

WAVELENGTH

Welcome to our re-launched, online 'Wavelength' magazine. This magazine aims to gather some of the highlights of news, events and students to celebrate over the last six weeks. I hope you will enjoy the content and will be as proud and impressed as we are at the diverse talents, energy and successes of our students. We aim to publish this once per half term and this will link in with our brand new website which we are about to launch. Please look out for the new app which links to our new website and which will enable us to send you notifications of general news stories, specific events and key messages regarding your child. If you do have stories, events or news to share in Wavelength or on our website, please send to dean.elliott@teignmouth.devon.sch.uk.... Enjoy the magazine!



February 2019 Edition

KEY DATES :

Bugsy Malone

28th Feb, 7:30pm

1st March, 7:30pm

2nd March 2:30 & 7:30pm

Year 8 Options Eve

11th March 6-8pm

World Book Day

7th March

National Careers Week

W/K 4th March

Science Week

11th-15th of March

Year 10 Mock Interviews

3rd April

TEN TORS continues despite poor weather!

Ten Tors training continues unabated despite the challenging conditions which resulted in routes being adapted to ensure student and staff safety. Our navigation around Haytor on Saturday 2nd February demonstrated how difficult it is to walk through knee-deep snow and how easy it is to fall over... Both 35 and 45 mile squads had a great time and also helped a large number of motorists exit the car-park (which was covered in thick ice). Alongside our current drive to remove litter from the moor whilst walking there, our students continue to improve themselves and the environment



Keoni Mole, a Sixth Form student from Teignmouth Community School, has been awarded a black belt in kick boxing. Keoni was awarded his belt back in December 2018. What makes this achievement extra special is that he suffers from Cystic Fibrosis. Keoni is one of around 10,400 people in the UK suffering from CF.

When Keoni was around 12 years old he was inspired by his sister, a keen and very talented footballer, and wanted to take part in a sport of his own. He wanted to live a normal life and didn't want his condition to get the better of him.

Keoni started training in mixed martial arts. With years of training, and although he has suffered many setbacks, Keoni has made his dream come true! Despite the best

advice from specialists to take it easy, Keoni has dedicated himself to the sport – he trains 4 nights a week and takes part in competitions. Keoni has competed in a total of 4 competitions and won them all; 4 wins, 0 lost, 0 draws. Keoni believes he may be the only Cystic Fibrosis sufferer to currently hold a black belt in kick boxing.

BLACK BELT





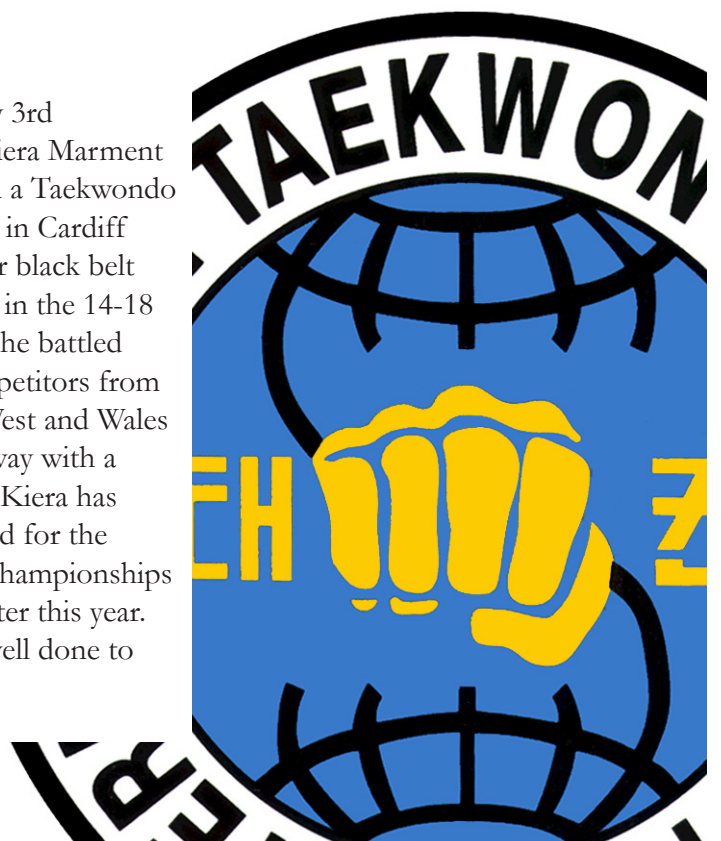
When Leah was 8 years old, inspired by a creative writing session, she came home and started to write a story for children her own age. Three years later, with the help of her father, 'The Land of Magical Surprises' was published. This happened in October 2017 when Leah was 12 years old, making her one of the youngest authors in Devon. The book can be purchased through a number of online retailers including Amazon and Waterstones. Leah has been on radio stations such as Radios Exe, The Breeze, Riviera radio and BBC Radio Devon. Last October Leah appeared on Southwest ITV after reading her book at a local primary school to other children. BBC Spotlight may be coming to film Leah at another school this year.

At the same time as Leah started to write, she became interested in acting. As a result of joining Southwest Artists of Bristol, she was selected for a main part in a Documentary film for J.P TV (the equivalent of the BBC in Japan) about the life of Agatha Christie. Leah played the young Agatha, filmed on location at Agatha Christie's summer home at Green Ways, now a National Trust property. Leah continues to be interested in acting and was in last year's panto, 'Peter Pan', at the Pavilion. She won an acting award from TYKES

Festival in the summer of 2018 for acting and voice and will be starring in this February's, TCS production of 'Bugsy Malone'. Leah is refreshingly modest about her talents but is a great example of a TCS student who throws herself into an array of disciplines with exceptional flair. She is a real credit to the school.



On Saturday 3rd February, Kiera Marment competed in a Taekwondo competition in Cardiff against other black belt competitors in the 14-18 age group. She battled against competitors from the South West and Wales and came away with a gold medal. Kiera has now qualified for the European Championships in Ireland later this year. A massive well done to Kiera!



Environmental Team

A new year, a fresh start, and, along with many New Year's resolutions, we are looking into pointing more energy and focus on recycling at our school.

At the beginning of the year our new principal, Mr James O'Connell, pinpointed some main areas to improve and develop upon here at TCS. One of these areas included our environment and recycling. We have created a strong environmental team of over 25; this is made up of students and staff. Although we already have contractors working with the school to recycle some of our waste, we are keen to increase the amount we recycle around the school.

Our aim

To create awareness amongst students and staff; work together to become a cleaner and environmentally friendly school. This can be fun and educational, we look to change perceptions through staff modelling behaviour, and peer influence. We plan to target the main areas of waste around the site, with an aim to identify recyclable items of rubbish, and work together as a community, to reduce items that can't be recycled.

Our kick start ideas

- Form teams to collect particular sorts of waste to clean and sell as an enterprise.
- Create a display/installation/sculpture out of collected rubbish.
- Build on the existing teams to collect rubbish and perhaps turn this into a competition.
- Run small and bigger projects to improve our school environment – horticultural and artistic.
- Run a series of assemblies on environmental topics – locally and/or global. These could highlight the different projects and groups running.
- Create an awareness around items that cannot be recycled with a view to greatly reduce or completely cut out.
- Generally encourage the use of recycle bins to separate rubbish for collection.

We are very excited to work with a company called Terracycle. They recycle almost anything and specialise in the "non – recyclable", whether its coffee capsules from home, pens, plastic gloves, crisp packets and much more. We plan to sign up to become a collection point. All of our separated and recycled waste will then be turned into points for the school.

TEIGNMOUTH
Community School



Exeter Quayside Visit



Year 11 Geographers visited Exeter Quayside to collect data and practise their fieldwork skills. Once again the students did the school proud with their behaviour and hard work.

We even managed to organise a break in the weather with a day of blue skies and winter sun.

Arts Centre at Teignmouth Community School

**28th Feb
1st March
2nd March**

**7:30pm
with a 2:30pm
matinee on
2nd March**

Adults: £5 Children & OAPs: £3

Tickets available from Student Resources, TCS

Cafe & New York Speakeasy Open

Soft Drinks, Snacks and Prohibition Punch

Bugsy
MALONE

**“Meet the kids of
1920s America!”**



The Year 7 squad took on Torquay Academy on a cold winters evening and played extremely well, winning the game 7-1. Player of the match went to Evie Pashley.

The commitment and numbers at year 7 practise this year has been fantastic. Well done to the girls'. Mrs Milsom.

7-1 WIN

Whole School Enrichment





As part of the whole school Enrichment Day, Year 12 students went on a trip to Exeter University. The day was designed to give a taste of university life, and it involved campus tours and student life talks hosted by Exeter University student ambassadors.

Level 2, Year 12 students took part in an apprenticeship workshop on site, which gave insightful information into the many different apprenticeship pathways now on offer.

A-level Psychology and Health and Social Care





A-level Psychology and Health and Social Care students were visited by a Mental Health Nurse who gave a talk about his job role and mental health disorders. Students were interested by the examples they were given and what the role involves. Students were impressed with the passion with which James spoke about his career. This will help students with their understanding of Clinical Psychology and knowledge of how mental health is relevant to society.



TCS Drop Everything And Read Day & WBD Extravaganza 2019

Thursday 7th March 2019

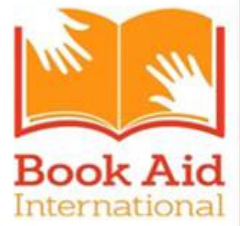


This year TCS staff and students (Exeter Road) will be celebrating Spring 2019 DEAR Day and World Book Day in style...

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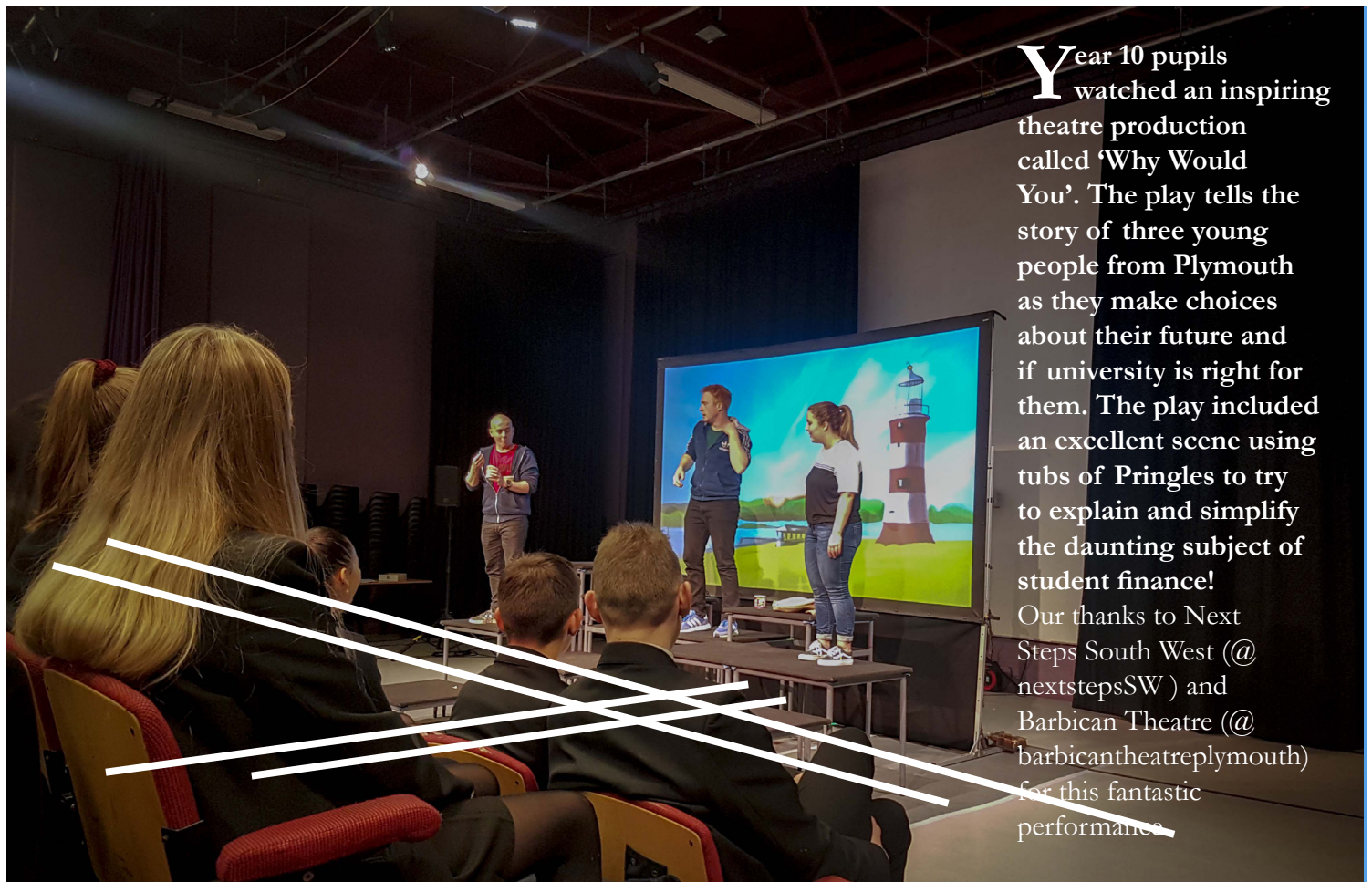
- A **book**, **magazine** or **newspaper** to read 8.50-9.20a.m.
- To dress up as your favourite book character
(Secondary site students to bring £1 for non-school uniform)
- To visit the **Upper Gym** at lunch time for the **Fancy Dress competition judging**
- To have your photo taken around school or bring your costume/ borrow props for the **photo booth** run by students at lunch...
- Take part in the **BOOK TITLE QUEST competition** – some TCS staff will have a favourite book title on the back of their staff lanyard - collect as many book titles as you can – 20 plus to be awarded merits and a prize to the student with the most collected!

All money raised will go to:-



Book Aid International

On Thursday March 7th TCS Staff and Students will be celebrating World Book Day! We are encouraging all staff and students to dress as a character from a favourite book for a £1 donation to the charity Book Aid International. There will be prizes for the best costumes, a Book Title Quest competition and a Photo Booth for students to dress up and take a picture. You might like to spend the holiday putting together a fantastic costume. If you have any props or costumes you could donate for the photo booth, that would be great. Please label these if you want them returned and pass them to Mrs Rose in the English department. We're looking for wigs, novelty glasses, hats...especially items linked to characters from books.



Year 10 pupils watched an inspiring theatre production called 'Why Would You'. The play tells the story of three young people from Plymouth as they make choices about their future and if university is right for them. The play included an excellent scene using tubs of Pringles to try to explain and simplify the daunting subject of student finance! Our thanks to Next Steps South West (@nextstepsSW) and Barbican Theatre (@barbicantheatreplymouth) for this fantastic performance.



**6th Form
Environmental
Team**

Sixth Form launched an Environmental Team as part of the Enrichment Programme. A passionate group of students have come together, and aim to manufacture and sell a 'TCS 6', eco friendly re-usable cup. They would like to reduce the amount of plastic bottles and non-disposable cups currently being used across the site. The Sixth Form group have divided themselves into roles, and Paige Osborne has taken on the role of Project Manager. The advertising team are to begin by doing some assemblies on the effect of plastics on the environment to the younger years. Good luck to the Sixth Form students with this exciting project.