



Belong School Devon Spring recap 2026

From the Headteacher

Welcome to our Autumn recap newsletter, providing an insight into some of Belong School Devon's activities over the last term.

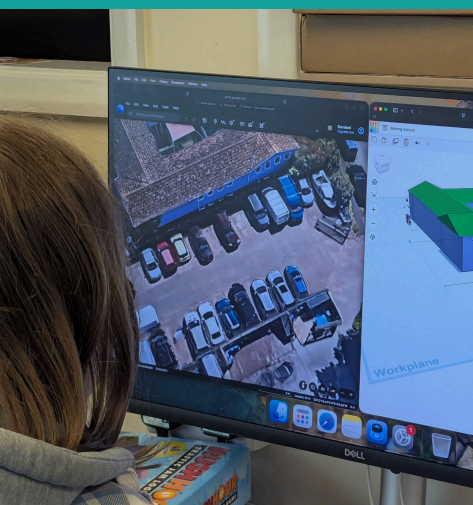
This term, Belong School Devon students have been both making final preparations for exams, as well as pushing themselves in the Jubilee Challenge as part of the Ten Tors event 2026. Find out more about what has been happening at Belong School Devon on our Meta (Facebook) page and at www.belonglearning.co.uk/devon

Despite an early start, sore feet, changing temperature and long distances, our students succeeded in completing the Jubilee Challenge, achieving something they should be incredibly proud of. Watching them support one another with such positivity truly reflected the spirit of Belong School.

Well done to every student who took part, and thank you to all staff involved in the preparation, training and support throughout the event.



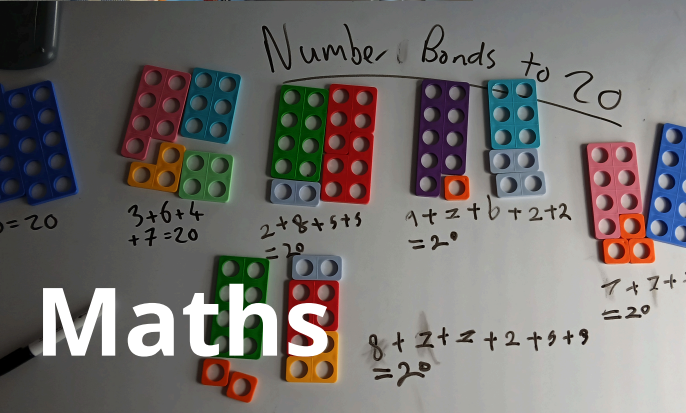
GCSE Media Studies students have been hard at work analysing various types of media including newspapers and the film industry. Key Stage Three students have been exploring online safety through various games, including Minecraft.



It comes as no surprise that every student who took part in this learning demonstrated the skills required to keep themselves and others safe online. In Key Stage Four, some students have been exploring 3D modelling, some going as far as building the school to scale in Tinkercad and Minecraft using various references including Google Earth and photographs they have taken themselves of the inside and outside of the school.



Media



Maths

Group 4 carried out a practical experiment relating to bounds and error intervals. They measured the mass of different food products to find out whether supermarkets were being honest about the amount of food they're providing us with. It turns out in most cases, the supermarket in question gave us more food than they said.

Group 9 are working on directions and even incorporation vector notation, ready for GCSE content in a few years. One task was had to direct a student from reception to the staffroom while he was blindfolded, using a set of instructions they had mapped out.



Wellbeing

At Belong School Devon, we offer weekly wellbeing sessions, comprised of various supportive activities. A standout activity is the Memory Jar, where participants jot down meaningful memories, each linked to a specific colour. Coloured salt, made from chalk, represents these memories and is layered in a jar, creating a visual of experiences for reflection. Memory jars are great for developing emotional expression and providing the opportunity to process thoughts and experiences.

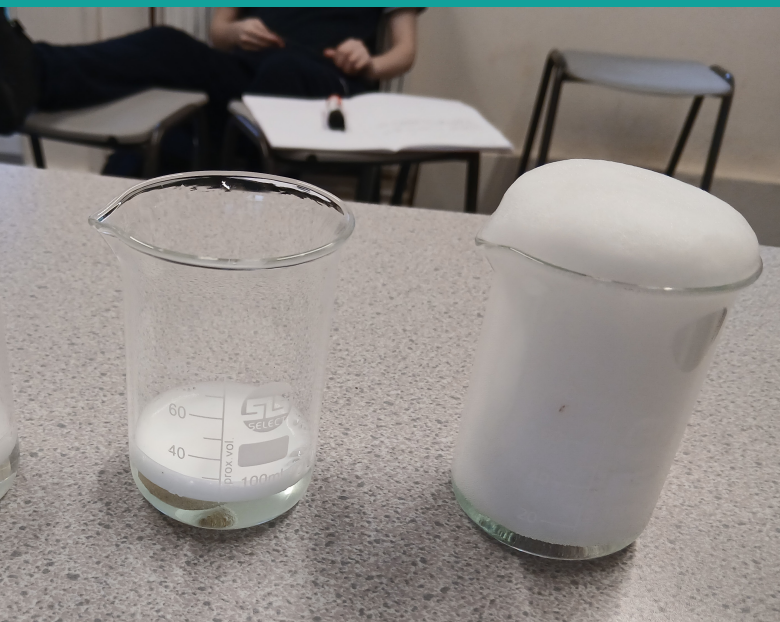
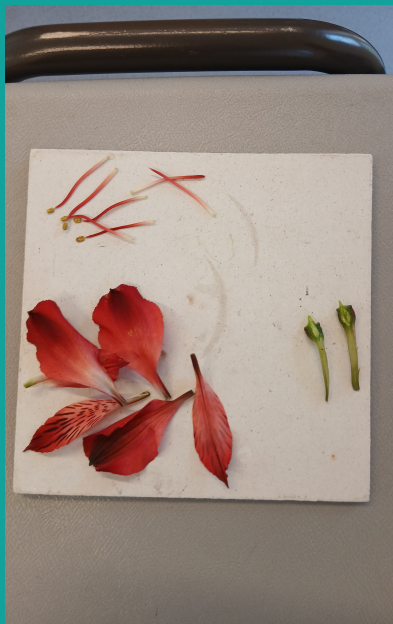




Science

Throughout this term in our science classes, we have been actively engaging with some new equipment to experiment with the world around us.

We have been exploring the various components of flowering plants, while other students have been measuring the density of different objects submerged in water and examining which catalyst most effectively accelerates a chemical reaction.



Art

The Year 7 students have been exploring 'expressive processes', investigating the various methods artists employ to create their pieces through personal experimentation, including the use of spray paint.



Years 9 and 10 have been finishing their Still Life projects and making their final pieces.





Year 7 have been working really hard in English this term and have shown a fantastic attitude towards their learning. We've been focusing on adventure writing, using our class book as inspiration to create our own stories.

Year 7

The students have done a brilliant job building tension and using imaginative descriptions to really bring their ideas to life. It's been great to see their confidence grow, and I've been really impressed with the creativity and effort they've shown! To celebrate all of their hard work this term, we finished with a well-deserved treat – an Easter hunt in our garden!



Dates and Notices

Key Dates

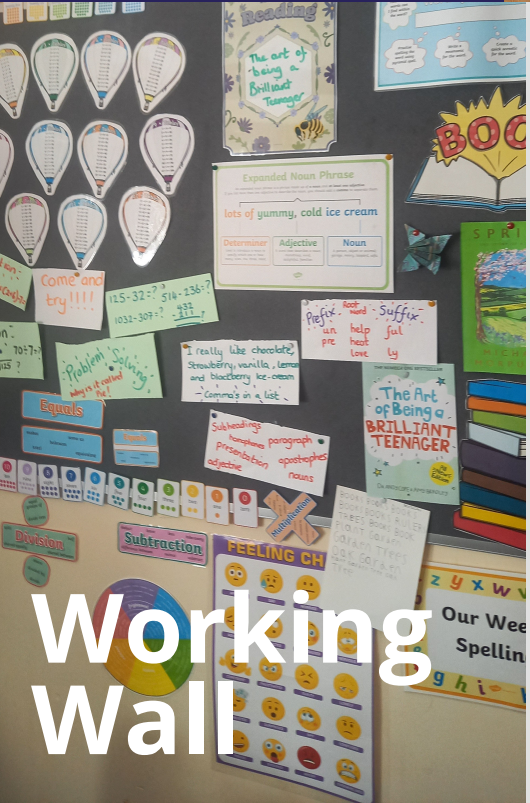
- Half term holiday - one week
25th - 26th June
- Leavers' activity week
26th June
- Leavers' Last Day
22nd July
- Last day of the Summer Term

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Working Wall

Here you can see an example of one of the Working Walls in place at Belong School Devon. It provides a space where students can respond to start-of-lesson questions, helping to activate prior knowledge and set the tone for learning. The wall also challenges pupils in both Maths and English through prompts, key vocabulary, and model examples that encourage deeper thinking.