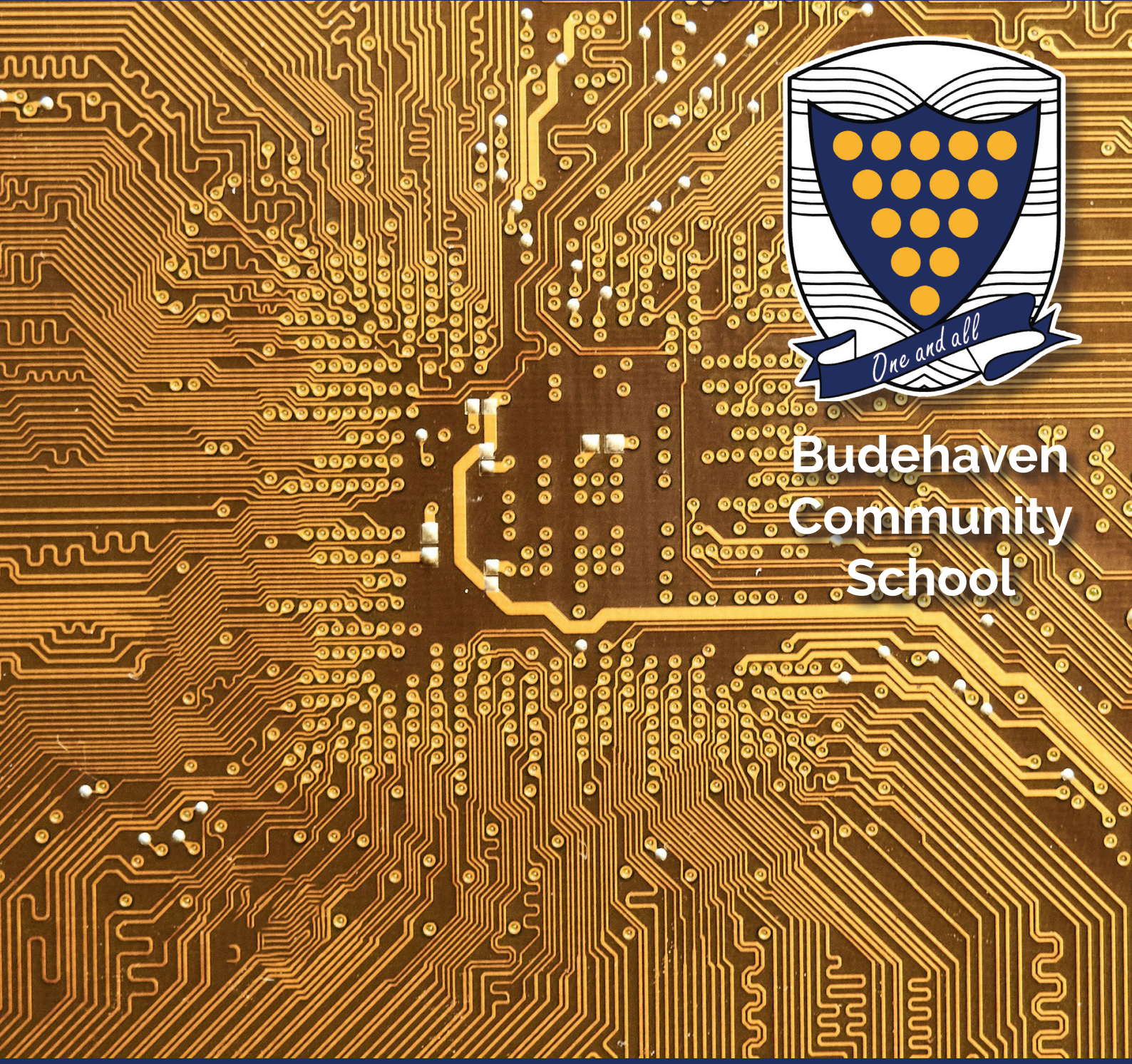


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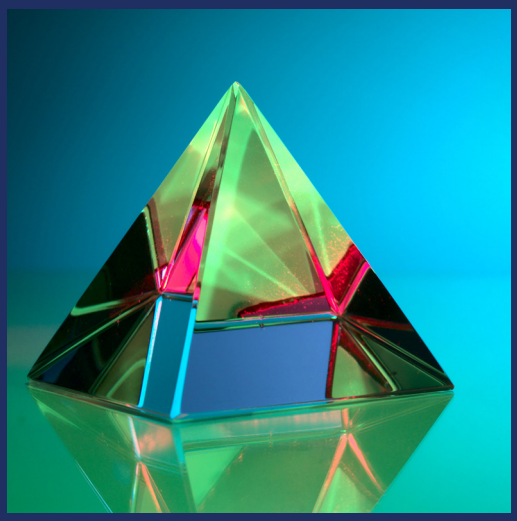
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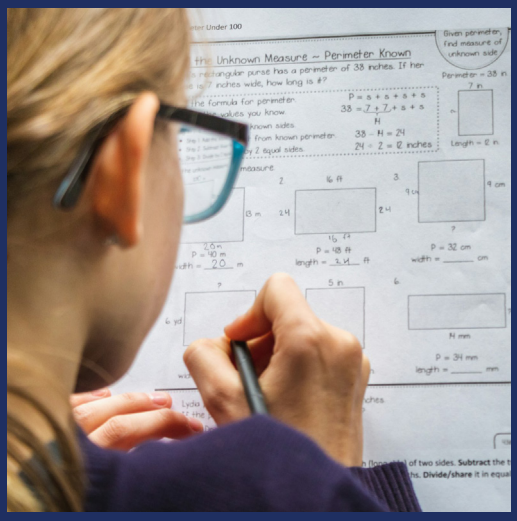
Deadline for applications is noon on Monday 16th November 2026 vwith interviews taking place shortly afterwards.

Information for applicants

www.budehaven.cornwall.sch.uk









ABOUT BUDEHAVEN

"Budehaven is a true community school"
Ofsted, May 2024

Budehaven Community School is located on the beautiful north Cornwall coast in the town of Bude. We are proud to be a fully comprehensive school, welcoming and providing an inclusive education to students aged 11 to 19. Our school benefits from a thriving, successful Sixth Form, from which many of our young people access some of the top universities in the UK.

Budehaven Community School is a thriving environment to be part of, and our ethos, which is built on a foundation of Care, Enjoyment and Opportunities, building Responsibility, Confidence and Success, is tangible from the second you walk through the door. As you travel around our school, the energy of the students and staff is infectious and it is clear to see that we uphold high standards of behaviour and attitudes to learning. The stunning work of our talented young people is on display around the school, We have an annual art exhibition, where members of the community admire the work of our young people.

We celebrate talent, skill, effort and difference, and the results of this are evident in every part of the school community. Our young people benefit from excellent sports, music and performing arts facilities,

Fundraising activities and competitions that take place across our school bring out the generosity of all members of our Budehaven family.

Our young people compete at a national and international level within sporting competitions; we are incredibly proud of them and we are so grateful for the support that our parents, carers and other members of our community give to our students. The musical and theatrical talents of our students are stunning, ranging from the Rock Band to the Samba Band, and Performances such as The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night time, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, Alice and the forthcoming High School Musical. We have regular musical concerts, which are open to all members of our community.

We firmly believe that we provide a great education for all, both inside and outside our classroom, for all students, regardless of their background. Our students achieve well, with our pupils following a carefully sequenced curriculum that builds on prior knowledge and understanding, linking ideas within and across subjects. Key Stage 3 prepares them well for the challenges of GCSE and A Level. Our pupils understand why they have learned what they have learned, and how it shapes their future learning and aspirations. Our young people are bright, interested, and interesting.

We are incredibly proud of our Sixth Form, which provides a range of A Level and other Level 3 courses. We are also very proud of our Sixth Form students; every year many of them go on to Oxbridge, Russell Group, national and international universities.

Budehaven students and staff are proud of our school and the community it serves; we are ambitious for our students, academically and for their development into curious young people. Our students understand and can articulate their thoughts and ideas on a wide range of topics, from climate change to politics, psychology to English Literature. They look beyond their locality, look at the world in wonder, and become thoughtful and productive members of the wider society..

OUR STUDENT COMMUNITY

1162 on roll, with 129 in the Sixth Form







LETTER FROM THE HEADTEACHER

October 2026

Dear Colleague,

Re: Head of Computing, Digital Innovation and Digital Safety at Budehaven Community School

Thank you for your interest in the position of Head of Computing and E-Safety at Budehaven Community School.

This is an exciting opportunity for an ambitious, talented and forward-thinking teacher to lead a subject that is increasingly important to young people's futures. In addition to leading Computing across Key Stages 3, 4 and 5, the successful candidate will take strategic responsibility for E-Safety, working closely with safeguarding leaders to promote safe, responsible and effective use of technology across the school community.

This is a full-time, permanent position commencing at Easter 2027 or earlier if possible, and attracts a TLR 2 payment in recognition of the leadership responsibilities associated with the role. We are seeking an individual who combines strong classroom practice with the vision, enthusiasm and leadership skills needed to continue developing a high-quality Computing curriculum and to champion excellence in digital safeguarding.

Budehaven Community School is a successful and inclusive 11-18 school serving the communities of North Cornwall and North Devon. We are proud of our strong sense of community, our ambitious curriculum and our commitment to ensuring every young person can thrive academically, socially and personally. We place great value on professional development and collaborative leadership, and we actively support colleagues to grow and flourish in their careers.

As Head of Computing and E-Safety, you will have the opportunity to shape curriculum design and implementation, develop colleagues, enhance students' digital literacy and lead our strategic approach to online safety. This is an important role within the school and offers genuine scope to influence both departmental and whole-school improvement.

We are looking for a colleague who:

- Is an excellent practitioner with a passion for Computing, with a proven track record of outstanding results at Key Stage 4 and 5.
- Has the ambition and capability to lead and develop a successful department, preferably having completed training in Middle or Senior Leadership (not essential, but desirable).
- Understands the importance of E-Safety and digital safeguarding in modern education.
- Has high expectations of themselves and others.
- Is committed to inclusion, collaboration and ensuring the very best outcomes for all young people.

In return, you will join a dedicated and supportive staff team, work with motivated and engaging students, and benefit from excellent professional development opportunities in a school that values innovation, aspiration and continuous improvement.

I am incredibly proud of Budehaven Community School and the opportunities we provide for our students. If you share our commitment to high standards, believe in the transformational power of education and are keen to make a lasting difference to young people's lives, we would be delighted to receive your application.

Visits to the school and informal conversations about the role are warmly welcomed. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you would like to find out more before applying.

I look forward to receiving your application..

Yours sincerely,



Mr Dominic Wilkes - Headteacher
Budehaven Community School

ABOUT THE POST

Head of Computing, Digital Innovation and Digital Safety
MPS/UPS Plus TLR 2 (£6,278)
Start date: Easter 2027, or sooner if possible

Budehaven Community School is seeking to appoint an outstanding Head of Computing & E Safety to lead and develop this high profile, future focused subject across our thriving 11–18 school.

This is an exciting opportunity for an ambitious and skilled practitioner to provide strategic curriculum leadership for Computing at KS3–KS5, while leading the school's structures and strategy surrounding E Safety and digital safeguarding. You will shape an innovative curriculum, inspire students and staff, and ensure high standards of teaching, learning and online safety in a rapidly evolving digital world.

Budehaven is a successful school with a strong sense of community, high expectations and a progressive and broad curriculum. We value innovation, collaboration and thoughtful leadership, and we are committed to supporting middle leaders to flourish.

We are looking for a colleague who:

- Is an excellent teacher and leader of Computing
- Has the vision and commitment needed to lead others and our vibrant students
- Understands the critical importance of E Safety in schools
- Is reflective, aspirational and values teamwork, and a relentless drive for all students to achieve.

We offer a supportive leadership team, motivated students, excellent professional development and the opportunity to live and work in a stunning coastal location. Visits or conversations are strongly recommended prior to application.
If you want to lead a subject that genuinely shapes young people's futures, we would love to hear from you.

Budehaven Community School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people. Enhanced DBS clearance is required.

For further information and an application form, please contact
Mrs Clare Brown at the school or visit our website:
www.budehaven.cornwall.sch.uk

Tel: 01288 353271
Email: clare.brown@budehaven.cornwall.sch.uk

Deadline for applications is noon on Monday 16th November with interviews taking place shortly afterwards.

JOB DESCRIPTION

Job Description
Head of Computing, Digital Innovation & E Safety
School: Budehaven Community School (11–18)
Responsible to: Senior Leader / SLT Link
TLR: As advertised
Contract: Permanent

Purpose of the Role

The Head of Computing, Digital Innovation and Digital Safety will provide strategic leadership for Computing and digital learning across the school, ensuring that all students develop the knowledge, skills and dispositions needed to thrive in an increasingly digital and technologically advanced society.
The postholder will lead the development of an ambitious, inclusive and future-focused Computing curriculum across Key Stages 3-5, champion high-quality teaching and learning, and play a leading role in promoting digital citizenship, online safety, cyber awareness and the ethical use of emerging technologies, including artificial intelligence.
The successful candidate will ensure that students are equipped not only for examination success, but also for further education, employment and active participation in a rapidly changing digital world.

Key Responsibilities:

Curriculum Leadership

- Provide strategic leadership for Computing and digital learning across Key Stages 3-5.
- Lead curriculum design, implementation and evaluation, ensuring a coherent progression of knowledge, skills and concepts.
- Ensure the curriculum reflects national expectations, emerging developments in Computing education and future qualification reforms.
- Promote excellence in computational thinking, programming, problem-solving, digital literacy, data literacy and cyber security.
- Evaluate and adapt curriculum provision in response to developments in technology, artificial intelligence, industry needs and educational research.
- Develop curriculum pathways that prepare students for higher education, apprenticeships and careers within the digital, technological and creative sectors.
- Ensure that curriculum planning, assessment and quality assurance support excellent outcomes for all learners, including disadvantaged students and those with SEND

JOB DESCRIPTION

Teaching Learning and Achievment

- Secure consistently high standards of teaching, learning and achievement across the department.
- Model outstanding classroom practice and foster a culture of professional growth, coaching and continuous improvement.
- Monitor student progress and attainment, implementing effective intervention strategies where required.
- Promote evidence-informed approaches to pedagogy and assessment.
- Ensure that all students experience an engaging, challenging and inclusive Computing education.
- Lead departmental self-evaluation and contribute to whole-school improvement priorities.

Digital Innovation and Emerging Technologies

- Promote innovative and effective use of technology to enhance teaching, learning and school improvement.
- Act as an advocate for responsible and ethical use of emerging technologies, i including artificial intelligence.
- Contribute to the school's strategic thinking around digital transformation and future technological developments.
- Work collaboratively with colleagues to develop staff confidence and capability in digital technologies.
- Foster links with universities, employers, industry partners and external organisations to enrich curriculum opportunities**.**

Digital Safety, Citizenship and Safeguarding

- Lead the school's strategic approach to digital safety, online safeguarding and digital citizenship.
- Ensure that digital safety education is embedded across the curriculum and reflects current risks and national guidance.
- Work closely with safeguarding leaders to identify and respond to emerging online risks and trends.
- Support the development and implementation of policies relating to online behaviour, cyber security, technology use and digital safeguarding.
- Deliver or coordinate appropriate staff training and awareness programmes.
- Promote responsible, respectful and ethical behaviours in online environments

JOB DESCRIPTION

Leadership and Management

- Lead, support and develop members of the department through effective line management, coaching and performance development.
- Manage departmental resources, budgets and accommodation efficiently and effectively.
- Develop a culture of high expectations, accountability and continuous improvement.
- Monitor and evaluate departmental performance through robust quality assurance activities.
- Report effectively to senior leaders and governors on curriculum performance, student outcomes and strategic priorities.
- Contribute fully to the wider leadership and management of the school

Partnerships and Wider Contribution

- Promote links with employers, higher education institutions, apprenticeship providers and technology organisations.
- Support opportunities that enhance students' understanding of careers in digital and technological fields.
- Engage positively with parents, carers and external agencies.
- Contribute to extra-curricular and enrichment opportunities, including coding, cyber, robotics, digital media or technology-related activities.
- Represent the department and school professionally at local, regional and national networks where appropriate

Wider Professional Responsibilities

- Uphold the school's values and commitment to safeguarding, inclusion and excellence.
- Maintain high professional standards and engage actively in professional learning.
- Contribute positively to the wider life of the school and its cooperative, community-focused ethos.
- Undertake any other duties reasonably requested by the Headteacher commensurate with the responsibilities of the post.

PERSON SPECIFICATION

Essential Criteria

Qualifications

- Qualified Teacher Status (QTS).
- A degree or equivalent qualification in Computing, Computer Science or a closely related discipline.

Teaching and Subject Knowledge

- Proven record of high quality classroom practice in Computing.
- Secure subject knowledge appropriate to KS3, GCSE and post 16 Computer Science and/or Creative iMedia.
- Strong understanding of curriculum design, sequencing and assessment.

Leadership and Management

- Ability to lead, motivate and develop colleagues effectively.
- Experience of contributing to curriculum development and raising standards.
- Ability to use data intelligently to inform planning, intervention and evaluation.

E Safety and Safeguarding

- Clear understanding of E Safety responsibilities in a secondary school context.
- Commitment to promoting online safety, responsible digital behaviour and safeguarding awareness.
- Willingness to lead whole school E Safety practice and staff development.

Personal Qualities

- High expectations of self and others.
- Resilient, reflective and open to professional learning.
- Strong organisational and communication skills.
- Commitment to inclusion, equity and high aspirations for all students.

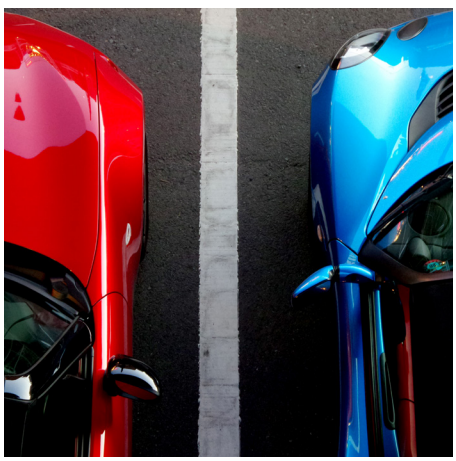
Desirable, but not essential criteria

- Previous experience as a Head of Department or in a middle leadership role, although if this is not evident, training will be provided.
- Experience of teaching A Level Computer Science and/or Creative iMedia.
- Experience of contributing to whole school initiatives or improvement planning.
- Evidence of engagement with research informed or evidence based practice.

WE VALUE YOU AND WE CAN OFFER...

- Students who are welcoming, well behaved and curious young people
- The support of an experienced governing body and a dedicated team of staff and leaders
- A school that is at the heart of its community and is well respected
- CPD tailored to support you as you develop within your role
- A school that has innovative education and health care links
- A successful sixth form with students who go on to top universities
- Free use of the on-site Gym which was refurbished Autumn 2021
- Number of after school staff activities such as 5 aside football
- Free membership of the Smart Clinic, benefits include:.
    - 24 hour helpline
    - Access to a virtual GP 24/7
    - Support and advice on
    - Managing a condition
    - Better health
    - Cognitive behavioural therapy
    - Counselling
    - Anxiety Management
    - Physiotherapy
    - Stress Management
    - Assertiveness and self-confidence training
    - Time management

- Free onsite parking
- Lifestyle Savings – Access a huge range of savings across the UK's major retailers
- Home and Electronics – Spread the cost of thousands of technology and home appliances shipped by Currys and John Lewis & Partners
- Cycle to Work – Save up to 43%* on the latest bikes and accessories for your commute to work (savings are realised through a salary sacrifice arrangement. Excluding disposal fee. Figures are a guide only and dependent on personal situation).
- On site Gym Membership
- Eye Test Vouchers for eligible staff
- Physiotherapy – Access to online advice and exercise programmes
- Counselling & Wellbeing Support - Access to a Wellbeing Resource Library
- GP Phone & Video Consultation – Accessible 24 hours a day, 7 days a week







OUR LOCALE...

North Cornwall's beaches are famous for their haunting beauty and those in the Bude area are no exception. Vast expanses of clean, golden, sandy beaches, often backed by rugged cliffs, have captivated many a visitor's imagination over the centuries.

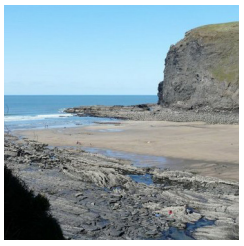


Bude itself has two main beaches, **Summerleaze** great for surfing and **Crooklets** which enables access at low tide to the quiet coastline north towards **Northcott** and **Sandymouth**.

South of the town the beaches and bays of **Widemouth, Wanson, Millook** & **Crackington Haven** which offer a wide range of attractions from surf schools to Geological marvels. The coast path in both directions from Bude offers stunning scenery and in places a great workout!



Head north to **Hartland Point** marks the location where the coastline takes a sharp right hand turn into **Bideford Bay**. The lighthouse there shines it's warning out across towards the nature reserve of **Lundy Island**, a unique habitat and perfect for puffin spotting and swimming with the friendly seals.



Hartland Quay, Spekes Mill Mouth, Welcombe, Marsland Mouth and **Morwenstowe** offer access to the South West Coast path in all it's glory. The reverend **Hawker's Hut** is well worth seeking out.

A little further southward of Bude leads you to **Crackington Haven,** a beautiful little bay with Cafe's and a Pub. Rising up to 'High Cliff' you then descend towards **Boscastle**, a renowned and attractive National Trust village with spectacular cliff-hung harbour entrance, small quay and walks through beautiful **Valency Valley** and **St Nectan's Glen.** Thomas Hardy met his first wife here and based 'A Pair of Blue Eyes' on his experience in the district.



Tintagel, can get busy in high season but is always worth a visit. The ruined but spectacular **Tintagel Castle,** built in the 12 & 13th century by the Earls of Cornwall is another must see. Walks to **St Nectan's Glen**, **Bossiney Cove** and along **Rocky Valley** are firm favourites of staff at the school.

If you make it that far then its just a short hop to **Port Isaac**, an unspoilt fishing village where white slate-hung houses run down to a sheltered harbour. Its a favourite location for film and TV companies with 'Poldark' and 'Doc Martin', 'Amy Foster' and 'Saving Grace' being shot there. Its little maze of alleyways (one called Squeeze-ee-belly) and old pilchard cellars, shingle beach and working crab boats are fascinating.



Wadebridge. Busy shopping centre. An historic centre for river, road and rail, with a 17 arch bridge over the River Camel, purportedly built on the foundation of wool sacks and known as 'The Bridge of Wool'. From here explore the wonderful **Camel Trail** South to Padstow or North to Wenford Bridge, with the section between Bodmin and the end of the trail offering some of the quietest and most beautiful trail riding to be had in the South West.



Close by the A39, south of the town are the **Nine Maidens**—a line of tall stones, supposedly petrified maidens guilty of dancing on the Sabbath.

These are just a small sample of the huge variety of places to visit and things to do in this part of the world. We may well be a few miles from the major cities of Exeter, Truro and Plymouth but we make up for it with a quality of life that's hard to beat.



OS Maps: 190 'Bude & Clovelly', **111** , 'Bude, Boscastle & Tintagel' and **200** 'Newquay & Bodmin'.

OUR ETHOS & VALUES



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One and all