



Welcome Back!

Dear Teign School Families,

I hope this message finds you well and that you had a joyful and restful holiday break surrounded by loved ones. As we welcome the new year, I am filled with excitement and anticipation for all the possibilities that lie ahead for our Teign School community.

Now, as we embark on the second half of the school year, I want to express my gratitude to our dedicated teaching and support staff who continue to go above and beyond to create a positive and engaging learning environment for our students. Your commitment to their education is truly commendable, and I am proud to lead such a dedicated team.

Looking ahead, we have a multitude of exciting events and initiatives planned for the coming months. From academic achievements to extracurricular activities, there will be ample opportunities for our students to excel and showcase their talents. I encourage both students and parents to stay engaged with our school community, whether through attending events, participating in parents evenings or by following us on social media to keep up to date on all the amazing things our young people are doing.

As we navigate the challenges and triumphs that may come our way in the upcoming months, it is important that we continue to have a sense of community and support for one another. Our strength lies in the way that we work collaboratively, and together, we can create an environment where every student feels valued and inspired to reach their full potential.

Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions, concerns, or ideas you'd like to share. We are always here to support in any way we can.

Wishing you all a fantastic start to the new year!

Best wishes,

Lucie Wagner

P.s We are now on Instagram- Please follow us to see what happens here at Teign



MALAGA TRIP

On 1st December, 25 Y11 Spanish students ventured to Málaga alongside Mr Wagner, Ms Brown and Mr Benaziza. They spent 4 unforgettable days immersed in Spanish culture and language. The Y11s really put their language to the test in real-life conditions as they were tasked with ordering delicious tapas and handling the bills independently. Exploring the Alhambra in Granada, enjoying the Picasso Museum and the visiting magnificent Cathedral in Málaga were among the highlights of the trip.



FOREIGN LANGUAGE LEADERSHIP AWARD

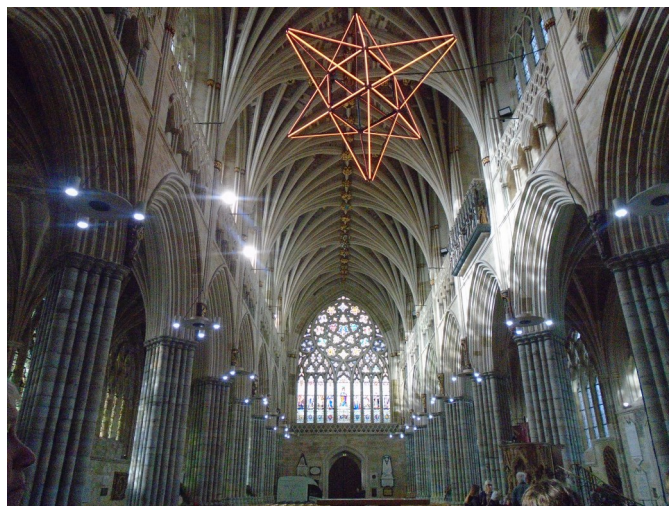
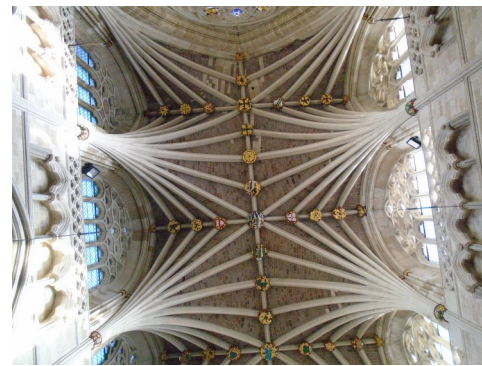
Since September, a group of dedicated and hard-working Year 9 French and Spanish students have been working towards a Foreign Language Leadership Award. This term, our Language Leaders have learnt how to plan, structure and deliver a teaching point as well as beginning to look at the characteristics of a strong leader and presenter. The commitment that these Year 9 students have shown each week is truly commendable. It's been lovely to watch them shine as linguists and leaders so far and they look forward to further developing these skills in 2024.

Well done to each and everyone of you and we are so proud of you!



RPE TRIP

In November there was an RPE trip to Exeter Cathedral. Fleur Roberts (CDL RPE) helped lead the tour of the cathedral and it was an amazing opportunity for students to experience a cultural visit. Lovely end to the day was to report we received lots of compliments on how respectful our students were.



TEIGN IS GREEN CLUB: TREE PLANTING DAY 25th NOVEMBER

Teign is Green Club: 2nd Tree Planting Day 25th November 2023

On Saturday November 25th 120 trees were successfully planted by Teign is Green Club members alongside other pupils and their families on a plot of land in Stover Woodlands owned by local company Sibelco. This was the second such event, meaning that we have now planted a total of 225 trees as part of our mission to plant one tree for every pupil at the school (aiming for a total of 1006 trees over time). This time we planted rowan and oak saplings, adding to the 105 silver birch, hawthorn, blackthorn, oak and rowan already planted. The weather was beautiful: cold and crisp with a clear blue sky and a lovely morning was had by all!



HOUSE COMPETITIONS 2023

A huge thank you to everyone who has got involved in the house events so far this year. The smiles from students and staff during the House cross country and House netball were lovely to see. All students gave 100% and the friendly competition as well as support towards one another was fantastic. Students and staff are incredibly proud to belong to their house and we are excited for all the upcoming house events. A big mention must go to our amazing Sixth Form House Captains and House Ambassadors. These students have all been incredible student leaders and have been a great support to their staff house leaders and the departments running the event so well done to you all.

House Netball



House Cross Country



Results

HOUSE CROSS COUNTRY

1

ORION

2

PHOENIX

3

CENTAURUS


4

LYRA

Honours list

2023 - Orion

2022 - Phoenix

1 st		84 points
1 st		84 points
3 rd		80 points
4 th		60 points

Well done everyone! 😊



SCIENCE AT TEIGN

Science opportunities at Teign

We have been really excited to welcome our new cohort of Sixth Form Scientists to Teign School. Offering Biology, Chemistry, Physics and Psychology A Levels as well as BTEC Science we have something to appeal to everyone. From the support of teachers who have worked with Teign students for many years to our incredibly well equipped labs and many leadership opportunities and trips, choosing Science at Teign really is an exciting option which will open many doors in the future.

If you are in Year 11 and keen to know more about studying Sciences in the Sixth Form please speak to your Science teachers.



If you are in Year 9, already passionate about Science and perhaps keen to pursue a Science based career please consider our two fantastic KS4 options – Triple Science and Land Based Studies. Again for more information speak to your Science teachers.



Remember we also run Science club, Farm club and Science home learning support every week for all year groups.

We look forward to seeing you there!

The Science department

COMING IN SCIENCE NEXT TERM

WORLD BRAILLE DAY—We will be looking at how braille works, who and why it was invented and what is its significance in modern life.

PLANT GROWTH—We will be planting up different plants and thinking about their reproduction.

WHO'S THE CULPRIT—We will be doing some forensic science as detectives on a case.



Science club

Students have been busy making lanterns, snowflakes and baubles



and Mr Lethardy has created his 'chemisTREE'



STUDENT VOICE AT TEIGN



This term Tutor Ambassadors from all year groups have met with Mrs Cornish, their Wellbeing Officer and Leader of Personal Development to share their ideas about how to make Teign an even better school. There has also been an open student council meeting where all student and staff could have their views listened to.

On Monday a representative from Years 9 to 13 shared this student voice with Mrs Wharf, Mrs Wagner and the senior leadership team. All students spoke confidently, honestly and had great points to share. There are already several ideas which are being implemented and others which are being discussed further. Discussions included topics of homework, the canteen and lunch spaces, a bike shed for sixth form and buses. Student ambassadors highlighted many aspects of the school that they love. This included the amazing new sixth form centre, all the clubs and extracurricular opportunities, Frozen the musical, Sports Leaders award and the many kind teachers. We look forward to hearing and acting on more student voice next term.

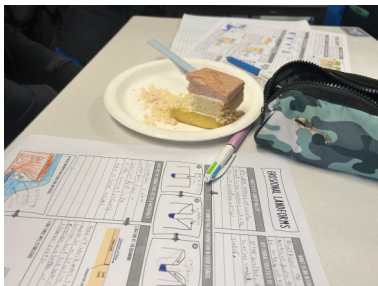
-Mrs Cornish



Every pupil has the right to express their views, feelings and wishes in all matters affecting them, and to have their views considered and taken seriously

YEAR 10 GEOGRAPHY

Year 10 Geography students were getting creative with fluvial landforms! Students had just learned about waterfalls in class, so we decided to use angel cake to replicate the sequence and processes!



WELL DONE JED!

One of last Summer's leavers, Jed Baker, won the NABGC National Boxing Championship in York on November 25th, for the Class B Under 50kg weight.

Jed has been training hard for this since leaving school, and has now achieved one of his great ambitions, Congratulations to Jed and all those involved at Torbay Amateur Boxing Club



You're aMAZING!

TEIGN IS GREEN CLUB: TRIP TO DARTMOOR ZOO

Fifteen Teign is Green Club members visited Dartmoor Zoo on 6th December in a re-run of our July trip when we experienced monsoon-like conditions and didn't see many animals! This time the weather was cold but dry and we got to see a lot more, including Amur leopards and an Amur tiger, a jaguar, otters, capybara, tapir, wolves and meerkats, to name but a few. We also took part in a Close Encounters Workshop and learned about endangered species and got close up to a few interesting specimens, including Elliott the Bearded Dragon.



MENTAL HEALTH WORK

This term there has been lots of things going on in conjunction with mental health. As well as recognising World Mental Health Day back in October, we also had our Antibullying Ambassadors leading 'odd socks' as part of our Children in Need non uniform day on the 17th November.

Ms Stone (Assistant Headteacher for Behaviour & Attitudes) has spent some time with some parents and carers working on a new Mental Health policy for the school, which our 6th Form Mental Health Ambassadors have also provided feedback on. We will of course be sharing with you this policy in due course.

In the Spring Term 2024 we have our Mental Health Ambassadors attending some Mental Health training with our NHS funded Mental Health Support Team, plus Mr Galbraith's Wellbeing Wednesday group of Mental Health ambassadors meeting every week. There will also be a parent and carer survey to inform our review of our work at the school.

We also want to share with you some free support for parents and carers with regards to Mental Health and an invitation to an information evening to find out more.



Anxiety, depression, self-harm and other mental health struggles are on the rise in children, particularly following the Covid-19 Pandemic.

As parents, we can be left feeling overwhelmed and helpless, not knowing where to turn for help.

THIS GROUP AIMS TO SUPPORT YOU TO:

- ✓ Meet other parents who understand your situation for mutual support.
- ✓ Learn strategies to help you support your child, with no judgement!
- ✓ Help you to prioritise your own well-being as a parent.

WHEN? Find out more at our **Information Session** for parents at 7:15pm on Tues 9th or Wed 10th January 2024.

WHERE? Lovelace Room | The Mansion | 36 Fore Street | Totnes | TQ9 5RP

To attend register at www.calendly.com/ymhf/information-session

To get more information contact:
Joel Sutton (YMHF) on 07588 792 474
or email joel@youthmentalhealthfoundation.org

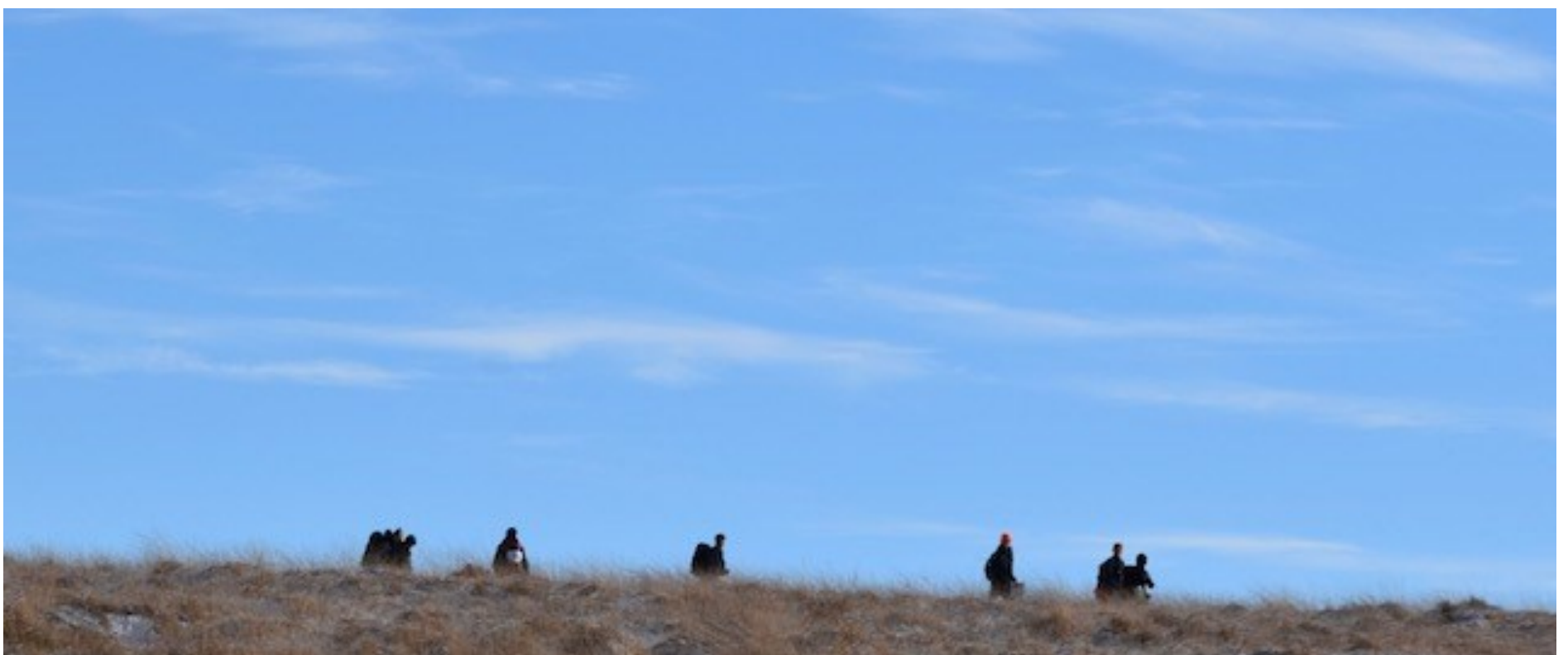


Congratulations!

CONGRATULATIONS to Amelie R of 7F who is the winner of this years Christmas Card Competition!

TEN TORS

So far this term, thirty four intrepid students from Year 9, Year 10 and even Year 11 have been training for the 35 miles Ten Tors challenge. We have been walking into wind, rain, snow, ice and moments of glorious sunshine. It's always all weathers on Dartmoor. A massive well done for your efforts and a big thank you to everyone who is participating - the students, the volunteers and the student helpers from Year 10. Keep on keeping on: those routes won't walk themselves!





What an amazing show! It's been a record breaking year with a whopping 130 students on stage for our production of Frozen. Whether playing a leading role or a member of the chorus everyone has been amazing. We couldn't put these epic shows on without the fabulous support behind the scenes creating costumes and props or on the technical side. We are so grateful and very proud of you all. Thank you!





Autumn Showcase 2023

Students from Year 7-13 took part in our fabulous Autumn Showcase in November. There were an eclectic mix of styles giving an exciting evening of live music. All students performed with a high level of professionalism and energy including our technical crew. We look forward to seeing you at our Easter showcase.





Teign School Sports Leaders – Level 2 cohort. This group of students was awarded the Outstanding contribution to sports award at the schools annual Pride through success award.

Teign School has this week been revealed as a Centre of Excellence by the Leadership Skills Foundation. The achievement marks a significant milestone for the local school, which has been working on embedding the development of these key skills into its curriculum.

With only 24 schools selected for the 2023-24 academic year from the 2,500 plus that the Leadership Skills Foundation works with annually the accomplishment is testament to the work of Teign School's Physical Education department. Their work within the school and community using the Level 1, 2 & 3 Sports leadership qualifications has resulted in a lasting impact across the school's community, with over 60 students being awarded one of the qualifications and 100s of primary school students benefiting from sporting festivals and opportunities offered that were led by Teign PE Sports leaders in the past year.

Tom Mercy the schools Centre Course Manager and Assistant Department leader for PE said: "We are beyond proud of earning

this prestigious accolade, especially being one of the first schools to be awarded this under the new restructured application for process. But it epitomises our PE department and the great relationship with have with our students to earn this status. Without this great relationship to challenge, inspire and provide our students to become great leaders we would not have had the leadership success in the previous school year. We could go on about all the different and successful leadership stories and events we have had and will continue to have. If you want to see snippets of these please do look at our Teign School PE Instagram (give us a follow) for all of the opportunities we have provided.

Teign School's ethos is about developing the whole person, ensuring everyone has the opportunities to access the best universities and career destinations. By being a centre of excellence means we are giving our students the best possible opportunities to develop themselves to being the best possible versions on themselves.

The Centre of Excellence title is presented to centres that demonstrate a deeply held commitment to developing essential leadership skills in their learners to help them prepare for future education and employment. To be considered, centres must adhere to a comprehensive list of criteria, including: a commitment to effective leadership practices, pathways for leadership throughout the school's community, fostering a positive school culture, implementing innovative leadership strategies and maintaining high standards of learner performance.

Richard Norman Chief Executive for the Leadership Skills Foundation said: "We are delighted to award Teign School with Centre of Excellence status for the coming academic year. We believe that every young person should be empowered with the skills they need to positively influence their future and their communities. Across the 2,500 centres we work with, Teign School offers an incredible experience for its students to develop essential leadership skills and it is a privilege to work with them. We can't wait to see how they continue to build on their Excellence status."

Teign School plans to build on this work by increasing the numbers of students who achieve the Sports Leader's qualifications this year. We have also been able to offer the Dance Leadership qualification for a couple of our hardworking 6th Form students who have shown commitment and passion to Dance this year. Our Modern Foreign Language Department have also joined in on the action and are running the Foreign Language Leader award, which is fantastic to have these leadership opportunities beyond PE. Our biggest addition is embedding the PE Life Skills award into our PE curriculum for our lower years students to inspire and prepare them for when they have the opportunity to succeed our current students on the sports leadership pathway.

Leadership
Skills
Foundation

Centre of
Excellence
2023/24

This is to certify that

TEIGN SCHOOL

has been awarded
Centre of Excellence
status for 2023/24

23.10.2023

Tanni Grey-Thompson

Baroness Tanni Grey-Thompson DBE
President, Leadership Skills Foundation

leadershipskillsfoundation.org

Believe. Lead. Succeed.

Congrats

PE Clubs January 2024

Day...	Lunch (1.30 – 2.00)	Where ?	With Who?	Afterschool (3.20 – 4.30)	Where?	With Who?
Monday	Gifted & Talented Support Group	Fitness Suite	Mr Storry	Yr7 & 8 Netball	Courts/SH	Tonia
	All Yrs Volleyball	Sports Hall	Miss HS	Yr10 & 11 Football	Field	Mr Mercy
				Yr9, 10 & 11 Girls Fitness	Fitness Suite	Mr Spicer
				Yr10 Sport Science	SH	Mr Storry
Tuesday	Badminton	Sports Hall	Mr Mercy	L3 Sports Leadership (Yr12)	SH	Mr Storry
	Ski Fitness	AMS/F Suite	Mr Storry	L2 Sports Leadership (Yr10)	SH	Mr Crispin
Wednesday	Basketball	Sports Hall	Mr Crispin	Yrs9, 10 & 11 Netball	Courts	Sam
	Just Dance	AMS	Mrs Wylie	Dance	AMS	Clare/L3 D. Leaders
				Yr9, 10 & 11 Boys Fitness	Fitness Suite	Mr Spicer
				KS3 Boys Football	Field	Mr Benaziza & Mr Gurney
Thursday	Cheerleading	AMS	Miss HS	Hockey	Sports Hall/Courts	Mr Storry & Mrs Cornish
				Cricket	Sports Hall/Field	Mr Soundy & Miss Farr
				Girls Football	Field	Miss HS
				Yr10 & 11 Sport Studies Coursework	Sports Hall	Mr Mercy
Friday	Examination Catch up	Sports Hall	PE Team	Table Tennis	SH	Tony
				L3 Sport Technicals Revision & catch up	J4	Mr Storry