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Key Dates:

November

9th - Year 11 Progress Evening

10th - Family Forum

23rd – Year 9 Progress Evening

Accelerated Reader

Accelerated Reader is a computer program that helps teachers and librarians manage and monitor students' independent reading practice. Your child picks a book at their own level and reads it for an average of 20 minutes a day to ensure they are building their reading age and stamina. When finished, your child takes a short quiz on the computer. (Passing the quiz is an indication that your child understood what they read).

Students using Accelerated Reader choose their own books to read, rather than having one assigned to them. This makes reading a much more enjoyable experience as they can choose books that are interesting to them.

There are over 200,000 books on the AR scheme so clearly we cannot have every one of them in our library. To find out the level of a book you may have at home visit www.arbookfind.co.uk and click on Advanced Search. This generates a book lists that contain titles that your child may want to read.

To make sure the book is in the right reading zone (ZPD), you and your child can add in their low and high levels and the search will bring up thousands of books that they can choose from that are within their range.

Many of these books can be found in our library or even ordered through the librarians, however, feel free to buy books for birthday and Christmas presents too or as rewards for helping around the house!



1. Choose

Encourage students to find something to read! Accelerated Reader has quizzes on more than 200,000 books, ensuring students never run out of choices.



2. Read

This is the best part! Students get to read a book of their choosing. Students can read in class, at home, or out and about in the community.



3. Quiz

Once they finish a book, students take a short quiz on what they've read. Each quiz is written to ensure students have read the entire book.

Online Safety

The area of online safety is updated constantly in line with advances in technology. In College, students are educated about online safety in both Computing and in Lesson 42. We also have strong filtering systems on our network of computers.

Below are some links that may help you to be aware of the challenges that your child may find while using their phone or computer.

Click the links below to open the websites:	
Digital Parenting	This is a good general site, and has many positive examples of being safe online
thinkuknow	This is very much focussed on safety and has a helpful section about the dark web
NSPCC	Here you will find lots of advice about being safe online and much more
Swiggle	This may be useful for younger children as a safer search engine

Just One Tree – thank you

Our ECC Eco group organised a Mufti Day before half term to raise money for Just One Tree. Thank you to all students and their families who donated. The event raised £900, which means we have contributed to 900 trees being planted.

Year 11: Post 16 Application

Year 11 received an email this week asking them to start their application process for our Post16. We offer a thorough transition and application process that started for our current Year 11 in Year 10 through the availability of Post16 'taster' lesson in the summer term. Students were then invited to our Post16 Open Evening earlier this term. This next step offers each Year 11 student a bespoke coursing interview with a member of staff. Here they discuss their course options in more detail with Parents and Carers. Signing up for this service does not block any other options for Post 16; it helps students understand the courses on offer to make an informed choice. Please complete the form by clicking [here](#)

Parent and Carer Feedback – Family Forum 10th November

For the last year we have been asking all parents and carers to complete our questionnaire. The feedback you give us is really valuable to help ensure we are working together to improve the lives of the students in our care. Please do spend a few minutes completing this term's questionnaire, at the end of which you are able to book your place at our Family Forum (10th November) [Parent and Carer Questionnaire](#)

Our Family Forum gives parents and carers an opportunity to speak with senior members of staff and hear updates from the College. We really value these meetings as an opportunity to hear from our community.

Year 9 Progress Evening

Our Year 9 progress Evening (formally Parents and Carer Evening) will take place on Wednesday 23rd November. This will be online using our Parent Booking system. Appointments will be made available from the 14th November. You will receive an invite to book via the Parents Booking system. The evening is an opportunity for parents and carers of year 9 students to meet with their child's subject teachers to discuss their progress in lessons.

Traffic Congestion around the College

Please can we remind you to be considerate of our neighbours on Green Close, Gipsy Lane and Waverly Road when dropping off and/or picking up students. We are aware that increased traffic during the start and end of the College day puts pressure on the residential areas and we want to ensure the safety of our community. Mr Davis did contact our local MP at the end of the summer term, and Devon County Council have confirmed the Highways Team are looking into accessing the congestion around the College.

Vacancies in College

We have a number of **new vacancies** advertised on our website: [Here](#)

Posts Include:

- Teacher of Sociology and/or Criminology
- Learning Mentor (Teaching Assistant)
- Peripatetic Music Teachers
- Cover Coordinator
- Casual Supply Teachers
- Meal Time Assistant

Not seen a job for you? Use our Talent Pool form to join our mailing list should appropriate career opportunities arise:

[Exmouth Community College - Join Talent Pool \(exmouthcollege.devon.sch.uk\)](#)

Student Success

Cross Country

Before Half Term, our Cross Country teams competed against other schools at Sidmouth College Cross Country competition. Both the boys and girls team won! A great achievement!



Manchester City Football Trip

Year 8 students experienced a once in a lifetime Reward Trip to watch Manchester City in the Champions League this week!

The group watched an excellent game with some high profile players on show. Students were also given a behind the scenes tour of the Etihad Campus, and were complimented on their outstanding behaviour and attitude, asking interesting questions and sharing their views.

Year 8 Plate tectonics extended homework

Year 8 have been learning about Plate tectonics and their associated hazards this term in Geography. As part of their learning, they have been set an extended project to either research a tectonic hazard/event such as an earthquake or volcanic eruption or to build a model. These photos are from Mrs Cacicedo-Hough's classes where students created a range of volcano, earthquake and tsunami models. We managed to 'erupt' a couple and one student baked an impressive cake which we ate (it was delicious!). Well done to all the students who created these fantastic models, superb effort and creativity!

