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Dear Parents/Guardians

It is hard to believe that our first year together is drawing to a close. Today we have enjoyed a wonderful end of year whole school assembly. It was a pleasure to hear all the students sing our school song after a morning of celebrating their achievements.

Here are a few of the highlights from our last half-term:

GEOSCIENTISTS OF THE FUTURE - GIRLS INTO GEOSCIENCE 2022

TGGS students from Year 10 and 12 were fortunate enough to be able to join Subject Lead for Geology and TGGs Careers Leader Gordon Neighbour and Work Experience Coordinator Sandy Rolfe to attend the "**Girls into Geoscience 2022**" Careers Event at the University of Plymouth. This involved hearing from some of the many amazing and talented women who are working in the sector. After an inspirational welcome and introduction from Dr Sarah Boulton, University of Plymouth, students were treated to an exciting and varied programme from the following young women professionals who are trail-blazing this sector (one which is highlighted as an important and vital sector for the UK economy as we move towards a Greener and more Sustainable future):

- Hydrogeology –a varied life! - Helen Robinson, CGG
- Geology and resources: my career journey - Chrisha Calunod, Sibelco
- Mining –a man's world? - Amy Everton, British Gypsum



CONGRATULATIONS TO EMMA FOSS (Year 9) for her fantastic piece of artwork which won her first place in the highly subscribed Rotary Environmental Poster Competition.



Emma, accompanied by her family, collected the £100 prize on the lawns of the Livermead House Hotel, Torquay on Monday 18 July.

Our **SWAT** (South West Academic Trust) Ambassadors worked hard all term on a project to produce a presentation of a product aimed at improving the nation's mental health. Everyone played a significant part in the team effort and they then travelled to Colyton Grammar School to take part in a SWAT Challenge Cup

competing against teams from all the other SWAT schools. Our team really excelled in every way at the competition and were placed second by just two points. The top two teams were then invited to present again at the SWAT Schools conference at Exeter University just a week later. Our team presented to about 50 delegates from all schools, handled questions well and overall gave a superb presentation. Many colleagues from various schools and the University commented on their professionalism. What an achievement! Well done SWAT Ambassadors, we are really proud of all of you.



GCSE STUDENTS VISIT LONDON

GCSE RS students enjoyed a long but rewarding day trip to London in June. First stop was the largest reform synagogue in Europe where Rabbi Debbie Young-Somers and some of her team shared aspects of Jewish life with students.

Following this, we walked to some nearby kosher shops where I think we significantly increased daily sales of sweets! Next on our whistle-stop tour, was a visit to Camden High Street to enjoy the plethora of places to eat and shop.



Our trip ended at the Jewish Museum where we learnt more about Jewish life through a series of mini workshops. We arrived back at Torquay tired, but hopefully appreciating the link between what we are studying and how it is practiced by Jews in different ways in the UK.

RELIGION, PHILOSOPHY & ETHICS

In Year 9 Religion Philosophy & Ethics this term we have been looking at Anti-Semitism: it's roots, historical and current examples of it, and how it might be challenged in the UK today. As part of this, students produced a reflective piece of work on the Shoah/Holocaust and Jewish responses to it. The thought and effort that went into the work that was produced was quite humbling.



TRIPS AND VISITS

Our last half-term has seen many of our students enjoying a variety of trips and visits organised by staff. This included 48 students who travelled to Belgium as part of the History Battlefields trip. Three of our students represented the school during the Last Post ceremony at the Menin Gate. They were very mindful of the significance of this service and were a credit to our school.

Other activities have included various groups having some downtime at Woodlands Theme Park, Year 7 Science trip to the Zoo, Year 8 visited Torre Abbey whilst Year 9 spent our last Challenge Day of the year movie making using their foreign language skills.



Our whole school participated in our annual sponsored walk. Students took the ferry across to Brixham and then walked the 10 miles plus back to school whilst at the same time raising over £13,500 for Operation Imprezza ([click here](#) to read more about this fantastic charity which supports a secondary school in Western Region, Kenya) and our new Learning Resource Centre.

We recognised many more individual successes at our end of term whole school assembly. In our year group award assemblies our students in Year 7 have been writing poetry and I finish today's newsletter with a fitting poem from Pixy Milligan.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our Year 11 and 13 students the best of luck in their GCSE and A Levels, with results coming out on Thursday 18th August 2022 for A Levels and Thursday 25th August 2022 for GCSE's. I am sure they are all going to do us all proud and I hope to see many of our Year 11 students back in our Sixth Form in September, whilst our A level students go onto pastures new and exciting adventures.

I would like to wish you all a relaxing and enjoyable Summer break and look forward to welcoming all our Year 7 and 12 students on **Wednesday 7th September 2022** and the rest of the school on **Thursday 8th September 2022**.

Yours faithfully

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Poem for End of Year Assembly
By Pixy Milligan - 7W

Summer term at TGGS
My favourite time I must confess
Sponsored walks
And prize giving talks
And don't forget the exam stress

This first year has just flown by
The summer holidays are nigh
We need a rest
From being the best
Next year we'll be learning about Pi

Mrs Rabicano deserves a break
And a huge slice of cake
Head of Year 7
When we were 11
She is a legend, for goodness sake.

And so we say goodbye but not farewell
At the shout out we will yell
Aude sapere
We all say
Thank you for teaching us to write and spell

Goodbye Mrs Naidoo, you were so great
You stepped in and changed our fate
Summer's arrived
We survived
Next time we have assembly, we'll be year 8