



As we near the end of term we will inevitably look back over the past year and think about our successes and maybe some failures too. In my opinion, the end of a year always brings opportunities. Opportunities to make changes for the better and make resolutions to strive to improve and make the most of the chances given to us. Over the past few weeks we have had some fantastic successes on the rugby field and the swimming team retaining the Tamar cup. Individual students have also excelled in judo and in the equine world. Congratulations to everyone involved, also a massive thank you to the staff and volunteers that allow our students to be able to show their talents in such ways. Our creative arts faculty worked incredibly hard to create their Christmas show which was performed on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. With over 100 students taking part, this show undoubtedly got us all into the festive spirit.

You are warmly invited to our annual Carol Service on Wednesday 18th of December, at St Eustatius Church. It would be great to see lots of parents, particularly at the evening service.

On the last day of term we are asking students and staff to participate in the Christmas Jumper day, in aid of Save the Children. Those taking part are requested to donate £1 for this very worthwhile charity.

As this is the last fortnightly focus before the end of term, may I take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year
Mrs Stephens- Assistant Principal.

Arrangements for End of Term

As we reach the end of our first term of this academic year, it is my pleasure to confirm the arrangements for Friday 20th December 2019, for your information. The school day, and term, will come to a close at 3:00pm on Friday 20th December. Students should leave the college as soon as they are dismissed as the site will be closed shortly thereafter and will remain closed for the duration of the Christmas break.

The traditional Christmas lunch for interested students will be served during recess 2 on Thursday 19th December. More information can be obtained from form tutors and our catering team.

We invite any students who wish to, to wear suitable Christmas jumpers on Friday 20th December and make a £1 per head donation in aid of "Save the Children". Jumpers should be inoffensive in design and not bear any unsuitable motifs or legends. Students who choose not to wear festive knitwear should wear their normal uniform please. Students will be taught according to their regular timetables for periods 1-4, inclusive, on this date. Period 5 on Friday 20th December will be an extended tutor period and tutor groups will decide, with their form tutors, how they wish to spend this time. Students will keep you personally updated about this as arrangements are made.

Please kindly note that late buses will only run on Tuesday of next week, 17th December. There will be no late service on Thursday 19th December.

We re-open our doors to all students for the commencement of the Spring term on TUESDAY 7TH JANUARY 2020 at 8:40am.

Thank you for your support during 2019. On behalf of everyone at Tavistock College we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a peaceful and happy New Year. *Mrs B Manning - Vice Principal*

Influenza

Public Health England have advised that influenza is beginning to circulate in certain parts of the UK, with a large number of schools affected in the North East of the country. Over the past week there have been several schools affected in the South West, particularly Somerset and North Somerset. The best protection against seasonal influenza is the annual influenza vaccination and the school immunisation programme is underway. There is lots of information available:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/child-flu-vaccine/>



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Key Dates

PE House Matches

16 - 20 December - 9am – 3pm Mr Hulbert

Year 7 Carol Service

Wednesday, 18 December

1:45pm and 7:00pm

St Eustachius Church - Mrs Hastings

Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 20 December

Last Day of Autumn Term

Friday 20 December

Non Pupil / Staff Training Day

Monday 6 January

First Day of Spring Term

Tuesday 7 January

Online Safety

Fake News Guide

Internet Matters have created a lovely little guide to build critical thinking about fake news and what sources to trust.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/tackling-fake-news-misinformation-advice-for-parents>

Sadfishing

There's a lot of talk about this at the moment. Although not a new issue (it's just a new name) it's important to be aware of the importance of the issue and that there may be deeper psychological issues. Here's a great article that highlights the concerns.

<https://theconversation.com/sadfishing-frequently-sharing-deeply-emotional-posts-online-may-be-a-sign-of-a-deeper-psychological-issue-126292>

Plastic Christmas Sweet Tubs

Recycle and help local charities

Reduce the amount of single use plastics going to landfill this Christmas.

The company that recycles the college waste is offering to recycle empty plastic sweet tubs and donate the proceeds to local charities. So bring in your empty plastic sweet tubs and reduce the amount of plastics going to landfill and raise money for local charities.

A box will be in reception from Monday 16th January. *Mrs Coe*

The Importance of Punctuality

We are working hard to improve punctuality to lessons. It is essential students arrive on time to ensure they make the most of their learning. We have bells to announce the end of recess giving students enough time to walk to their next lesson.

A student who is 10 minutes late every day will miss 30 hours of instruction during the year, definitely, a significant loss in the teachable moments that they can't get back.

Lack of punctuality affects learning and behaviour not only of the pupil who is late, but it has an impact on all other learners as the teacher is required to recap on missing learning for those who arrive late. This reduces learning time for the rest of the class. "Punctuality is the thief of time" Oscar Wilde

Punctuality is also a key workplace skill which must be learnt at school and adhered to. Self-responsibility runs deep in our values and therefore a key attribute to any career. Employees who are regularly late to work lose their jobs. In the work place you cannot arrive at the start time, you must be in the work place prior to the start time and ready at your desk or work station for the official start time. This principle holds true in school.

Anything deemed as late will be marked accordingly. If students without a valid reason are over 15 minutes late they will be marked as truant. There are not excusable reasons for missing this amount of learning. This truancy log will be investigated by Head of Year/Head of Faculty and will receive an SLT detention for truancy.

In addition to poor punctuality, students are expected to stay for the whole lesson. We have systems identifying if students need to miss parts of lessons due to music lesson, mentoring session etc. The act of walking out without valid reasons will be marked as unauthorised dismissal. This will also trigger and after school SLT detention. For both incidents above, parents and carers will be notified. *Mr Stroud - Assistant Principal*

PriceWaterHouseCoopers Workshop

A group of Y12 and Y13 students attended an interactive workshop led by two visitors from PriceWaterHouseCoopers, one of the largest consultancy companies in the world. This session gave a great overview of employment and graduate routes through their company and enhanced the knowledge of Multinational corporations for the A Level business students present. Ben and Andy also explained the different routes available after sixth form which include graduate routes, sponsored graduate courses and years in industry. The students completed some scenario tasks which allowed them to apply their A Level subject knowledge from Business studies, geography and maths to real life scenarios that PWC are working on.

Employer engagement vents such as this are a great opportunity to showcase the opportunities available to students once their time at Tavistock College comes to an end.

Mr Ruse



Train to Teach with Tavistock College and Partner Schools

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School Direct is an exciting new training route for top graduates, who want to be part of a school team from day one and you may be eligible for a bursary or loans to support you whilst you train.

We have places for the following subjects across our Partnership: Maths, English, Physics, MFL (Spanish & French), Chemistry, Computing, Biology, PE, Geography and Art



What we can offer:

We offer a one year programme of school based training within our Partnership in Devon & Cornwall.

We work in partnership with Plymouth Marjon University to offer training in a range of subjects.

We offer the chance to work in different schools as well as enhancement days at Plymouth Marjon University. Through our programme you can gain both QTS and PGCE via the non-salaried route.

We offer a framework for CPD and development opportunities

<http://www.tavistockcollege.org/vacancies/school-direct/>

Why Train With Us?

Cooperative Schools have a distinct ethos and they operate within a clear framework of values:

- Self Help
- Self - Responsibility
- Democracy
- Equality
- Equity
- Solidarity

We work together across Devon to raise aspirations and enable all our students to flourish. We believe that honesty, openness, social responsibility and caring for others is at the heart of a rounded education. We offer the opportunity for a rich and varied experience which is embedded in partnerships with primary schools, local business and the wider community..

- A wide range of schools for placements
- Part of a Schools Co-operative Society
- Working in Partnership with Plymouth Marjon University
- Trained and skilled Mentors who are outstanding teachers
- Access to a wide range of professional development activities
- A career plan and support into NQT year and beyond
- A school experience in cooperative schools at the heart of the community

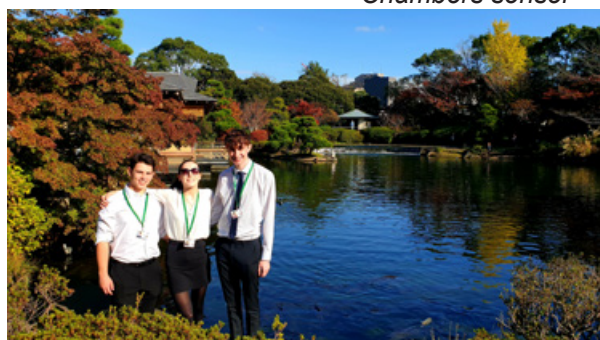
2019 Japanese Exchange



The College educational and cultural exchange trip to Tokyo continues to make a strong and lasting impression on all the students who participate. This year eighteen students from years 10, 11 and 12 stayed with host families in Edogawa ward on the east side of Tokyo where they were warmly welcomed by Mayor Saito. He praised the level of Japanese of our students and talked about how the relationship has deepened between Tavistock and Edogawa now that over 330 pupils from Tavistock College have been to Tokyo since the exchange programme first started in 1999. As well as visiting the iconic



sights of Tokyo including Meiji Jingu Shrine, Harajuku, Asakusa, Shibuya and the Daibutsu (Great Buddha) in Kamakura. The students spent a few days in Japanese schools taking part in a variety of lessons at Hirai Primary School, Ninoue Junior High School and Tamagawa Seigakuin Senior High School. They enjoyed the opportunity to play the traditional Japanese harp (koto), calligraphy lessons and the taiko drum demonstration. Students were struck by the fact that Japanese students change into indoor shoes when they enter school and clean the school thoroughly at the end of each school day. They were also surprised by how crowded the trains were! Throughout our stay the Japanese schools, families and officials from Edogawa ward looked after us wonderfully. We will have the chance to reciprocate when the Japanese contingent visit us in March 2020.
Chambers sensei



Quotes from the Students

"My host family was so kind and looked after me really well." Avie Venner

"I enjoyed visiting the host schools and joining in the different cultural activities" Oliver Crosher

"Visiting the different shrines and temples showed how amazing the culture is" Niamh Iles

"Tokyo is an amazing place and I was delighted the student I hosted in

March came to spend the day with us in Harajuku and Asakusa." Tess Phelpstead

"The trains were incredibly crowded but you soon get used to it." Elliot Langdon

"My host family took me up the famous Sky Tree which was fantastic with incredible views of Tokyo". Joseph Crosher



Handmade Cutting Boards

Perfect for Christmas

By Ned Hopes, 11F.

Prices:

Small-£10

Medium-£15

Large-£20

Extra-large-£25

Handmade, crafted with beech wood from the Tamar Valley.

Personalisation available for £2 extra

Food-Safe surface oiled, for water and stain resistance.

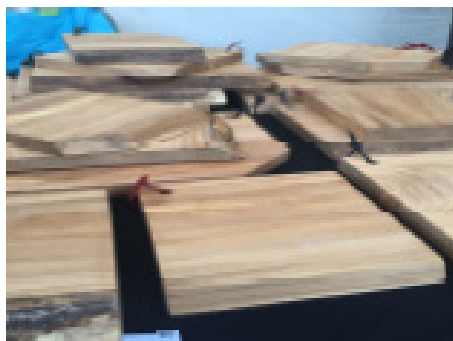
Perfect for cheeses, vegetables or simply for display.

I am raising money for my Peru trip in 2020 where we will be trekking up Machu Picchu, staying by Lake Titicaca, helping out in poor communities and undertaking many other exciting and character-building activities.

I enjoy woodwork and have recently got into making cutting boards with locally sourced wood which are manufactured by me to a very high standard.

For orders or display board viewings please fill in the attached order form or email me at ehopes@tavistockcollege.org

For specific sizing or customized design please also contact me for requests. Thanks, Ned.



Equestrian Success

Hayley Wilson works very hard all year and in all weathers. She trains hard with her current horse Mr Sparks, some evenings not getting in till 9.30 pm having left the house at 7am.

She never moans or gives up and has overcome the loss of her previous horse. Throughout Hayley always maintains her homework and commitment to her school work.

Often found doing homework in the lorry heading to an event. She is passionate about equine photography and has been asked to attend some events next year to help another photographer.

This year Hayley has achieved fantastic results representing both her ponyclub and her riding club. Hayley's biggest successes this season saw her qualify from Area 16 dressage qualifier to take an individual qualifier out of 90 riders for the ponyclub regional dressage championships where she took 7th out of 60 + riders.

She then went to represent her riding club at Area 19. Arena eventing mixed both junior and senior riders in the most horrendous conditions, it was her first time at this discipline and she went on to win the 70cm, qualifying her for the national championship in 2020.

Two weeks later Hayley Headed to the Area 19 junior 80cm show jumping qualifier.

After jumping 2 clear rounds over her biggest tracks to date she was 1 of only 2 double clears out of 15 riders to get through to the 3rd round jump off where she finished 2nd with less than a second between them. We are awaiting qualification on this also for the championships in Lincoln 2020



Judo Success

Well done to our school Judo team who were competing in individual events this weekend in the British National Championships.

Charlotte Hay came 5th in her group, putting in some fantastic performances and working her way through a large category to just miss out on a podium place.

Also a 5th place for Reuben Frise who has shown amazing fortitude to compete at this level - especially considering his broken arm just before the summer holidays!

Alanna Hopkins had to compete up in the "open" weight group and, despite demonstrating some true grit, she came 4th in this new weight category.

We are very proud of all 3, and it will be well worth keeping an eye on them in April when they will represent Tavistock college in the British national schools championships

Badminton Success

I was lucky enough to take away some fantastic students from Tavistock College to compete in the district round of the National Championships. The students were fantastic and represented the school with aplomb.

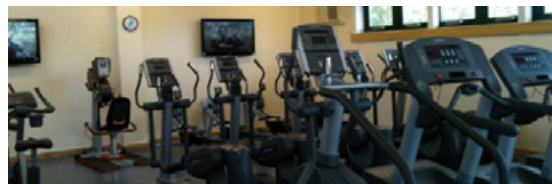
All the year groups competed against 5 other schools. The year 7/8/9 boys and girls teams came 3 & 2 respectively. Some of these students hadn't played much badminton prior to the tournament but are now looking to progress within the sport.

The year 10/11 boys team finished 2nd, narrowly missing out to a very strong Kingsbridge team 3-2 in the final game.

The Year 10/11 girls which consisted of Abigail Whitehead & Natasha Romanel (both year 11), Daisy Andrews (Year 9) and Mattea Torr-Pomeroy (Year 8) came first and have now qualified County round of the National Championships.

Congratulations to all of the students who attended and played. *Mr Read*

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We have a fantastic membership offer available, if your child attends the academy we are offering a **25% discount** off all memberships!

Our usual Adult Membership is £32.00 per month but your membership would be **£24.00 per month***

For more information on the Sports Centre and what we have to offer you can contact, James Carr, Manager: 01822 614231 ext. 253

Email: j.carr@tavistockcollege.org

Year 8 Rugby

The year 8 rugby team took part in a 10's tournament at Mount Kelly recently. Tavy put in an impressive performance and came away with some silverware.

Tavy were drawn in a tough group alongside Mount Kelly (A), St Peters prep school and Okehampton. Tavy's first game saw them play St Peters, Tavy started well with some strong attacking play, unfortunately they were unable to take their chances and knocked the ball on in the oppositions 22, who ran the length of the pitch to score the first try of the game. Sheldon Higgins pulled a try back for Tavy to level the scores at 5-5. However, St Peters proved to be too strong in the end for Tavy as they scored the winning try in the final few minutes of the game ending St Peters 10 Tavy 5. St Peters went on to win the Cup competition.

Tavy's second game was against Okehampton in which they came away with the win as the Okehampton team failed to turn up to the tournament. This meant that all the teams in the group were given a win against Okehampton.

Tavy's third game saw them face Mount Kelly (A), this game would determine who would go through 2nd in the group and progress into the semi finals of the cup or plate competition as both teams had one victory and one loss under their belts. Tavy started the game very strongly heaping pressure on Mount Kelly from the off. Unfortunately, Tavy missed some tackles in defence which saw Mount Kelly take advantage of this as they scored 2 tries in quick succession, which left Tavy chasing the game. Sheldon Higgins scored his second try of the tournament meaning that Tavy were trailing 10-5. Tavy continued to push for the game levelling score, Tavy knocked the ball on which led to Mount Kelly capitalising on the mistake to score the winning try of the game with the final score Mount Kelly 15 Tavy 5.

Tavy were now entered into the plate competition after finishing 3rd in their group. This meant that they had been drawn against Mount Kelly (B) in the semi final. Tavy scored a try within the first minute of the game through strong running from Sheldon Higgins bagging his 3rd try of the day. Tavy appeared to go to sleep after their first try and took their foot off the pedal which enabled Mount Kelly to draw the scores level at 5-5. The game saw possession change hands regularly with both teams unable to make the most of the chances they created. In the final play of the game Will Addison crashed through several would be tacklers to win the game for Tavy at the death 10-5.

Tavy entered the plate final against Exeter Cathedral with a great deal of confidence. Tavy took a quick lead with a 4th try of the day from Sheldon Higgins. Sheldon bagged his 2nd try of the game and 5th of the tournament after some powerful running from Gabe Hillman, Bay Glover, Bradley Lumley, Tyler Bonnet and Will Addison which had continued to pile the pressure on the Exeter defence. Will Addison put the cherry on top of Tavy's performance with the final try of the game which saw the boys run out as plate winners after winning 15-5.

Congratulate to the team on a good outing of rugby.

Matt Sleep, Will Trebilcock, Bradley Lumley, Oscar Slater, Bay Glover, Dom Moule, Gabe Hillman, Ernie McKechnie, Will Addison, Sheldon Higgins, Tyler Bonnet, Logan Sulsh and Josh Vallance. *Mr Murphy*



Year 10 Rugby

Devon Cup Semi-Final

The year 10 rugby team played against Plymouth College recently in the Devon cup semi-final. The team played very well and put on an impressive performance winning 39-17. Tries came from some great phase play which saw the forwards and backs linking well. The tries were scored by Haydn Halfyard, Ben Byrant, Brandon Allen, Vaughan Glover, Jake Mitchell x2 and James Lamb.

Congratulations to the team:

Harry Clayton, Jake Mitchell, Aiden Weeks, Will Paxman, Vaughan Glover, Calum Baker, Ollie Ridley, Tylo Coupland, Ryan King, Ben Byrant, Haydn Halfyard, Brandon Allen, Cohen Hart, Noah Davey, James Lamb, Jack Geake, Sam Frise and Jack Hall. *Mr Murphy*

Devon Cup Final

On a wet and windy afternoon the year 10 boys travelled to Ivybridge to play the final of the Devon cup.

Tavistock made a few critical errors in the opening minutes of the game that led to Ivybridge gaining strong territory which put Tavistock on the back foot. Ivybridge went in front taking an early 5-0 lead. This spurred Tavistock into life with some strong ball carrying from Jake Mitchell, Calum Baker and Brandon Allen. Brandon Allen put in a great box kick which saw Ivybridge fail to gather the ball, leading to Brandon getting to the ball and dotting it down to bring the scores level. Both teams then put together some good attacking rugby but we're unable to take their chances. Tavistock went into half time trailing 15-5.

The start of the second half saw Tavistock start well and pile the pressure on Ivybridge, however they were unable to convert their chances. Ivybridge scored a further try making the score 20-5. Tavistock, with nothing to lose and everything to win were now chasing the game. Jake Mitchell, Calum Baker, Brandon Allen, Harry Clayton and Cohen Hart were making ground and breaking tackles with every carry of the ball. A nice backs play was finished off by a strong well timed running line cut by Brandon Allen, who added the conversion to his own try bringing the score to 25-12.

Unfortunately, Tavistock lost 32-12 in the end. The score flattered Ivybridge as the game was highly competitive with both teams playing some good attacking rugby in poor conditions. Tavistock represented the school well and with pride.

Congratulations to the team: Harry Clayton, Jake Mitchell, Aiden Weeks, Will Paxman, Vaughan Glover, Calum Baker, Oli Ridley (vc), Tylo Coupland, Ryan King, Ben Bryant, Noah Davey, Brandon Allen (c) 2 tries & 1 conversion, Cohen Hart, Sam Frise, James Lamb, Jack Hall, Jack Geake and Kebba Murch. *Mr Murphy*

Swimming Success

Tamar Cup

Congratulations to the Tavistock College's swim team who won the Tamar cup for a second year. The college has a great deal of local swimming talent and the new year 7s have strengthened this further. Many KS3 boys competed for the older age category and some girls in boys races! The trophy was presented to the team.

The combination of results were:

14 x 1st place, 6 x 2nd place, 4 x 3rd place.

Points were awarded based on the position

(1st = 1 point etc)

Overall standings:

1st - Tavistock - 38 points

2nd - Bude - 46 points

3rd - Launceston - 58 points

Congratulations to: JJ Lake, Alex Grenardo, Elise Maguire, Katie Roberts, Rory Cox, Cane Saddler, Fynn Baker, Katelyn Milburn, Anya Janjanin, Orla Maguire, Ruby Montgomery, Hannah Walker, Sam Palmer, Amy Roberts, Charlotte Walker, Olivia Townshend, Hollie Harvey- Gatcum, Tess Hopes, Matthew Jenkins and Daisy Riddy. *Mr Corkell*



Spring Term PE Clubs

MONDAY	TUESDAY	THURSDAY
1 ST TEAM Football Mr Hulbert	YEAR 10 Netball Ms Hodge	YEARS 7/8 Netball Ms Ingleby / Ms Blackmore / Ms Doyle & coaches
1 ST TEAM Netball Mr Forster	ALL YEARS Basketball Mr Corkell & coaches	ALL YEARS Badminton ABE
ALL YEARS Dodgeball Mr Read	Year 10 sports tour Rugby Fitness Mr Murphy	ALL YEARS Fitness Suite Ms Hodge
Exam Revision BTEC / VCERT Coursework Ms Blackmore / Mr Corkell	YEARS 8 and 9 Boys and Girls Football Mr Hulbert / Mr Williams	YEARS 7 and 10 Boys and Girls Football Mr Read / Mr Hosking
Year 9 Sports Tour Netball Ms Ingleby / Ms Scorer	U15s Girls Rugby / MAT Team Ms Scorer	YEARS 10 Sports tour Boys Rugby Mr Murphy and Mr Fuller
	ALL YEARS Fitness Suite Mr Hosking (A) / Mr Murphy (B)	ALL YEARS Hockey Student coaches

Y9 and Y10 Football

Futsal - at Ivybridge Community college brought Tavistock, Okehampton and Ivybridge together to battle for progression into the County stages of this 5 a side indoor competition. Competition was fierce and the noteworthy result of the day saw Tavistock A beat a very strong Okehampton team. A solo effort from George McLaughlin, beating 4 players, was a very worthy goal of the tournament contender.

Y9 Futsal Joshua Downing-Hughes, Jaiden Higgins, Reuben Pascoe, Elliot Piper, Archie Wall, Liam Wheeler and William White

Y10 Futsal Mathew Brimacombe, Thomas Doyle, Fynn Hall, George McLaughlin, Thomas Wilkinson, Jack Hutchison and Fin Shaw

Another Year 10 match (11 a side) kicked off at 3.30pm, on the 3G pitch at Tavistock College, with Launceston college the opposition.

Another very tough and competitive game brought some excellent football out of our team, in their 2nd game of the season.

An excellent hat-trick from Sam Brereton and a fine finish from stand-in striker Fin Clarke led to a great 4-3 victory for Tavistock. With the under 15 Paris sports tour just over 4 months away, the team will look to build on this success over the coming weeks.

Y10 11 a side squad Fin Hall, Jack Clarke, Fletcher Such, Tyler Ewings, Sam Brereton, Harvey Berry Collins, George McLaughlin, Peter Walters, Dillon Hemming, Tom Doyle, Billy Spry, Thomas Wilkinson, Fin Shaw, Mathew Brimacombe C, Jack Hutchison, Fin Clarke and Brandon Tyrrell

Mr Hosking



Cricket

West Devon Competition

We took U13 and U15 cricket teams to the West Devon competition held at Ivybridge.

Both teams recorded excellent wins against respective Ivybridge opposition.

Excellent batting and fielding performances from both teams throughout the day led to some excellent results overall.

Under 13's were captained by Joseph Trimmer and Alex Shutt. U15 captains were Brandon Hunt and Fynn Hall.

Further cricket will appear on the calendar next term and we look forward to more success!

U13 squad: Rhys Lashbrook, Came Sadler, Alex Shutt, Mackenzie McLaughlin, Fynn Baker, Elliot Pocknell, Joseph Trimmer, Lucas Pascoe, Ollie Houlberg, Ben Perkins, Ella Baker, Evie Baker

U15 squad: Sabian Wilson, Ted Wilkinson, Brandon Hunt, Will White, Laird Whitford, James Lamb, Sam Boyle, Luke Burbage, Fynn Hall *Mr Hosking*



The Merrymistinselsantastimas Show



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