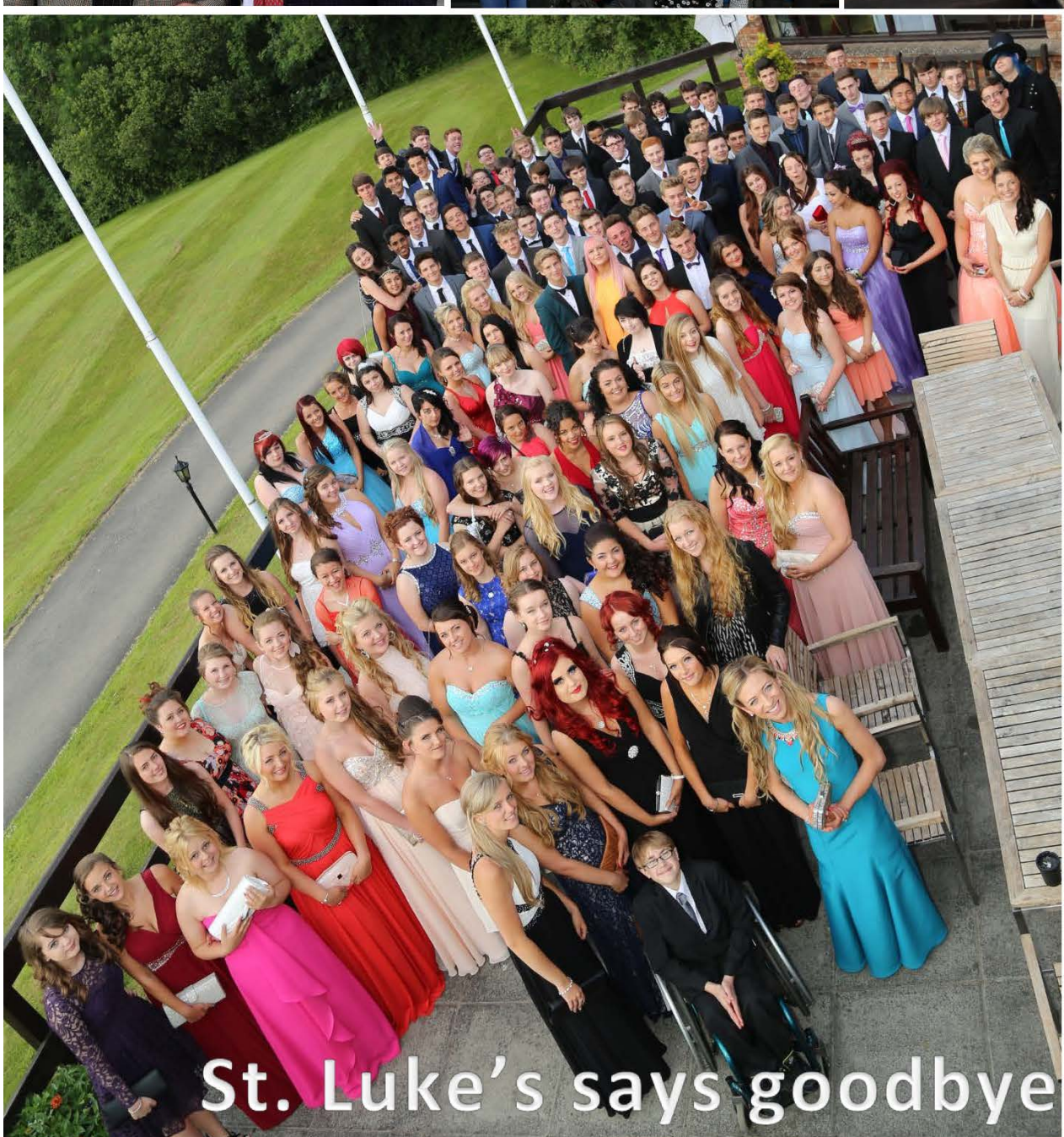


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St. Luke's says goodbye

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope as always that you enjoy the latest edition of our Newsletter celebrating some of the wonderful achievements of our students and staff. I would like to thank my great friends and colleagues Mrs Ann Walker, Mrs Ali Lazarczyk, Mr Rhod Cooper and Mr Elliot Butler for their incredible work on this and patience over the years when I came up with yet another 'great idea'!



St Luke's Science and Sports College is a truly great school and it has been my pleasure and privilege to serve as Principal here over the last 5 years. The staff here give everything they can for our students and our students are just fantastic in every way!

I know that under the leadership of my brilliant former Deputy Mr Dave Holt that the College will go from strength to strength in the future.

I have simply worked with a truly great team with the child always at the centre.

I relish working with those who have greater talents than I and I fully recognise and have never forgotten that the hardest job in any school is the teacher teaching lesson after lesson all day long, giving their all, doing cover and trying to run a chess club.

I have particularly enjoyed developing Sport and The Arts in general encompassing art, drama, theatre, music and every opportunity that will enrich the student's lives on top of first class lessons where learning is made fun and exciting.

It has been a delight for me on my journey as Principal here. The best part of my job has always without question been where I have been talking with and working with the students themselves and seeing how much they enjoy the opportunities our outstanding staff have given them.

May I thank you again for your amazing support. I hope that I have served you, your children and the community well. I have loved every minute of it.

Yours truly,

Mark Pinchin

Principal. St Luke's Science and Sports College. Exeter.

On behalf of the Newsletter team, I am happy to say that we **have** enjoyed the challenges set by Mr P over the years. We all embraced his vision that the Newsletter should be a window into St. Luke's, so anyone who wanted to know more about the College could see the wonderful lessons and events enjoyed by our students on a daily basis, thanks to the superb staff here.

We will all miss Mark and wish him every success in his new school in London, they are very lucky indeed to have such a dead cool Head!

Ann Walker



Year 11 Leavers



with Brian Blessed!

It is always so very sad to have to say goodbye to our Yr11 students but also a very exciting time as we see the youngsters that joined us over 5 years ago embark on their new adventures.



This year's leavers assembly took place on Monday 2nd June and we were absolutely delighted to have a very special guest with us to help us send our students on to their next steps. Mr Brian Blessed is an amazing man; a man who has delighted many with his appearances on both stage and screen and, perhaps not so well known, a man who has achieved such great feats in the world of Mountaineering and, more recently, space travel.

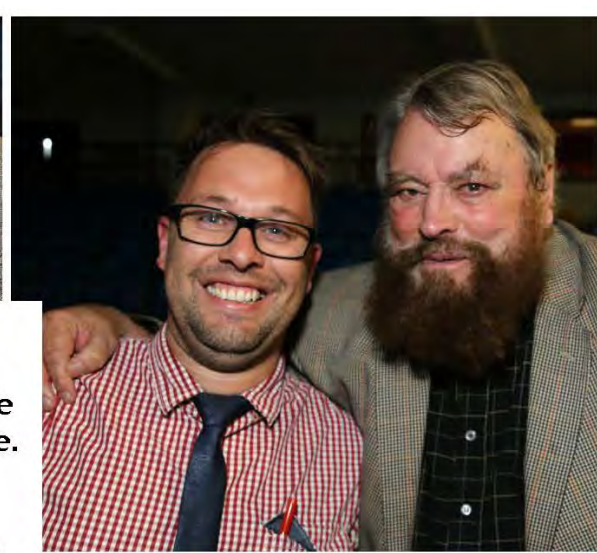


As Vultan in 'Flash Gordon'



As Emperor Augustus in 'I, Claudius'





Brian Blessed spoke at length about his past and the amazing adventures he has had throughout his life. Adventures that he has taken because he truly believes that every person has a gift and that every person is able to do amazing things if they take the opportunities that come their way. Brian's messages rang true with every one of our students and has set them up perfectly for the next stages in their life. 'Dare to Dream' said Brian and remember, 'Every one of you in this room has a special gift, use it and take every opportunity that comes your way'.



Everyone at St. Luke's would like to take the opportunity to thank Brian for taking the time to visit us. He inspired us all, both young and old.



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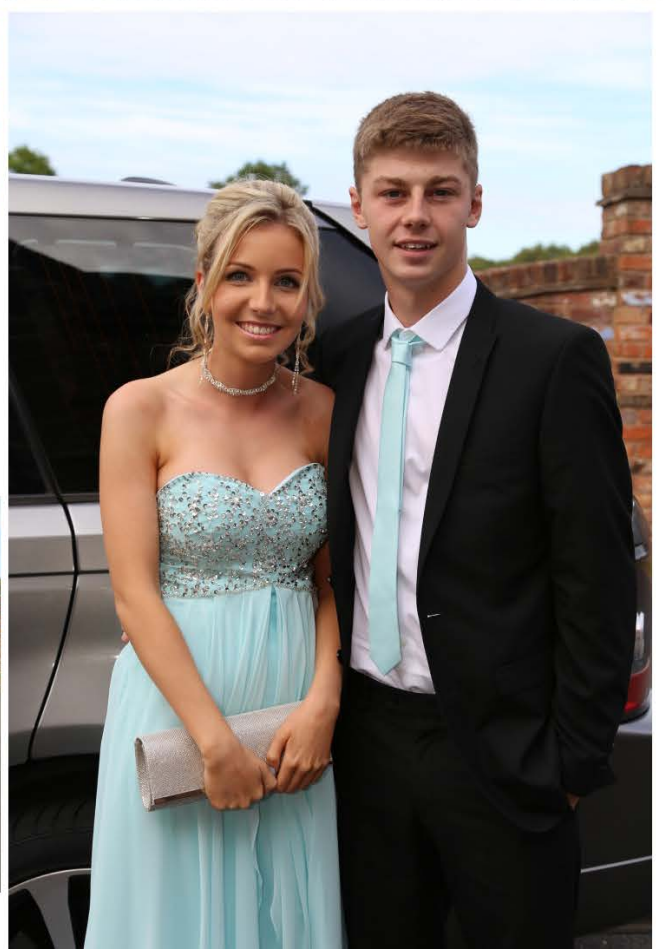
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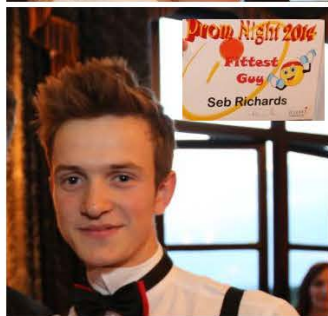
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This year St Luke's staged the wonderful production 'We Will Rock You.'

The whole cast worked so hard to put on what was an absolute triumph! They acted their socks off, danced like divas and sang their hearts out. They had worked solidly since September and the quality of the production really showed all of the hard work that had gone in!





We all had great fun throughout the year and there is certainly a rehearsal gap on a Tuesday and Thursday evening that cannot be filled! Fifty students provided the fantastic principal roles and tremendous talent in the chorus. Not to mention the rock god teachers that performed in the band!



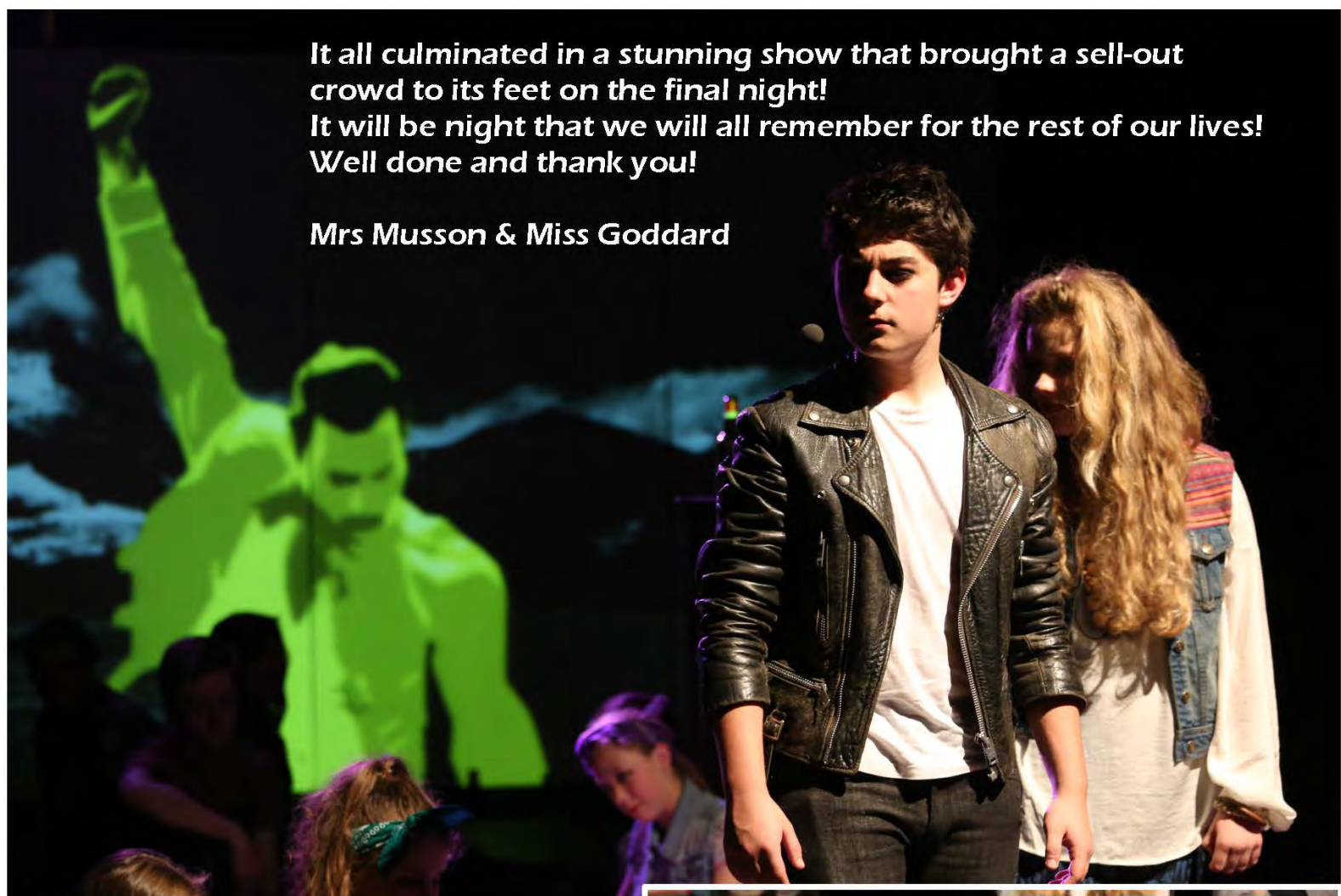


The back stage crew were phenomenal. The technical gods, as ever, really worked their magic and we had a stage crew that had to assemble thrones, solder car doors and throw rubbish everywhere.



It all culminated in a stunning show that brought a sell-out crowd to its feet on the final night!
It will be night that we will all remember for the rest of our lives!
Well done and thank you!

Mrs Musson & Miss Goddard



Thanks to Mrs Cooper for the wonderful photographs



Wildlife Champions!

Over the Easter break, the Wildlife Champions decided to host another exciting garden party. Donning their best gardening outfits, the St Luke's Wildlife Champs turned out in the heat of the sun to turn over and re-plant their vegetable patch and raised flower bed.



With the help of supportive parents, the Wildlife areas were transformed from areas of grass and weeds, into a fantastic flower bed with rays of colour, and a productive vegetable patch.



An Easter Garden Party



The bug hotel also had a makeover. With the installation of a new swimming pool, the residents of the wildlife area now include numerous tadpoles!



The team are now investing time in creating a garden in a recyclable container, ready for the Devon county Show, but can't wait to get back to planting and caring for their area that has been truly regenerated!

A HUGE thank you to all of the parents and external volunteers that came in to lend a hand on the day! Your support has meant that the Champs have an area that they now feel proud of and are truly willing to maintain! 😊



Producing Produce Wildlife Champions



The wildlife champions are seeing the fruits of their labour this term as they are harvesting handfuls of strawberries, raspberries and gooseberries. Also on the menu, we have radishes (that resemble sweet potatoes in size!), beans and carrots.



"It's so nice to see all their hard work paying off," says Miss Colborne, "They really have worked hard with their garden parties and continued after school commitment. It's so nice to see the area being managed so well."

A special thanks should be given to Miss Alford, Miss Bellworthy, Mr Greenhalgh and Mrs Crawford for their continued help and green fingers!

WWI Commemoration

Wildlife Champions

The Wildlife Champions added a selection of poppies to the wildflower garden last week to commemorate the start of the First World War.

The students recalled key information about WWI (with Mr Greenhalgh in support), read 'In Flanders Fields', and said a prayer to remember those who gave their lives.

The Champs would like to thank Mr Greenhalgh, Mr Holt, Mr Butler and Mr Cooper for their support with this event.

Miss Colborne



Science Week

We were invited to spend a day at Willowbrook Primary School as part of the Science Week so the students could experience St Luke's Science!



The school based Science Week on Roald Dahl, this was perfect for presenting a series of fun experiments for the students to get fully engaged in.



With this theme in mind we took along a series of different experiments to show colour changes, fizzes and strange properties of household chemicals which amazed both the children and the staff.



Mark



Matt

All the pupils from Key Stage 2 had their chance to have a go and develop a passion for science. I'm sure this may become a yearly trip!

Big thanks to Mrs Bate for all her help.

Matt & Mark Upston
School Sports & Science
Coordinators



Introduction to D&T Catering



Year 6 Students who are joining us next year had a real 'taster day' in D&T.



They spent a fun afternoon designing their own Pizzas with the assistance of our Year 8 students





Some lucky staff were invited to partake.



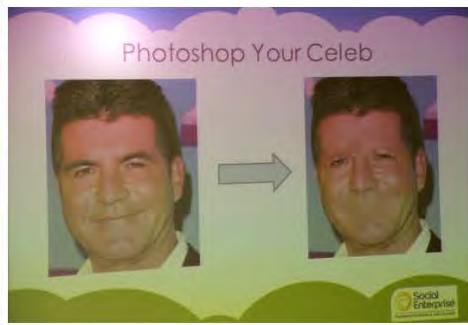
Year 10 Caterers!



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Cosmic Photoshop Workshop

On Tuesday 1st July, we held a Photoshop workshop for a mixture of Year 7 and Year 8 students. A local company based in Honiton called Cosmic Ethical IT (you can see more about them at www.cosmic.org.uk) came in to run the workshop for us and students spent a few hours working in Photoshop creating some amazing, creative images.



Students could pick a theme of their choice, and we had a variety of topics including Harry Potter, One Direction, Lord of the Rings and The World Cup. An excellent session overall, well done to all those who attended.

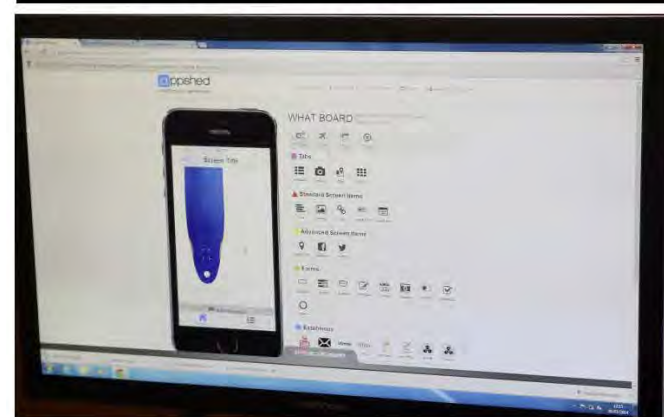


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Appshed Workshop

On Tuesday 8th July, we hosted a GCSE Computing Workshop with Appshed (you can see more about them at www.appshed.com)



Our students joined forces with 10 students from Uffculme Academy, and spent the session looking at a range of resources and creating some brilliant work. It was a great insight for students and an excellent introduction to the concept of making their own apps.

At the end of July, we were proud to host an eSafety Briefing, run by the UK Safer Internet Centre. The UK Safer Internet is made up of the South West Grid for Learning, Childnet and the Internet Watch Foundation. These sessions are for both teaching and non-teaching staff, covering a range of topics regarding online safety. We were very pleased to welcome colleagues from Devon and Cornwall Police, as well as teachers from across the South West.



You can see more about the UK Safer Internet Centre at <http://www.saferinternet.org.uk/> and there is a great section for parents and carers here <http://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-and-resources/parents-and-carers>

Dragon Boating!



The KS3 reward trip for circa 40 students this term was an afternoon of Dragon Boating on Exeter Quay. Joined by Miss Sherwood, Mr Holt and Mr Hamer, the competition was fierce with each boat not wanting to be seen lacking when it came to their prowess on the water.





After a few handy tips from our instructors, it was race time! With the sound of the pounding drums, each crew set about using their strength, grit and determination in order to power the heavy boats through the waters. Whilst it was the crew led by Miss Sherwood and Mr. Hamer that ultimately took the title of 'Champion's', the most successful part of the day was the fun had by everyone involved. For many students this was their first time in a Dragon Boat and, for some, their first time on the water.



Overcoming fears, mastering new skills and playing a part in a team were just some of the things that came out of a very fun afternoon.



Thanks to Mr. Hamer for organizing this fantastic trip and congratulations to the students who were rewarded for their amazing efforts in and around College.

Dragon Boating goes down a splash!

LET'S GO BOWLING!



Year 7 Bowling Trip

As a reward for all of their hard work during library lessons this year, 42 year 7 students were taken tenpin bowling on Tuesday 8th July.



It was a privilege to take such a fantastic group of students and we were complimented on their behaviour, especially their ability to tidy up after themselves! The students had a great time with some of them scoring their first ever strike and some achieving their personal best.

Well done year 7!



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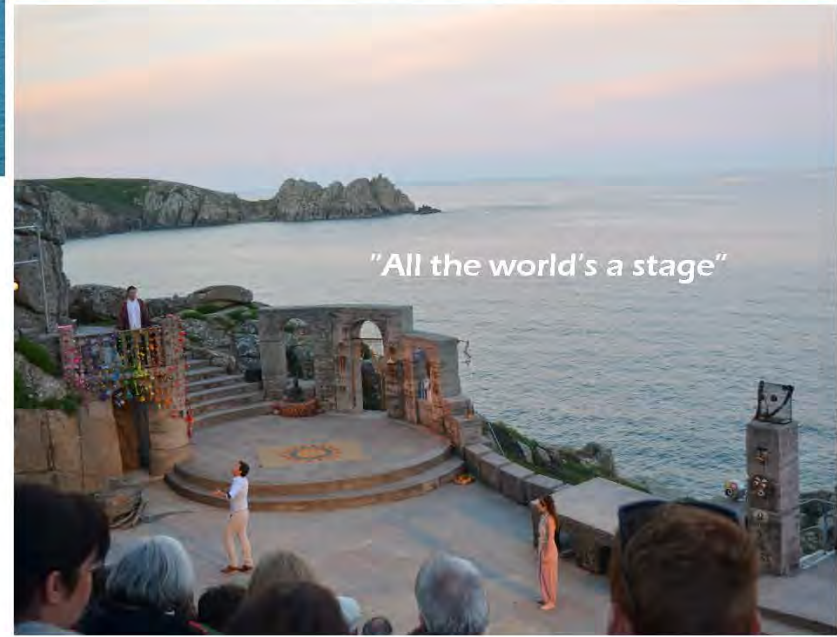
Once more unto the beach dear friends!

On Wednesday 2nd July, twelve students gave up an evening of homework/revision to go and see a production of Shakespeare's "The Tempest".

The view from the Minack



Having endured two hours of Mr. Payne's driving, the lucky students arrived at the world famous Minack Theatre in Cornwall on a truly idyllic evening. This extraordinary venue was built specifically to stage this play in 1932 and perched on the cliffside with the sea behind, it is the perfect place for this dramatic story of a ship wreck on an *almost* deserted island. The production was fantastic and as the story unfurled before us the background proved just as rich as the sun lazily dipped behind distant rocks to leave a pinkened sky, seagulls swooped and dived, dolphins played and as darkness fell the occasional bat flitted past.



"All the world's a stage"



"All's well that ends well"

In planning the trip I'd thought it an excellent opportunity but I was surprised and thrilled by just how excited the students were to be going and afterwards by how much they had enjoyed it. To quote the play's conclusion, the evening was "such stuff as dreams are made on" and my thanks to everyone who was involved for making it such a memorable trip.

So a big thank you to the students who were fantastic and who made it so easy for all of us to enjoy the experience. Thanks also to the staff for their support - Mrs. Whalley, Miss Talbot and Mr. Dolley. And lastly, a huge thank you to the poor parents who had to collect their children when we returned to St. Luke's at 1 am!

The trip was arranged jointly by the G&T programme and the English Faculty.

Mr Payne



Miss Talbot readies herself for an evening of high culture

All year key stage 3 students have been competing to win a Kindle Fire HD. All they needed to do was score 100% on an Accelerated Reader quiz and they would be entered into the prize draw. Each time they scored 100% they received another entry. The more they read, the better their chances...

The draw was held on Friday 11th July in the library, with Mr Holt selecting the winning ticket. The winner was year 9's Sasha Statton who had actually passed the most quizzes out of everyone who entered and so was a deserving winner. Well done Sasha!

We are hoping to run this competition again next year so get reading key stage 3!



"Hello, my name is Melanie and I am the dedicated Exeter College adviser for St Luke's Science and Sports College. You may have already seen me at a year 9, 10 or 11 parents evening.

Our first open event of next academic year will take place on Tuesday 7th October 2014 5-8pm at Exeter College. We always recommend year 11 students attend open events early in the year so that they can submit an application and attend an interview to receive an offer of a place at Exeter College, all before their exams begin.

Our team are here throughout the school holidays should you have any questions. We will also go on tour in Exeter City Centre, Princesshay on Tuesday 15th July and Tuesday 5th August should you wish to come and speak to us.

For year 10 students, it is always helpful if they look at our website and course information over the summer holidays to help with the decisions they will have to make in year 11. Our latest 'Outstanding' Ofsted report is also on our website with additional information for parents, should you wish to take a look.

Regardless of which year your child is currently in, if you have any questions regarding progression to Exeter College following your child's GCSEs then please don't hesitate to come and speak to me, contact



Hi, I'm Susan Senior, Bickton College Liaison Officer for St Luke's Science and Sports College. (The lemur is called Lola).



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Look on-line to find out more: www.bickton.ac.uk or pick up a prospectus from St Luke's Library.

Make an appointment. I can visit St Luke's and talk to students about entry requirements, courses, the application process, transport, support, apprenticeships, careers, progression to Higher Education etc. There is a Bickton College appointment folder in the library or see Mrs Brant in the careers office.

Visit and see for yourself. **Taster Days** are for year 9, 10 and 11 students to experience practical activity in their chosen area of interest. They run every half term and are free to attend. **Course Advice Days** are our interview days...book one when you are really to apply. You will love our fantastic setting and excellent facilities

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