



# ON TRACK EDUCATION

## Diary

25/26 term dates

**Spring term 1**

**5th January - 13th Feb**

**Spring term 2**

**23rd Feb - 2nd April**

**Summer term 1**

**20th April - 22nd May**

**Summer term 2**

**1st June - 24th July**

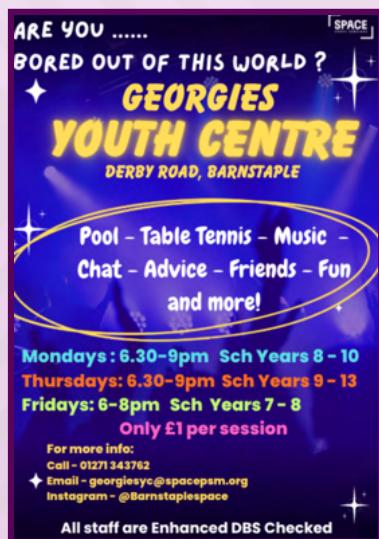
**Bank holiday**

**May 4th**

## Youth centre

Georgie's Youth Centre in Barnstaple wants to share that they have reopened in a new venue.

Manager, Kirsty is also planning to visit the school next term to talk to our learners about this exciting new provision. Go for it!



## Message from our Head

*Seasonal greetings to one and all!*

As we start the new school year, I'm delighted to say that things have got off to a fantastic start. We're still feeling the buzz from our very positive Ofsted report at the end of last term, which recognised all the hard work, dedication and high standards shown by our whole school community.

A big thank you to our pupils, staff and families: you all played a huge part in achieving such a great result, and it really is appreciated.

We're also celebrating an excellent set of exam results from the summer. Our GCSE students did brilliantly across a wide range of subjects, showing their commitment and the quality of teaching and support they received.

So many students achieved the goal of a minimum of 5 accredited qualifications including English and Maths. On top of that, many students were successful in their BTECs and WJEC Entry Pathways, meaning pupils at every level gained valuable and meaningful qualifications.

This term we've been excited to welcome new students across all three of our sites. It's been lovely to see how quickly they've settled in, helped by the friendliness and support of our existing pupils. We've also welcomed some new members of staff who bring great experience, enthusiasm and fresh ideas: they've already become important parts of our team.

There's a real sense of positivity and purpose around the school right now, and it's wonderful to see. Calm, focused classrooms full of ambition. We're looking forward to building on last year's successes and continuing to offer the very best opportunities for every pupil.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support as we head into what's shaping up to be another exciting and successful year.

*Maria Roberts*



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## Raffle for F.I.G

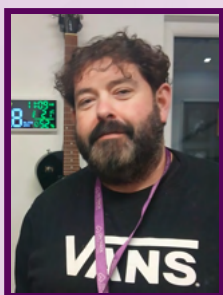
Our Summer Raffle was a huge success, raising an amazing £360 for Families in Grief. This vital charity supports bereaved children and families in North Devon. A massive thank you to our generous staff and the many local businesses who donated over 30 fantastic prizes.

Your community spirit and support helped make this fundraiser so special.



## Meet the team

Music lead - Matt White



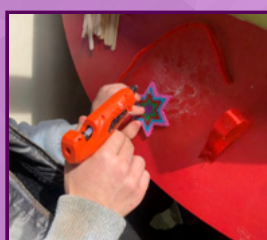
Learning to perform as part of an ensemble, in front of an audience is a good way to build confidence and connect with others.



## at On Track

This term, in thrive, we have been using the PACE approach (Playful, Acceptance, Curiosity, and Empathy) to build trusted relationships, which helps our pupils to feel best able to learn and develop their emotional regulation skills.

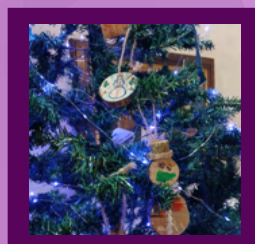
We have been encouraging our pupils to lead activities through designing their own islands; Lego, and Hama bead models. In the final weeks of term, we have created Christmas decorations and cards, which we are delivering to the local community, spreading kindness and cheer whilst singing some festive carols.



## Eco School

As part of the sustainability team, we have signed up for the plastic free incentive. Lulu completed a litter pick around the Narita school grounds to pick up litter, which will help the wildlife and make the school look more presentable.

The Eco/Sustainability team and Forest School students proudly crafted recycled decorations for the Barnstaple St Peter's Church Christmas Tree Competition and Festival, held over the 12 days of Christmas



## New school pet

Next term a new addition will arrive at our Castle site. Albie the corn snake will become our school pet, and judging from his previous visits, is guaranteed to be a fascination for many of our young people.

Some might learn that snakes are not slimy or that scary really, and that; if you are kind and follow the guidelines, they will respond in a friendly way to each respectful person.



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## Family liaison

Wishing you and your family a wonderful and restorative Christmas break!

We hope this time brings you joy, peace, and many happy memories. Thank you for all your support this term; please take the opportunity to relax, recharge, and enjoy the festive magic together. We look forward to seeing you, refreshed, in the New Year!

## HAF a great time



FC Devon is running Christmas football holiday clubs this season for pupils to develop skills and have fun.

They are also hosting a Christmas party day at the Ashleigh Road School, offering sports and arts for eligible young people.



## Seasonal fun at local pumpkin patch

Our students enjoyed a festive adventure at the local pumpkin patch Pill Farm. It was an afternoon full of laughter, fresh autumn air and learning; including a talk from the local farmer about their methods, which was very popular.

Each student picked their very own pumpkin to bring back to school to carve, celebrating the season and making memories that will last forever.



## Transitions - careers open day

On Tuesday 30th September we were incredibly lucky to have a wide range of visitors come to speak with our learners about all the options available to them as they plan to embark on the next stage of their educational journey. We really appreciate so many agencies giving their time to join us. It was a fantastic afternoon, and all attendees gained inspiration, knowledge, techniques, practical advice and ideas.



## Excellent exam results

We started this academic year celebrating the fantastic GCSE results received over the summer. A total of 12 of our Year 10 and 11 students achieved passes across a variety of subjects, including Maths, English, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Computer Science, Business and Further Maths, with grades ranging from 1 to 9.

Congratulations to all who sat their GCSE exam - this can feel like a big pressure, but you all showed courage, did brilliantly, and we are incredibly proud of you!

We have continued this exam success into the Autumn term, with six pupils successfully passing Functional Skills Entry Level Maths.

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# Photo Drop

*"A picture is worth a thousand words"*



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