

ISCA ACADEMY ALUMNI NEWS

The sun came out at last...

Welcome to the summer term Newsletter, a little later than usual, but we wanted to share some highlights from this busy term.

Once again, this year was slightly different for our Year 11s but luckily, we were able to have Prom after all! It was close, but at the last minute, we were given the go ahead by Boris, and a lovely evening took place at Exeter Castle.

Once again, Ms Vallance and the performing arts department have risen to the challenge and somehow managed to put together another musical spectacle for us all. The students have been working incredibly hard, so please take the time to see our wonderful Isca Overground event on our Youtube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/c/IscaExeter>

More babies! Huge congratulations to Mr Goldson who welcomed his baby shortly after Easter.

And finally... there is a very special addition to our summer news. The living legend that is Mr John Miller retired at the end of this term. If you receive these newsletters, then you were no doubt either taught by him, or walked round a moor by him, or perhaps cycled round Majorca with him. So many students over the years owe him so much. He has tirelessly given hours to ensuring a host of enrichment possibilities were available and has had an enormous impact on so many. Therefore, the second page of this newsletter is dedicated to him – and to allow all of you to remember some exceptional times. A very special thank you to Joseph Dunkley, for a beautiful poem. It was read out at the staff end of year get together, and there was not a dry eye in the house.

BLASTS FROM THE PAST
from 2011 and 2016!

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Isca Overground
Live online music event 2021
23rd of July at 6pm

**A range of performances from all years.
Tune into the Isca Exeter YouTube channel
from 6pm on the last day of term to
watch the event live.**



Instagram@isca_performing_arts

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WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN UP TO?

We would love to hear your news, who you are still in touch with and where has life taken you since your time at Isca Academy, share your news in the next newsletter.

Can you help us to inspire the next generation of Isca students? Would you be willing to help with a video / poster / mentoring? Please do get in touch at isca@networks.futurefirst.org.uk

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YOUR NEWS...

Huge congratulations to Daisy Sylvester and Natalie Apps who have both had their final projects displayed in Exeter at the big Exeter School of Art exhibition in June.

Thank you...For the amazing support that you have been giving us this year. A very special thank you to Flt Lt Gary Lewis who came in to speak to Y10 at our virtual work experience, and talk about STEM, and also to catch up with Mr Miller!

PLEASE GET IN TOUCH.....

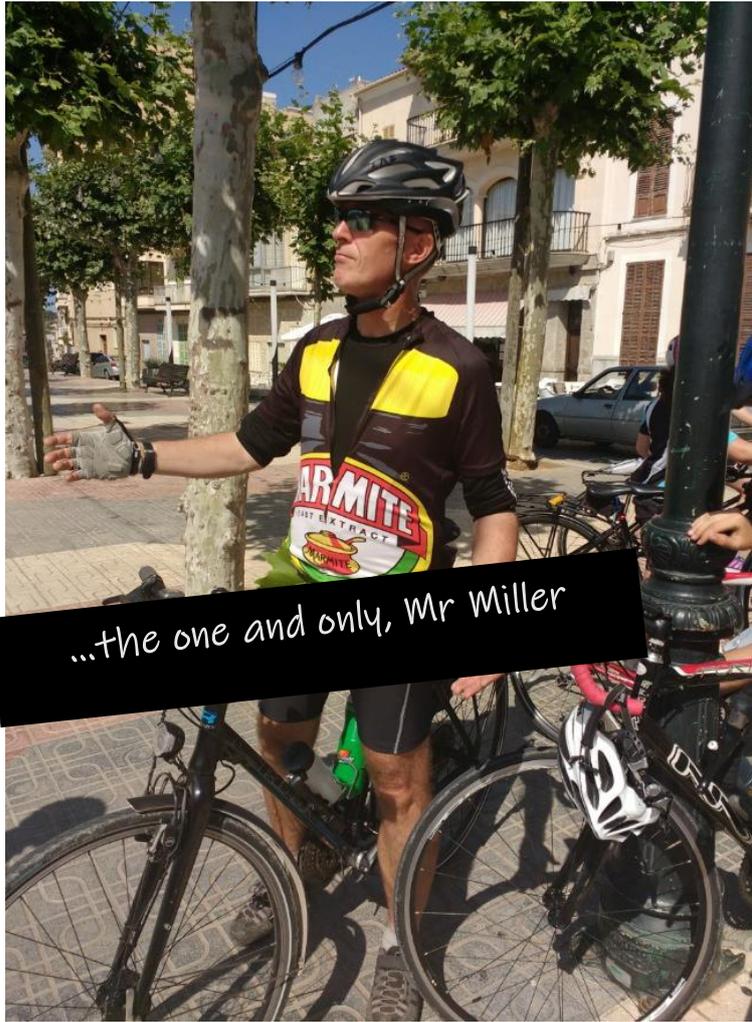
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Our tribute to...



...the one and only, Mr Miller

We hope you had a very
Happy and restful summer
and look forward to being in
touch in 2021-2022,
From all of us at Isca.



We just found out the finest teacher of his generation,
Is to retire, via a WhatsApp notification.
Jack Clemoes shared the news. Classic Jack, teacher's pet,
On our 'Beze' group, prompting nostalgia and making tear ducts wet.
Our Exeter gang are still good mates from the class of 2001,
And every one can't believe Mr Miller's job is done.
Ellie Davies shared the most, like copying Fiona's book,
And how Mr Miller controlled the class, with a Mr Miller look.
His home-made revision tapes, and his fun engaging classes,
And how his tiny handwriting prompted her to get some glasses.
Dean Smithers says 'hero', and everyone agrees.
Georgia Grayling says he reminded her of the legend, John Cleese.
He steered my learning journey with his educating oars,
And guided our 6th place finish in a memorable ten tors.
Him and Mr Adams, the best teachers by far,
Thanks for everything sir...and my Geography A star,
But, it's the Dartmoor memories that sick within my mind.
Resulting in our Ten Tors success as we left the rest behind.
Camping at the Plume of feathers, coastal walks and loads of rain.
Weeding out the whingers who drove us all insane.
Remember the time when Mr Adams saw us from up the hill,
And got a tad excited and mimicked Jack and Jill?
While Mr Miller coolly walked down with his adulations,
In truth the success was his, he earned the congratulations.
It was in those times in valleys, in rain, in bogs while all-a-soak,
That we realised that Mr Miller was a pretty awesome bloke.
Not just an educator, but a caring witty chap,
A wry smile wearing dude with dry humour on tap.
Let's not forget how you handled Lucy's passing in year ten,
Of how your kind gestures stood you out from other men.
The tonic of the Langdale trip, where you planted Lucy's tree,
And drew a map for Claire and Mark. You're remarkable to me.
So what's the point of all this? To be honest I don't know,
I guess to honour a man who's deserving head to toe,
We raise our glasses and salute you while holding back those tears
And celebrate your service, and toast your 34 years.

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