

The Sidmouth College Review

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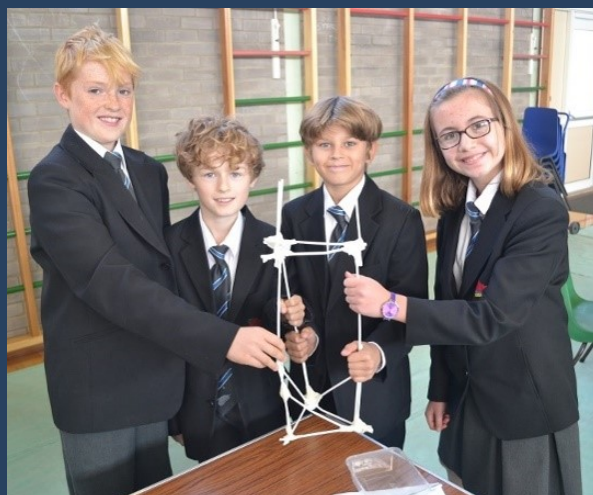


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What a year!



Welcome

Co-Principals, Jim Ingham-Hill & Martyn Dudley

Welcome to the Sidmouth College Review 2017/18. We hope that you enjoy catching up with the activities, events, successes and achievements from the last academic year. As ever our fabulous students attract the limelight within this review and showcase their enormous talents, determination and character.

One of the many strengths of the College is the opportunity to enrich our students through an extensive extra-curricular programme. Besides being fun and a great way to socialise with peers, extracurricular activities can broaden a student's horizons, teach new skills and develop an individual's self-esteem.

It would be wrong of us to mention success without making reference to our recent OFSTED report (October 2016). As a College we were delighted with the outcome of the inspection. The College continues to be recognised as a 'Good' school and one that has many outstanding features. To gain such a positive report within an OFSTED framework that is so much more demanding than the previous one and also in such testing times for all schools in terms of financial support from the government, is a testament to the hard work, dedication and commitment across the school community. For us, the highlights were the comments throughout the report that gave praise to the outstanding students within the College. As a College we are passionate in continuing to develop and, over the next few years, our learning community will work together to ensure we achieve the accolade of being an outstanding College.

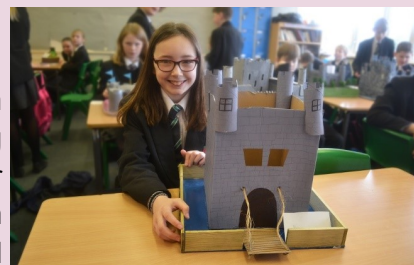
An exciting development for the College is our involvement in the Government's Priority Schools Building Programme. This will see our College buildings being transformed over the next two years to provide a state of the art learning environment that we can be proud of.

As you can see, these are exciting times to be involved with Sidmouth College. We hope that during your visit you are able to get a feel for the excitement that is around the College.



Castles

Year 7 students took part in the annual castle building competition as part of their History topic. This term students have studied Medieval castles and looked at the components of a well designed castle including draw- bridges, towers, turrets, moats and keeps. Students were then challenged for their homework to build their own castles, displaying all of these features. Entries were creative and packed with variety, being constructed from wood, cardboard and even cake! In House groups students marked each others' castles and voted for the top 3 in each class. Mr Trengove said "every year I'm amazed at the fantastic efforts students put into building their castles and this year was no different. Students were particularly creative this year and also historically accurate"



Prom

Year 11 students arrived at Woodbury Park on Wednesday 28th June for the much anticipated final event of their year. Arriving in style was the usual array of interesting and impressive vehicles and methods of transport including classic cars, a stretch limousine and a motorcycle. Everyone dressed to impress in sharp suits and dazzling dresses. After photographs on arrival, it was inside for a 3-course meal followed by song requests galore, selfies and plenty of dancing - even staff couldn't resist joining in to show off some moves!



Book Buzz for Year 7

In order to encourage students to read, Sidmouth College gives the new Year 7s their very own book every year. They get to choose from a selection provided by Book Buzz in September and then pester Mrs Harrison until they are in! Well, the books arrived and Year 7s were very excited about receiving their free read!

We would like to thank the SCA for their donation towards the books, without their help we would be unable to provide this excellent resource to our students.



Year 7 Impact Day

The Year 7 Impact Day saw all students off timetable for the day and rotating around a series of five workshops targeted at building students' personal development. They started with a session on the Sidmouth College learning habits, followed by a wellbeing workshop with Mrs Clark and a 'Positive Attitudes Towards Others' workshop with representatives from the University of Exeter. As well as a training session on positive behaviour on the internet and beyond, presented by Mr Wickins and finally a House teamwork challenge in the sports hall at the end of the day including problem solving and physical tasks! All of the students seemed to thoroughly enjoy the sessions and, hopefully, learned some valuable life lessons.



Students Collaborate for the Sid Valley

A group of students from across the year groups joined with visiting students from local primary schools to take part in a creative workshop to help write a questionnaire for the Sid Valley Neighbourhood Plan. Students focused on the design and content to ensure it would be suitable for young people to complete. These questionnaires will go out to all young people in the Sid Valley to enable their views to be considered within the Neighbourhood plan.

After half term the students will be visiting Sidmouth Town Council Chambers at Woolcombe House where they will look at the draft questionnaires and ensure they are suitable to be used for the young people in the Sid Valley.



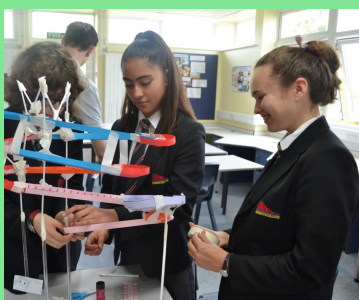
Students Bake for Macmillan

Our Sixth Form students have been busy in the kitchen preparing for the Macmillan Coffee morning that took place on Friday 29th September. With plenty of cakes, biscuits and other sweet treats baked, everyone was eager to purchase them. A fantastic £96.50 was raised for Macmillan. The Sixth Form team said it was a great success and on behalf of all of the Sixth Form would like to thank everyone who donated and supported the bake sale. Congratulations to them all, a great effort towards a good cause.



Sidmouth Science Week

The Science Department celebrated the Sidmouth Science Festival this term by holding a roller-coaster building workshop. The workshop was run by organisers of the festival along with EDT (Engineering Development Trust) who visited the college for the day on Thursday 12th October. Students from across Year 8, who have shown a high interest and aptitude for science, worked in groups to design, build and present their rollercoasters using straws, sticks, tape, funnels and other basic materials. They were given the aim to carry a marble along the track and for the ride to take over 1 minute to complete from start to finish. Students had to create tracks, loops and spirals for the marble to travel along and some even included drops and slides.



Year 11 Impact Day

On Thursday 17th November, Year 11 spent the day off timetable and taking part in a series of workshops hosted by outside agencies including the Army and the National Citizenship Service. Students completed a range of team building challenges set by Exeter Army Careers including moving items across ravines and working their way through obstacles in blindfolds. The day also included the 'Five Lives' workshop, which gave students the chance to listen to the stories of regular people who have overcome struggles such as alcohol addiction and self harm. After hearing their stories, students were able to ask questions and speak with the visiting guests to learn about the dangers of addiction and substance abuse. The day had a positive impact on students and we'd like to thank all the visiting guests who made it so successful.



U14 Netball Team become East Devon Champions!

A superb result for our U14 Netball team who in October were awarded the title of East Devon Champions for 2016-2017! The team have played fantastically all season and at the finals this was no different. The team won all their matches, beating some very strong competition including schools such as Uffculme, Colyton, Honiton and Cullompton.

The team went on to represent East Devon in the Devon finals and did remarkably well. Well done to all the girls!



Raising Money for Children in Need

On Friday 18th November Sidmouth College students had a non-uniform day to raise money for Children in Need. Students paid £1 each and as a school we raised a brilliant £701. A great effort! All the money raised will go to a good cause and help children across the UK.



Careers Roundabout

During the last week of the autumn term Year 9 students had a day off timetable to take part in the annual Careers Roundabout. The day is focused around giving students a vast variety of different workplace experiences, ahead of planning their work experience placements in Year 10 and making their GCSE choices.

As always, the day was packed with exciting and interesting visitors (not all human or alive!). Visiting employers included Spirent, Bicton College, Fords Plumbing & Electrical, Brend Hotels, Exeter College and many more.

On the day students had some fantastic opportunities including sessions on coding and programming, forensic science, where they were tasked with solving a murder using maggots and fingerprints, hair and beauty, equine care, animal care with the help of some ferrets and giant insects, map reading, Army training and electrical and plumbing engineering. There was something for everyone.

We are extremely grateful to all of our other visiting employers for providing this valuable experience. Careers Coordinator Mrs Young said "I've been blown away by the support of our business partners and staff in school. The students were all engaged and enjoyed the experience, thank you from everyone at Sidmouth College."



Christmas Carol Service

In December, our annual Carol Service took place at the Parish Church in Sidmouth and was a huge success. The packed congregation was treated to a great variety of festive entertainment including the College upper school singers, Year 7 readers, Year 10 ensemble and the Staff Choir, as well as a sketch performed Sixth Formers and Miss Hext.

Our retiring collection raised £258.50 for the Teenage Cancer Trust, so many thanks to all who attended and supported this event and a huge well done to all staff and students, and particularly to Mr Hickman and Miss Hext, who helped make the evening, yet again, one to remember.



Sixth Form Christmas Tree Carry

Following a long-held College tradition, our Sixth Form students could be found manhandling a large Christmas tree through town on 30th November, all in aid of a good cause. They had collected the tree from Wyevale Garden Centre (who had generously donated it) and then navigated a route, on foot, through Woolbrook and the town centre, along the Esplanade and back to College through the Byes, collecting money from passers-by as they went. They raised £60 which all went towards putting on a party for residents at a local care home. The party took place the following week and was a great success. The students baked cakes, played games, made Christmas decorations and had a Christmas sing along with the residents.



SCA Welcome Year 7 with Christmas Party!

To congratulate the new Year 7s on such a fantastic first term at Sidmouth College, the Sidmouth College Association (SCA) decided to hold a celebratory Christmas party to allow them to let their hair down and have some fun before the end of term. SCA members and parents Emma & Russell Gray provided a DJ set and lights, MC'd the event and created a great party atmosphere with music and games. Drinks and a pick and mix were available, as well as lots of party tunes to get everyone in the dancing mood!



We'd like to thank the SCA for all their efforts to put on such a great event. As well as raising money to buy extra resources and equipment for the College, the SCA also use their funds to give back to the students and provide fun and enjoyable experiences to enrich their time at Sidmouth College. We would also like to thank the staff that came along and supported the event. Students in Year 7 really appreciated the party and it was a great way to round off a successful autumn term. We look forward to future events in 2017!



Inter-House Rugby and Netball

During December inter-house rugby and hockey matches took place for years 7, 8 and 9. As usual, students were highly competitive and eager to gain the title of House Champions and take home the House Cup. Over the two days students in both sports played well and the PE Department commended the level of teamwork, skill and sportsmanship that students displayed.

Winners were announced after the matches and the cups were presented. The results were as follows: 1st Grenville, 2nd Raleigh, 3rd Drake and 4th Scott. Well done all!



Anti-Bullying Week

Anti-Bullying week took place during November and the latest craze to sweep the nation was the 'Mannequin Challenge'. The challenge aimed to raise awareness against bullying and students were able to get involved during house assemblies when they participated in their own challenge. Students struck poses displaying scenarios of bullying or friendship and had to hold the pose for 90 seconds. Students also pledged that for the entirety of Anti-Bully week they only say positive and kind words to one another.



Skiing in Italy

Over half term Mr Williams, Mr Dudley, Mr Quinlan, Mrs Omand and Mrs Charlesworth took students to Prato Nevoso in Italy on a skiing trip. The resort ranged from gentle nursery slopes to more challenging terrain, it gave students of all abilities the chance to get to grips with skiing. The resort also included a floodlit snow park with half pipes and a fun park that the students loved using across the week. Students took part in skiing lessons for 5 hours each day with instructors, which meant their skiing really improved during the week. During the evenings students had the opportunity to take part in night skiing, snow tubing and a bit of rest and relaxation.



Year 7 Inter-House Football and Netball

On Thursday 9th February students competed in the annual inter-house football and netball competitions at the College. Representative teams from all 4 houses played against each other to try and win the title of House Champion. Students showed some great skill in both sports, and the PE department said they were extremely impressed with the teamwork and sportsmanship that was displayed.

The overall results were as follows:

1st Raleigh
2nd Drake
3rd Grenville
4th Scott

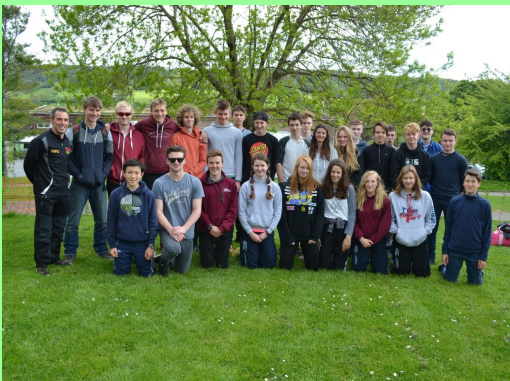


Ten Tors

After months of training Sidmouth College has had another successful year of Ten Tors. We were particularly pleased that this year was the first time the College has entered four teams to take part, which included two 35-mile teams, one 45-mile team and one 55-mile team. Conditions were great and the weather was fair which made for great walking.

Students did fantastically well showing excellent mental and physical resilience. All teams finished strongly at the following times 11:44 (45 Mile Team), 12:20 (35B Team), 13:15 (35A Team), 16:30 (55 Mile Team). All very impressive results.

Sidmouth College has a strong tradition of success in the Ten Tors Event and we are grateful to our volunteers who have helped us train on Dartmoor over the past eight months.



Sponsored Walk 2017

Staff and students completed a 20km walk in and around Sidmouth, taking in Colaton Raleigh and a few big hills along the way! The weather was not on our side and students had to battle the elements to complete the walk, but spirits were still high and everyone persevered.



Students managed to raise over £8,000 a fantastic effort. 10% of the money raised will be donated to the chosen charity, the RNLI, in memory of Sam Marriott. The remaining money will go into the school fund and be used to provide additional resources and facilities for the benefit of all students. A huge well done to everyone who took part. Students put in a tremendous effort to gain as many sponsors as possible and raise lots of money for a great cause that is very close to the College's heart.

As you can see from the photographs, students had a great time completing the walk, for lots more photographs, go to our

Facebook page
www.facebook.com/sidmouthcollege.



A big well done to Gabriel Broom who came in first place with an excellent record breaking time of 1 hour and 54 minutes!

Art and Photography Students Exhibit Fantastic Work!

On Monday 22nd June the Art and Photography department held their annual exhibition. The exhibition was held in the College Gym and displayed the GCSE and A Level work completed by students this year. During the day exam moderators viewed the work and graded it accordingly. In the evening a much more crowded Gym hosted a selection of friends and family enjoying the vast array of work on display.

The exhibition is a great way of celebrating the hard work and the talent of our students. Mrs Roberts said "We are so proud of the hard work and dedication of our photographers and artists. We have challenged them to achieve their best and they haven't disappointed. It was a pleasure to showcase their work and fantastic that the exhibition was so well attended by parents, students and staff. Congratulations to all of our talented GCSE and A Level students."



Happy Days the Musical

After months of rehearsals, the cast and crew of this year's Sidmouth Youth Theatre (SYT) production, 'Happy Days - a new musical', kicked off the first of five live performances in front a full house on Wednesday 1st February at the Manor Pavilion Theatre in Sidmouth.

The 1970s TV series has been given new lease of life as an all-singing, all-dancing stage musical. A power house rock and roll trip down memory lane!

We saw all the characters that we know and love including The Fonz, played by Zak Robinson, Richie, played by Callum Burns, Howard and Marion Cunningham played by Ed Atack and Jasmine Bartlett and Joanie Cunningham played by Dottie Holland. Jake Evans played Arnold Delvecchio, Charlotte Hadfield played Ritchie's girlfriend Lori Beth and Vicky Wyant played feisty Pinky Tuscadero.

The show was a hit with 6 sell out performances and standing ovations every night. Congratulations must go to Director Miss Davies, all of the staff who supported the production and, of course, to our brilliant cast of students! Well done to everyone involved!



Sports Day

The Sidmouth College Athletics Championships went off without a hitch on Thursday 6th July and was a huge success. Conditions were perfect and there was the usual buzz around the Exeter Arena as some 500 excited students filled the track and grandstand. Many of the Year 7 students in particular were excited to have their first experience of visiting Exeter Arena and the opportunity to compete on a professional track and field. It was a enjoyable day and everyone left with one question on their minds; which House had won!

After the gruelling wait, the following morning PE staff announced the results at the end of a nail-biting assembly. The results were as follows: 1st Raleigh, 2nd Drake, 3rd Grenville and 4th Scott. During Assembly individual results and record breakers were announced.

Head of PE, Mrs Malton, said "Again, Sidmouth College staff and students proved what a brilliant community we have. Whilst no one can question that the standard of performance gets better and better each year, with eight school records broken yesterday, it was the camaraderie and participation of our pupils that made the day truly spectacular.



RAMM Roman Coin Hoard

On Wednesday 22nd February the Royal Albert Memorial Museum (RAMM) visited the College to run a Roman Roadshow workshop for all Year 7 students. The Museum in Exeter acquired the Seaton Down Hoard, a collection of over 22,000 Roman coins found within the College's catchment area, after their discovery in 2013. Sidmouth College was a supporting stakeholder of this acquisition and have developed a working partnership to celebrate the return of this historic find to Devon. During the day, students took part in a round robin of activities including a mock archaeological dig, using metal detectors and specialist equipment. They also examined artefacts from the Roman era as well as studying coins from the hoard itself. They made their own Roman coins using stamps and took part in a storytelling session with a Roman re-enactor.

