

# Dawlish College News

## Welcome From The Head Of College



The Student Reception team have put up the lights, the College Christmas tree is being retrieved from storage and Mrs Hedden is looking for her box of elf ears. Whether I like it or not, Christmas is definitely happening at Dawlish College.

68 shoe boxes stuffed with goodies are winging their way to Moldova and so attention is now being turned to creating festive hampers for our own community. Rehearsals for the Christmas Cracker are underway and tickets are flying out. The choir will be spreading glad tidings around local nursing homes before the end of term and the college will be saying thank you to all those people who volunteer in the wider community at the Open Daw Christmas gathering. Year 10 students are off to see a performance of A Christmas Carol to get in the mood and I've even arranged a little treat for Year 11: exams! It is definitely the season of goodwill to all.

It has been another successful term with plenty to be grateful for. I wish you all a merry Christmas and look forward to making 2020 the best year yet.

Rachel Wickham  
Head of College

## Christmas Delight



We are delighted to have collected 68 boxes for the Moldova Shoeboxes Appeal as part of the Dawlish Rotary Club campaign to offer support and aid to families across Moldova. Boxes for children of all ages, as well as grandparents, were passed to the Rotary Club this week. We are so grateful for the generosity of so many students, parents and friends who provided boxes and items. Head Boy Tommy said: "We are so pleased to receive so many boxes and gifts to send to people this year. Your gift at Christmas will help them feel loved and not forgotten. Thank you everyone for your support with our collection."

As we go to press, we are thrilled that a group of students are out in Dawlish distributing Christmas cheer. Each tutor group has collected items for hampers which people would find useful at this time of year, and so we were delighted to receive tins of food, chocolate, packets, cakes and small gifts. Students and families could then nominate someone in the local community who should receive the hampers. Well done and thank you to everyone for their generosity.



Staff held their annual cake bake to support the MacMillan Coffee Morning event, raising over £100. As usual, many excelled themselves, with Mr Henderson's cake being very popular! Well done to everyone involved. Finally, on Wednesday 18 December we will be holding a non-uniform day as our first steps in raising money for Rowcroft hospice, our charity of the year. Students who wish to participate should donate £1.

### Out and About!

The second heat of the Rotary Young Chef Competition produced another close competition at the end of November. Local, Area and District Rotary competitions are being held at the College for the first time and are being fully supported by Dawlish Water Rotary Club.



"We are thrilled to be hosting three stages of this prestigious Rotary event and encouraging our young people to support and encourage development of cookery skills," said Bryony Belworthy, Raising Standards leader for Design and Technology.

In the second heat, there were two students each competing from four schools. Gina from Dawlish College was a gallant third, just behind Churston Ferris Grammar School and Exmouth Community College. All contestants, who prepared meals over two hours, were praised highly by the judges for the cooking skills they displayed.

The next heat - the District Competition, which will also include schools from other areas of Devon and from Cornwall - will be held at Dawlish College in February 2020.



Recently 130 students from Newton Abbot College joined 110 pupils from Dawlish College to watch an hilarious Spanish Play about the trials and tribulations of teenage love. The play was centred around two teenagers going on a first date "La Primera Cita" and the whole play was conducted entirely in Spanish. Students in Years 8, 9 and 10 from both colleges loved the play and all said how easy it was to follow, and how it was good to see the vocabulary they had learnt in the classroom being used in a "genuine" setting. In February it will be Dawlish College's turn to travel to Newton Abbott to see a French play called "Les Garçons" which we hope will be as entertaining as the Spanish production.

During November a group of Year 10 BTEC sport students were taken to Cardiff Metropolitan University where they took part in various workshops to see what sport has to offer at Further Education level. Students took part in Physiology and Performance Analysis lectures as well as having a tour of the campus and watching a variety of university level sport. One student said: It was a fantastic opportunity to see a range of career pathways in PE and learn about what going to University actually entails!"

There were theatre trips to see "Lovely Bones" and "A Christmas Carol" this term to support work in Drama and English. As always the students behaved faultlessly and really appreciated the thrill of each performance. "It was brilliant to see our English text come to life.," said one Year 11 student. Well done to everyone involved.

All Students at Dawlish College studying Health and Social Care have been out and about in the community visiting various care settings this term. They went to Tinky's pre-school where they played with young children aged 2-4 and learnt a lot about how children develop through play and interaction. Next stop was Palm Court Care Home which looks after elderly people, many of whom are suffering from Dementia. Finally a small group visited Orchard Manor School where they learnt how the school caters for the complex needs of many of its students, and met the gorgeous therapy dog "Star". Students were very impressed with the facilities, in particular the Sensory Room and the Forest School. We are hoping to go back in the new year and see the staff and students at work. The students all behaved impeccably and were a credit to the college.

A huge thank you to all the students, parents and staff that supported our Book Fair. It was amazing to see so many students choosing books from the many new publications available. We raised a fantastic £755 in sales. As a result of this we also raised £377 in commission to spend on books that our students really want within the library. It was hard work for all involved but what a wonderful result. We are now looking forward to receiving our new stock and listening to students talk about what they have been reading!



We are delighted to announce that Dawlish College is now officially a licensed centre for the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme. We currently have over 20 students in Years 9 and 10 embarking on the many challenges the award sets and we look forward to reporting on their successes in the future!

## Arts in Focus

Staff have had pleasure in nominating their "Star of the Term" in each of the Expressive Arts areas. The results—in no particular order—are:

### Actor Of The Term



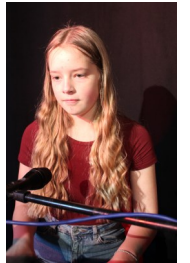
**Maizie** has been chosen as actor of the term because of her outstanding performance at the monologues evening. This was a very difficult choice, as everyone performed with such professionalism and at such a high standard, but Maizie's character development and superb accent has resulted in her being awarded this accolade. Congratulations!

**Hannah** What can we say??? Such natural flair and a gift for 'real' characters as well as a positive and enthusiastic attitude and effort in every lesson. Hannah has thrown herself into trying new styles and working with different members of the group co-operatively, supportively and positively. She makes us smile and her performance always leaves us feeling emotional. She is a real pleasure to have in the group and we are sure will go on to fantastic things on stage!



### Musician Of The Term

**Eva's** piano skills have really flourished this term and she has, as a result, started to become a very accomplished performer – not only as a soloist which was shown last term with her stunning piano solo of Bohemian Rhapsody in the 24 hour concert but also with her accompanying her friends in various concerts including one at Powderham Castle earlier this term. Her piano teacher is absolutely stunned by her progress as she is now working on Grade V pieces and has taken everything in her stride. We know that she wants to make a career out of music and this singlemindedness shows she will be successful. Well done Eva on becoming Dawlish College's first musician of the term!



### Artist Of The Term

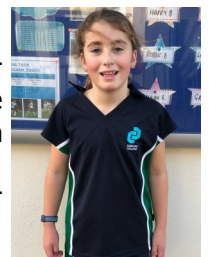


**Jasmine** has been nominated for her creative efforts, her support towards the curriculum and thinking creatively outside the box. Jasmine has shown great effort to extend her observational skills and to become more confident when working in sculpture. She was also very willing to become a model in class for the students to study the figure, the students then produced a series of drawings which were then developed into a clay sculpture. This is a really difficult job as you are expected to sit/stand still for a long period of time and remain focused in your pose, Jasmine did a fantastic job and we all really appreciated her time in doing this.

Lastly Jasmine was set a homework to re-create a personal response to the Sculpture known as 'Head' by Naum Garbo, the homework was geared towards a cardboard sculpture which is an easy accessible material to use and find but Jasmine took the homework to another level and with the support of her father produced an amazing metal freestanding sculpture inspired by Gabo's Head. We loved the fact that Jasmine worked beyond the expected brief and thought outside the box!

### Sports Personality of the Term

Isla has achieved brilliant sporting success so far at Dawlish College. She has been excellent in her PE lessons showing endless enthusiasm as well as natural sporting talent. Isla competed at the South Devon Cross Country Championships where she came 4<sup>th</sup> out of all the schools in South Devon for her age group meaning she has qualified for the county championships in the new year. Isla has also been involved in girls football scoring a winning goal and proving to be a key member in the team.



Congratulations must go to all the students and staff involved in our "**Christmas Cracker**" evening of Arts. Alongside the fantastic performances was an exhibition of Art work created during the term. It was a hugely entertaining evening, highlighting the real talent of our students and clearly appreciated by the audience, one of whom made the journey from Derby to watch! We are really excited about our production of "The Wizard Of Oz" in the summer!





**Elaine Sheldon** started working at the College in 2002. She works in the Main Reception at the College, welcoming the many visitors to our College, checking their I.D, and make them aware of our safe guarding policies/information and answer and deal with all the varied daily phone calls. Here are the questions the students wanted to ask her:

### Getting To Know You



**Where were you born?** I was born just up the road at 49 Newlands Dawlish so that makes me a 'Dawlish Maid' through and through

**Do you prefer tea or coffee?** Coffee in the morning, (I'm quite partial to a cappuccino when someone else is paying), and tea in the afternoon.

**What football team do you support?** Dawlish United/Youth, (especially when my eldest son played for them), and Leeds United when I was a young girl.

**What do you like about working at the college?** Dawlish College is a fantastic place to work. It is a very supportive and caring environment and I feel proud to be part of it. I enjoy making our guests and visitors feel very welcome.

**What are your hobbies?** Yoga, walking, riding out with my husband on our motor bike, spending time with my grandsons and family.

**Tell us a fact we would be amazed to know?**

I once climbed the west side of Mt Snowdon and down again without injury or incident which for me was amazing, The trouble was that I got back to the car park, tripped on a 5cm kerb, fell, smashed my face on the ground causing a massive black eye and swollen face and couldn't even blame it on a climbing accident!

### PE Round-up



Late in November, the Dawlish U13 boys travelled to St Luke's to compete in the area **futsal tournament**. The squad of 7 boys competed against 11 other teams in two groups of 6. The group stages saw the boys take on St Luke's, St James, West Exe, ISCA and St Peter's.

Confidence was high as they comfortably won their first game 7-0 against St James with some clinical finishing from all the boys as they all scored. The next game finished with a 0-0 draw against a strong ISCA first team. The boys then went on to win their next 3 games 3-0, 4-1, 3-1 to secure top spot in their group.

In the semi-final (against ISCA) the boys soon took control after Zak smashed the ball in from just inside his own half. Shell-shocked, the opposition never recovered and goals from Lawrence and Ben secured the victory and a place in the final against St Luke's.

The final was a very close game with both teams strong in attack and defence. Dawlish almost took the lead with a couple of minutes to go with some good work from Ben and Lawrence. However a cruel blow as St Luke's scored with just a minute to play and despite the brave efforts of all the boys in the dying seconds, they just couldn't quite claw it back.

A superb performance by the whole team: Zac, Lawrence, Alfie, Liam, Ben, Charlie and Ben. A huge thank you for your efforts.

A large number of students took part in a **cross country** event at Stover on a very cold day! Students were exceptional and all competed well and represented the college impeccably. All students finished the course respectfully with some qualifying for the next round. Well done to everyone involved!

The girls have been brilliant across all year groups and sports so far this term. We have had the highest rate of participation at clubs with girls taking part in netball, football and hockey. These girls are definitely teams to watch in the future, they show excellent teamwork as well as amazing ability and skill. The U15 girls have qualified for the county round of football and the U13 girls narrowly lost out coming third in their tournament. The U13 girls have beaten St Cuthbert Mayne, Teignmouth and Teign. The girls have also attended a lot of netball tournaments again showing how much hard work and practice pays off.

