



## Message from the Head

What an amazing term we have had. We are so proud of all of the students and the achievements they have made. We all know that success is such an individual thing and is often one step forwards and two steps back but we can truly see such positive shifts from all of our learners.

The Termly theme of supporting a global charity has provided an opportunity to look at how our actions can impact positively on issues in different countries. This has facilitated conversations about current topical events around the world and helped to develop our speaking and listening skills and our ability to reflect on other people's view points when it differs from our own, which is not always easy.

Next term we will be looking at our local community and what we can do to improve and support it.

At On Track we strive to create a sense of community and belonging for our students, which can be difficult when the school is not on the doorstep. It is also important that you as the parents and carers have that same sense of community with the school. At school we are developing our pastoral team and looking at different ways we can support you and develop this. We will be sending a parent and carer questionnaire next term for you to share your views. Please do take the time to complete this and we will keep you updated around the outcomes from this.

Lastly thank you for all of your support this term and have a wonderful Easter break. We will be back for students on Tuesday the 21<sup>st</sup> of April.

Debbie Gill - Headteacher

## Termly Theme

### Making a Global Impact: Our Charity Round-Up From Awareness to Action

This term, our primary focus was raising awareness global charities.

### A Fantastic Effort by All

"To see our students transform their empathy into tangible support for those in need has been the highlight of our term."



## This Terms News

School News: Music, Sport & Success

On Track Choir: Harmonizing Together This term marked the exciting launch of the On Track Choir! It's been wonderful to see staff and students working side-by-side to master Cat Burns' "Live More & Love More."

Devon FA SEND Tournament Our football team represented us at the recent Devon FA SEND tournament. Our students truly shone through their teamwork and encouragement of others. Well done to everyone involved in these fantastic team efforts!

## Dates for Diary

### Summer Term

21st April - 20th July

May day bank Holiday 4th May

Half Term  
25th May-29th May

Training Days  
20th April, 22nd & 23rd July

Parent Review Day  
21st July



## The Paragon News

**Construction & Craftsmanship** Our construction students have been sparking to life in the workshop, successfully mastering ring mains and lighting circuits as part of their electrical unit. In the Sixth Form, one talented student has showcased incredible skill by designing and hand-crafting a bespoke chess board—a true masterclass in precision.

**Kitchen Success** The culinary team has been busy producing restaurant-quality treats. From savory stir-fries to indulgent cheesecakes and chocolate brownies, the skills on display (and the smells!) have been fantastic.

**Sun, Sport & Spirit** Taking advantage of the dry weather, the NEST and BATS groups headed outdoors for some high-energy Pickleball. It was brilliant to see everyone active and enjoying the sunshine together!



## The Hex News

Our Animal Care students have been gaining incredible hands-on experience working at the Rare Breeds Farm, mastering the specialist skills needed to care for unique livestock. Meanwhile, the heat is on in the kitchen! Our BTEC Cooking students are putting the finishing touches on their qualifications, impressing us all by preparing and serving professional three-course meals.

In the lab, Science students have been focused on the microscopic world, running projects to track and analyze cell growth.

Finally, a huge "well done" to our Music department; students traveled to a professional Exeter studio this week to record their final assessments, giving them a true taste of the music industry.

We are so proud of all our students' hard work this term!





## Post-16 News

### Culinary Success & Artistic Flair

It has been a landmark term for our Post-16 students, who have officially completed their cooking assessments! Their hard work in the kitchen has paid off, and we are incredibly proud of the skills they've mastered. Over in the Art Department, the focus has shifted to fashion; students are currently deep into a sewing project, designing and creating their own unique clothing items and accessories.

### Hair, Beauty & Future Pathways

We are excited to announce the launch of our Hair & Beauty studies! Students have begun exploring the diverse career pathways within this vibrant sector. To help shape their future goals, the group has also attended several career fairs, gaining valuable insights into the various professional routes available to them after graduation.

From the kitchen to the catwalk, our Post-16s are truly carving out their own paths!

## Outreach News

This has been a great term for our outreach students. They have continued to enjoy using the offsite venues such as the KYC, the Bank, Poole Farm and we are looking a range of new venues for next term and September. We are so proud of the students and how they have begun to engage in more formal assessments and develop their academic pathways. Alongside this we have seen huge progress in social and emotional outcomes and positive engagement in the local community. A huge thank you has to go to the student who supported a member of the public during a medical crisis. We are so proud of all of you and the progress you have all made!

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## Important Reminder: Reporting Student Absence

To ensure the safety and wellbeing of our students, please follow the school's attendance procedure if your child is unable to attend.

Please notify us before 8:00 am using one of the following methods:

Main School Line: Call 01803 866462 to speak with the office or leave a recorded message.

School Office Mobile: Send a text message to 07580 861400.

Note: Prompt reporting helps us update our registers quickly and ensures we know all our students are safe. Thank you for your cooperation!

## SAFEGUARDING FOCUS

### Respectful Relationships

Our PSHE curriculum this term focuses on challenging misogyny and promoting healthy, respectful relationships. We are committed to a zero-tolerance approach toward harmful sexual behaviors and are teaching students the importance of consent and digital respect.

If you have any safeguarding concerns, please remember you can contact our Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) via the school office at any time.

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## Parent Information

### **Breathe Easy: Our Smoke-Free \ School**

At On Track Totnes, we are committed to providing a healthy, safe environment for our students and staff. To protect our school community from the risks of active and passive smoking, we would like to remind everyone of our **Vaping and Smoking Policy**.

#### **The Essentials:**

**Smoke-Free Zone:** Smoking and vaping (including all nicotine and non-nicotine substances) are strictly prohibited anywhere on school grounds or in the immediate surrounding areas.

**Equipment:** All smoking or vaping paraphernalia must be kept out of sight throughout the school day.

**Our Approach:** We aim to be supportive while maintaining a clear standard. If a student repeatedly uses or displays equipment, we follow a progressive response —starting with tutor contact and, if necessary, moving toward a headteacher meeting or suspension.

#### **Support for Change:**

We regularly educate our young people on the effects of smoking through our Personal Development curriculum. If a student is looking for help to quit, our Key staff is available to offer confidential advice and guidance.

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