

WEST YARNER/SEALE HAYNE

SUMMER 2025

NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of a busy and rewarding term, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and to reflect on what has been an excellent year at West Yarner/East Wing.

This term saw the arrival of our Ofsted inspection, and I want to take a moment to express my sincere thanks to all of you who contributed through the parent survey. At the end of the visit the inspector read out some of the comments which made us feel confident that we were supporting your children in a way that you feel is positive and making a difference to their lives. Thank you. The feedback, independently shared by pupils, staff and families to the inspectors reflected the warmth, ambition and sense of community that represents our school. A full copy of the report will be available on our website when it is released for those who would like to read it in detail.

Throughout the year, our students across both West Yarner and East Wing sites have been involved in a wide range of enriching activities. Lots of which you can see in the following articles.

Our older students have been completing their external examinations, and we are incredibly proud of the maturity and determination they have shown throughout this important period. Pupils in years 9, 10 and 11 have completed exams across a range of levels such as Entry Level Certificates, Functional Skills and GCSEs. Some of the pupils have surprised themselves with what they have achieved and it should give them confidence in their abilities to move onto the next stage of their lives. Change is scary, even for adults.

None of this would be possible without the collective efforts of our staff, students and you—our families. Being involved in your child's learning and supporting our efforts as a school community make a significant difference.

We wish you all a restful and enjoyable summer break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in the new term, refreshed and ready for the next chapter. First day of term for pupils is Friday the 5th of September. The full list of term dates are on the website.

Simon Wood.

SEALE HAYNE OUT AND ABOUT



A TRIP TO DEVON COUNTY SHOW

At the end of May many of our students attended the Devon County Show at Westpoint near Exeter. They got to explore the gigantic shop window for local agriculture, horticulture, food and drink, rural crafts and forestry. Students had a great day meeting with local people and some minor celebrities including Kaleb Cooper from Clarkson's Farm.

Many of the students used the experience to aid their preparation for their Functional Skills Level 1 writing assessment: writing a review of the show and offering their ideas for any potential improvements.

One of our students entered a competition with Exeter Chiefs and won a rugby ball and shirt, signed by the team.



GCSE Geography Fieldtrip May 2025

As part of the GCSE Geography course two field trip exercises have to be carried out. This was the second one which had to focus on an aspect of Human Geography. It was decided to go to the new town of Sherford in Plymouth and look at the developing transport strategy and research how effective the strategy is. The two students had to research features of the strategy namely bus lanes, cycle lanes, exclusion zones and linked features in the integrated scheme. The two students also carried out a traffic flow count of various vehicle types along the main road at a particular time of the morning. Both students were amazed at the volume of traffic through Sherford at the particular times they had to carry out the survey. They also spoke to some residents about what they thought of the transport strategy and other transport issues such as traffic calming measures. All of their findings had to be documented, tabulated and assessed to see if the strategy is effective. Both agreed that it is in some areas but concerning in others, especially the volume of traffic.

Both students enjoyed the day and the weather was very pleasant which made the surveys more enjoyable to undertake.





RUGBY

During the summer term, all of the students had the opportunity to complete rugby sessions with Exeter Chiefs. They had a professional player Ebony Jefferies leading the sessions. The students completed sessions on kicking, passing and tagging and learnt about the five core values of teamwork, respect, enjoyment, discipline and sportspersonship. We are hoping to complete further sessions next year.



FOOTBALL

Some of our students took part in a friendly football game against Cambian Devon School at Totnes Leisure Centre in May. All students showed great sportsmanship and kindness towards the other team. All students played extremely well and put in a maximum amount of effort. The afternoon was a very positive experience for all involved and it was a great opportunity to meet friendly students from a local school and all play together.

The students should be very proud of themselves and their efforts. They were brilliant ambassadors of On Track!

I would like to give a special thank you to Luke: who saved many goals! Without him it would have been a huge defeat.

We are hoping to schedule another friendly game in the near future. Fingers crossed for the win next time.



STUDENT RECIPE

Try this delicious recipe... Created by Bradley

GUINEA PIGS MAGIC SECRET SUPER SPECIAL RECIPE

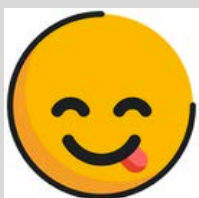


Ingredients

- 2 eggs
- 40g milk
- 150g self raising flower
- $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp baking powder
- 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp vanilla extract
- 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp sugar of your choice
- Handful of chocolate chips

Method

1. Crack two eggs into a bowl which is on a scale.
2. Pour 40g milk in.
3. Whisk the milk in.
4. Pour into a bigger bowl.
5. Add your self raising flower, baking powder and sugar into a bowl and then mix them in.
6. Pour the flour mixture into the bowl with your eggs.
7. Add a tsp of vanilla extract.
8. Mix until doughy.
9. If it's VERY sticky, add some more flour (note you still want it to be a bit sticky for the texture).
10. Get a cube shaped tray, like one you might cook brownies in.
11. Place baking paper into the tray and spread butter on it.
This will help you remove it from the tray after it's cooked.
12. Place the mix in the tray and spread it evenly.
13. Place it in the fridge for 20mins.
14. Whilst it's in the fridge, preheat the oven (180°C fan).
15. Take out the tray and place it the oven for about 12 minutes. You will know its done when its golden brown.
16. Let it cool, then eat it.
17. Buy guinea pigs from a rescue please.



Several students and staff had a try of this recipe and were very impressed!



Careers Update 2024/2025

It's been a busy academic year here for careers at Seale Hayne. With a new Careers lead appointed from last September, plans are in motion to further the careers input and provision for the students here at the school so watch this space. We will further develop the careers programme to involve guest speakers from various industries; coming in to talk to students and providing them with some experience in various work sectors. We are also in the process of updating the career section of our school webpage which includes sections on what the forthcoming careers programme will look like and lots of useful career related links for parents, carers and students to access.

Amongst many things that the new Careers lead has been working on is that we have introduced a new online programme for the students to use called Xello. This has taken quite a while to set up and embed in the careers programme. It is an excellent tool which will enable our students to carry out a series of activities, to think about future plans and to build a profile of their achievements to date and the sorts of careers/ further education that they may be interested in post 16 once they leave here. If any parents or carers would like to know more then you will find my contact details at the bottom of this post.

The year tens this year had their first careers interviews with the Post 16 Learning Participation Team (or LPT) Well done to the students for engaging well with our careers advisor Fahtema and taking something away from their interviews for them to think about and aspire about, especially as year eleven for them is now close. Also, one of our year ten students completed a very productive work experience placement at a local business so well done to that student for completing it and working hard!

One of the main tasks this year has been to prepare our year 11s students for their exams and getting them on the correct career path for post 16 be it education, employment or apprenticeships. The year eleven students did themselves proud during the exam period and worked hard throughout that period completing all of the exams and qualifications that they had been entered for. So well done to them! During this year they also engaged well in their last careers interviews with our Post 16 LTP advisor. Some avenues were firmed up and the students had a very clear picture of what they wanted to achieve upon leaving us here at Seale Hayne. Lots of work went on behind the scenes to help them in this journey and all of our year eleven students now have something to continue their journey on- be it college or apprenticeships. So again well done to them and we wish them every success.

If you have any queries then please contact Vince, Careers lead
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CLUBS

Dungeons and Dragons

Rachel and Vince have been running a Dungeons & Dragons (D&D) board game club on a Tuesday lunchtime. This offers a variety of benefits for our students, including the opportunity to enhance critical thinking, improve confidence in social skills and increase levels of creativity within a safe and inviting space. The collaborative storytelling that is involved fosters teamwork and communication, while the games inherent structure encourages strategic thinking and problem solving. D&D can provide a sense of escapism and social support, contributing to improved mental health and wellbeing. It is great fun and certainly becoming a highlight of the working week for us all.



Gym

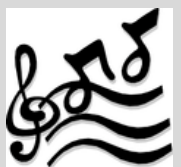
Students have the opportunity to attend this initiative to encourage physical activity. This takes place at lunch times and is very popular. Students have particularly enjoyed using the cardio machines and the punch bag. They have started timing themselves and engaging in healthy competition.

East Wing's Music

Music club is now up and running, and we had 2 students join us for the first session, which was very positive. We are looking forward to more students joining, and we hope to get this up and running properly from September.

We are looking to have a full band to play different instruments (voice, guitar, piano, bass, drums, and maybe more!), and will be looking to play different songs from different genres, hopefully with the idea of a performance possibly at the end of term or the year!

Please come along if either you love music, have taken up an instrument, or would just like to observe.



RAISING MONEY

Raising money for 'Jay's Aim'

Our students have done amazingly well to raise money to help provide defibrilators and training across the South West. .

They raised £45.57

Walk for Autism

One of our students decided to take part in 'Walk for Autism'. He also showed great initiative, organising a cake sale at school.



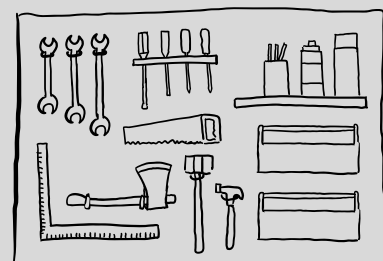
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OCEAN CITY COLLEGE



Student Project

Several of our students have been visiting Ocean City College and gaining a range of skills. Caleb welded this first world war fighter plane out of old engine parts.





Exams



This year we are saying goodbye to our first year 11 students. They are the first ones to take GCSE exams and although we are still awaiting the results, we are very proud of them for engaging with required learning and taking the exams.

The GCSE results will be published on the 21st of August and Yessenia will email all the parents on the day.

Since March our children across KS 3 and KS 4 have taken Functional skills exams and in English and Maths - Level 1 and Level 2. We are very proud with the results we received so far, but as the marking centres are very busy we will need to wait for some results for a few more weeks.

In May, ten of our children also took exams in Award in Number and Measure Level 1. We are still awaiting the results and will update you as soon as the results are out. (August 25)

If you have any questions about your child exams' results, please email Yessenia and she will answer your queries.

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Addiction Recovery Agency

We had a charity visit East Wing to talk about gambling online with our older students and staff. Although it seems there are few links to gambling and young people we know that most games are linked to ways to spend money such as skins or robucks. It was interesting to hear how young people and adults can get influenced by social media and other celebrities to spend money or download games that involve some form of gambling.

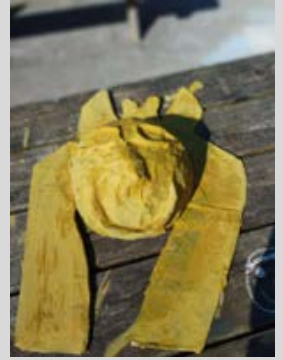


WEST YARNER



Ancient Egyptian Death Masks

Pupils at West Yarner put their design technology and art skills to the test when studying Ancient Egypt. After some online research and analysis of death masks, they designed their own and then created these from paper mache over a few weeks, adding the finishing touches with glittery paint at the end of the half term. We are sure that these would have made a Pharaoh proud and helped their soul find its body in the afterlife and return safely.



Yarner Veg Garden

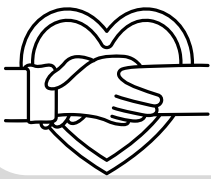


After a lot of hard grafting with shovels and wheelbarrows, the pupils have all worked together to move nearly 4 tonnes of fresh topsoil from the delivered dumpy bags into the raised beds at school. Their hard work has paid off! In addition to planting the seeds from last years' pumpkins from the farm visit, they have successfully germinated and cared for potatoes, strawberries, sweetcorn, courgettes, sweet peas and tomatoes as well as creating a herbal garden that smells incredible. We all look forward to tasting all of the different things that we have grown at harvest.



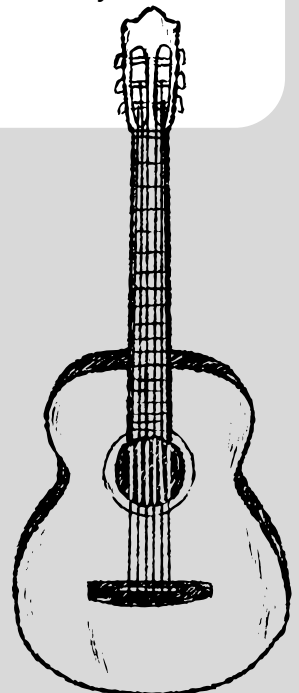
First Aid in PSHE

PSHE in the summer term has focused on First Aid using resources from St. John's Ambulance. The pupils have learnt about how to identify symptoms, care for people and call for help when dealing with burns and scalds, bleeding, bites and stings and choking. The pupils particularly enjoyed their session on CPR where we rescued the Resusci Annie manikins from the loft and practiced our skills on these, learning how to clear and check an airway, do chest compressions and give rescue breaths. You will be glad to hear that Annie is OK!



Yarner Library Music Sessions

Younger pupils at Yarner have been treated to library visits this term, learning about how a library works and how to borrow and return books which they bring back to school to enjoy. Whilst visiting the library, we have also had the opportunity to join in with bounce and rhyme sessions, where they learnt to engage in song and dance with other children in a relaxed atmosphere, developing their social, emotional and motor skills as well as understanding musical beats and rhythms.



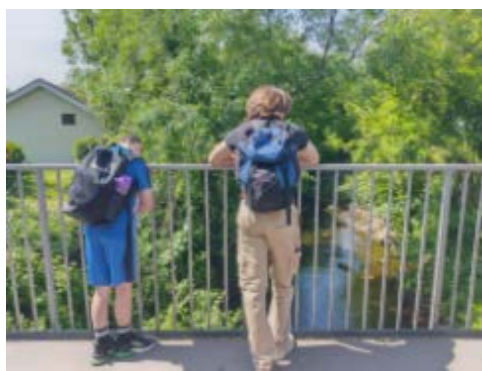


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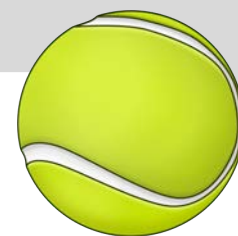


Geography Field Trip

As part of our learning in Geography about land uses, Yarner pupils had a morning out in Ivybridge, walking the streets and parks, seeing what they had learnt in the classroom in real life. All of the pupils were able to manage road safety, long distance walking, discussion, map marking and key labelling along the route, becoming confident in identifying what land uses the different areas of the town presented and why they were situated where they were.



Tennis Centre Visit



In the first half of the summer term, pupils at Yarner got ready for Wimbledon by learning how to play tennis in PE. They all worked and tried incredibly hard and all of them showed progress in hand-eye coordination and being able to hit the ball well. As a reward for their efforts, we paid a visit to South Devon Tennis Centre in Ivybridge for an hour long tennis session on their courts. All of the pupils enjoyed playing in the sunshine on a full sized court with the challenge of getting the ball over the net and staying within the lines.



Autumn Term Dates 2025/2026

Friday 5th September 2025 – Friday 24 October 2025

☒ Half-term holiday: Monday 27 October 2025 – Friday 31 October 2025

☒ Monday 3 November 2025 – Friday 19 December 2025

☒ Christmas holiday: Monday 22 December 2025 – Tuesday 6 January 2026

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