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Education – Record Breaking Numbers!

July saw the last school visits for the academic year, and we are proud to say that we hosted more than double the number of schools that have visited us in any previous academic year. This is a testament to all the hard work and planning that has gone into the redevelopment of our educational programme. We recently received a grant from The Alice Ellen Cooper Dean Charitable Foundation that will help us to complete the programme for secondary schools, reflecting the National Curriculum learning objectives of Key Stages 3 and 4 including GCSE Geology and in anticipation of the introduction of the new GCSE in Natural History. In addition, we will be building a broader programme that will fit current government STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Maths) initiatives and career pathways. We are also looking to expand the educational activities and experience areas of the Special Education Needs and Disabilities (SEND) programme.

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Welcome to the summer edition of our newsletter

Dear Friends,

We have decided to put together this bumper summer edition of the newsletter to make sure you didn't miss out on all of the exciting work that has been going on at the museum over the last couple of months. As you will see there is some excellent news about our education programme, and you will get to learn a little about Macy Campbell; the museum's fantastic summer intern. We continue to promote our Children's Fossil Competition and now we are into the summer holidays we are hoping that it will give children a chance to get out and do some collecting so they can enter the competition! Last year's Children's Fossil Competition winners' display has been an amazing source of inspiration for many children who have visited us, and we want it to continue to encourage young fossil hunters.

We are currently working on a video series called 'So you want to be a palaeontologist?' using interviews of a cross section of people who are connected to the museum, from those starting off on their journeys to those who have built a wealth of experience and knowledge within the palaeontological, geological and Earth Science Worlds. The series will explore the kind of careers and opportunities that are available to those who are looking at palaeontology, geology, and the Earth Sciences as subjects to study and work in. There will be some familiar faces in the series including two of the museum's trustees, Dr. Neil Frewin and Professor John Marshall, along with our Education Coordinator Nick Nugent. It will also feature Earth Science Communicator and friend of the museum, Emma Cieslak-Jones, palaeontologist, author and presenter Dr. Dean Lomax and our recent intern Macy Campbell, who is at the start of her journey. The series will start in the autumn on our YouTube Channel.





Message from Steve

The main tourist season seems to have started off very well—as we currently stand, visitor numbers are noticeably higher than they were this time last year, so I'm very happy about that. The team really enjoy the busier periods as this is when the museum comes to life. It has taken a lot of hard work and careful planning to deliver additional programmes, activities, and experiences with the goal of creating visits that are fun and exciting while also being educational. I will remain busy throughout this period and do my best to be available for our visitors to talk about the Collection and inspire them in their own fossil hunting journeys.



Check out our Online Shop!

The Etches Collection Online Shop has all your needs covered when it comes to all you geology, fossil and dinosaur needs. Discover something for all ages from fossils, clothing, toys and educational items.

Don't forget that if you become a friend of the museum you receive 15% off all shop purchases.

<https://www.theetchescollectionshop.org/>

Children's Fossil Competition

The Children's Fossil Competition is back! Yes, the fabulous competition is back for its second year. So, to all of you, young fossil collectors, palaeontologists, and geologists out there, we have a few questions for you... Have you ever found a fossil? Maybe you have a collection of fossils? Have you ever wondered what it would be like to have your fossil on display at The Etches Collection where thousands of visitors will get to see it? If the answer is a big YES! to any or all of those questions, then visit the Fossil Comp webpage for more information on how to enter.

We are grateful to both of this year's sponsors, coming back for a second year PetroStrat and our new sponsor Foster Care Associates.

For more information please email the team:
fossilcomp@theetchescollection.org

Meet our summer intern – Macy Campbell

Our newest intern, Macy Campbell, (affectionately known to the team by her new nickname "KitKat") has just begun the last week of her internship with the museum. She has been learning a great deal of new skills relating to both museum management and palaeontology—her duties have included front of house work, contributing to conversations relating to marketing, giving gallery tours and supporting visiting as they look at fossils through our high-powered microscope, assisting with education visits, fossil hunting down at the bay with Steve, and gaining experience writing and editing museum marketing content. She has also had the opportunity to attend a variety of meetings relating to the museum's education programme and the Dorset Museums Association, as well as observing a press interview. Through this, she's been able to meet and learn from prominent people within palaeontology, not to mention benefiting from Steve's lifetime of experience. Later this week, she'll be interviewed for the upcoming series 'So you want to be a palaeontologist?' on the museum's YouTube channel, and we expect she'll have a lot of interesting things to say. We're happy to report that she has promised to come back during school holidays because she has been a model member of staff and made a really positive impact in her four short weeks with us. Later in the autumn Macy will be heading to the University of Birmingham to study palaeontology.

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