

## Stanchester Congratulates Class of 2016

This month Stanchester Academy welcomed its former Year 11 students back to the school from their new college, sixth form and apprenticeship places to celebrate the GCSEs they achieved this summer.

After receiving their certificates and a range of special prizes for excellent achievement and progress, they were lucky enough to hear from Welsh rugby player, turned record-breaking rower, Elin Haf Davies about the power of believing you can do anything if you try hard enough. A message close to home here at Stanchester Academy.

Inspirational speaker, Elin regaled students with tales of her arduous journeys rowing, first across the Atlantic as part of a two woman crew and later as one of the four women to make up the first all-female crew to row across the Indian Ocean.

She left students with a parting message that success is important, and it's wonderful, but "success without kindness is irrelevant" and it is important to be human too.



Stanchester Academy also celebrated the achievements of a possible next star in the making, celebrating the successes of ex-Year 11 student Patsy Caines, who has been selected by British Cycling to join the Olympic Development Apprenticeship – one of just 11 apprentices nationally. She also won a Young Sports Person Award, pictured here accepting her award among sporting greats at a ceremony in London.



Liz received an impressive nine A/A\* grades, and was presented with awards for History and DT Food, as well as receiving the Principal's Award for top academic achievement.

## Armistice Day and Remembrance Sunday

Staff and students came together to remember and respect the fallen, in a whole school assembly on Friday 11 November 2016. Year 11 student, Hugh Bertschinger performed 'The Last Post' on his trombone.

Senior students, Georgina Deane and Hattie Palmer proudly represented the school at the Remembrance Ceremony at Ham Hill, along with Acting Principal, Mrs Joynes.



## Investigating Career Opportunities

We were delighted to send some of our most talented scientists in Year 10 to Yeovil College's Inspirational Science day this month to explore future science careers.

This week Stanchester Academy hosted the 'Teachers of Tomorrow' event designed to give Year 11 students interested in teaching a real insight into the life of a Teacher.



