



# WHITSTONE NEWS

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### JULY

**24** Last day of term - 2pm finish

### AUGUST

**23** GCSE Results Day

### SEPTEMBER

**3** School closed for INSET

**4** Year 7 and 11 first day

**5** All years back to school

**17** School photos

**27** INSET - School closed to students

### OCTOBER

**1** Year 7 Parent-Tutor meetings



## EXTRA CURRICULAR

### TUESDAY

Chess Club - NE - E2  
Cross-Fit - SM - Leisure Centre  
Home Learning - Library

### WEDNESDAY

Eco Club - DG & HH - W8  
Drama - CG - Drama Studio  
Home Learning - Library

### THURSDAY

Athletics - Field  
Rounders - Field  
Tennis - Courts  
Cricket - Field  
Craft Club - LR - E5  
Home Learning - Library

## ARTICULACY PROJECT A GREAT SUCCESS

Earlier this year a group of Year 9 students took part in a project aimed at improving their articulacy.

Throughout the week-long course the students learned techniques and skills for speaking confidently and articulately.

They each worked towards delivering a self-researched 4 minute presentation to the group, using visual aids but without the help of notes. Students also recited a poem from memory, read an extract from a work of fiction and took part in a debate.

The group were then assessed by an 'English Speaking Board' examiner and were individually graded for their performances. Everyone achieved at least a Merit, with many gaining a Distinction.

Emma said, "It was a fun and useful week; it has helped me with my public speaking and presentation skills. I now feel more confident."



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## YEAR 7 CAMP

Year 7 have just returned from an action packed week at the annual camp in the Wye Valley.

Activities included canoeing, kayaking, raft building, archery, rock climbing and caving. In the evenings students competed against each other in team building games and enjoyed relaxing around the campfire. Other highlights included a walk to Symonds Yat and crossing the river by the hand-ferry.



## CONOR WINS CHEF COMPETITION

A talented young chef from Whitstone School has won through to the next round of the Junior South West Chef of the Year Competition.

Conor won the Somerset round of the competition with his main course of Venison, Pommes Anna, Wild Mushrooms and Pickled Tayberries. Conor said, "I'm really excited because I am now going to be mentored by Liam Finnegan from The Castle Kitchen, Taunton. I'm hoping this will develop my cooking skills."



## WHAT DOES KAREESHA LOVE ABOUT WHITSTONE?

Whitstone News has been catching up with Kareesha, Year 8, about what she loves about Whitstone School.

Kareesha said, "I love Craft Club. We get to make up our own projects use exciting crafting materials and equipment. This year I have made decorative spoons and I recently created painted designs on pebbles. Mrs Robinson always helps us with the difficult parts and I get to catch up with all my friends"



## 'LOVE RUGBY' CAMP COMES TO SHEPTON MALLET LEISURE CENTRE

We are really pleased to welcome Love Rugby's Rugby and Ball Skills camp to the centre this summer (13-15 August).

The camp is underpinned by the values that make the sport so special (teamwork, discipline, respect, enjoyment and sportsmanship) and based on playing fun, engaging games, improving core movement skills and hand/eye coordination.

The course is for boys and girls, is non contact, in fact no rugby experience is required at all, just the desire to have lots of fun! Rest assured the participants will come home exhausted and happy with a real sense of achievement.

For more information and to book: [www.loverugbycoaching.co.uk](http://www.loverugbycoaching.co.uk)

