

"In life, you will realise there is a role for everyone you meet. Some will test you, some will use you, some will love you, and some will teach you. But the ones who are truly important are the ones who bring out the best in you. They are the rare and amazing people who remind you why its worth it." – Unknown.

Principal's Update



Sara Jacobs

Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

Yesterday, our College community gathered to commemorate the 80th Anniversary of VE Day. Staff and students observed a two-minute silence to honour those who served and suffered in wars, paying tribute to the millions who have died or been wounded, as well as those whose lives were forever changed by war. The highlight of the day was a lively 1940s-themed street party held at lunchtime, where our History club students were specially invited to join. This event provided a wonderful opportunity for students to immerse themselves in the era and celebrate the spirit of unity and resilience that VE Day represents.

As you may have noticed from my previous messages, the exam season is now in full swing. This week, students sat their first exams of the Summer series in the hall. Starting next week, we will be adjusting the College timetable to have an early lunch from 12:25 – 1:10 pm to accommodate afternoon exams. This means tutor time, period 4, and period 5 will take place after lunch. This change aims to minimise lunchtime noise during afternoon examinations and ensure our exam students have ample time for lunch before their exams. Best wishes to all our Year 11 and Year 13 students and thank you in advance to parents and carers for your continued support over the coming weeks.

While we strive for the best academic outcomes, it is important to reassure your child that grades do not define them as a person; their worth remains constant, regardless of exam results. For those not taking exams, please remind them of the importance of being considerate to those who are. Although most exams are held in the main hall, we also have exams in smaller venues such as offices, meeting rooms, and IT rooms. Students need to pay attention to signage, be mindful of where exams are taking place, and keep noise to a minimum as they move around the College. We would value your support in reinforcing this message at home.

Finally, good luck to all our students participating in the Ten Tors Challenge this weekend. I would like to publicly thank Chris Eales and Michelle Barratt along with all our parent/carers volunteers who have dedicated their time to support training events and who will be there to support our students this weekend. We couldn't do this without you, and I look forward to seeing you all at the event when I join you on Sunday.

Have a lovely weekend.

Sara Jacobs, Principal

VE Day—80 Years

8th May 2025 is a very important day. It was 80 years ago that the War in Europe finally came to an end. After almost 6 years, and dreadful suffering, the War in Europe finally ended. PM Churchill told everyone that we should enjoy a "brief moment of celebration" and celebrations were held in London and in every town and village in the UK. Sadly the War against Japan carried on until August 1945 but for the people of Britain 8th May was a day to celebrate.

The History department, here at Clyst Vale, decided that we should mark the day by holding a tea party. We invited students from years 7 to 13 to celebrate with us at lunchtime. We had flags and bunting and Vera Lynn singing in the background.

We also had some personal stories of how people locally remembered VE day, with photos and written recollections.

A good time was had by all and we commemorated a very special day, in some style.

Mrs Padden



Modern Foreign Languages

¡Hola! Salut!

COMPETITION CORNER

Design a calligram based around a French/Spanish word or sentence. The finished design must look like an image of what you have just written.

Submit a photo to your MFL teacher for a chance to win.

Competition closes: Fri 23rd May at 4pm

MONTHLY QUIZ

1. How do the French celebrate Labour Day on 1st May?
2. What happens on May 5th in Mexico?
3. What is the 'Snow Star' festival in Peru?
4. Where does Cheese Rolling take place in the UK?
5. What is the Hamamatsu Kite Festival? What date does it take place?
6. What is the Cheung Chau Bun Festival in Hong Kong?

Email your answers to your MFL teacher to win P1s.



The shortest grammatically correct sentence

The command "GO!" instructs a person to take action – here the subject isn't written or spoken, yet it is immediately understood!

Revision tip

When it comes to improving your vocabulary of any language, the earlier you start, the better. The more time you give yourself to expand your knowledge of words and phrases, the easier it will be on exam day.



Reason to learn a language

Communicate with family members: Speak with foreign in-laws or new friends in their native tongue to bring you closer to them.

SPANISH TONGUE TWISTER

Sounds easy? Try repeating it over and over...

Chiquito chanchito cochinito, echado en la charca está.

Tiny dirty little piggy is lying in the pond.

FRENCH TONGUE TWISTER

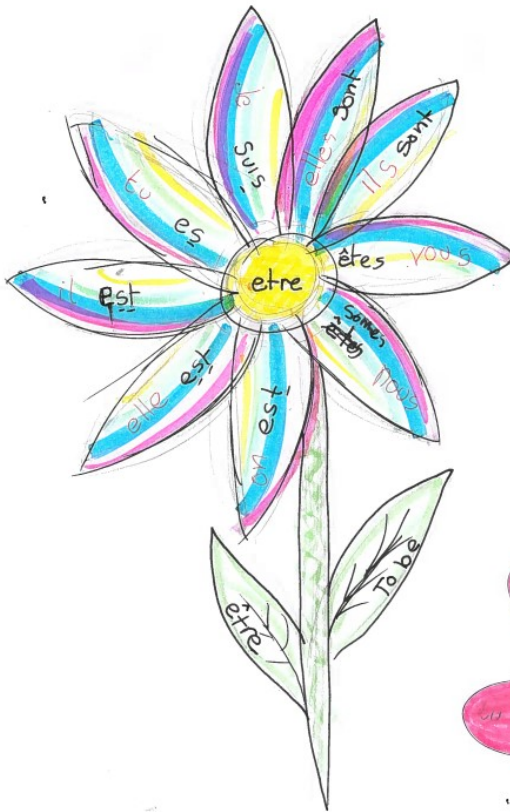
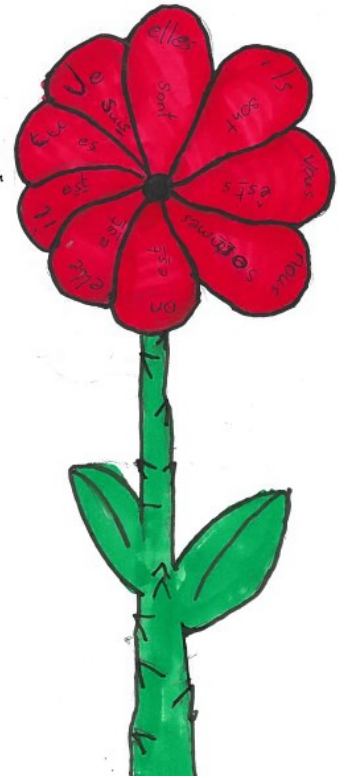
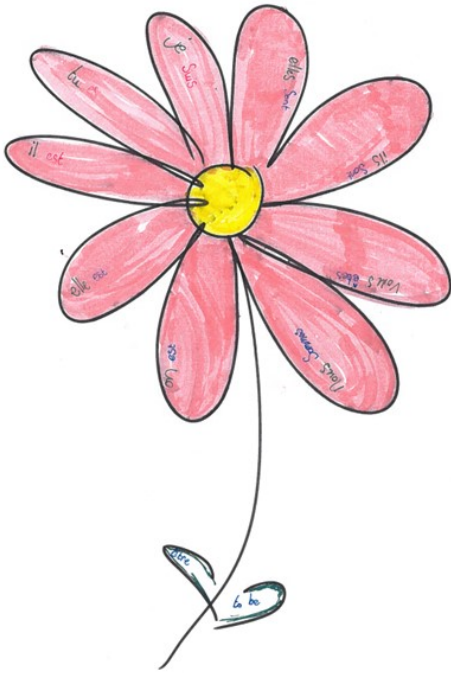
Sounds easy? Try repeating it over and over...

Qu'a bu l'âne au lac ? L'âne au lac a bu l'eau

What did the donkey drink at the lake? The donkey at the lake drank the water.

STUDENT WORK

Year 7 students have created beautiful flower verbs to help them remember the conjugation of the verb 'to be' in French.



Exeter and District Athletic Trials

Round one of Devon Schools athletics took place on Thursday at Exeter Athletics Arena with a talented group of students competing under the Clyst Vale banner. Sprinters Joe, George, Evie, Emily and Rudy all ran well and many doubled up with jumps into the pit. Harry in Year 10 triple jumped brilliantly and Harry from Year 8 showed great talent in the high jump against many students a year older than him. Evie won her high jump leaping and clearing higher than her competitors. Over distance Kate and Ruthie ran well, with Willow also pushing hard in the 800m. Daisy was another star on the track and won through her 1500m with a high tempo, unrelenting pace that blew away the other runners. Great work with many students going through to Round Two versus the students from East Devon Schools.



Experiences of the Workplace Week

During the May half-term, we are offering Year 10 students a **free** opportunity to participate in our **Experiences of the Workplace** programme.

When: Tuesday 27th until Friday 30th May 2025

Time: 9:30 until 14:30 each day

Where: Future Skills Centre, Exeter, EX5 2LJ

How much: Free, including lunch

Who for: Year 10 students from Exeter schools and colleges

This programme, delivered across 4 days, is an opportunity for students to learn about different professions and sectors, and to see how their academic subjects relate to the world of work. It also helps students to develop skills that are valuable for their future careers, such as communication, teamwork, problem-solving, and adaptability.

Please note that by filling in the application, you are committing to attend **all four days** of the programme as places are limited.

Link to apply - <https://forms.office.com/e/UGDh0de0J>

Deadline to apply: **Sunday 18th May 2025**



Year 7 Good Luck Messages

As part of the tutor time programme this week the year 7s have been writing postcard messages to year 11 students wishing them luck in their exams. The tutor and sports captains hand delivered them to year 11 tutor groups this morning.

In C42 one class also spent a lesson thinking about the importance of random acts of kindness and created a chalk good luck entrance to the year 11 exam hall.

It is so lovely to see our year 7's thinking about others and how they might feel around exams- hopefully it gave the year 11s to boost too! A great rights respecting project encouraging empathy across the school community.



News from Post 16

Goodbye, Year 13

Every year it is with great sadness - but at the same time with a sense of excitement for the future unfolding before them - that we say goodbye to our lovely Year 13 students. This year is no exception; we will miss each and every one of Year 13, who have all been integral members of Post 16 over the last 2 years, contributing to its warm, friendly and convivial atmosphere. As is our custom, we held a lunchtime BBQ for our departing students and it was very fitting that the sunny May weather smiled down on them.

Although some students who chose BTEC subjects alongside Art will have virtually finished all components of their courses by the end of Friday, there are others who have exams until 20th June and will, in the main, continue to attend timetabled classes for teacher-led revision until then. We look forward to celebrating the end of all exams with students on the evening of 20th June – a letter will be on its way shortly to parents, confirming all of the arrangements for the Y13 Prom.

VE Day celebrations

Mrs Padden and the History team, ably assisted by the Year 12 History students, held a lunchtime celebration to mark 80 years since VE day was announced, in 1945. Union Jack flags, scones with jam and cream and a soundtrack heavily featuring Vera Lynn were the order of the day. HU7 was packed with students who came not only to sample the treats on offer, but also to peruse artefacts relating to the wartime period and to reflect, following the 2 minutes' silence observed at midday.

Ten Tors

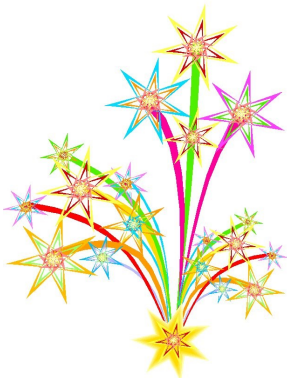
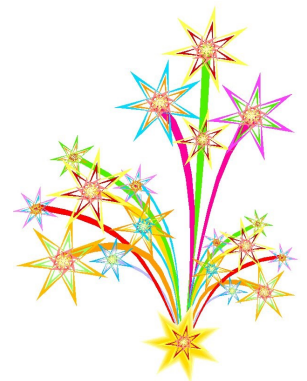
Very best of luck to our 4 students attempting the 55 miles Ten Tors challenge over the coming weekend – Millie, Nina, Finley and Joshua. We look forward to hearing all about it on Monday – if you are able to stagger into school, that is!



PROM

In previous years, Year 11 students at CVCC have benefited greatly from having the opportunity to loan prom wear items, for a small cost, from a collection of donated garments school that the college hold. The PTFA recently made contact with the local Clyst Caring Friends charity shop in Broadclyst, who kindly donated around 20 more dresses to the College. Added to the stock that the College already had, we are now seeing the beginnings of a great collection of styles and sizes of dresses. These are being displayed, with a small selection of suits, on a rail in school office area. Students are invited to view and try these on during lunch breaks and this should be arranged via Student Services.

The committee are excited about the potential to work with the College staff and to continue to grow this collection in the future and we are asking the current Year 11s to consider donating any unwanted garments, after their own prom, to the school for use for future years. Likewise, any other prom-worthy garments that anyone has that they would be happy to donate, the PTFA would be most grateful to receive them!



Student of the Week

<p>7GAW</p> <p>No name permission—7GLBA</p> <p>Zachary Boddington—7RKJO</p> <p>No name permission—7RCMO</p> <p>7YDST</p> <p>No name permission—7YEHA</p>	<p>8GRTU</p> <p>No name permission—8GTBE</p> <p>Owen Whitmarsh & Max Hookway 8RER</p> <p>Kasey Saunders—8RMCU</p> <p>Fin Smith—8YCBO</p> <p>Charlie Norman— 8YCFL</p>	<p>Reuben Salter & Leona Whitfield—9GMNA</p> <p>9GLTH</p> <p>Noah Powell—9RDFE</p> <p>9RGWW</p> <p>Skye Williams—9YGGA</p> <p>Zara Adlem—9YBH</p>
Year 7	Year 8	Year 9
<p>Finley Fleming—10GCMC</p> <p>10GMTH</p> <p>10RBAT</p> <p>Grace Williams—10RNS</p> <p>10YMBR</p> <p>10YCHW</p>	<p>Callum Voysey—11GABR</p> <p>Annie Glassco—11GDH</p> <p>Lucy Jones—11RZB</p> <p>Rebecca Loaring—11RSGA</p> <p>Tom Knee—11YSS</p> <p>Alisa Adlem—11YADA</p>	<p>Grace Anning—13JP</p>
Year 10	Year 11	P16 Commendation



Each week our tutors are encouraged to recognise and reward one member of their tutor group for something outstanding. This could be an academic achievement, a demonstration of resilience or an act of kindness.



If you see a familiar name above then be sure to ask them what amazing thing they've done.

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Student Services Key Updates and Reminders

Year 11

The last day before study leave for the Year 11 group is Friday 23rd May. The Year 11 students will be able to leave at 13:15pm. Please complete the form for consent.

<https://forms.office.com/e/JgUCnN5ymm>

If we do not receive consent your child will have to stay in school.

Please note that the CVCC Coaches will not be running early.

Prom and Yearbook

Payments for both are now available to purchase on School Gateway. We have a selection of prom outfits available to borrow for a deposit (see PTFA information page). We ask for a £30 deposit which is repaid on return of a clean dress/suit. Please arrange a time to view/try on with Student Services.

Activities Week

School Gateway has been reopened for any payments for the end of term Summer activities week.

Bicycle Passes

As the days are brighter, I would like to remind you that if your child wishes to cycle to school, they need a bicycle pass from Student Services. These can be obtained by completing this form - <https://forms.office.com/e/wCzxUaP43t>

Students cycling to school must wear a helmet.

Second Hand Uniform

The PTFA are hoping to set up a second-hand uniform shop. If your child has grown out of it, we would like it!

Please bring any uniform donations to reception. More information will be available soon....

BROMCOM

Please do not address emails, or any replies to Bromcom messages, to bromcom@clystvale.org.

It is an unmonitored mailbox and will not go to anyone. Parents/carers need to reply to Bromcom messages via the app, online, or via email, as this will then be directed to the staff member who sent the message to you. Or, please contact the teacher or admin@clystvale.org. There is also a contact form and other details below:

<https://www.clystvale.org/contact-us/>

Summer Term Dates

Wednesday 23rd April to Friday 18th July 2025 (half term w/c Monday 26th May)

Attendance, Absence and Requests for Absence

Reporting an Absence

If your child is absent due to illness or a medical appointment, please report their absence, along with the reason, via the My Child at School **desktop browser**. Alternatively, you can complete the Absence Notification Form using the link below or email :

studentabsence@clystvale.org.

[Absence Notification Form](#)

If your child is in Year 12 or 13, please report their absence to voyseys@clystvale.org.

Absences must be reported daily for the duration of your child's absence.

If you know in advance that your child will be away from school, please inform us at your earliest convenience.

Additionally, kindly notify us of any lateness or scheduled appointments.

The school actively follows up on unexplained absences. If your child is absent for an unauthorised event, the details may be referred to the Educational Welfare Service which could result in a fixed penalty notice. Please be aware that the College may request supporting documentation for any absence.

Typically, work is not provided for students during their absence, as our priority is to ensure they recover fully and return to school as soon as possible.

Lateness

Attendance is formally recorded twice daily: in the morning at 8:50am and in the afternoon at 2:10pm. It is essential that students are prepared to begin their tutor period promptly at 8:50am and are punctual for each subsequent lesson.

As required by law, registers must be taken in a timely manner, and there are consequences for lateness. Students who arrive after registration closes will be marked as late, and those arriving after 9:25am will receive an unauthorised mark.

If a student is absent without prior notification, we will inform parents/carers as soon as possible if your child has not arrived at school in the morning. To ensure prompt communication, parents/carers are strongly encouraged to keep their contact details up-to-date via the Bromcom App.

Attendance is recorded during every lesson to monitor internal truancy and comply with safeguarding regulations. Students are required to sign in upon late arrival or sign out if leaving during school hours. Parents/carers must notify the school and provide a valid reason for their child's departure.

No student may leave College without authorisation from staff under any circumstances.

Students feeling unwell must report to reception and are not permitted to contact parents directly through phone calls, texts, or messaging apps to request collection.

Medical Appointments

We encourage students to maximise their attendance, as research highlights a strong correlation between regular attendance and examination success.

Many medical appointments can often be scheduled in a way that allows students to attend school both before and after their appointments. By doing so, they can minimise missed learning opportunities while maintaining high attendance levels.

We kindly ask parents/carers to ensure that their child attends morning registration, even if a medical appointment is scheduled later in the morning. Similarly, where possible, afternoon appointments should be arranged after **Period 4**, during lunchtime. We also encourage students to return to school following lunchtime appointments, if feasible.

Thank you for your continued support in helping your child achieve maximum attendance and academic success.

Supporting Learning at Home

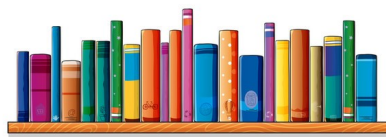
What financial support can parents get?

Juggling home and school life is tough for every parent, but there are some financial support options available. Find out what you could be entitled to by following this link [Supporting learning at home | Parentkind](#)



Clyst Vale Library

Clyst Vale Library is open to the public 3.30 to 5.30pm Monday and Wednesday and 4.00 to 6.00pm Thursday.



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Stationery for Sale

Pencil cases are available from the Library at a cost of £4.50 per pencil case. The clear pencil cases include one pencil, a blue pen, a red pen, one highlighter, a ruler, a compass, a protractor, a rubber and a sharpener.



Second Hand School Uniform

Thank you for supporting the community and local charity shops. The sale of preloved uniform is proving successful.

If you have any items that are no longer needed but still in very good condition, please donate them to one of the local charity shops. Both shops have set aside rails designated for college uniform.

Clyst Caring Friends is located in Broadclyst village and our local Barnardo's shop is in Cranbrook.

Their opening hours are:

Clyst Caring Friends, Broadclyst (01392 467555)

Mondays—closed

Tuesday to Friday—09.30 to 15.30

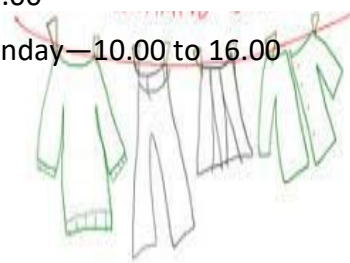
Saturday—09.30 to 12.00

Sunday—closed

Barnardo's, Cranbrook EX5 7DR (01404 514934)

Monday to Saturday—09.00 to 17.00

Sunday—10.00 to 16.00



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[Lifeworks-uk.org](https://www.lifeworks-uk.org)

Good morning

Join us this May Half Term for three days of fun, creativity, and connection at Lifeworks!
Our exciting sessions are designed to inspire and engage, running from **10am to 4pm** each day!

Here's what's on:

Tuesday 27th May

Nature Walk, Sports, and Cooking

Wednesday 28th May

Sound Therapy & Music Sessions

Thursday 29th May

Plant Trail and Crafting at NT Saltram

Cost per session:

- £80 with 1:4 support
- £135 with 1:1 support

Limited spaces available!

To book your place, email admin@lifeworks-uk.org or call **01803 865075**

We can't wait to welcome you!

'Kids Eat Free' May half-term 2025

Supermarket cafes, chain restaurants and food venues around the UK are offering the 'Kids Eat Free' or 'Kids Eat for £1' deal. Please see below for further information.

- **Les Iguanas:** Download the app and join 'My Iguanas' for free meals for mini-Iguanas aged 12 and under. Children get a main, two sides and a dessert with every adult main (or three tapas dishes) purchased.
- **ASDA Café:** Children eat for £1 All Day, Every Day at Asda cafes, with no adult spend required. Children will receive a free piece of fruit such as an apple, pear or banana when purchasing the hot kids £1 meal deal.
- **Morrisons:** Children eat free all day, every day in Morrisons cafes nationwide, daily with every adult meal over £4.50.
- **Beefeater:** Two children get free breakfasts with every adult breakfast purchased.
- **Sainsbury's:** Sainsbury's cafes offer one free child's hot meal or lunch bag for £1 with any adult main meal purchased over £5.20. This offer is available every day from 11:30am until café closure. Children's mains include one main, 3 sides a drink and a piece of fruit.
- **Bella Italia:** Children eat free all day every Thursday and for £1 between 4-6pm, Sunday to Wednesday. Kids can enjoy three delicious courses and a drink! Meals are suitable for 2–11-year-olds.
- **Ikea:** Children can enjoy a pasta meal and tomato sauce with a soft drink for 95p or any other Children's Meal for £1.50 every day from 11am. On Friday's children get tomato pasta, a drink, and a piece of fruit for just 45p.
- **Premier Inn:** At Premier Inn, you can enjoy their all-you-can-eat Breakfast for just £9.99 and up to two children under 16 eat for free.
- **Travelodge:** At Travelodge, you can enjoy their all-you-can-eat Breakfast for just £9.75 and up to two children under 15 eat for free.

- **You Sushi:** Children eat free all day (Monday-Friday) during all school holidays when dining with a full-paying adult (minimum spend £10).
- **Bills:** Up to 2 children can eat free all-day Monday-Friday, if one adult orders any main dish(breakfast, lunch or dinner). Excludes Saturdays and Sundays.
- **Brewer's Fayre:** Up to two children under 16 eat a free unlimited breakfast with every adult breakfast purchased.

For more information please visit: [Places Kids Eat Free \(or for £1\) In School Holidays 2025](#)



AND SO IT GOES...

An evening of Pop and Jazz Songs



**From: Billy Joel,
Peggy Lee,
The Beatles,
Queen,
Jess Glynne,
Fleetwood Mac,
The Cranberries,
Teddy Swims
and more...**

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7.30pm -8.30pm tickets £6.15
(includes a 15p booking fee per ticket)

Doors open at 7pm. Refreshments available for donation.

All proceeds to help keep the building open

Visit: www.birdhousesingers.com to book tickets



FLOWER FESTIVAL & VEITCH CELEBRATION @ BROADCLYST CHURCH

6th-8th June - 10AM to 4PM



Guest Speaker: Caradoc Doy on
“Plant Hunters and Pioneers”

Limited Seats Please book here

<https://broadclystchurch.eventbrite.co.uk/>

Free Entry— donations in aid of the church

Floral displays by Sarah Pepper and other groups.

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Tickets required—£6.15 per seat

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From adventurous training to being paid to play sport, there are so many opportunities in the Army to do more than the everyday. You'll make friends for life, get qualifications that will benefit you in your career and beyond and be part of a team that will be with you every step of your journey.

Come and meet us at our next event near you:

Experience the Workplace with the British Army! Free 1-Day Programme for Years 9 - 13 Students 27th, 28th, 29th OR 30th May
Time: 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM Wyvern Barracks, Barrack Road, Exeter EX2 6AR
Cost: Free (Just bring a packed lunch)

<https://forms.office.com/e/GUFzkSGMu8>



**SEARCH
ARMY JOBS**



During the May Half Term, we are offering Year 9, 10, 11, 12 & 13 students a **free** opportunity to participate in our **1 Day British Army Experiences of the Workplace** programme.

When: 27th, 28th, 29th OR 30th May 2025

Time: 10:00am until 15:00

Where: Wyvern Barracks, Barrack Road, Exeter EX2 6AR

How much: Free, just bring a packed lunch and drink

Who for: Year 9, 10, 11, 12 & 13 students from Devon schools and colleges

This 1 day programme is an opportunity for students to learn about different jobs and sectors, and to see how their academic subjects relate to the world of work. It also helps students to develop skills that are valuable for their future careers, such as communication, teamwork, problem solving, and adaptability.

Places are limited, and in the case of oversubscribing, we will endeavor to offer a place in future programmes to those who are unable to attend this one.

Link to apply - <https://forms.office.com/e/GUFzkSGMu8> or follow the QR code below.

Deadline to apply: Friday 16th May 2025

Application outcome notification: w/c 19th May 2025

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to get in touch with either myself or Simon Hebson
Simon.Hebson101@mod.gov.uk

We look forward to receiving your applications.

Kind regards

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EXPERIENCES OF THE WORKPLACE

Experiences of the Workplace -
British Army - May 2025

