



Lipson Co-operative Academy

Sixth Form Newsletter – November 2024

A few words from Mr Mee – Head of Sixth Form.

I couldn't be more proud of the start the students have made to the academic year. We are seeing students tackle new academic challenges, but also show the continuation of the remarkable journey they have embarked upon. We are encouraging students to embrace the fresh opportunities that lie ahead, immersing themselves in their studies, engaging actively in classroom discussions, and fostering a spirit of collaboration with their peers. With any new academic year we get students to set ambitious goals and strive for excellence, ensuring that the momentum built so far can continue. To maintain the positivity established at the start of the year, it is imperative for students to remain focused and committed. The dedication shown so far can lay the groundwork for a successful academic year, paving the way for personal growth and enrichment. By nurturing their curiosity and staying organised, students can not only meet the challenges that come their way but also exceed their own expectations. This year is not just about academic achievements; it's about developing resilience, building lifelong friendships, and creating memories that will last a lifetime.



Seas Your Future

For the third year running students from Year 12 have been Sailing on the Tall Ship Pelican of London through the charity Seas Your Future. This year, 10 students were fortunate to sail from Plymouth, they completed sail training with the highlights being climbing the rigging, whilst enroute to the Channel Islands they were lucky enough to see a variety of wildlife including the favourite of the voyage, the majestic dolphins. As well as learning to sail they also conducted a variety of scientific research which has been published and they also worked with the National Marine Aquarium and their Sea Grass project near Jennycliff. Seas Your Future will be in Lipson on the 5th December for an assembly where Year 12 can find out all about the adventures and how to apply for a place. Many thanks again for our sponsors who make this once in a life time experience possible.



iStudy

Please remember iStudy is open every school day from 8am and after school until 5pm. All the chrome books, text books and stationery are available to use so please use this work space as and when you need it. I know a lot of students find it beneficial to complete the work before they go home or to use the space to work with their friends.



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Class of 2024 - I would like to take the time to recognise and celebrate yet another remarkable set of exam results that reflect the hard work and dedication of our students, teachers, and the entire school community. The Class of 24 have not only met but exceeded expectations, achieving outstanding grades that highlight their commitment to academic excellence. The sheer determination shown during the preparation and exam periods has paid off, and we are filled with immense pride in their accomplishments. These results are not just numbers; they represent the countless hours of study, the support from teachers, and the unwavering encouragement from families that have all contributed to this success.

As we look at the trends over the years, it's clear that we are on an upward trajectory, achieving an average grade of **B-** and **Distinction-** is an incredible achievement and something that we are all proud of. It also shows we are continually improving year on year. When you look at destinations, we are inspiring students to travel up, down and out of the country to continue their educational journey. What is great to see is each cohort building on the achievements of the last, pushing boundaries and setting new benchmarks. This positive momentum speaks volumes about our culture, and the environment we have created at Lipson. With each passing year, we are developing not just scholars, but well-rounded individuals equipped with the skills needed to navigate the challenges ahead. Together, we celebrate these successes and eagerly anticipate the future, confident that we will continue to raise the bar and inspire generations to come.



Year 12 Trips - It has been a busy term, Ted Wragg Trust had their first ever Year 12 study Conference which was based at the University of Exeter, our CEO started the day with an aspirational talk. The key note speaker was Professor Lee Elliott – Major, his speech was fantastic and we recommend all who read this newsletter to find out more about him and all he has achieved in his career. Students also had presentations on study habits, how to gain the most out of sixth form, a talk on Higher Education and then a campus tour. We are looking forward to the 11th December where the students will be at Plymouth University and have taster lectures. Then last week they attended the Learn 2 Live driver safety conference. Students learnt about how to drive safely, the dangers associated with mobile phones, driving under the influence but also how to be a responsible passenger when in a car with a newly qualified driver. Hopefully the lessons they learnt will stay with them and keep them a safe driver and passenger.



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Student Leadership Team - It has been such an honour to be appointed as the new leadership team, we are glad and we hope to be true leaders by setting positive examples. There are things we would love to get done during our tenure:

Sixth form talent showcase - An opportunity to display hidden talent and abilities as well as an avenue to destress.

Fundraising - Raising money for charity and enrichment through bake sales and ticket sales for a school talent showcase – More details coming soon.

Peer tutoring amongst others. An important message we would like to pass across is the "Benefits of positivity." A positive mind is pivotal to achieving immeasurable success! Many thanks Eri - Year 12

Year 13 - We are currently sitting our PPE's but also starting to plan the end of Year 13 celebration after our exams in the summer, if you have any ideas, please let us know. Remember we are always here to help so come and see us if you are feeling overwhelmed. Many thanks Gracie and Ruby Mae

Vocational - We have enjoyed welcoming our new year 12 students and our Year 13s. Currently we have students studying at Achievement Training College and Discovery College with a wide range of subjects being taken at different levels, including Travel & Tourism, Health & Social Care, Beauty Therapy, Sport, Public Services, Animal Care, Business and Childcare & Education. The Vocational Program is another educational pathway to achieve career goals and gain a high level of education and experience with practical hands-on elements and placements in a work setting. Additionally, several of these courses have a degree pathway with students attending university and degree apprenticeships.

AGE UK – Applications have now been submitted to AGE UK Plymouth and interviews will take place during the first week of December with the Work Experience placements starting in January. If you still need to hand in your application please do so as soon as possible. This is an amazing opportunity for you to learn valuable skills but also to give back to our local community.



Careers - To date we have submitted Six UCAS applications, including three Oxbridge Applications for students wishing to gain a place at Oxford or Cambridge. All six students have received at least one Conditional Offer and a few students have received 3 or more conditional offers – Huge Congratulations! Apprenticeship applications for Babcock are now open and if you are intending to apply, please ensure your personal statement is checked by a member of the sixth form team and your tutor. The weekly vacancy report is shared in google classroom confirming local apprenticeships that are available. Any help or advice please see Mrs Lincoln.

Key Dates

28th Nov – Degree Apprenticeship Assembly

29th Nov – Last day of PPE's

1st Dec – Exeter Scholars Welcome Day

5th Dec – SYF Assembly

9th Dec – INSET Day

11th Dec – TWT Yr 12 Conference

20th Dec – End of term

6th Jan – First day of term

29th Jan – UCAS Deadline