



# ON TRACK EDUCATION

## Diary

What's coming up

### Summer Term

18th April - 26th May

Half Term

29th May - 2nd June

5th June - 21st July

### Bank Holidays

Monday May 1st

Monday May 8th

Easter Sunday

April 9th

Whole school training

April 17th - Students back  
on the 18th!

King Charles Coronation

May 6th

GCSE examinations

May 21st

Second half term:

Wave project surfing

End of term treats

## Message from the Head

Maria Roberts

This term has been so packed with activities and engagement in learning, it is wonderful to be able to share it with stakeholders this way. We have most recently been fundraising for Comic Relief as well as celebrating mock GCSE exam success with some of our learners, while others have enjoyed visits in our community and county exploring the Art exhibitions locally, the Earth Gaia exhibition in Exeter cathedral and interactions in our more local areas through Forest school, farming placements and work experience as well as some surfing lessons now that Spring is here. A whole term has flown by since our Ofsted inspection & some very extreme weather and as GCSE exams approach us we have welcomed a new cohort of learners and some staff change who we have wished farewell to while welcoming others. Our 3 sites are now more fully established and our next focus is travel training for some while teaching and learning in preparation for the assessment season when learners are ready. We continue to focus on preparation to adulthood in the many forms this takes and building a solid base of knowledge for success in education.

Nelson Mandela  
"Education is the  
most powerful  
weapon which you  
can use to change  
the world."



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## Down at the Farm



Students at South Crosscombe farm engaging with an offsite curriculum.

They are all working towards a Btec in animal care. This is a working farm and they work alongside a farmer learning about everyday farming. They undertake a range of jobs and are stuck into lambing this season.



## World Book Day



We celebrated World Book Day this year through the fun of many costumes and props in our Saunders library! Across all sites, we were entertained by Andy's charismatic online reading of 'The Twits' and we participated in the exciting 'Footy & Booky Quiz' run by the National Literacy Trust! Courtesy of World Book Day all students were also given a £1 book token, to claim their free £1 book from their local bookshop! We look forward to what next year's celebrations will bring!

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This year we gained the Eco-Schools Green flag award. This acknowledges that we go above and beyond to protect our planet. We will be going for the Green flag award again in 2023/24. Our new focus is:

Transport, Waste and School Grounds.



We believe that Eco-Schools empowers young people to make a difference in not only their school but also their local communities and beyond. We also planted a tree for the Queen's Platinum jubilee and in Northam we have been rejuvenating our outdoor area. We have started growing herbs, and plan to grow vegetables too.

## 2023 Mock Exams Update

During this academic year to date, a total of 29 pupils have been entered for Functional Skills qualifications and so far (subject to Standard Verification which will take place later this term). In Maths one pupil has achieved Entry Level 1 Functional Skills, four have achieved Entry Level 2 and two have achieved Entry Level 3. One pupil has recently completed the final Speaking, Listening and Communication component of their English Entry Level 1 qualification and a pupil has achieved Entry Level 3 ICT.

Many of our pupils in year 11 and above have been entered for their GCSE examinations this summer. This year we have pupils completing GCSEs in Maths, English, Science, History and Psychology. During the week commencing 6th March these pupils sat mock exams in Maths, English and Science, which was held at Narita House, to give them the opportunity to experience working under exam conditions. We understand that exams can be stressful for pupils and the mocks should reassure them that our Exams Officer and Invigilators will do all they can to reduce anxiety and help them feel supported, to ensure that they achieve the best grade possible in the summer.



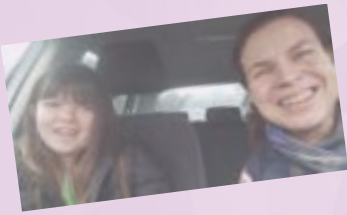
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## Student Voice

Every student at On Track is provided with regular opportunities to discuss their thoughts, opinions and make suggestions about the school and participate in organising events



## Cultural Capital

The accumulation of knowledge, behaviours, and skills that a student can draw upon, improving cultural awareness.

This term we have created opportunities to enhance our cultural capital with off site trips such as; the Burton Art Gallery, Barnstaple museum, work experience and celebrating the Chinese New Year.

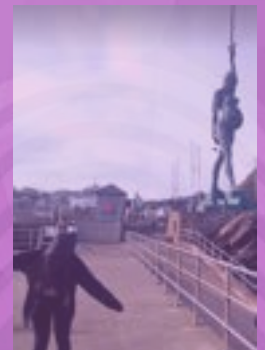


The Thrive School of Excellence award is the highest level of achievement in the Ambassador Schools Scheme, which was launched last year as a way of recognising excellence in member schools.

## Coming Soon

We are excited to announce that we will be offering family Thrive sessions next term where we will be sharing the approach with parents and carers.

Reduced anxiety and behavioural incidents, calmer classrooms filled with engaged learners and improved relationships with parents and carers. These are just some of the outcomes reported by settings embedding Thrive's whole-school approach to mental health and well being.



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and finally...

## Refurbishment

A great whole team effort: giving the Narita and Castle sites a refurb and fresh lick of paint, this term, which bought a fresh new feeling to us all.

## Staff wellness

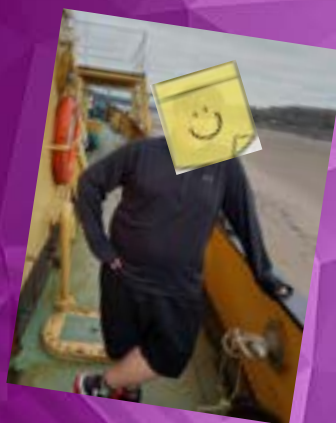
Did you know we have wellness initiative such as a mental health support team, staff gym sessions, and a music group as well as a recently introduced - and popular earlier Friday finish to staff working days.

This all keeps our amazing staff team feeling refreshed and ready to take on all challenges.

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## Photo Drop

"A picture tells a thousand words", and you can certainly see the enrichment many of our young people are able to find at On Track.



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