



A look back through
OCTOBER '25

Eat That Frog
NEWSLETTER





October saw some spooky goings on at our centres. From pumpkin carving and baking! Learners have made huge strides in their work experience and supported internship placements.

King's Trust team made an impact on the community and we even received glowing feedback from the Plymouth Local Authority.

Local Authority Praises New Pathways Centre

We were delighted to welcome the **Plymouth Local Authority** Post-16 Officers to our brand-new Eat That Frog Pathways Centre for their first visit. They were full of praise for the professionalism, presentation and calm atmosphere throughout the centre. During their visit, we discussed their new consultation forms and how they'll now be monitoring EHCP amendments more closely, thanks to a new dedicated team and process.

We also shared our new delivery model, using our "Life in a Day" presentation. The officers were really positive about it, saying it mirrors the structure and quality seen in schools. They liked how learners are grouped according to need and agreed this approach offers real benefits. When we talked about how we match learners with tutors, they were impressed by our careful process.



We explained how we use the summer transition and first six weeks to complete BKSB assessments, Mindmaps, ICPs and Pen Portraits, helping us align learners with the right tutors before final timetables are set. They said this was an excellent way to reduce disengagement and boost attendance.

The officers also praised the quality of our provision, especially in relation to cost and were very impressed by our Supported Internship, particularly the bespoke employer matches we've developed.

Overall, it was a really positive visit and they left with great confidence in Plymouth's provision and in our dedicated team.

Post 16 Exeter

Creative Carving and Colourful Cupcakes

Learners got creative this week! Some safely carved pumpkins, while others decorated cupcakes inspired by a presentation on Día de los Muertos (Day of the Dead).



Learner Hits the Right Notes at Cameron Mills Studio

One of our Exeter learners recently completed an exciting work experience placement at **Cameron Mills Studio**, where he learned about sound production and life in a professional recording environment. Working closely with Ben, the studio manager and sound engineer and meeting Mario, an artist recording a new ballad, our learner was quick to pick up technical skills. He showed confidence using the sound and mixing desk, learning how to record and layer harmonies.



He even created his own sound loops from the studio environment, which were later used in the final track! A brilliant touch that showed real creativity and attention to detail. He also took part in a range of practical tasks to support the studio's daily running. He shared:

"Ben had me doing several jobs like making tea, helping to test the fire alarms, and planning a social media video. I made a mind map of ideas and filmed around the studio. Ben liked it so much he posted it online! Ben showed me how to record and stop the tracks while Mario was singing. I had to repeat this so Ben could choose the best recordings. I felt relaxed doing this, I'd enjoy doing this as a job."



Throughout his placement, he showed maturity, curiosity and enthusiasm for learning. He asked thoughtful questions about the music industry and took every opportunity to get involved.

Ben and the team were impressed with his focus and natural ability behind the desk. He left the studio with a real insight into sound production and perhaps the start of a new career goal.

Post 16 - Newton Abbot

Order in the Classroom!

Mock trial teaches british values the fun way!

It was courtroom chaos (of the best kind!) at the Newton Abbot Centre today, as tutors found themselves on trial for misspelling a learner's name.

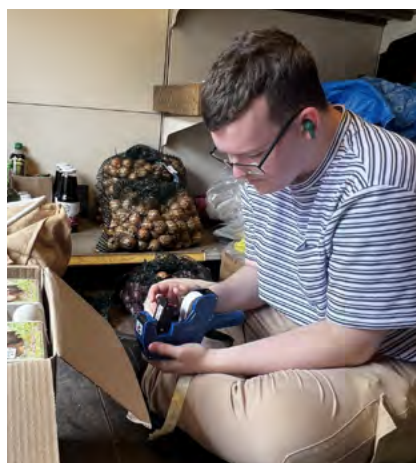
Staff members took on the role of judge, defence and prosecution lawyers. Our jury was made up of learners, who listened carefully to the evidence before deciding on the verdict.

After a lively and professional presentation of both sides, justice was delivered with Nuria found guilty and sentenced to three years of maths homework!

The session was a brilliant, light-hearted way to explore the **British Values of The Rule of Law and Democracy**. Everyone took part with enthusiasm, and we've already decided this won't be our last trial. So, a word of warning to anyone at Newton Abbot if you're up to no good, we will find you... and justice will be served!



From Work Experience to Working Life



We're so pleased to share some brilliant news about Sam! He's just received his first full pay packet from the job he secured after completing a **work experience placement** we arranged for him at the end of last academic year.

When Sam popped in to tell us the news, he was absolutely buzzing and it was clear to see just how much his confidence has grown. It's lovely to see all his hard work paying off. We're so proud of him and can't wait to see what he does next!



Learner, Chloe produced this fabulously bold and imaginative Halloween Poster. Well done Chloe, we LOVE it!

Post 16 - Paignton

Teamwork Tastes Sweet!

Paignton learners enjoyed a **baking afternoon** making cupcakes. They carefully read the recipe, measured out all the ingredients and worked together brilliantly as a team. The results were delicious and there were smiles all round as everyone got to taste their hard work!



Marvellous Marshmallow Towers

Learners took on a fun **engineering challenge** to build the tallest free-standing tower they could using only marshmallows and spaghetti.

At first, everyone worked individually but they soon realised that by joining forces and pooling their materials, they could build much taller towers. With only a few rules to follow, the groups used plenty of creative thinking, breaking spaghetti strands and marshmallows into smaller pieces to make their resources stretch further.



There were lots of lively discussions about how to make a strong base and which shapes would give the best support. Learners drew inspiration from real-life structures and tested out their own designs to see what worked best. It was a brilliant mix of teamwork, problem-solving, and creativity with some impressive towers by the end!



Post-16 - Plymouth Futures

Alex is Forging His Future

When Alex took part in the post-16 day trip to Torbay last January, he didn't expect to find his possible future career but that's exactly what happened! During a day trip, he visited a blacksmith's workshop and was amazed by the skill and creativity involved. It sparked a real lightbulb moment for him and he knew straight away that this was something he wanted to do.

Back at Eat That Frog, tutors helped him explore this new interest and Alex is now completing a supported internship with a local blacksmith. He's already made his own pair of tongs and is loving every minute of it. His progress has been fantastic we couldn't be prouder!



Plymouth Learners Shine at Local Careers Fair

The first careers fair of the year is complete at Plymouth Futures! Learners, supported by staff, attended a local fair to meet employers and charities and find out more about the opportunities available.

They also completed a question sheet as part of the task. Everyone did brilliantly, it was a big step outside their comfort zone and they rose to the challenge with confidence and enthusiasm.



Futures enjoyed a spooky-themed lunch with a brilliant Halloween buffet prepared by Tara, Zach, Tom and Alex. Costumes, laughter and plenty of food made it a great afternoon. Alex had the clever idea to share the leftovers so everyone could take a bit home.

It was also Tara's last day and we gathered to thank her for her wonderful work and support over the past two years. She's moving on to lead a forest school, the perfect role for her love of the outdoors.

Leo confidently led the three cheers before everyone gathered for a photo.

Post 16 - Plymouth Pathways

Exploring Future Careers in Care

Pathway learners recently attended a Health and **Social Care Careers Fair** held at the Duke of Cornwall Hotel.

The event brought together a wide range of employers, training providers and organisations from across the region, all showcasing opportunities within the care sector.

Throughout the day, the learners spoke confidently with representatives from various stalls, gathering valuable information about different career routes and the skills needed to work in health and social care.

They learned about volunteering opportunities with the NHS at University Hospitals Plymouth, upcoming apprenticeships at Marjon University and Social Care Bootcamps offered by On Course South West.

The experience gave them a real insight into how many options are available from volunteering and training to professional qualifications. Everyone came away inspired, better informed and excited about what their next steps could be.



Learners Impress in Speaking & Listening GCSEs



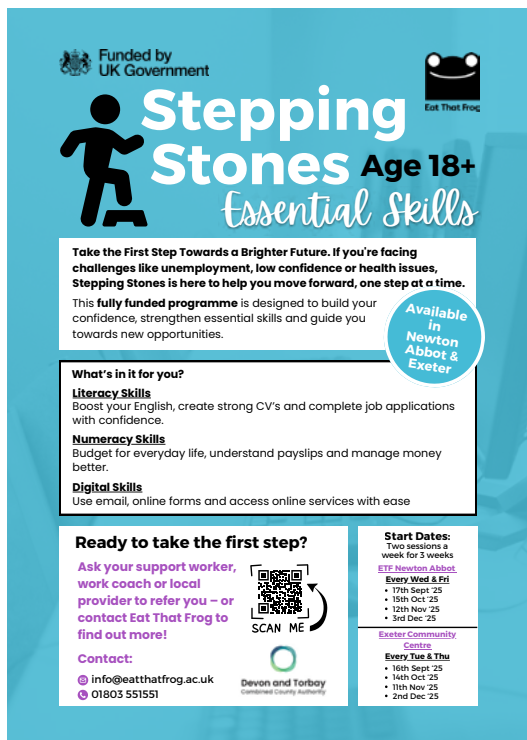
Two of our learners have now completed their **GCSE Speaking and Listening** assessments and both delivered brilliant and passionate presentations.

One learner wowed everyone with a talk on 'Why Attack on Titan is the Greatest Anime of All Time'.

They even brought in copies of the manga and a replica sword to bring their points to life.

James introduced us to the world of Airfix models, showing off a range of tanks and explaining the history of model making as a hobby. Learners even got the chance to build and play with some models themselves! Both learners showed great confidence, enthusiasm and creativity, well done to both!

Adult Learning



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Stepping Stones Age 18+ Essential Skills

Take the First Step Towards a Brighter Future. If you're facing challenges like unemployment, low confidence or health issues, Stepping Stones is here to help you move forward, one step at a time.

This fully funded programme is designed to build your confidence, strengthen essential skills and guide you towards new opportunities.

Available in Newton Abbot & Exeter

What's in it for you?

- Literacy Skills**
Boost your English, create strong CV's and complete job applications with confidence.
- Numeracy Skills**
Budget for everyday life, understand payslips and manage money better.
- Digital Skills**
Use email, online forms and access online services with ease

Ready to take the first step?

Ask your support worker, work coach or local provider to refer you – or contact Eat That Frog to find out more!

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Devon and Torbay Combined Local Authority

Start Dates:
Two sessions a week for 3 weeks

Newton Abbot
Every Wed & Fri
• 17th Sept '25
• 19th Oct '25
• 12th Nov '25
• 3rd Dec '25

Exeter Community Centre
Every Tue & Thu
• 16th Sept '25
• 14th Oct '25
• 11th Nov '25
• 2nd Dec '25

Stepping Stones to Success!

CC has made great progress on the **Essential Skills Stepping Stones programme**, where he's been building his digital skills to help with job searching.

He was referred from the **Fuller Working Lives programme**, where he had already been working hard on improving his CV, cover letters and interview techniques. During this time, it became clear that CC would benefit from extra support with writing applications. Together, we explored the ways ChatGPT could assist him and arranged a referral to **Learn Devon**, where he'll be assessed for dyslexia and given tailored support.

Although this challenge has held him back in the past, the Stepping Stones programme has really boosted his confidence. CC can now send emails with his CV and cover letters attached and is confidently applying for jobs online a huge step towards his goal of finding work.

Aaliyah's Determination Adds Up to Success

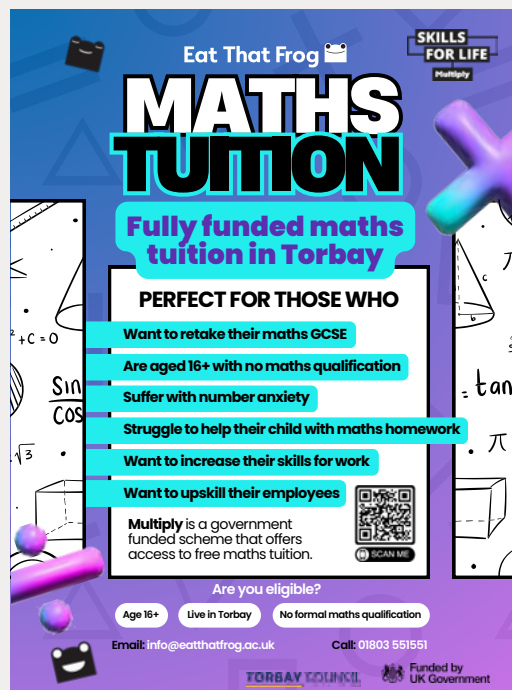
Aaliyah joined our **Multiply programme** in Year 3 to improve her maths skills and open new doors in her career. Already working as a Health Care Assistant with a Level 2 qualification, Aaliyah's goal was to progress to Level 3 in Health and Social Care and take on a senior role.

The only thing standing in her way was maths. Although she had her English qualification, she'd fallen short in GCSE maths and only held a Level 1 certificate. Determined not to let that hold her back, Aaliyah enrolled on our **Multiply Intervention 2** course to strengthen her skills.

Balancing full-time work with her studies, Aaliyah showed incredible commitment, attending tuition on her days off and practising functional skills papers at home. Her hard work paid off.

By the end of the course, she'd gained confidence, improved her maths skills and even secured a more senior position in the care sector. Her new employer has agreed to support her through her Level 3 Health and Social Care course, allowing her to complete her Functional Skills Maths qualification alongside it.

A brilliant example of how determination and a little support can make big things happen.



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MATHS TUITION

SKILLS FOR LIFE
Multiply

Fully funded maths tuition in Torbay

PERFECT FOR THOSE WHO

- Want to retake their maths GCSE
- Are aged 16+ with no maths qualification
- Suffer with number anxiety
- Struggle to help their child with maths homework
- Want to increase their skills for work
- Want to upskill their employees

Multiply is a government funded scheme that offers access to free maths tuition.

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Are you eligible?

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- No formal maths qualification

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TORBAY COUNCIL

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Our **King's Trust** learners have been busy fundraising and giving back to the community in a big way.

They recently organised a Bake Sale and a "Guess How Many Sweets Are in the Jar" competition, baking an incredible number of cupcakes and visiting nearby ETF centres to sell their treats and spread the word.

A huge congratulations goes to Carol, who correctly guessed 195 sweets in the jar and a big thank you to everyone who supported the cause. Together, the team raised an impressive £112.67!

After hearing that the **Acorn Centre's** community garden in Barton had been vandalised, the learners decided to put their fundraising money to good use. With no external help available, they stepped up to repair and rejuvenate the space themselves.

Over the past few weeks, the team has been painting walls, cutting back overgrown areas, pruning, weeding and even creating colourful murals to bring the garden back to life.

This project has not only restored a much-loved local area but also helped the learners develop new skills, work as a team and make a real difference in their community.



In October we had the absolute pleasure of welcoming our very first **Turing** group of the term, **Orchard Manor School!** The learners showed fantastic independence throughout their stay, supported by our brilliant Spanish team who helped with translations and guidance.

They quickly made friends at the Spanish school and finished their trip with a traditional English breakfast at La Villa, followed by a well-deserved dip in the pool. The group managed their money, time and island adventures like pros, with the Spanish staff ready to lend a hand when needed.

As they waved goodbye, one of our lovely Spanish colleagues was preparing for a long-awaited operation but in true Spanish style, she's already back, smiling and unstoppable!

We're now getting ready for our next visitors, the enthusiastic ETF group arriving soon for two weeks of exploring, learning and sunshine! And with three new partners lined up for December, our next Turing adventures are already shaping up beautifully.



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**Your Path,
Your Future**

Age 16 - 24 *Essential Skills*

Ready to strengthen your life skills, boost your confidence and start planning for a future that works for you?

Your Path, Your Future is a FREE and practical Essential Skills Programme designed especially for 16-24 year olds who want to take that next step forward with support, direction and real skills that open doors.

Available in
Newton
Abbot &
Exeter*

What's in it for you?

- Boost your confidence and self-belief
- Improve your literacy and numeracy skills
- Get hands-on with digital skills that matter
- Learn everyday life skills and personal development tips
- Explore your career options & set goals
- Build your employability skills - CVs, interviews and more

Ready to take the first step?
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Digital Skills Course

Available to age 19+ in Torquay & Paignton

Do you need help using a computer.. or a mobile phone?

*Must live in Torbay and not be in work or training

Want to feel more confident using technology? Whether it's a phone, tablet, or computer, our **FREE** Digital Skills course is here to help you step by step. No experience needed - just bring your curiosity!*

What you'll learn

- Stay Safe Online** - protect personal info, avoid scams and shop securely
- Get Online** - use phones, tablets, laptops and connect with ease
- Use Apps** - discover useful apps and how they support daily life
- Find & Apply for Jobs** - search, register and apply online with confidence
- Create CVs & Documents** - write, save and manage your work simply
- Explore Careers** - discover job opportunities and career paths
- Everyday Tasks** - save photos, add contacts, use social media safely
- Email & Communication** - set up, send and receive messages easily
- Solve Simple Tech Problems** - learn what to do when things go wrong
- Digital Wellbeing** - manage screen time and use technology healthily

Start Dates:
Eat That Frog Torquay
(91 Union Street, TQ1 3DG)
17th - 28th Nov '25
30th Mar - 10th April '26
20th Apr - 1st May '26
11th - 22nd May '26
1st - 12th June '26
Eat That Frog Paignton
(89 Torquay Rd, TQ3 2SE)
17th - 28th Nov '25
9th - 20th Feb '26
30th Mar - 10th April '26

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Current Programmes

Click on each one to find out more

Torbay

Multiply Maths (16+)

National Careers Service (19+)

SWAPs (19+)

Digital Skills (19+)

King's Trust (16-18)

Newton and Exeter

Stepping Stones (18+)

Your Path, Your Future (16-24)

Plymouth

LE@P (16-18)

Dates for Your Diary

10th - 14th Nov
Employability week

10th Dec '25
ETF Paignton Christmas Fair

22nd Dec '25 - 2nd Jan '26
Festive Holidays

5th January '26
1st day of term





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