



Orchard Manor School News

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"March brings breezes loud and shrill, To stir the dancing daffodil."

William Wordsworth

Hello Everyone!

What a beautiful day! The grounds are looking spectacular in this Spring sunshine. Lots of daffodils, crocus and other flowers are popping their heads up and swathing our outdoor spaces with colour - and the blossom is starting to come out too. Spring is most definitely in the air.

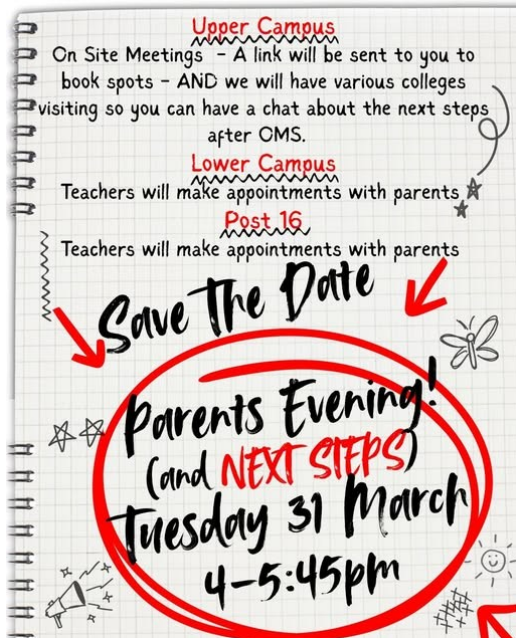
We have had lots of students out and about over the last couple of weeks - training for 10 Tors and going on educational visits. If you have been looking at our social media pages, you will see an aquarium trip, a trip to Dartmoor, work experience for our Post16s and various other activities.

We were sent the official video of our Orchard Manor Dance Crew at the [Youth Sports Trust Gala Dinner and Awards Ceremony](#). If you haven't seen it yet, then I suggest you do - not a dry eye in the house and a standing ovation at the end! Our children were truly amazing and they behaved impeccably too. A real credit to the school. We are all so very proud of them.

Our World Book Day the was on 5th of March and it was a great success! So many fantastic costumes from the students and staff! Everyone seemed to have such a great day, with lots of reading and being introduced to new books as well as lots of activities relating to books in the classrooms.

Next week, we have been given the opportunity to provide 'in-house' work experience for our Year 10 students which is all very exciting. They will be taking part in two practical projects: repainting the old science lab and constructing a bench in the DT workshop, with employers leading and supporting both activities.

This is a fantastic chance for students to gain hands-on experience, develop practical skills, and work alongside industry professionals. They will be having a health and safety briefing before work starts, and during the week there will also be a visit to Exeter College for some of our students. At the end of the week the employers will be giving our students a review of how they have done.



All of this is just in time for our Parents Evening and Next Steps event on Tuesday 31st of March. As well as meetings with teachers (the booking system will be open soon—we will let you know!) we have a number of local colleges visiting so that both students and parents can have a look at what is on offer for the next steps after Orchard Manor.

Have a great week everyone and enjoy the sunshine!

Nicola Jones, Headteacher