24				7	14	21	28	5	12	19	26		
Friday	5	12	19	26		2	9	16	23	30	7	14	21	28		4	11	18	25				8	15	22	29	6	13	20	27		

Bank Holidays ■

25 December 2026
 28 December 2026
 01 January 2027
 26 March 2027 (Good Friday)
 29 March 2027 (Easter Monday)
 03 May 2027 (May Day)
 31 May 2027 (Spring Bank Holiday)
 30 August 2027 (Summer Bank Holiday)

Non-Pupil Days ■









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

Occasional Holidays ■

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

School Lunches - Information for Pupils and Parents

- Should a pupil not have enough funds on their account, they should visit the Pupil Support Office before going to the canteen, where they should obtain a meal slip.
- Pupils are able to check their account balances using the machines located at the entrances to the canteen.
- All free school meal (FSM) pupils have accounts topped up daily with £2.61. This credit does not show when you check your balance on the fingerprint machines but will show up on the tills. If you have debt, this is on your personal account and not your FSM account and will need to be paid off by parents at some point. It does mean that all FSM pupils have £2.61 to spend every day whether their personal account is in debt or not.
- If pupils are not set up with fingerprint access, or if it is not working, please go to reception.
- We would also like to remind parents and carers that pupils eligible for free school meals may eat at both breaktime and lunchtime within their allowance. A breakfast option is available at breaktime (two slices of toast with a topping or a bowl of cereal) for 41p, leaving sufficient balance for a main meal, pasta dish, sandwich, or similar option at lunchtime.
- Parents may check which meals their children are purchasing by going to the MyEd app. Select accounts (bottom right of screen), select the month and then select the day of purchase that you want to check.
- The full menu and price list is available on the College website and in Optime.
- We kindly ask that you ensure your child's account is topped up regularly to avoid any inconvenience.

		 <h2>SUMMER MENU</h2> <h3>Week 1</h3>				
		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
  	MAIN ONE	Breakfast Brunch Bacon, sausage, hash brown & beans	Pasta Bologanise, garlic focaccia & sweetcorn or salad	Roast chicken, roast potatoes, stuffing, parsnips, carrots, cabbage & gravy	Chicken Korma, rice, mango chutney, tomato & onion salad, mint raita & naan	Battered fish, chips, tartare sauce, & peas or beans or salad & coleslaw
	MAIN TWO	Quorn sausage, hash brown, tomato & beans	Quorn bolognaise, garlic focaccia & sweetcorn or salad	Vegetable frittata, roast potatoes, carrots & cabbage	Vegetable Korma, rice mango chutney, tomato & onion salad, mint raita & naan	Cheese & onion quiche, chips, peas or beans or salad & coleslaw
	PASTA BAR	Pasta Bar & Jacket Potatoes	Salad bar	Pasta Bar & Jacket Potatoes	Salad bar	Pasta Bar & Jacket Potatoes
		 <p>Available Daily HOMEBAKES FRUIT POTS DESSERTS PASTA POTS</p>	 <p>Available Daily FRESHLY PREPARED SANDWICHES & BAGUETTES</p>	 <p>Available Daily BAKED JACKET POTATOES WITH A SELECTION OF FILLINGS</p>	 <p>Available Daily HOMEMADE SOUP OF THE DAY WITH BREAD</p>	
<p>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.</p>						

SUMMER MENU Week 2



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	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN ONE	Battered chicken burger in a bap, iceberg lettuce, piri piri sauce, wedges, peas or salad & coleslaw	Chicken & vegetable pie, mashed potato, carrots & peas	Roast pork, apple sauce, roast potatoes, stuffing, parsnips, carrots, cabbage & gravy	BBQ pulled pork bao bun, straw fries, pickled veg or salad & coleslaw or peas	Fish fingers, wedges, baked beans or peas
MAIN TWO	Luxury veggie burger in a bap, wedges, peas or salad & coleslaw	Summer vegetable terrine, mashed potato, carrots & peas or salad & coleslaw	Homity pie, roast potatoes, parsnips, carrots & cabbage	Sweet chilli tofu bao bun, straw fries, pickled veg or salad & coleslaw or peas	Vegetable fajita wrap, wedges,, baked beans or peas
PASTA BAR	Pasta Bar & Jacket Potatoes	Salad bar	Pasta Bar & Jacket Potatoes	Salad bar	Pasta Bar & Jacket Potatoes
	<i>Available Daily</i> HOMEBAKES FRUIT POTS DESSERTS PASTAPOTS	<i>Available Daily</i> FRESHLY PREPARED SANDWICHES & BAGUETTES	<i>Available Daily</i> BAKED JACKET POTATOES WITH A SELECTION OF FILLINGS	<i>Available Daily</i> HOMEMADE SOUP OF THE DAY WITH BREAD	

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SUMMER MENU Week 3



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	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN ONE	Chilli, rice, sour cream, guacamole, cheese & nachos	Hunters chicken, diced potatoes, peas or salad & coleslaw	Roast gammon, roast potatoes, stuffing, parsnips, carrots, cabbage & gravy	Chipolota sausage, mashed potato, onion gravy, carrots & peas	Fish finger sandwich, iceberg lettuce, tartar sauce, chips & peas or baked beans
MAIN TWO	Vegetarian chilli, rice, sour cream, guacamole, cheese & nachos	Soft shell taco, diced potatoes, peas or salad & coleslaw	Chickpea & sweet potato cake, roast potatoes, parsnips, carrots & cabbage	Quorn sausage, mashed potato, onion gravy, carrots & peas	Vegetable finger sandwich, iceberg lettuce, chips & peas or baked beans
PASTA BAR	Pasta Bar & Jacket Potatoes	Salad bar	Pasta Bar & Jacket Potatoes	Salad bar	Pasta Bar & Jacket Potatoes
	<i>Available Daily</i> HOMEBAKES FRUIT POTS DESSERTS PASTAPOTS	<i>Available Daily</i> FRESHLY PREPARED SANDWICHES & BAGUETTES	<i>Available Daily</i> BAKED JACKET POTATOES WITH A SELECTION OF FILLINGS	<i>Available Daily</i> HOMEMADE SOUP OF THE DAY WITH BREAD	

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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
PANINIS	£1.95	YOGHURT POT	£0.95
1/2 PANINI	£1.00	JELLY POT	£0.95
SANDWICHES	£1.90	MUFFIN	£1.20
WRAPS	£1.90	HOMEBAKE	£0.90
		TAKEAWAY BOX	£0.15



Set Automatic Top UP on Lunch Account

- *Iris ParentMail App.*
- *Accounts.*
- *Dinner Top Up.*
- *Automatic Top Up.*
- *Top Up.*
- *Enter minimum balance value.*
- *Enter top up amount.*
- *Accept Terms and Conditions.*
- *Select payment type.*
- *Your child can check their account balance using the fingerprint reader at the entrance to Dartridge Hall.*