



The Tiverton Tribute

"Learning for Lifelong
Success"



October 2025

Diary Dates

04/11/25 - Students return to school.

10/12/25 Christmas Bingo Event.

11/11/25 - Teacher/Family Evening.

01/12/25 - Tempest Photography

19/12/25 - Last day of term.

Term Dates

Autumn Term 2:

Students Return: 4/11/25.

Christmas holiday 20/12/25 -
6/1/26.

Student Achievements

Welcome and well done to all Year 7 students for completing your first half term at ACE Tiverton. You have all done amazingly and we are so proud of you.

#schoolfamily!

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End of Term Letter from Mrs Smart and Mrs Chatterton



Dear Families,

As we draw to the end of another busy and successful half term, we want to thank you for your ongoing support and contribution to life at ACE Tiverton. It's been inspiring to see what our students, staff and families have achieved together since their return from the summer holiday.

Celebrating Our Successes, this half term has been full of moments that made us so proud to be part of our school family:

- Our Y11 students have settled with enthusiasm, into their examination preparation showing how much they have grown in confidence and skills.
- Through daily learning activities and enrichment sessions, we have seen real progress in personal development, communication, independence and social interaction from our new Y7 cohort who are settling well into our school family.
- Friday Elective curriculum has been a huge success each week providing students with opportunities to discover new interests, build friendships, and flourish beyond the classroom.

Thank You for Your Partnership, none of our progress would be possible without you:

- Your participation in the family survey, your informal feedback at family events and your continued communication with the staff team have helped us tailor learning and support effectively across the school.
- Many of you have made contributions in response to our request at the beginning of the year, we are now really well resourced, and students are benefitting from your kind donations.
- Please remember that Monday 3rd November is an INSET day, all students return on Tuesday 4th November and will be with Learning Family groups for lesson 1.

Looking Ahead to the Next Half Term, as we move into the next half term, we look forward to building on this progress:

- We will continue to develop personalised learning plans, enrichment activities, and community links through events for Children in Need, Remembrance day and, of course, our Christmas plans.
- We have school photographs being taken by Tempest on Monday 1st December, all students will have the opportunity to have photographs taken.
- We have our Teacher-Family evening next term on Thursday 11th December so please make a note in your diaries, Appointments will open in November and will be available in person and via SchoolCloud.

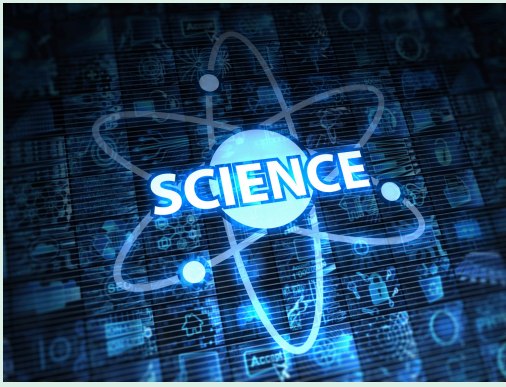
We hope you all enjoy a restful break over half term, and we look forward to seeing everyone return refreshed and ready for the new challenges ahead on Tuesday 4th November.

With best wishes, yours faithfully

Mrs Hannah Smart
Executive Headteacher

Mrs Julie Chatterton
Head of School





#SchoolSpotlight

Welcome to Science

Mr Wray - Science Teacher



Miss Ash - Science Teacher



Mr Jackson - Science Teacher



Mrs Stanley - Teaching Assistant.

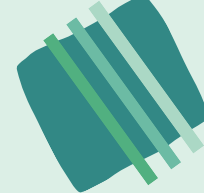


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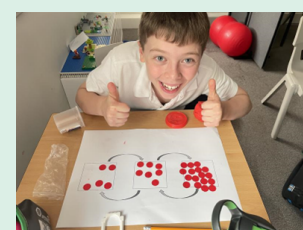
Science In Half Term 1



Year 11- GCSE students. It's pedal to the metal to prepare for the GCSE exams next June. Students have been learning organic chemistry – using practical's, models, symbolic representation and then lots of exam question practice!

Year 11 – BTEC students are split between Applied Science and Vocational studies. They have been developing a progression plan to map out what they need to do to achieve their career goals, and starting on studying a variations of plant life. The vocational studies group have started on the shed renovation project, learning valuable building maintenance skills. Mr Jackson has been leading Year 10 and other groups have been learning the valuable skill a structured way to answer calculation questions. Our FFIFAs method!

Miss Ash has been investigating pond life with Year 8/9, developing good microscope and observation skills. Miss Ash, Mrs Deacon and Mr Wray have been introducing year 7's to science. Applegate earning their Bunsen Burner licence and Einstein using multisensory methods to learn how everything is made of particles.





Macmillan Coffee Morning

Thank you for all your donations we raised an amazing:

£159.68



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Donations and Wish List

Firstly we would like to say a massive thank you to all families that have made donations to our school family, we are very grateful to each and every one that has been received.

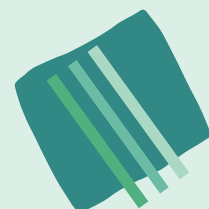
We have left the School Shop open on Arbor for anyone that would like to donate any amount to our school.

We have also set up an Amazon Wish List. Which we will update each half term with items that we are in need of.

Here is the link for this:

<https://amzn.eu/8kYELmW>

If anyone feels they can contribute to any of these items we would be extremely grateful.





Powderham Castle Christmas Lights.
1st to 31st December 2025



Exeter Christmas Market
20th November to 19th December



Exeter Northcott Theatre
Thursday 27 November to Sunday 4th January



Family Consultation



We are currently reviewing our Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) Policy, which can be found here:

<https://www.atss.transformingfutures.org.uk/attachments>. **We would greatly value your input as part of this process.** Your views are important in helping us shape a policy that reflects the needs and values of our school community.

Please take a few moments to read the draft policy and share your feedback via the [consultation form](#), by Friday 14th November.

Thank you for your continued support.

If you need to contact anyone within the school, the response times are as follows:

- Teachers and Support Staff will reply within 24 Hours
- School Office will reply within 24 hours.
- Telephone requests will reply on the same day response.
- Student Support will reply within 24 hours.
- Please email: atss_studentsupport@transformingfutures.org.uk

Have you seen our website?

www.atss.transformingfutures.org.uk

It's packed full of useful information including Term Dates, safeguarding and curriculum information, useful links and much, much more.

Term Dates 2025-2026

Term Number	Common Name	Start Date	Finish Date
Term 1	Autumn 1	Thursday 4th September 2025	Friday 24th October 2025
October Half Term		Monday 27th October 2025	Friday 31st October 2025
Term 2	Autumn 2	Monday 3rd November 2025	Friday 19th December 2025
Christmas Holidays		Monday 22nd December 2025	Friday 2nd January 2026
Term 3	Spring 1	Tuesday 6th January 2026	Friday 13th February 2026
February Half Term		Monday 16th February 2026	Friday 20th February 2026
Term 4	Spring 2	Monday 23rd February 2026	Thursday 2nd April 2026
Easter Holidays		Tuesday 7 th April 2026	Friday 17th April 2026
Term 5	Summer 1	Monday 20 th April 2026	Friday 22nd May 2026
May Half Term		Monday 25 th May 2026	Friday 29th May 2026
Term 6	Summer 2	Monday 1 st June 2026	Tuesday 21st July 2026
Summer Holiday		Monday 27 th July 2026	Wednesday 2nd September 2026
INSET Days	Occasional Day - Thursday 23rd July 2026 Occasional Day - Friday 24th July 2026 INSET 1 Tuesday 3rd September 2025 – Staff Onsite INSET 2 Wednesday 4th September 2025 – Staff Onsite INSET 3 Monday 3rd November 2025 - Disaggregated INSET 4 Monday 5th January 2026 – Staff Onsite INSET 5 Wednesday 22nd July 2026 – No Staff Onsite		
Bank Holidays	Christmas Day BH – Wednesday 25th December 2025 Boxing Day BH – Thursday 26th December 2025 New Year BH – Thursday 1st January 2026 Good Friday BH – Friday 3rd April 2026 Easter Monday BH – Monday 6th April 2026 May Day BH – Monday 4th May 2026 Late May BH – Monday 25th May 2026		

School Attendance

If your child is absent from school, please ring the school office on 01884 763140 and leave a message or email atss_info@transformingfutures.org.uk.

By law, all children of compulsory school age (between 5 and 16 yrs) must get a suitable, full-time education. As a parent **you are responsible** for making sure this happens.

Parents and carers commit an offence if a child does not attend school regularly and the absence is not agreed by the school.

Will an absence be authorised by the school?

Schools can only agree absences for a limited range of exceptional circumstances, these are typically absences that are completely unavoidable. Absences that **will not be agreed** might include:

- Arrival after registers have closed.
 - Absences that are not properly explained.
 - Day trips and holidays in term time.
 - Leaving the school without school authorisation during the day.
- Repeated unauthorised absences may be referred to Devon County Council for Parent Responsibility measures to improve attendance.

Who can help you?

Do not be afraid to ask for help if a problem arises.

Parents and carers should reach out to the school to explore how they can support and/or contact other services available to help.

 **Devon Safeguarding Children Partnership**
www.devonscp.org.uk/

Public Health Nursing Hubs

Tel: 03332 341 910

www.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/health/public-health-nursing/

Early Help

Northern Devon: Earlyhelpnorthsecure-mailbox@devon.gov.uk

Southern Devon: Earlyhelpsouthsecure-mailbox@devon.gov.uk

Mid & East Devon: Earlyhelpmiddeastsecure-mailbox@devon.gov.uk

Exeter: Earlyhelpexetersecure-mailbox@devon.gov.uk

 **Devon Independent Advisory Service**
DIAS devonias@devon.gov.uk

School attendance matters



Attendance advice and guidance for parents and carers

For further information about the Attendance Improvement Team and Devon Childrens Services please see our website: www.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/school-information/

Why is good school attendance important?

Regular and punctual school attendance is essential to supporting a child or young person to flourish, fulfil their potential and enables them to:

- learn
- make and manage friendships
- develop new skills
- have fun
- experience new things in the world around them
- develop awareness and respect of other cultures, religion, ethnicity, and gender differences
- build confidence and self-esteem
- achieve and thrive with a sense of belonging to their school community
- prioritise their well-being and happiness
- be given the best start in life, enabling the best possible choices in their future

Missing school... missing out!

Don't let your child be the one to miss out!

Attendance during one school year	Equivalent: number of missed:		
	Days	Weeks	Average lessons
95%	9	2	54
90%	19	4	114
85%	29	6	174
80%	38	8	228
75%	48	10	288
70%	57	11.5	342
65%	67	13.5	402

"We are only a few minutes late" - Does it matter?

Being late for school reduces learning time and does not prepare your child or young person for their future working lives.

- Arrival 5 minutes late every day = 3 days of learning missed each year
- Arrival 15 minutes late every day = 10 days or 2 weeks of learning each year.

How you can help your child or young person to have excellent attendance in school

- Always inform the school if your child is absent.
- Talk openly to your child about school and work in partnership with the school to best support them.
- Encourage your child to attend regularly and advocate, speak up on behalf of their needs.
- Arrange medical or dental appointments outside of school hours when possible.
- Establish good morning and bedtime routines.
- Support your child to arrive at school on time.
- Take truancy seriously - consider where are they? Who are they with? What are they doing?
- Where possible attend parent consultations and school events.
- Value and acknowledge achievements in school.
- Take family holidays, visit family outside of term time.

Young people regularly missing school without good reason = increased risk of becoming isolated from their friends, underachieving in their learning and/or have vulnerability to become involved in anti-social behaviour.

A good diet and sleep routine adds to successful learning.

Every minute in school counts!

Helping your child to arrive at school on time, wearing correct uniform gives them a positive start to their day.

Regular school attendance teaches a young person life skills like time keeping, problem solving and independence.

Help your child by encouraging them to get their uniform and school bag ready the night before.

Our Safeguarding Team




OUR SAFEGUARDING TEAM



Stacy Fagg
Designated Safeguarding Lead




Sharna Causley
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead



Sophie Bond
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead



Nikki Orchard
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead




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Amy Chatterton
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Rhys Davis
Safeguarding Team




Jessica Stephenson
Safeguarding Team

WORRIED? 😞 CONCERNED? 🧠 GOT QUESTIONS? ?
WANT TO TALK? 🗣️ NEED INFORMATION? ⓘ
YOU CAN TALK TO ANY MEMBER OF STAFF OR CONTACT THE FOLLOWING:


Your family and friends are good places to get support but if you think there is an immediate risk of harm, please do not keep it to yourself.
Talk to any adult in our school family – we will help you. If you do not how to start, just use the word “**TREE**” and we will know you are worried.
If you want to get confidential or anonymous (no one asks your name) help, these organisations can help.



Young Minds is online, social media and free texts: send YM to 85258 and you will be contacted by text.




Childline can be contacted via a free phone number: 08001111. There is also a website childline.org.uk.



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Call us any time, day or night. Whatever you're going through, you can call us any time, from any phone for FREE Call 116 123



Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub: 0345 155 1071

Safeguarding Over the Holidays

If you are concerned about the safety of a child in Devon, please contact the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) on 0345 155 1071 or email mashsecure@devon.gov.uk and give as much information as you can. If you are worried about yourself or another young person while school is closed, please call someone and talk.

- NSPCC 0808 800 5000 if worried about a young person
- Young Minds Crisis Manager. Text YM to 85258, if you are a young person in crisis
- Childline: 0800 1111, if you are a young person and have no one to talk to.
- CAMHS 0330 024 5321

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Enjoy your Half Term!

**We wish you a restful, relaxing
and happy Half Term. We look
forward to seeing you back on
Tuesday 4th November 2025.**

**with lots of love from your
#SchoolFamily**





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