



# FABLAB

## Totnes

### What is a Fab Lab?

It's a small-scale workshop offering digital fabrication. It's an open access, not-for-profit, community resource where anybody can invent and make just about anything.

### What's in a Fab Lab?

An evolving array of flexible computer-controlled machines that allow you to invent, make and share.

### Interested?! Then come to Fab Lab Totnes at KEVICC.

The Design & Technology Department is offering FREE introductory opportunities for members of the community this summer in our department workrooms. (Maximum of 15 places for each session.)

Wednesday 6 July 9am – 4pm

3D Computer Aided Design & Printing Introduction Course

Tuesday 5 July 6 – 8pm

Laser Cutting and Engraving Introduction Course

Tuesday 12 July 6 – 8pm

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For more information, and to book, please contact David Irish at KEVICC: [dIrish@kingedwardvi.devon.sch.uk](mailto:dIrish@kingedwardvi.devon.sch.uk)

## BRIGHT IDEAS

The Fab Lab opportunities follow on from *Bright Ideas*, our annual



Summer term Design & Technologies Show, when students' exam work was displayed in our Gallery. We were delighted to include work from the Fab Lab with work from our students, resulting in a show full of innovation and invention.

It is hard to believe that May saw the fifth anniversary of the annual Year 10 History trip to Bodmin. At the Shire Hall, students were amazed by the compactness of the holding cells for those awaiting trial, especially as the same dimensions are used in police prison vans today!

Whilst at the Jail, we explored the crimes committed and the shockingly harsh subsequent fates of different prisoners. We also learnt how the Jail gave safe haven to the Domesday book and the Crown Jewels during the First World War.

Future visits will prove enlightening as the Jail's new owners have made available funding to reconstruct its buildings to their former glory – history in action!

Compiled by our Press Team

### Trip to Bodmin Jail for Year 10



## So .. what's it like at uni?

Some of our best linguists in Spanish and French went to Exeter University to have a taster of learning languages at University. They were first given a tour of the university by the University Languages Ambassadors. They saw the students' union, the library, the different study rooms, interactive rooms and sports fields.

Then they were split into languages and had a language lesson, together with students from other schools. During these, the students experienced university lectures taught by the Exeter University Professors and it was very good for our students to realise that actually they knew far more than they thought! They had two language sessions and then, finally, met with students who had, or were planning to, spend a year abroad as part of their course. They explained what the year was about, recounting their personal experiences for our students.



## Good use of a year before uni ...

We have caught up with ex-KEVICC student, Alice Giorgi, who studied Spanish and German A Levels last year, and is going on to study these languages at Bath University in September. Alice has had a year out working in Germany and Spain, and got in touch to tell us about working at a Spanish school.

'I am working as an assistant at school in Lleida, Cataluña which caters for children from kindergarten age up to 16. I've been taking conversation classes with groups of about 6 students from both the primary and secondary age groups, and helping teachers in the kindergarten and lower primary classes as a general classroom assistant. I have also been preparing activities especially for the Cambridge Exams – the English exams that students who are learning English take. There are about 100 students who I see on a weekly basis.

It has been really interesting living in Cataluña during what is a very exciting time politically, as some Catalans want independence from the rest of Spain. I am staying with a very nice host family who look after me really well and organise trips at the weekends. There's lots to see & do in nearby Barcelona. However, I have found the work quite challenging and there have been times when I have been left in sole charge of a class of 20 students! Also, being in Cataluña, everyone speaks Catalan rather than Castilian, which is the language we were taught at school, so I have had to learn some Catalan.'

## .. & the first year away

'Before travelling to university I realised how much I would truly be leaving behind and that was the moment I really began to feel nervous – and worried about money.

Once there, I went into the kitchen and, one by one, was joined by my new flatmates. We spent the evening together, laughing and getting to know each other. Now, at the end of my first year at Exeter University, I can honestly say that those six people I was initially so scared to introduce myself to are friends for life. Living with people that are in exactly the same boat as me has really helped – we encourage each other, and are there for each other when the stresses of deadlines are upon us.

Being at university gives you the freedom to live independently and to be yourself, whilst studying a course you have always wanted to study. Of course there are times that you find more difficult than others, but first year at university has been a wonderful experience that I will never forget.'

Katie Phillips



Entrants and judges at Plymouth University

## University 500 Word Business Essay Competition

KEVICC Year 9 and 10 GCSE Business Studies students recently took part in Plymouth University's 500 Word Business Essay Competition. All students had the opportunity to write an essay on *Why is branding so important to business success?* chosen from the following questions:

1. How can businesses ensure their supply chain is green?
2. Why is branding so important to business success?
3. If you had £1m, what sort of business would you invest in and why?
4. Is the future of business online?

The essay competition aims to expand pupils' knowledge in business discipline and to promote their critical thinking, creativity and writing skills.

The University received nearly 100 entries from students across the South West and we were really pleased that three Year 10 students were shortlisted in the top 20. The feedback from the University was that the essays were 'well structured, used relevant examples, and offered good ideas'. Congratulations to the students.

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