



ST LUKE'S NEWS 14.02.2025



= SPOTLIGHT =



On 21st January we hosted a group of school leaders from Australia who had come to learn more about our work as a hub for Steplab and how we use instructional coaching to develop our teachers. The group had visited schools and attended conferences in London and then came all the way to Exeter to visit us. The team will be using many of the elements of our approach to set up their own programmes for teachers in Australia.

We are excited to share with you a roundup of celebrations, important information, and key upcoming events. From memorable moments to important updates, here's what you need to know:

HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY

Year 8 represented St Luke's at the Holocaust Memorial Day yesterday and were an outstanding advert for the school, despite a freezing cold cathedral and very wet and windy town! They attended the opening ceremony in Exeter Cathedral, had a tour of the synagogue, had a talk on artwork from a Holocaust survivor and took part in the closing ceremony where they lit candles in remembrance of all holocaust victims.



CELEBRATIONS



Pollinator Patch

Well done to Zoe Adams for designing the beautiful new sign for our Pollinator Patch at the front of the school. We can't wait to see the

Trip to the Houses of Parliament

At the end of January, 30 Year 10s visited the Houses of Parliament for a 'Learn with the Lords' day. Students were given a tour of the Palace of Westminster and watched a debate in the House of Commons. They then had the chance to meet with members of the House of Lords in small groups to ask questions. There were some really thought-provoking questions asked and some debates as a result. It was a great chance for students to see some historical sights in London, learn more about parliament and be inspired to use their voice to make change.



Y10 and Y9 trip to see Macbeth

On Tuesday 28th January, a group of 45 year 9 and 10 students were able to experience a revision performance of Macbeth at The Princess Theatre, Torquay. The performance included an additional character - The Chorus - who explained what was happening and why throughout the production to support students with their understanding in preparation for their GCSEs. The students were impeccably behaved and greatly enjoyed the show.



The Pearson National Teaching Awards

Nominations for the Pearson National Teaching Awards are now open.

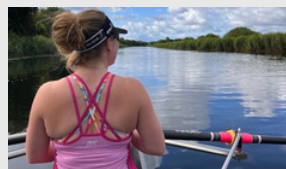
Did you know that parents could nominate a teacher? The categories include: 'Teacher of the Year', 'Outstanding New Teacher', 'Teaching Assistant of the Year', and 'Unsung Hero'.

If you would like to make a nomination please click [here](#)



Good Luck - Row Big or Row Home!

Wishing Vickie Sincock, English teacher & Head of Year 10 all the best as she embarks on doing an incredible 24 hour row on a rowing machine raising money for Samaritans and Mind



Academic Insight Day

Some of our Year 10 students attended the Academic Insights Event where they learnt more about what Exeter College has to offer, including the Reach Academy, A levels and the International Baccalaureate.

They also had the chance to take part in the Exeter College Debating Society to discuss fear of advances in artificial intelligence, choosing one of our learners to act as a judge for the debate on that day.

Mental Health

We held an open drop in session which went really well, our mental health champions were fantastic and we have now recruited some new ones! We have been coming up with ideas for Mental Health Awareness Week (w/b 12th May) watch this space...





Big wins in football:
A 3-1 win against Kingsbridge for Year 9.
Year 8 beat Cranbrook 12-1.



Year 7 Basketball dream team in action



Year 10 boys Football.
5-4 win at Tiverton School.
Goals from T Lo (3) and Oliver Tremain (2) Well done!



Congratulations to the basketball team for a 30 point win over Beaminster



The last couple of weeks saw another action packed time in the PE department:



Glow in the dark Dodgeball

- Our Year 11 boys were in County Cup action and performed admirably, representing themselves and our school brilliantly against a talented TBGS side.
- The first in this years series of The Ted Wragg Trust UV Dodgeball Tournaments was held for year 7's with everyone representing their schools amazingly. Coached by Mr Lidstone, both St Luke's boys and girls teams won their respective tournaments.
- Finally, our fantastic Sports Leaders officiated the primary netball tournament with wonderful enthusiasm, understanding and passion which showed how great they are in their roles to inspire others from our community to be physically active.

With more events this week including U13 Girls Rugby and Indoor Cricket fixtures 🏈🏏🏉

PE AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

It's been wonderful to see so many students already participating in our after-school PE clubs. Please make sure your child knows about the exciting activities we offer. These are fantastic opportunities to get involved, have fun, make new friends, and stay active – and the best part is, all **sessions are free**.

AFTER-SCHOOL PE CLUBS

SPRING TERM

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Netball Boys & Girls Courts Mrs Robson & Mrs Antonello	Football (Competitive) Boys & Girls Astro Mr Hill	Gymnastics Boys & Girls Sports hall (right half) Mrs Antonello	Basketball Boys & Girls Sports hall Mr Evans and Mr Cahill
Fitness Boys & Girls Dance Studio Mr Gillard		Cheerleading & Dance Boys & Girls Dance Studio Mrs Holt	Football Boys and Girls Astro Mr Hollis
Self-Defence Boys & Girls Sports hall Exeter Self-Defence		Dodgeball Boys & Girls Sports hall (left half) Mr Lidstone	Dance Academy (invite only) Dance Studio Mrs Holt
		Fitness Girls ONLY Fitness Suite Miss Eldon, Miss Hardacre & Miss Busby	Fitness Boys ONLY Fitness Suite Mr Kelly

GET READY TO GEAR UP FOR SOME ACTION-PACKED FUN WITH OUR AFTERSCHOOL PE CLUBS! 🏃🏀🌟

ALL STUDENTS INTERESTED IN PE CLUBS NEED TO FOLLOW THESE SIMPLE STEPS:

- 1 AFTER THE FINAL BELL RINGS, HEAD DOWN TO THE PE CORRIDOR.
- 2 CHANGE INTO YOUR PE KIT.
- 3 GO TO THE DESIGNATED VENUE STATED FOR THE CLUB YOU'RE ATTENDING.

🕒 TIME: 15:10 – 16:10

🎟️ COST: COMPLETELY FREE FOR ALL STUDENTS!

WHETHER YOU'RE INTO ATHLETICS, SELF-DEFENSE, BASKETBALL, OR ANY OF OUR OTHER EXCITING CLUBS, THERE'S SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!

DON'T MISS OUT ON THE OPPORTUNITY TO STAY ACTIVE, MAKE FRIENDS, AND HAVE SOME FUN AFTER SCHOOL!

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Day	Club	Year Group	Time	Room	Staff
Monday	Self Defence <i>External Provider</i>	All	3:10-4pm	Sports Hall	Mr Sloan
	Drama Club	All	3:10-4pm	DR2	Mr Horwood
	Science Club	All	3:10-4pm	SC5	Miss Hardacre
	Homework Club	All	3:10-4pm	Library	Support Staff
Tuesday	Sparx Reader	7	Break 1 Break 2	EN1	English Team
	Spanish Speaking Practice	11	3:10-4pm	ML1	Dr Emmett
	French Speaking Practice	11	3:10-4pm	ML3	Miss Busby
	Homework Club	All	3:10-4pm	Library	Support Staff
Wednesday	Sparx Maths	All	Break 1 and Break 2	MA1	Maths Team
	Drama Club	11	Break 2	DR2	Mr Horwood
	Sparx Science Help	All	3:10-4pm	SC8	Dr Smith
	Values Club	All	3:10-4pm	SC1	Miss Bartlett
	Production Rehearsals	Production Cast	3:10-4pm	DR2	Mr Horwood
	Props Club	All	3:10-4pm	AT2	Mr Anthony
	Axiom Maths	All	3:10-4pm	MU1	Mr Boot
	Homework Club	All	3:10-4pm	Library	Support Staff
Thursday	Pride@StLukes	All	Break 1	ML1	Dr Emmett
	Sparx Science	7 and 10	Break 1 and Break 2	MA1	Science Team
	Dodgeball	All	3:10-4pm	Sports Hall	Mr Lidstone
	Production Rehearsals	Production Cast	3:10-4pm	DR2	Mr Horwood
	Homework Club	All	3:10-4pm	Library	Support Staff
Friday	ICE Café	7	Break 1	HU5	Mr Greenhalgh
	French Speaking Practice	11	3:10-4pm	ML2	Mrs Perenet
	Homework Club	All	3:10-4pm	Library	Support Staff

CONGRATULATIONS

We are pleased to share the news that our very own Alex Evans, Deputy Headteacher, has been appointed as Headteacher at Sidmouth Community College.

We are delighted for Alex that he will be remaining within our wider Trust family, and we wish him all the very best for this new chapter. We know he will continue to work tirelessly to support our students to flourish during his transition and thank him for his exceptional service to our school over the last 13 years.

Thank you, Mr Evans



UPCOMING EVENTS & KEY DATES

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- 26th February - Drama Production Evening - Wizard of Oz
- 27th February - Drama Production Evening - Wizard of Oz
- 3rd March - 14th March - Year 11 Mock Exams
- 17th March - 21st March - Assessment Week
- 24th March - Non Pupil Day
- 27th March - Year 11 Progress Evening
- 4th April - Last day of term 12.45pm finish