



For Students & Parents

Fortnightly

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Foyle Young Poets of the Year Awards



Cyrus Larcombe-Moore, a 16-year-old student from Tavistock College, was announced as a winner at the Foyle Young Poets of the Year Awards, as he was selected as one of only 15 winners chosen from over 10,000 poems entered by more than 6,000 young poets world wide.

Cyrus, whose poem *My Ghost* clinched him the renowned award, travelled to the Royal Festival Hall in London last week to receive his prize.

At the ceremony, held on National Poetry Day (October 6), The Poetry Society announced the top 15 winners and 85

commended poets of the Foyle Young Poets of the Year Award 2016. Organised by The Poetry Society and generously supported by The Foyle Foundation, the Foyle Young Poets of the Year Award has been held annually since 1998. It is one of the largest literary competitions in the world and is a defining award for young poets around the world. Writers from 76 different countries entered the competition, from as far afield as Nicaragua, Kuwait, Ethiopia and Uzbekistan.

As a winner, Cyrus was awarded the honour of getting his work published in an anthology as well as winning a space on a residential writing course. During the five day course in Shropshire, Cyrus will get the chance to participate in workshops, enhance his skills, as well as mingle with other poets.

Tavistock College principal Sarah Jones said: 'We are delighted that Cyrus has achieved such a prestigious award. We are thrilled that his work, which has always been outstanding, has been recognised.'

my ghost

Cyrus Larcombe-Moore

I spent two years banishing a ghost from my head.

So now it sits in my back garden.

And sometimes it stands by the kitchen window,
watching us scramble breakfast eggs
and burn toast.

And every now and then,
whenever I'm not alone,
it stands at the end of my bed.
and it will sleep in my cupboards
among the baggy t-shirts and jumpers.

And where ever it goes I smell chestnuts,
honey, cinnamon, raisins.

It still gives me butterflies,
and the smell clings to everything.

I just wish I could eat alone sometimes.

D of E Expedition

A weekend in September saw 16 of our intrepid students take part in their Duke of Edinburgh Award Expedition. The young people are assessed (by an external assessor!) on various skills that they have developed during after-school training sessions and weekend practice expeditions. These include first aid and emergency procedures, an awareness of risk and health and safety issues, navigation and route planning, preparatory and practical map skills, compass skills, campcraft, equipment and hygiene, food and cooking and finally and probably most importantly team-building/co-operation skills which enable the youngsters to work together as an effective and cohesive unit.

It was an early start on Saturday morning with the teams leaving Belstone (near Okehampton) and heading for their overnight camp just outside Bridestowe. The students walked in 3 groups and managed to reach their destination more or less on time despite the appalling weather conditions, some smiling and some grimacing, but all over the moon that they had completed their first day pretty much unscathed. The evening was spent putting up tents, cooking meals and generally relaxing after a hard day.

Again, an early start was made on Sunday with some pretty sleepy expressions but what a day, early October sunshine over the beauty of Dartmoor.....does it get any better?! A few navigational errors (...or should that read temporary misplacements??) saw two of the groups drop behind time but some extra walking pace soon brought them back on track. A final de-brief with the Assessor saw all 16 students successfully complete their expedition.

Following the expedition DofE Assessor, Philip Sanders, commented;

"Thank you very much for letting me share the weekend and for your company. What a lovely group of young people who were truly a credit to you and to Tavistock College.

Congratulations to everybody who participated it was an excellent performance by all of them and so clearly in the spirit of the Duke of Edinburgh award where team work is the key to achievement."

A massive well done to Year 10 students: Issy Hillier, Charlotte Abel, Emily Frost, Darcy Brown, Katie Gray, Erin Bolding, Lauren Harvey and Josie Handscomb and Year 11s Jason Blake, Poppy Pain, Lauren Morris, Katelyn Page, Alice Brimacombe, Ruby Wood, Jodie Hall and Sam Bates.

Andy Jerrett DofE Co-ordinator/Leader





Goose Fair Project

Year 10 students from Tavistock College produced posters for the Cattle Market at Goose Fair to explain the more traditional history of the event. They carried out their own research and interviewed grandparents and teachers who remembered the fair to gather some personal stories. Their work will be displayed in the Cattle Market across Goose Fair week.

The students involved were Beau Waycott, Ben Moran, Jaxom Cann, Becky Doherty, Emily Handel and Thanae Garland-Tsirka. *Mrs Lay*

new online service

Devon County Council have set up a new one stop shop for the details of local services and support available in the county.

<https://services.pinpointdevon.co.uk/kb5/devon/services/home.page>

Sports Results

Monday 3rd October

Under 18's ESFA Cup v Liskeard

Tavistock lost on penalties

Tuesday 4th October

Year 7 Boys Football v Plymstock

Tavistock 3 Plymstock 0

Wednesday 5th October

Year 9 Boys Football v Eggbuckland

Tavistock 5 Eggbuckland 2

Thursday 6th October

Netball Tournament at Liskeard

Year 7 Tavistock 5 Looe 3 - Tavistock 1 Looe 6

Year 8 Tavistock 2 Saltash 8 - Tavistock 5

Saltash 4

Year 11 Boys Football Tavistock 0 Lipson 4

Sports Fixtures

Tuesday 18th October

Year 7,8,9,10 & 11 Netball - Okehampton College

Getting to know your staff

Miss J Hayward

1) What's the best part of your job?

Making a difference, seeing students progress and succeed.

2) When you were little what was your dream job?

Veterinary Surgeon

3) If you could have one wish, what would you wish for and why?

I think it would be for the end of pollution and the unsustainable use of the Earth's habitats and resources.

4) Football or Rugby?

Rugby

5) If you've had a really rubbish day, how do you cheer yourself up?

I would either do something productive or watch Ghostbusters or Step brothers... or maybe both at the same time!

6) If you could have a superpower for a day, what would it be?

Foresight

7) What is your favourite song EVER?

Gratitude by Oingo Boingo

8) Who is the most inspirational person you know?

My Mum

9) Give us one interesting fact about yourself.

I design and make my own clothes, including making fascinators from dried wings and road kill pheasant feathers.



Christmas Card Competition 2016

Are you a budding artist? If so we're looking for creative and festive designs for the 2016 Tavistock Christmas card.

Your entry can be a drawing or a painting. We're keen to see a variety of designs, as long as they have a festive theme. It could be linked to Tavistock, with a picture of the town's Christmas lights or a snowy view of Dartmoor.

Please hand in your entry to Ms Barker, Mr Byron or Mr Galli. Write your name and tutor group clearly on the back.

The deadline for entries is Monday 17th October.

Good Luck!

Diary Dates

Thursday 20th October

Year 5 and 6 Open Morning from 9.05am

Thursday 20th October

Bornio Fundraiser- Fashion Show

Friday 21st October

Sixth Form Law Baroness Jolly visit

Monday 24th-Friday 28th October - Half Term

Thursday 10th November

Sixth Form Open Evening

Friday 11th November

Year 9 Remembrance Service

Wednesday 16th November

Year 11 Parents Evening

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