

ACORN ALTERNATIVE PROVISION TORBAY MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



JULY/AUGUST 2026

What's been happening

July was a busy and exciting month at Acorn Alternative Provision. In this newsletter, we celebrate the many achievements, events and successes from the past two months, while also reflecting on the progress made throughout the year.

We are incredibly proud of our students and grateful for the support of our families, schools, volunteers and partner organisations who have helped make these achievements possible. If, after reading this newsletter, you would like to find out more about Acorn Alternative Provision and how you can get involved, please see the information at the end. There are a variety of ways to support our work and make a difference to the lives of local young people.

A Heartfelt Thank You

From September, we will be welcoming two new members of staff to the Acorn AP team. Before we formally introduce them, we would like to take a moment to say a huge thank you to Nathan and Teubes, who are moving on to new opportunities.

We are incredibly grateful for their dedication, commitment and the positive contribution they have made to Acorn AP. Their care for our students, support for colleagues, and willingness to go above and beyond have made a lasting difference to our community. We wish them every success in their future roles and thank them for everything they have done for Acorn AP. Thank you, Nathan and Teubes – you will be greatly missed. ❤️



Every picture



Above Left: A student receiving an outstanding achievement award.



Above Right: A student receiving an excellence in maths award

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As we start a new year we will be welcoming Matthew Turner and Claire Bureau. You will hear more about them in our September newsletter. If you see them, please give them a warm welcome.

We are starting the term with 11 students which is amazing! However, this also presents us with a challenge as many of our volunteers have other commitments at this time. If you would be interested in volunteering, please get in touch with Sharon Chapman, our Head of School at sharon.chapman@acornap.org.uk

Amazon Gift List

People have asked us to let them know when we need physical resources. With school restarting soon, we have created an Amazon Wish List of items that would be especially helpful. If you are able, please consider purchasing something – every item will directly support students at Acorn Alternative Provision. Please click or scan the link to buy a gift www.uptonvale.org.uk/giftlist



TEACHING AND LEARNING (RE)

This half term during our RE lessons we have been exploring the Christian faith by doing a Youth Alpha Course with our students. This has been a wonderful opportunity for them to think deeply about some serious topics and ask questions openly in a way they would not ordinarily get to do. The students have engaged well with the discussions this course opens up and have learned a lot about each other as well as about what it means to be a Christian.

CELEBRATION

At the end of last term, we were delighted to celebrate the hard work and achievements of our students alongside their families, schools and other referrers. A number of students were awarded their Functional Skills qualifications, while others received certificates recognising their progress in other areas.

Thank you to the Mayor of Torquay for presenting our students with their certificates. They were thrilled to receive their awards and incredibly proud of their achievements. Events like this are a wonderful opportunity to celebrate our students' progress and recognise how far they've come. We were delighted to see such a fantastic turnout.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

Contact Sharon below to find out more about how to get involved with:

- volunteering
- monthly or one-off giving
- prayer support



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