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Season's greetings.

December already, and a good time for me to thank you for your support over the autumn term. To those of you who have taken the time to contact me with your views, thoughts and observations as well as the kind words - your input is appreciated and valued.

I would like to thank the staff - teaching and support staff, who have worked so hard this term - always one of the most tiring and exhaustive - to make this such a positive and successful school

So much to celebrate, with numerous charities and good causes recognised and Children in Need raising over €1,000 in November. The Musical events have been amazing, culminating in December's concert and the fantastic School Production. Sports fixtures and team successes are equally impressive, and much of this is down to the commitment of both students and staff, who commit time and effort to moulding competitive and productive teams and individuals.

There have been many educational events, special assemblies, trips and visits, which enrich and extend our young people and reinforce a sense of belonging.

Our 6th form are an inspiration, and model excellent attitudes for the younger learners - they too have been involved in setting up and managing events. More widely, we end the term with the national educational landscape still in a state of flux. Around the country, secondary schools are grappling with the uncertainty and volatility that new G.C.S.E and post-16 courses and grading systems will cause, and trying to make accurate predictions in the midst of it all.

It causes me to reflect: what are the things that really matter? What are the ingredients that will sustain successful schools in the future - irrespective of inspections and league tables?

Knowing your strengths is a good place to start. This term I have asked staff and students what it is that makes this school special. Our staff cite the excellent facilities: the sports resources; the auditorium; the dedicated 6th form centre. The commitment of so many staff who go the extra mile. Students agree in many respects - they are aware of and grateful for the time, effort and dedication given and I see this repaid in their engagement, commitment and excellent relationships. They are conscious of the quality of resources and opportunities in both vocational and academic areas.

For me, it is absolutely vital that students wear our badge with pride - that they are prepared to give back to the school which offers them so much - and I want them to see learning as more than "lessons". I see much of this already, from lead learners to members of teams and productions and volunteer litter pickers. I also want students to develop their leadership skills. I want them to rise to the challenge of becoming leaders and ambassadors - (more to come on this).

2017 and onwards will see a focus on aiming high and working "SMART", as well as applying consistent, high expectations: "every lesson counts, every day, for every student."

As a truly self-improving school, we will aim to be outward-looking, and more globally-aware. We will increasingly draw on the best practice available locally, nationally and internationally to raise standards and close gaps. Ultimately, we will aim to be the core of the local community - a point of reference for locals and a spring-board to the world for young people - a source of pride to all.

Happy Christmas

FROM THE PRINCIPAL
Exeter Road

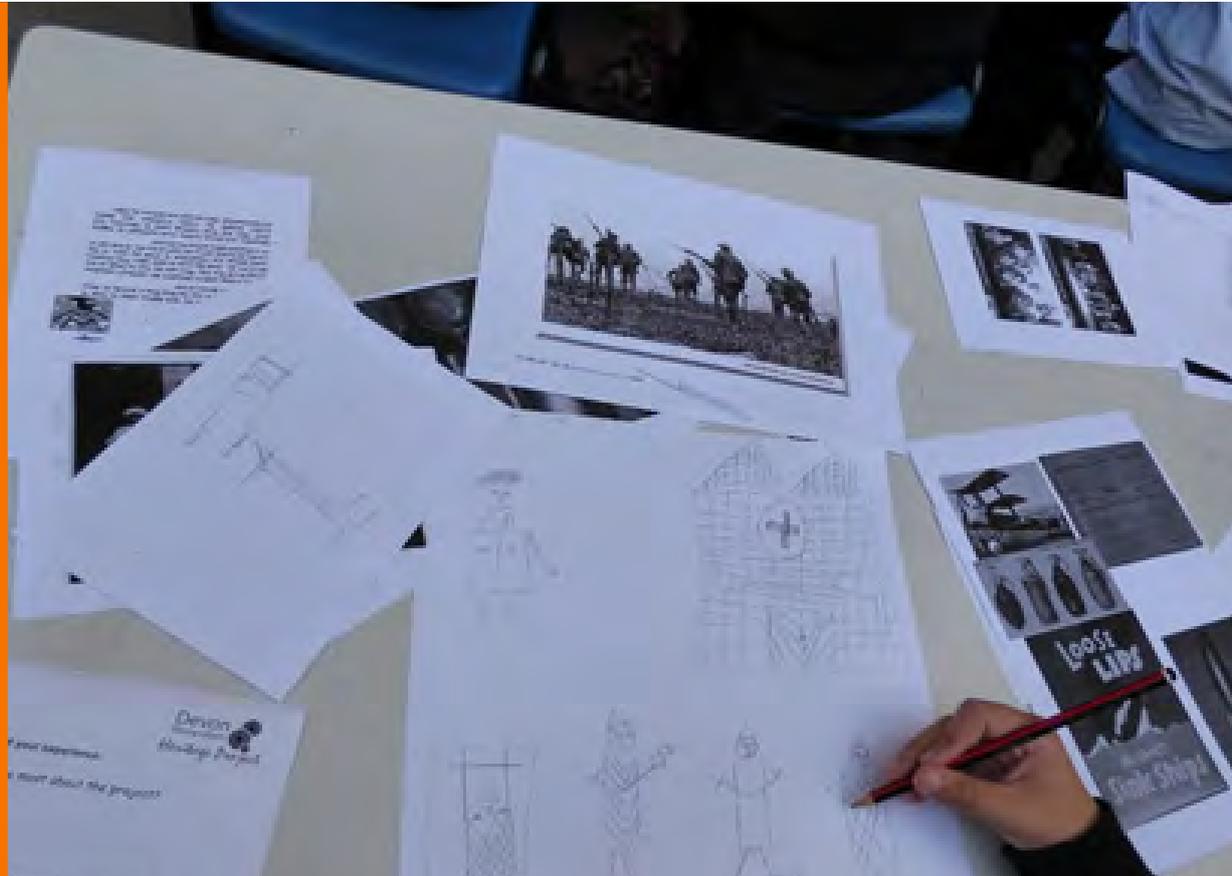


POWDERHAM CASTLE

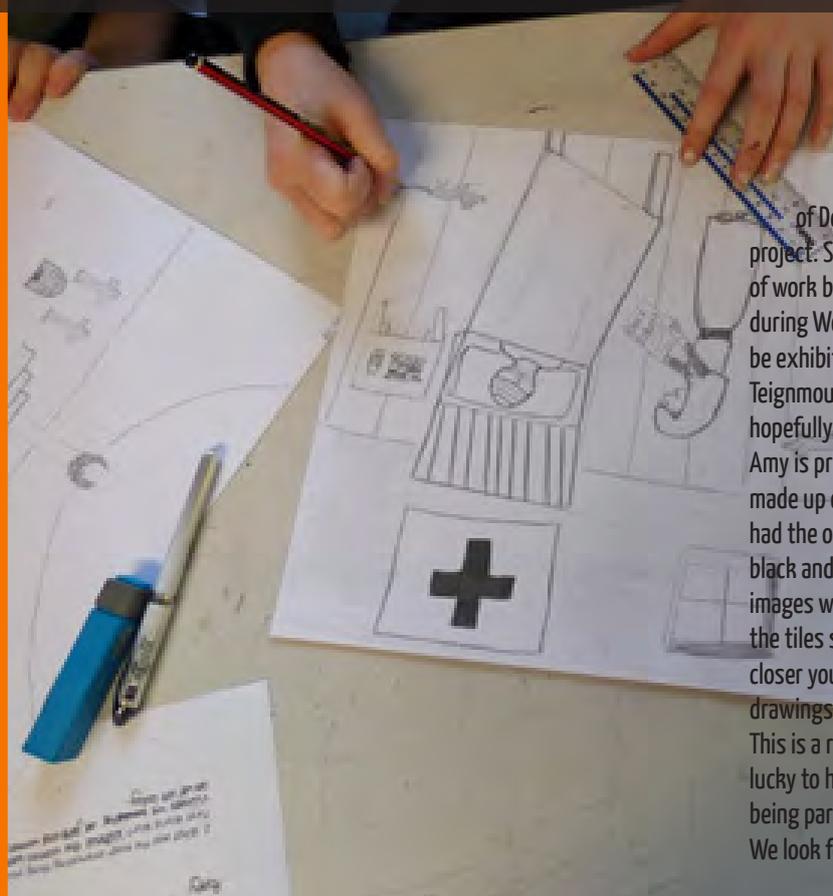
Students from Year 10, 11 and Sixth Form Music courses were invited to perform alongside students from Dawlish Community College for 'Powderham Live!' event at the castle. The Countess of Devon commented on the quality of the performances and was impressed by their professionalism. The evening was sold out and followed by a congratulatory Disco in the Castle's Library. Well Done to all the performers!



Children in Year 6 took it upon themselves to do some fundraising. Their idea was to bake their own cakes and sell them at school to raise money for Children in Need. The cakes were sold at breaktime. They were extremely chuffed having raised a grand total of £72.58!



WW1 ART PROJECT



Year 7 art students have taken part in a WW1 project that has been organised by local artist Amy McCarthy. Amy has been commissioned to create a new World War I War Memorial as part of Devon Remembers, a Heritage Lottery funded project. She has been given a brief to create a piece of work based on the Home Front in Teignmouth during World War I and the resulting work of art will be exhibited in several sites around Devon, including Teignmouth, before being given a permanent home, hopefully in the town. Amy is primarily a glass artist and this piece will be made up of individual glass squares. Students have had the opportunity to create individual drawings in black and white. They are being scanned in and the images will be fused onto glass tiles. From a distance the tiles should make up the image of a poppy; the closer you get, you start to notice the individual drawings on the tiles. This is a really high profile project and we are very lucky to have been given such a rare opportunity of being part of contributing to a new War Memorial. We look forward to seeing the final result.

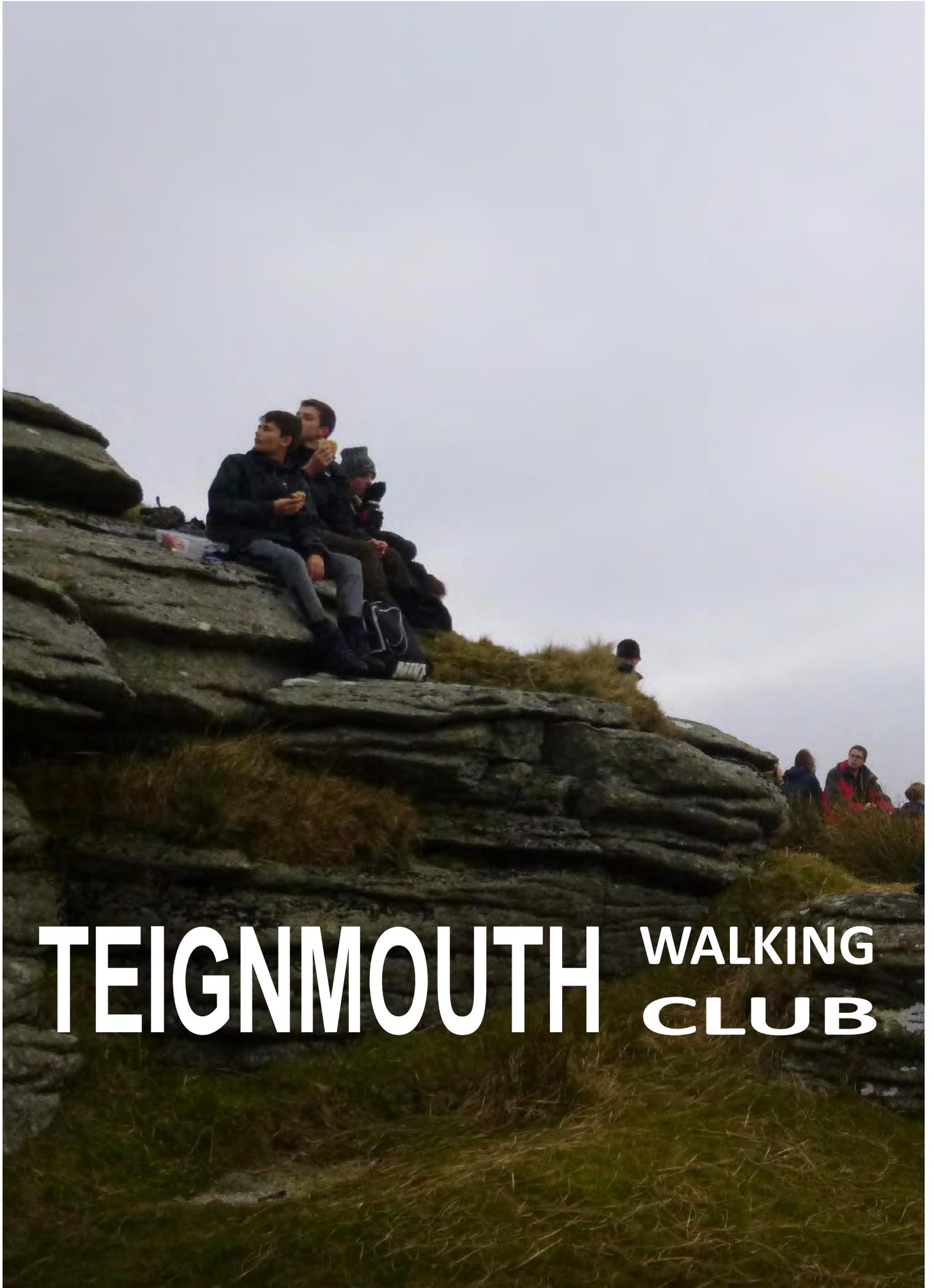
CHOCOLATE



Year 3/4 had the exciting topic of chocolate and were set the task of creating their very own chocolate bar! Therefore, armed with ingredients galore we descended upon the professional kitchens at Exeter Road to create our delights! We mixed all manner of sweets to produce marvellous creations reminiscent of those described in Roald Dahl's Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. Bubble gum, chocolate, popping candy, millions, fudge, honeycomb and fizzy laces were all used to mention just a few!

You can see, we all had great fun, although I'm not sure many of our creations will make it to market!

A huge thank you must go to the catering team at Exeter Road who supported our visit and enabled it to be such a success!



TEIGNMOUTH WALKING CLUB

The walking season is in full swing again as staff and students battle the elements and terrain on one of England's last remaining wildernesses. After completing the initial three walks before Christmas, specific students are invited to continue walking in the Spring Term as part of the official Ten Tors training. With TCS having been allotted two 35 mile teams this year, the 2016/2017 walking season offers students from Years 9 and 10 the opportunity to gain a place for the Ten Tors event in May 2017. Recent walks have predominantly taken place on southern and central Dartmoor with routes encompassing Holne Moor, Venford Reservoir, Two Bridges and the West Dart valley. Although wet underfoot and increasingly cold, conditions have been variable with (relatively) warm sunshine, wintry squalls and mist as the typical challenges faced. However, this has given staff the ability to tutor students in navigation, teamwork and survival techniques which are imperative skills for those lucky students chosen to represent TCS.

With staff considering team selection after the Christmas break, the students must continue to approach the challenge with the same enthusiasm and maturity which has been displayed so far. Well done to everyone involved – you are doing a fantastic job.



Duke of Edinburgh award at TCS: 2015/16

IN July 2015, we had our largest uptake of more than 60 students enrolling on the Bronze award and also a few engaging on the Silver & Gold levels.

A Facebook page was necessary to maintain contact with so many students and this also provided them with an opportunity to communicate together and share ideas. This was particularly evident when we came to organising the Expeditions. Throughout the year, students engaged in a wide variety of activities for their sections, from volunteering in the library to competing in 'Octopush'. Surf lifeguarding, volunteering at Scouts, learning to play the violin, rugby, running, cooking and many more diverse activities were undertaken, some for the first time, demonstrating the enormous value of this award in getting students 'Out there' gaining new experiences.

Charley's story shows how a student can come full circle from engaging on her Bronze award to supporting other students as they start on their awards. Charley has gained huge self-confidence and personal development through her experiences and has greatly developed her leadership skills, as shown by her long standing work with the scouts. We add our congratulations, and thanks, to Charley for her achievements with the Duke of Edinburgh award.

Other mentions should go to our first Gold Expedition team, Peter Bilham, Megan Mayne, Alice Aplin and Chloe Sutcliffe, who completed their 4 day expedition in very difficult weather conditions and climbed to the highest peaks in the Brecon Beacons. Also to Jordan Hellier who has completed both Bronze and Silver in 18 months.

This year marks the Diamond anniversary of the Duke of Edinburgh award and as part of the celebrations, representatives from each Lead Organisation were invited to Buckingham Palace to be presented with a plaque to

Within this year, there have been a number of key stories including, Caitlin Jackson who came to help on a Silver practice expedition and ended up joining the Expedition herself and going on to complete the Assessed expedition and has now nearly completed her Silver award.

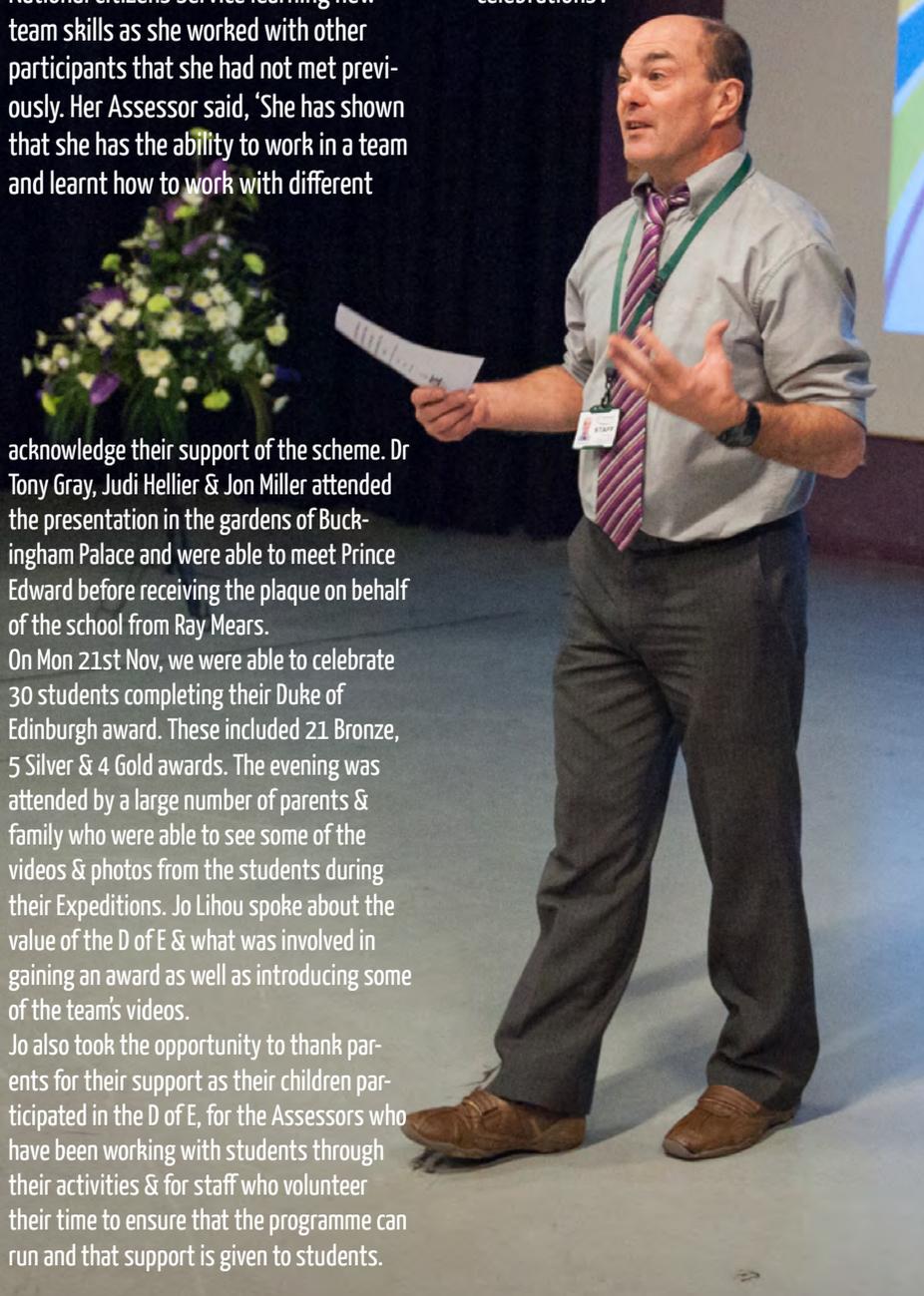
Charley Miles has become the first student from TCS to complete all three levels of award, Bronze, Silver & Gold! Charley started her Bronze award in March 2014 and has worked through each level, completing her Gold award in Nov 2016. For her Gold Expedition, Charley sailed five days around the Solent building on her navigational & nautical skills and learning about the history of this area's fortifications. Charley's Residential was with the National Citizens Service learning new team skills as she worked with other participants that she had not met previously. Her Assessor said, 'She has shown that she has the ability to work in a team and learnt how to work with different

acknowledge their support of the scheme. Dr Tony Gray, Judi Hellier & Jon Miller attended the presentation in the gardens of Buckingham Palace and were able to meet Prince Edward before receiving the plaque on behalf of the school from Ray Mears.

On Mon 21st Nov, we were able to celebrate 30 students completing their Duke of Edinburgh award. These included 21 Bronze, 5 Silver & 4 Gold awards. The evening was attended by a large number of parents & family who were able to see some of the videos & photos from the students during their Expeditions. Jo Lihou spoke about the value of the D of E & what was involved in gaining an award as well as introducing some of the team's videos.

Jo also took the opportunity to thank parents for their support as their children participated in the D of E, for the Assessors who have been working with students through their activities & for staff who volunteer their time to ensure that the programme can run and that support is given to students.

people from different backgrounds. A huge congratulations must go to Charley and she has been a real pleasure to work with. Congratulations Charley'. During this last year Charley has been invaluable to the Duke of Edinburgh team here in TCS as she has volunteered with us completing admin tasks for the large numbers of students enrolled. The excellence and commitment she has shown in this has prompted us to nominate Charley as a D of E young leader to attend a service of Thanksgiving at Westminster Abbey on the 24th Nov 2016. This is part of the Diamond anniversary celebrations this year and, 'is a fantastic opportunity to say thank you to your young DofE leaders and we look forward to welcoming them to the Westminster Abbey celebrations'.





Jason Beardmore, (Principal) & Jon Miller presented the awards to participants and Jason said a few words about the priority given to Duke of Edinburgh from the school as it 'gave students the opportunity to gain skills outside the classroom'.

The Duke of Edinburgh scheme continues to grow & develop here at TCS as another 58 students have enrolled this year, particularly as the Bronze level can now be offered to Year 9 students. This should result in greater numbers completing their award next year so we look forward to celebrating more achievements with D of E in 2017!!

Jon Miller (D of E Manager TCS)

Teignmouth Community School

CHESS CLUB

Members of the TCS Chess Club travelled to Torquay Boys Grammar School (TBGS) to take part in the local qualifying event for the National Schools Chess Championship. Pitted against strong and experienced teams from TBGS, Clyst Vale Community College and Exeter School, the TCS team were the most inexperienced and viewed as 'outsiders' to finish in the top two places and clinch qualification for the regional qualifying event.

In this competition format, each team consists of 6 players (who each play 3 matches) with 1 point for a win, $\frac{1}{2}$ a point for a draw and no points for a loss. Unfortunately, with TCS managing only 2 points in the opening round of matches, they found themselves in joint last position; it seemed that all of the team's efforts over the past few months would fail to be recognised on the tournament stage.

However, the students rallied and, with a superb 4 wins from 6 matches in the second round, TCS found themselves in second place with only $\frac{1}{2}$ a point between them and Exeter School in third. A strong showing in the final round would mean that TCS had the chance to progress in the competition.

Despite picking up another 3 points in the final round, Exeter managed to win 4 matches and TCS were left to rue mistakes in the earlier rounds as they were pipped for second place by $\frac{1}{2}$ a point.

School	Points Total
TBGS A	15
Exeter School	9 $\frac{1}{2}$
TCS	9
TBGS B	7
Clyst Vale	4 $\frac{1}{2}$

Adam

Horne, who runs the Chess Club at TCS, commented: "Words cannot describe how proud I am of the students after this result. Although we missed out on qualification by the cruellest of margins, the other teams are vastly more experienced and include an England international and the former Devon youth champion so for us to come third is a wonderful achievement and we were singled out for especial praise by the tournament organisers which was greatly appreciated. Although many of this team will no longer be available next year as they leave the school, I hope that they will all remember how well they performed today as they should be extremely proud of what they have achieved."

Congratulations to the team: Adam Frey, Callum Howieson, Cameron Dann, Azriel Bowles, Alex Jeffs and Max Barnard. You are an absolute credit to the school.

The TCS Chess Club runs on Mondays 1515h – 1630h in the Centre for Appropriate Learning (CAL) and is open to boys and girls of any age and/or ability. Please contact Mr Horne for further details.

CLASH OF THE TALENTS

Charity Talent Show

Thursday 12th January 2017

**Tickets available to buy from
resources**

Cost of tickets:

£1.00 Pre-Bought

£2.00 on the door (Limited Amount)

***In Aid of* CROHN'S &
COLITIS UK**

Doors open at 4:30pm, at the Auditorium

£25 to winner plus other prizes



“My future’s so bright, I gotta wear shades”

The Year 11 Automotive group regularly work with Ian McAndrew from the Crashbox and Classic Car Club, however the boys were in for an “enlightening” surprise. The Crashbox Club’s Ian generously donated on behalf of the club, a Sealey welding mask, which will now accompany the MIG welder previously donated by the Crashbox Club.

Year 6 and Year 1

went on a class trip to Moretonhampstead Motor Museum as part of our topic on cars and transport. The museum has a collection of over 100 vehicles dating from the Victorian era to the 1990s and includes cars, motorbikes and bicycles. Whilst there, the children took part in a range of activities like fact-finding, sketching and creating pictograms showing the different colours of cars. Frank, the museum owner, spent time talking to the children about his collection and how he has come to have such a range of vintage vehicles. We had an interesting time and enjoyed looking at the different cars.

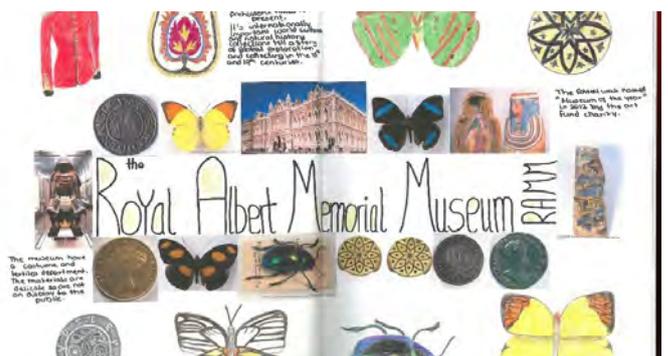




Students in picture: Dexter Beed, Erin Chamberlain, Callum Deathridge, Jamie Edge, Megan Fellows, l'Eisha Haywood, Angus Heal, Lili Lewis, Jack Mahoney, Ty Prowse ,Carrie Strutt, Molly Timmins, Tia Viridi, Katie Wilby

Miss Hipwell's Year 10 Art/Graphics group went on a trip to the RAMM in Exeter. All students completed primary observational drawings. They also took a plethora of images in and around the museum. The drawings were completed in the style of the artists they have been looking at. Students experimented with various mediums such as lead, charcoal and fine liners.

Students have returned with a wealth of drawings and photographs that they will be using in the development of their final pieces.



Year 5 and 6

Tag Rugby team played against other local Primary schools on the astro turf at Exeter Road. They played 6 matches and won 5 of them! The team are through to the finals later this month



Year 3 and 4

Tag Rugby team played against other local Primary schools on the astro turf at Exeter Road. They played 5 matches and won them all! The team are through to the finals.

Congratulations

to Year 10 students Jack Carden & Tom Cairns who have both been selected to play rugby for not only Devon Under 15s but also Exeter Chiefs under 15s Academy squad. The boys have both played rugby for Teignmouth RFC since they were 6 years old. Jack has been with Exeter Chiefs Elite Player Development Group at Sandy Park since March and is in their Junior Academy. Tom has recently been selected for Exeter Chiefs Under 15s Academy Squad. Their Devon County matches against Somerset, Cornwall and Bristol/Gloucester take place on December 18th and 28th in Plymouth. Exeter Chiefs Under 15s matches begin in the New Year with training beginning this month. Both boys play rugby for our school - the under 15s team have enjoyed a great season.

