



## Introduction



As ever, as the term and academic year draw to an end, the beginning of the term or year seem like distant memories. Despite having been inspected by Ofsted at the end of February, it was only on 24<sup>th</sup> April that the report was finally published and we were able to share with staff, parents and students the full inspection outcomes. Much of the work of senior leaders this term has been devoted to ensuring that the School is in a position to further improve. This has included significantly restructuring the pastoral support teams, recruiting new and replacement staff, introducing a new student information management system and planning for capital projects to be undertaken over the summer holidays and beyond.

In the first half term, we appointed a new Director of Sixth Form (and member of the Senior Leadership Team). After a rigorous selection process, I am delighted to report that Mrs Brown, currently the Head of Business Studies and Economics, and who joined the School as a newly qualified teacher in 2009 was appointed. We are all looking forward to working with her as our Sixth Form continues to flourish. Subsequently, Mrs Holcroft was appointed as her deputy, with Mr Riddles and Mr Short completing a newly reconstituted leadership team for this most important aspect of our provision.

As the half term progressed, Geography fieldwork for Years 10 and 12 began. Students in Year 7-9 benefitted from a number of trips and visits during our Enrichment Week just before half term. The week included trips to Marwell Zoo, Monkey World, Thorpe Park and the Globe Theatre and also walking a section of the coast path near Lulworth Cove (despite torrential rain on one of the days!). Organising the programme is a logistical challenge – and would be impossible without the dedication of a number of our support staff. Thanks also to all colleagues who accompanied our students on the activities.

Thanks to the efforts of Mr Riddles and Mrs Barnard-Dyson virtually all Year 12 and Year 10 students experienced a work placement for one or two weeks, respectively, during the term. This is an invaluable opportunity for our students to experience the world of work. Subsequently, we invited employers to a “Business Breakfast”. The event proved successful, with a particular highlight being the student presentations, recounting and reflecting upon their experiences.

The focus of the second half of term has inevitably been upon ensuring that our Year 11 and 13 students are supported in sitting their GCSE and A level examinations, respectively. I am grateful to Mrs Knowles and her team of invigilators for ensuring the smooth running of the public examinations, which appears to be more complex year on year. Year 11 students celebrated the end of their examinations with a Prom held at the Vitality Stadium. We were pleased to be able to work with BSG and their PSA to ensure that the event was without incident and enjoyed by all.

On the evening of Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> June we welcomed parents and students new to the school from September into school. It was a pleasure to meet new members of our community face-to-face, share with them our Ofsted inspection outcomes, and clarify our expectations of our new students. The following day saw all students return for a day of induction, which included a number of team-building activities and an opportunity for them to get to know their tutor and their way around school.

We are continuing to work with local primary schools by offering to talk to parents of Year 5 students, providing Year 12 student volunteers to assist in developing their students' numeracy and literacy, and extending an "open door" policy to their staff and students. It was pleasing to host sports days for local schools, and to facilitate a "Science Experience Morning" for St Walburga's. We were also pleased to be able to again accommodate a BCP transition event at which primary school teachers and their secondary colleagues met to refine the transition process. Last week we also hosted a Science Teachers' Conference.

Also last week, Year 8 students participated in team-building activities and a workshop on addressing sexual harassment. The team-building activities were organised and run by the senior cadets of the Combined Cadet Force, with the workshop delivered by a team from STARS (Sexual Trauma and Recovery Services) and the police.

Our Open Evening again proved popular with prospective Year 7 students and their parents. We welcomed over 470 families through our doors. As ever our students were excellent ambassadors, exemplifying all of the qualities that we hold dear, and, no doubt, securing a record number of applications for September 2025.

The Open Evening was followed by a very successful House Events and Sports Day, which was again held at the King's Park athletics' stadium. A number of long-standing records were broken. Many congratulations to all of the competitors but especially to the members of Scott House, whose efforts resulted in winning Sports Day by half a point from Darwin House, and securing the overall House Championship for 2023-24. Many thanks to everyone involved, especially to members of the PE staff and CCF, for facilitating such a memorable day.

The final week of the term began with a celebration of the achievements of students in Year 7-10, combined with showcasing music, poetry, art and technology. We were delighted to welcome back to school Harry Beckett to present the prizes. Harry joined Bournemouth School in September 2016 from Brockenhurst Primary and was one of our highest achieving students at GCSE. By Year 12, he was appointed as a Deputy School Captain. Throughout his time with us, Harry dreamed of becoming a doctor. His journey was not without challenges, particularly in the sixth form, but his exceptional hard work secured him the A-level grades needed to study medicine at St Andrews University last September. Harry's work ethic, resilience, and compassion for his fellow students always impressed us. He continues to serve as an excellent role model for our students, delivering an inspirational speech about the lessons learnt in the first year of university, and warmly congratulating each of the 100 or so prize-winners.

The role of a headteacher is impossible without the support of governors, staff and parents. So many staff have “gone that extra mile” - especially during our Ofsted inspection. My senior leadership team colleagues in particular have again continued to work tirelessly to ensure that our provision for students is as effective as it can be. Significant “behind the scenes” effort has been expended to ensure a smooth transition to our new information management system (Arbor), improving the facilities and planning for the academic year ahead.

As ever, the vast majority of our students have been an absolute delight throughout the academic year. I greatly enjoyed working with my class of Year 13 Chemistry students this year – an absolutely delightful group of individuals! I hope that they were not too traumatised by having me as one of their teachers.

It continues to be a privilege to serve the Bournemouth School community and I believe that, despite continuing political uncertainties, we can all look to the future with optimism; who are we to argue with the Ofsted inspection outcome? That said, we will never rest on our laurels, but always seek to continually improve. I hope that everyone has a relaxing, enjoyable, and very well-deserved holiday!

### **10 Key Extracts from our Ofsted Report**

- Pupils flourish at this exceptional school
- Pupils conduct themselves in an exemplary manner. They are polite and considerate of others. They behave with integrity and cooperate consistently well
- Pupils benefit from a rich offer for their wider development
- Pupils learn an ambitious curriculum
- The school consistently upholds its high expectations of pupils’ behaviour, both in and outside of the classroom. Therefore, pupils’ learning proceeds undisturbed
- Pupils readily follow well-established routines around the school site. As a result, the school is calm, orderly and purposeful
- Pupils debate and discuss issues respectfully...they value and celebrate commonalities and differences in each other
- Pupils receive timely and useful careers education, information, advice and guidance (CEIAG) and benefit from an effective personal, social and health education curriculum
- Leaders and governors share a clear and ambitious vision for all pupils
- Pupils receive an excellent quality of education and, as a result, achieve highly

### **Staffing**

At the end of an academic year, there are always some staffing changes for the forthcoming year. Dr Carter leaves us to take up the role of Director of Studies at Clayesmore School, Miss Elliott is becoming the Head of Mathematics at Ferndown Upper School, and Mr Thomas is becoming the Head of PE at Bournemouth Collegiate School. Mr Chung is leaving us to train as a teacher. We wish Mr Gibson, Dr Buckley and Mrs O’Connell long and happy retirements, and the other colleagues leaving us the very best of luck as they embark upon new challenges. We thank all of these for their service to the school and wish them well. I am delighted to report the addition of a number of new colleagues from September.

Colleagues leaving us at the end of term	New staff from September
<p>Mr Archer (Science; joined 2023)            Dr Carter (Science; joined 2024)            Mr Crawford (Head of Geography; joined 2005)            Miss Elliott (Mathematics; joined 2018)            Mr Gibbons (Computer; joined 2023)            Mr Gibson (Mathematics; joined 2014)            Mrs Jacob (Psychology; joined 2023)            Mrs O'Connell (Head of RS; joined 2016)            Miss Slater (Languages; joined 2015)            Mr Smith (Science; ; joined 2019)            Mr Thomas (PE; joined 2016)            Mr Watson (PE Teacher/Head of Year - 2011)            Mr Chung (Cover Supervisor/PE; joined 2022)            Dr Buckley (Science Technician; joined 2017)</p>	<p>Mr Brooks (Science)            Miss Shepherd (Geography)            Miss Chessher (ADT and Graphics)            Miss Greenslade (English)            Mrs Irish (FPaN)            Miss Begum (Maths + Economics)            Mrs Osborne (Computer Science)            Mr Whitmarsh-Bauer (Maths)            Mr Marshall (Computer Science)            Dr Richards (Science)            Mr Lewis (HoY/PE)            Mr McGregor (Science + PE)            Mr Couchman (Physics)            Mr Perch (PE)            Mr Viagus-Foster (PE support + Cover Supervisor)            Mr Smith (Cover Supervisor)            Mrs Cornish (PSA)            Mr Clements (IT/Site Technician)            Mr Patenotte (Caretaker)</p>
 <p><i>Thank you</i>            FOR YOUR DEDICATION AND DEVOTION.            WE WILL MISS YOU!</p>	 <p><i>welcome</i>            TO THE            TEAM</p>

### Other staffing news

- Miss Amey has been promoted to Head of Geography and Mrs Sedgley has been promoted to Head of Science
- Mr Pardy has stepped down from Head of PE; he will be joining the Mathematics department from September
- Mr Hedges will be the new Head of PE; he will be relinquishing his Head of Year role
- Miss Thorne will now be the Head of Years 7 and 8; Mr Robjohns will be Head of Years 9 and 10
- The current House Leaders have been redeployed as Deputy Heads of Year from September; the changes will be explained to students on their return to school in September.

### Premises

This academic year we have forged ahead with a number of significant projects. Firstly, the heating project was completed on time and under budget in March, with final snagging completed over the Easter holidays. We had hoped to have more use of the air-conditioning over the last week, but the summer has not yet arrived!



A number of IT improvements have been made during this past year. Thirty-two additional computers were provided for the Sixth Form in the Study Centre, and these have been very well received and are used almost constantly throughout the day. At February half term we launched a new school website, which gives us more control and flexibility over the content we can provide, and has already streamlined a number of processes such as new student registration and staff recruitment and reduced our costs as this is now internally managed. During the Easter holidays, the computer suite in room 36 (effectively the basement) was relocated to the library block, where an air-conditioned classroom was refurbished with computer benches and additional power and network connectivity. Throughout the year, CCTV improvements have been made across the site, including to IT suites, corridors and external areas.

A major milestone was achieved after the May half term break with the successful move from SIMS to Arbor for our school information management system. This was a huge undertaking with an enormous amount of preparatory work carried out mostly by Mr Dally, who has worked tirelessly with staff at all levels to ensure not only that all the relevant information was migrated to the new system, but also to ensure that staff were sufficiently trained in the use of the new system by the start of its implementation. This is very much a developing and evolving project: we find new opportunities to exploit Arbor's capabilities almost daily, and plans are in place to fully implement the behaviour management and assessment features of the package from September, along with parental access to student data via a web portal.

An ambitious range of projects is planned for the summer holidays:

- We have already begun a complete refurbishment of the school's lecture theatre
- The serpentine walkway to the library block will be modified to demolish the canopy roof and replace the existing panelling and brick wall either side with galvanised hand railings.
- The former caretaker's house is also undergoing major renovation: a new heating system is being installed, and the entire building will be redecorated and newly carpeted. A kitchenette will be established with a view to the building being used for individual pupil mentoring, small groups, training sessions, counselling, interviews and examinations.
- The steel fire escape at the rear of the main building and the concrete spiral fire escape from the library will be renovated.
- The toilets and washing facilities within the school's changing rooms at the Sir David English Sports Centre will be completely refurbished, with a view to continuing this work at a later date in the rest of the toilet facilities within the sports centre, and then within the main school.
- The computers in room 34 will be replaced with brand new units.

*Mr S Coombes  
Business Manager*

## changes to the school day

Following our consultation on changes to the school day, I am writing to inform you of the outcome of our consultation.

Parents and staff voted overwhelmingly to accept the change. 452 parents responded to the consultation and 70% (315 in total) voted in favour of the change.

Students, when consulted, expressed some concerns about shortening the school day. Whilst we have responded to some of these concerns on the following page, their biggest concern was about having less time to play on the field. Therefore we will shorten PM registration on a rota basis when the weather is fine to enable students to have more time to play outside.

Having consulted with the governing body, I am now letting you know that from **September 2024** the following change will take place:

School start time	08:30
School end time	15:20

The school day will change as follows:

Time	Activity
08:30 – 08:40	AM Registration
08:40 – 09:30	Lesson one
09:30 – 09:35	Movement
09:35 – 10:25	Lesson two
10:25 – 10:45	Break
10:45 – 11:35	Lesson three
11:35 – 11:40	Movement
11:40 – 12:30	Lesson four
12:30 – 12:50	PM Registration
12:50 – 1:35	Lunch
1:35 – 2:25	Lesson five
2:25 – 2:30	Movement
2:30 – 3:20	Lesson six

The reasons, as mentioned previously in our consultation, for shortening the school day are as follows:

- Students arriving on buses can be late to registration.
- We have a long school day in comparison to most schools.
- There are very few lunchtime activities; lunchtime is long.
- Staff and student well-being.
- Students catching buses at the end of the day are less rushed.

Please see our responses to concerns that were raised by some parents and by students on the following page.

### **Concerns about having enough time to play outside at lunchtime**

PM tutor time will be shortened to 5 mins on a rota basis when the weather is fine to give students more time to play outside.

Students in years 7 and 8 will have access to outside areas for the first 25 minutes of lunch.

Students in years 9 and 10 will have access for the second part of lunch.

Students in years 11-13 will have access to the whole site (inside and out) for all of lunch; this is seen as a privilege for older students and can be revoked for individuals if poor behaviour is observed.

### **Loss of lesson time**

There is no change to lesson length. We currently have 6 x 50 minute lessons and this will remain in September.

### **Traffic at drop off and pick up times**

With three local schools, traffic is busy at drop off and pick up times. We continue to advise parents picking their child up by car to park on one of the side roads off Charminster Road.

### **Clashes with drop off and pick up times for children in other schools**

Le Bistro is open from 7:30am every morning and will continue to be so in September for students who arrive to school before 8am. Students arriving after 8am can go straight to their form room.

The library is open Monday – Thursday until 5pm and on Friday until 4:30pm for students who are picked up later in the afternoon.

### **Will my child have enough time to eat?**

Duty staff are present in Le Bistro every day and this will continue in September; there is supervision to ensure that students are able to eat their meal. Students who bring a packed lunch will continue to their meal in school or outside depending on their preference. Please also note that a 45 minute lunchtime is longer than most local schools with similar numbers of students.

### **Concerns about arriving late to PM registration if students have PE lesson 4**

Students should not be concerned about this. We only take action for lateness if a student arrives after the rest of the class has arrived and the student has no valid reason for their lateness.

### **Lunchtime detentions**

Very few students serve a lunchtime detention. The length of a detention will change from 30 to 20 minutes.

### **After school clubs**

After school clubs will be able to start earlier. When the rota is ready for September, parents will be informed for finish times.

### **Lunchtime activities**

These will continue and new rotas for September will be published in the new term.

## Summer Examination Series – 2024 GCE A level and GCSE Result Day Information

Firstly, may I congratulate each and every candidate on their behaviour and attendance over the 2024 summer exam period. I was impressed by their mature attitudes towards their exams, their prompt arrival times and their desire to achieve their potential. As my first year in the role at the school, I am delighted to find students at Bournemouth School to be polite, well-mannered individuals.

Secondly, as we move towards results day, I want to provide you with the relevant details as to how the day(s) will pan out.

GCE A level/AS level results day is on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> August, 2024. Collection will be from the school via the main doors into reception. The school will open for collection between 8am – 9.30am and senior staff, as well as myself, will be on hand to support and advise students with any queries.

**Please note, the deadline for priority A level reviews is the 21<sup>st</sup> August, 2024.**

GCSE results day is on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> August, 2024. Collection will be from the school via the main doors into reception. The school will open between 9am – 10.30am and senior staff, as well as myself, will be on hand to support and advise students with any queries.

Please rest assured that if a student is unable to attend in person to collect results, that their results will also be emailed to the **student's school account**. In addition, a nominated person can collect on the student's behalf, but I will need written consent from them that they authorise this. Thank you to those that have already notified me.

If a student is unhappy with their grade(s), there will be an opportunity to speak to a member of staff in school or via email. Please note that some staff may not access emails in the school holidays.

Students can access a copy of their exam script before deciding if they should request a review. To do so, the school will request candidate consent via a consent form before any review is requested. The School will share the outcome of each stage of the process with you promptly.

**\*\* It is important to note that during either of the appeals stages, results could go up or down or stay the same. You will not keep the higher of the grades, and an appeal cannot be withdrawn once a decision has been made \*\***

Finally, may I take this opportunity to wish all students all the best with their academic achievements and I look forward to seeing them all on results day. I appreciate it may be a time of anxiety, but we, as a school are here to support the students and help them achieve their potential.

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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## Year 7

If you cast your minds back to the talk I gave in June of last year, when you came in for the New Parents' evening, you may be able to remember I said that the upcoming year would be a journey and that it would be one of fun, laughter, and getting to know one another better. The downside (as is the case with any long journey) was that there would probably be a number of frustrations and disagreements along the way. I'm sure this may resonate with you, although hopefully the positives have outweighed the negatives!

Now that we have reached the end of the first stage of our journey (only 11 more terms until GCSEs!) you can probably understand why I chose to use that analogy. Looking back over the past year, I hope you can see that your son has made some excellent progress - in terms of academic work, but also with regards to personal skills: confidence, resilience, and friendship amongst many others.

Having recently held two assemblies celebrating the achievements of the boys outside of school, it was clear to all that Year 7 are an incredibly talented group of young men. We have in our ranks a Ballroom dancer ranked third in the World, a pianist who has already achieved a distinction for Grade 8, and many talented swimmers who are representing the county and region, and this is to name just a few. It takes a lot of time, energy and passion to manage interests outside of school, and the commitment to these pursuits is admirable.

Back in school, the major highlights this term have been the Enrichment Week activities before the May break and the trip to Bournemouth University.

The year group as a whole excelled in terms of behaviour and enthusiasm when they took part in trips to Marwell, Porchester Castle, Moors Valley and, based in school, the RS debates and MFL challenges. A huge thank you to the teaching staff who designed and coordinated these activities; they made for a fantastic week before the May half term.

In June, Mr Riddles and Mrs Barnard-Dyson, who coordinate careers-focused events in school, organised a trip for the year group to Bournemouth University. This was a wonderful opportunity to see a university campus, meet some undergraduates and find out more about the courses on offer and how qualifications beyond A-Level can be acquired. We had a great afternoon and there was a real buzz when we returned to school with lots of ideas and plans for the future! The photo right shows some of the year group in one of the lecture theatres.



The boys have achieved a huge amount this year and should be commended for navigating their way through the transition process; I am really proud of every student and it is a privilege to work with them. September will look very different compared to last year, as they already know their school buildings, timetable, expectations and will be able to hit the ground running when they return.

In the meantime, I wish you all a very happy time over the summer and an extremely well-deserved break!

*Ms Thorne, Head of Year*

Abdullah Shatir Yasin, 7M, displayed his wonderful artistic talent in a design used to thank Year 7 Tutors and House Leaders whose roles are changing in September.



## Year 8

The summer has apparently arrived. We arrived back after the Easter holidays to rain, wind and not much cricket. The year group came back in good shape and started the term really well, as behaviour in lessons and around the school was highlighted by staff.

The House competition played its full part, with Basketball, Cricket and Tennis all taking place. Once again, the sportsmanship shown by all the students who took part was astonishing amid fierce competition for House Points.

Enrichment Week was great fun, with the boys experiencing visits to The Globe Theatre and the Tate Modern. A trip to Monkey World was the highlight for many, along with an Art and Technology Project Day, Water Safety and Computing Task.



This year has seen the boys continue to impress, both academically and also within other areas of the school. We have settled in to the new rules in the classroom and are looking forward to starting our option choices in September, when no doubt the sun will come out.

Congratulations to the following boys for their efforts that have been rewarded by receiving Achievement Points. The top 11 at the moment are as follows:

*Jasper Thompson, Nathaniel Burge, Aarav Jain, Edward Amos, Hiu Hong Wong, Alfie Smyth, Daniel Wilson, George Clark, Sa'ad Sami, Adam Corney, Thomas Knight.*



On Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July, we had an enrichment day where the school CCF organised a morning of activities. This was run by the older cadets and was fantastic fun, with all the boys working on team building and physical challenges. A huge thank you to all of the students who ran this so successfully.

In the afternoon, STARS (Sexual Trauma and Recovery Services) and Dorset Police spoke to the boys about sexual consent, sexual violence and abuse. There were workshops and activities set up to teach the boys all about these tricky topics and the attitude shown by everyone was incredibly mature. The team from STARS could not have spoken in any more glowing terms of the behaviour, attitude and maturity of our boys. We were all very proud of them.

Lastly, I continue to be impressed and amazed in equal measure at the tremendous achievements of the boys outside of school. Whether it is the Cadets, Swimming, Polish poetry competitions, sport or one of the many other activities that are pursued, I thoroughly enjoy hearing about it, so thank you.

The next newsletter will be just before Christmas. We will be there quicker than you think!

*Mr Robjohns, Head of Year*

## Year 9

Time always seems to travel a little bit quicker when you work in a school. It seems hardly possible that the boys are now moving towards the end of Year 9, and their first year of GCSE study is almost complete. It really doesn't seem that long ago that the boys were sat down in the Main Hall listening to Dr Lewis' introduction on their first day in Year 7. I feel extremely proud when I see how the boys have matured over their first three years at Bournemouth School.

As always, the summer term has been a busy one, with Enrichment Week proving to be the highlight for most of the boys. The week started with a trip to Bournemouth University where the boys found out about the courses available and were given a tour of the campus. There were also a number of Student Ambassadors on hand to answer questions about university life. The year group were then split into three for the remainder of the week, enjoying trips to Lulworth Cove and Thorpe Park, and receiving entertaining workshops on Macbeth and music. The behaviour of the boys during the week was mostly excellent, and the external providers were very complimentary about their conduct.

At the time of writing there are still other opportunities for students to showcase their talents outside of the classroom with House Singing and Sports and House Events Day still to come. On that note, I want to congratulate those students who have been involved in athletics success this summer. The Inter Boys (Year 9 and 10) athletics team again made it through to the Regional A Final at Millfield. This is a prestigious event bringing together the best eight schools from the South West Region, which includes: Dorset, Hampshire, Wiltshire, the Isle of Wight, Somerset, Devon and Cornwall. The Year 9 students involved were: Finn O'Mahoney (9N), Jayden Benstead-Brooks-Dravec (9T), Yu-Le Chai (9D) and William Bose (9M). A special mention for Jayden who represented the South West Athletics Team at the National Athletics Final. Jayden qualified by jumping 5.85m in the Long Jump at the Dorset County Trials. This outstanding performance placed him 7th in the country for his age group!

Finally, some of you will already be aware that I will be taking on a new role as Head of PE from September. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time as Head of Year, and I want to thank all the students and parents of the year group. I have worked closely with many of you, and your on-going support of the school has been greatly appreciated. I wish the year group all the best for the next two years, and I know that the boys will be successful in whatever they put their mind to. I am of course staying at the school and I will see the boys in both their core PE and GCSE PE lessons.

I hope you all have a restful and enjoyable summer break and I look forward to welcoming you back in September.

*Mr Hedges, Head of Year*



## Year 10

As we conclude another remarkable term at Bournemouth School, I am thrilled to reflect on the incredible achievements of our Year 10 students. This term has been packed with activities and accomplishments, and I am delighted to share some of the highlights with you.

Our annual House Music event took place this term, showcasing the immense talent within our school. The performances were outstanding, reflecting the dedication and hard work of our students.

We are proud to announce that 53 of our Year 10 students successfully completed their Silver Duke of Edinburgh expedition. This achievement demonstrates their resilience, teamwork, and commitment.

This term, 175 of our students went out on work experience, gaining valuable insights into various professions. The feedback from employers was outstanding, with many praising the students for their professionalism, enthusiasm, and work ethic. Our students were a true credit to the school, demonstrating the high standards and values we uphold at Bournemouth School.

Over 90 students took part in Geography fieldwork as part of their GCSE course. This hands-on experience has been invaluable in enhancing their understanding of geographical concepts and real-world applications.

Congratulations to the following students for their exceptional performance in the recent mock exams: Nathan Gene, Aaryan Anil, James Pearson, Joshua Rew, Miles Haigh, Alan Polaszek, Hakan Cetinkaya, Benjy Walshe, Lucas Gower, and Edi Cristea. Your hard work and dedication are highly commendable.



A historic moment for our Year group - the Year 10 football team won the Town Cup for the first time! Their dedication and teamwork have truly paid off, and we couldn't be prouder of them.

A special mention goes to Alexander Flint, who represented our school and competed in the World Sailing Championships in Slovenia. His dedication to the sport is truly inspiring.



I would also like to extend my congratulations to the following students for receiving awards at our recent prize giving evening:

Toby Crowe	Yassin Bouchachia	Elliott Walton
Nathan Gene	Parry Shukla	James Price
Alan Polaszek	Fred Parsons	Dylan Inskip
James Wallace	Hakan Cetinkaya	Oli Thorne
James Price	Benjy Walshe	Samson Townsend
Miron Wozniak	Jake Williams	Elliot Oakley
Stan Maclening	Harry Lapskas	Lucas Gower
James Wallace	Herbie Sanders	Dominik Pisialek



As I write this, we are just two days away from one of the highlights of the year - our annual Sports Day competition. I am looking forward to witnessing the spirit and enthusiasm of our students as they compete in various events.

It is with mixed emotions that I write this report, as I will be leaving Bournemouth School after 13 wonderful years. Seven of those years have been as Head of Year, with the last four years being particularly special. I vividly remember welcoming this cohort back in September 2020, and now I see before me a group of hardworking, polite, respectful, and well-rounded students.

Looking back, I am filled with pride as I see how much each of you has grown, both academically and personally. Every moment has been a testament to your potential and character. It has been a privilege to watch you face challenges head-on and celebrate your successes.

I am deeply grateful for the support of parents and guardians, whose partnership has been invaluable in our efforts to guide and nurture these young minds.

As I embark on the next chapter of my life, I carry with me countless memories and a sense of accomplishment. I wish every single student all the best for their future endeavours. Believe in yourselves, work hard, and continue to strive for excellence.

Thank you, Year 10, you have been amazing! It has been an honour to be part of your journey.

*Mr Watson, Head of Year*

## Year 11

As the dust settles on the GCSE exam period and our Year 11 students set off on their summer break, it is important for every member of our cohort to reflect on their incredible achievements. Regardless of the outcome on GCSE results day (Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> August), everyone should be proud of their efforts. Most will have completed around thirty GCSE papers in little over a month, no mean feat and a triumph of organisation, resilience and motivation. Our students have held up incredibly well, on occasion overcoming incredibly adverse personal challenges to give their all in the exam hall. Phrases such as “that was surprisingly easy”, “I thought that went well” and the occasional “I’m glad that paper is over” were overheard in the school foyer during the exam period and I am sure many pupils will be glad to see the back of the exams. However, I am equally sure the majority of students will have found undertaking the GCSEs a highly rewarding experience, and a vindication of five years of hard work.

I also wanted to take this opportunity to thank parents and guardians for the unfailing support you have offered this academic year. The GCSEs are a challenging experience, not just for those sitting the exams, but also for the entire household. It is not possible to navigate the GCSEs without a degree of stress and anxiety, and the support you provided for your child throughout the exams will be an invaluable part of their ultimate outcomes.

The summer term is focused on the GCSEs by necessity, but it was great to see so many students participating in the ongoing sporting programme this term, especially the Year 11 tennis tournament shortly after the Easter holiday. This reminds us that many of our cohort were juggling substantial ongoing commitments throughout the GCSE period. Additionally, the BSG/BS prom was held in July at AFC Bournemouth and the majority of our cohort attended. This was a fantastic event that took place in a wonderfully celebratory atmosphere. All students impressed, not just with their exceptionally flamboyant fashion sense, but their exemplary conduct as well. An incident-free evening was enjoyed by all in attendance, despite some highly questionable dance moves manifesting on the dance floor.

If ever there was a time to take a well-earned break, this is it, and I hope everyone pauses to take stock of their future over the summer. Many will have made very definite plans for their post-Year 11 careers, and I have had many conversations with students who are eagerly anticipating the next stage of their educational journey. Others are still unsure of their next destination, understandably so given the importance of the decision awaiting them. Many of our cohort are aiming to remain at Bournemouth School in Year 12. To those students I would like to wish the best of luck in gaining the entry requirements. I look forward to seeing them in Year 12. Others in our cohort have equally exciting plans to continue their education elsewhere, and I would like to wish them all the best, and to not hesitate in contacting or visiting us again in the future.

The journey from Year 7 to Year 11 is huge, and there will have been challenges, set-backs and bad luck. Throughout this time all of our cohort have demonstrated the kind of commitment and standards that act as a benchmark for others to follow. It has been my absolute privilege to have been Head of Year for your son throughout this period, and I look forward to celebrating their success on results day.

*Mr Jones, Head of Year*

## Sixth Form

This academic year has absolutely flown by. On 10<sup>th</sup> May we said our formal farewells to Year 13 with a year group assembly looking back at their time at the school. With the exam season now over, I hope that the Year 13 students are now enjoying a well-earned break and I look forward to celebrating their successes on 15<sup>th</sup> August. We do hope that students will keep in contact after that day, as it is always good to see old boys and girls and hear how they are doing.

This term saw Year 12 undertake work experience for the first time. It was very interesting to see the wide range of opportunities that the students found for themselves including working in the health industry, shadowing a local politician and working for an architecture company in London. I feel this was of great benefit to the students and I would like to thank Mrs Barnard-Dyson, our work-related learning coordinator, for all the hard work she has put into supporting our students this year and making this week a success.

For a second year running, we organised an Enrichment Week for Year 12 students just before the May half term. They had the opportunity to visit Bath University, participate in team-building exercises, compete in physical and mental problem-solving activities, team sports and quizzes, begin preparing their applications for higher education, and take part an 'Apprentice' style challenge. 'The Apprentice Challenge' was led by Mitch Kaye, a former pupil who has founded his own public relations company (theacademypr.com). The brief was for students during the morning to create a social media (tik tok style) advertisement to help promote our sixth form. In the afternoon they presented their work to a panel which included Mitch, Mrs Ateaque and a school governor. The finished products were a testament to the imagination and resourcefulness of our students.



Other trips this term have included an Art trip to London, a Politics trip to the Houses of Parliament, a Careers trip to JP Morgan as well as the annual trips for Geography to complete their A level coursework. All of these contribute to enriching the sixth form experience.

On 27<sup>th</sup> June we had the Year 12 Experience Day. Pleasingly over 220 prospective students in Year 11 attended, with half being students from other local schools. The day was a great success and thanks must go to Mrs Walker for all her help in arranging and co-ordinating this. The number of students who have applied, and their calibre, bodes well for the future.

Earlier this year I took the decision to step down as the Head of Sixth Form to return full-time to the classroom. I have had a leadership role since 2006 of one form or another initially being an Assistant Head of House then Head of Department followed by Head of Year, before becoming the Head of Sixth Form in 2017. Leading the sixth form team has been a very rewarding experience and I would like to thank the sixth form tutors for all the support they have given me and their students over the years. In addition, I would also like to give especial thanks to Mr Beal (Deputy Head of Sixth Form) and Miss Clark (UCAS Co-ordinator and Pastoral Support) who have been invaluable.

I would like to end by wishing Mrs Brown every success in her new role as Director of Sixth Form and I have every confidence that she will continue to make the sixth form an even more vibrant and successful community.

To those students leaving I would like to wish them every success in the future. To those who are returning in September I wish you a restful and productive summer holiday.

*Mr Cook, Head of Sixth Form*

## Darwin House

It has been another outstanding year for Darwin House and I have been extremely proud to lead this house of remarkable individuals.

Charles Darwin once said 'It's the long history of humankind (and animal kind, too) that those who learned to collaborate and improvise most effectively have prevailed'.

There has been numerous successes in various house events across all year groups, where teamwork has prevailed. Notable mentions must go to the following:

7D – 2<sup>nd</sup> in house tennis

8D – 1<sup>st</sup> in A & B house table tennis; 2<sup>nd</sup> in house cricket and 2<sup>nd</sup> in house tennis

10D- 1<sup>st</sup> in house cricket

11D – 1<sup>st</sup> in house tennis, 1st in house basketball

Nevertheless, what always impresses me the most is the camaraderie shown amongst students across year groups within Darwin House. They are always willing to take part, try their best and support each other along the way. For me, this is the true spirit of what we have tried to cultivate and foster within the house – teamwork, hard work and community spirit.

I am fortunate to have assembled a strong team of amazing young individuals in both senior prefect teams and in Year 10. I would like to take this opportunity to formally thank them all for their hard work and efforts in supporting me and others in the house. The Darwin prefect team for 2024/25 are as follows:

### Senior Prefects:

Isaac Manning (House Captain), David Blair & Aleta Alex (Deputy House Captains), Noah Bongard, Joseph Thomas, Tanaka Mapendani, Josh Boyd-Wallis, Lilly Langley, Ben Johnson-White and Rhiannon Wilson

### Year 11 Prefects (2024/25):

Oli Thorne, Oliver Canavan, Jonny Baptist, Kahlan Butler, Luca Tamagna, Toby Crowe, Benjy Walshe, Harry Bakewell, Pawel Newby, Alejo Wylam, Daniel Mullett; Yahya Rashid, Alex McLaughlin, Alex Flint, Dylan Grubb and James Ahmed

At the time of writing this report, the house championship was still very much wide open though we remain in a strong position. Regardless of the overall results, Darwin House should be proud of all they have achieved this year – it has been both an honour and a privilege to be Darwin House Leader.

*Mrs Roche, House Leader*



## Elgar House

It has been another fantastic year in the House competition and although Elgar finished a disappointing 6th place there have been some notable achievements. Oskar Szul and George Ingram broke long standing school records at Sports Day in the 300m and discus respectively, the Year 7 cricket team performed well above expectation to finish 2nd in House cricket and I write after just finishing our House singing with a particularly strong solo performance from Judah Bannister.

Unfortunately, this will be my last year leading Elgar as I am moving to BCS to take the Head of Sport position. As I reflect on my time at Bournemouth School most of my favourite memories are during the House competition and seeing the students maturing through the years and taking on leadership positions within the school. I would like to take the time to thank all of my prefects over the years for all their fantastic work.

*Mr Thomas, House Leader*

## Moore House

Another school year is drawing to an end and as always, it is time to take stock of the achievements of Moore House. This year I am looking back at it with a slightly different perspective, with a mixture of pride and wistfulness as it will have been my last year as Moore House Leader. I have very much enjoyed my time in this position and I will always remember it with pleasure.

It has been an exciting year and I am really proud of everything the students and prefects have achieved, in House competitions, in the charity week and in their everyday school life.

It was a year of a few firsts: the most important of them being that it was our first year as a full house but it was also the first year we had Year 11 prefects and the first time we had the chance to show everyone how much more Moore House is about and made of. The Moore House spirit has been growing and growing and students from all year groups have been working well together over the year to support each other and the house. We have achieved some amazing results in the House Competitions across the year groups and even when the results have sometimes not been as good as the teams might have hoped for, they have shown the team spirit, resilience and support for each other that I have come to love and to expect of the members of Moore House.

All prefect teams from Years 11, 12 and 13, have been incredibly enthusiastic and engaged and have worked together to make sure that all aspects of the house have been well supported. After the Year 13s handed over the reins, our current senior prefect team has hit the ground running and I am sure they will do an amazing job over the next year. I am happy to know that I leave the House in the capable hands of Connor and his team and I look forward to watching them succeed and taking Moore House further and further.

I would like to take the opportunity to wish you all a wonderful summer and I will literally and metaphorically hand you over to Connor now. Thank you for your support and dedication. All the best.

*Ms Fengler, House Leader*



It has been an exciting summer term within Moore House. Our students have seen lots of success across the board, something we will be sure to carry into next year! We do, however, have a few more exciting events before the end of the school year. We can all look forward to the house singing competition but, most importantly, Sports Day. Personally, I am really looking forward to seeing the whole house work together to support one another and try their best in every event - in proper Moore House spirit. As we build up to the day and finalise our preparations, I am sure Sports Day 2024 will be a fun day for us all.

This term also saw us assign roles to the 6th form prefects. I am looking forward to working with this team to support the whole house throughout the upcoming year. Our Year 10 prefect team have also settled in amazingly to their new roles. We are all always willing to lend a helping hand wherever needed and hope to get to know you all.

Finally, to celebrate some recent accomplishments within Moore House. Congratulations to Year 7 for winning their house cricket – this is a massive contribution to the overall house championship.

*Connor Hunter-Radermacher, House Captain*

## *Newton House*

Another school year is drawing to an end and as always, it is time to take stock of the achievements of Newton House. This year I am looking back a slightly different perspective, naturally with my usual enormous sense of pride but also with a large helping of sadness as this has turned out to be my final year as House Leader. It has been a massive honour to lead the house and to help all Newton's students grow and develop into fine young me.

It has been an exciting year with some amazing achievements by both students and prefects alike, culminating in the best Charity Week the school has ever seen – raising a phenomenal £6,790 for Julia's House. It is a testament to the strength of the house system within the school seeing two houses work together to achieve such a fantastic result. A special mention has to go to Christian Mitchell and his team of swimmers for their sterling efforts.

I am pleased to announce that my new role as Deputy Head of Year 11 will still allow me to have a role in nurturing prefects in the school but instead of for a house it will be for a year group. I am also looking forward to fostering the house competition within my year group.

I feel confident that the new senior prefect team will follow in the footsteps of this year's team and that the house will continue to thrive without me at the helm.

I would like to take this opportunity of thanking you all for your support over the last 7 years and of wishing you all a happy, peaceful and sunny summer.

I shall now hand over that helm to the senior prefect team led for 2024-25 by Isabella Render.

With very best wishes

*Miss Gosling, House Leader*

Newton house has had an amazing summer term so far! Our students have achieved above and beyond with success in multiple different areas, which we are determined to continue in the next school year. Despite this fantastic school year coming to an end, there are still many events to look forward to. Before we head into the summer holidays, we have both House Singing and also Sports day - an event Newton House always excel in! I look forward to seeing our house spirit and determination on the day and I'm sure all of our students will do their best in true Newton spirit.

This summer term has also seen our amazing 6th Form prefect team proving their commitment to our house through events such as the Year 7 Induction Day and the Year 12 Open day. I am looking forward to working alongside this team to support the whole house throughout the upcoming school year. Our Year 10 prefect team have also proven their dedication to Newton House, and are making amazing progress in their roles! All of the prefects in Newton are always willing to support and help our students wherever and whenever needed, and we look forward to getting to know you all!

Finally, I just want to say a huge well done to all of our students, especially when it comes to their success with achievement points, as Newton House have the most overall points out of all of the houses - something to be very proud of!

*Isabella Render, House Captain*

## Turner House

It has been a pleasure to lead Turner this year. The prefect team, led by Freddie, have been amazing at ensuring each year group has been prepared for each competition and working with Newton to create the most amazing Charity Week, raising more than £8000 for Julia's House! The whole school deserves credit for supporting this amazing cause.

Thank you to all the students who have taken part in a competition throughout the year which culminated in Sports and House Events Day. Whilst Scott were the winners, there were some very pleasing individual performances! The Year 7 team-building side won their event whilst we had the following winners of individual events; Ollie in the Year 7 Discus, Louis in the Year 8 Javelin, Dylan in the Year 10 Shot Put, Zak in the Year 10 Discus and Ben in the 6th Form 400m. Many other house events took place throughout the term, with the Year 7 and 8 teams winning house tennis, along with the Year 8 basketball team. Jayden Benstead-Brooks-Dravec was chosen to represent Dorset at the English Schools' Track and Field Championships, in Birmingham. This was a result of Jayden becoming Dorset County Champion in the long jump (5m and 85cm) and achieving the entry standard for the competition. A fine achievement for a very talented athlete.

At the beginning of the summer term, the year 12 prefect team took part in a Dragon's Den exercise. As a result, Veeresh Ramireddy was selected at Turner House Captain for next year. He is a great role model to the other students and will motivate them to perform even better than this year. I'm confident that he will be supported by the rest of the team and drive the house forward. I wish you all an enjoyable summer.

*Mr McCalister, House Leader*

# Safeguarding at Bournemouth School

## Mrs C Wood, Assistant Headteacher/DSL

Safeguarding the young people in our care is absolutely our number one priority in school. All staff in school receive regular training on the statutory guidance called 'Keeping Children Safe in Education' and this is updated annually in preparation for the new academic year.

The team is growing as we see the importance of more members of staff undergoing more comprehensive training. Please do contact us if you have any questions or queries:



### Bournemouth School Safeguarding Team



#### Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)



**Mrs Clare Wood**  
Assistant Headteacher

#### Deputy Safeguarding Leads



**Miss Suzanne Picot**  
Attendance &  
Safeguarding Officer



**Mrs Rebecca Issott**  
Assistant Headteacher



**Mrs Katie Ateaue**  
Deputy Headteacher



**Mr Luke Hedges**  
Acting DSL in event of  
DSL absence



**Mr David Robjohns**  
Head of Year 8



**Dr Dorian Lewis**  
Headteacher

DSL Contact Email: [dsl@bournemouth-school.org](mailto:dsl@bournemouth-school.org)

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**Mr William Pyke**  
School Governor (responsibility for Safeguarding)  
[wpyke@bournemouth-school.org](mailto:wpyke@bournemouth-school.org)

School holidays can be an anxious time for some families so please do use our website to navigate your way around some support agencies that you can turn to. If you need to report something during school holidays you can find contact details on these pages (Link to 'External Agencies'). Click on the QR code to take you straight to it or you can use [www.bournemouth-school.org](http://www.bournemouth-school.org) and follow the links through the 'Main Menu'.



*Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children is everyone's responsibility*



On Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July Dorset Police and STARS visited for the afternoon to work with our Year 8 students. STARS is a Dorset charity that supports anybody who has had sexual trauma in their life. They provide several different types of support including an Independent Sexual Violence Advisor Service, Counselling, a Children and Young People's Service and a Support Line. They work with organisations, including schools, colleges and universities, to provide education and targeted campaigns on a

range of issues, such as consent, sexual violence and abuse. Our students were superb! They engaged with all of the activities and asked some pertinent and important questions. It was a definite success. Thank you to Mr Robjohns for organising this. To find out more about the amazing work of this organisation you can go to [www.starsdorset.org/](http://www.starsdorset.org/)

Over the course of the term, we have had information from various agencies that we need to share with you. Both the RNLI and the Rail Network see a rise in the number of incidents at these times. They offer good advice and guidance on staying safe, especially as students will be on their school holidays. Living so close to the ocean, and with major rail routes to the West Country running through our area, you can find advice through videos and courses being offered <https://rnli.org/safety/swim-safe> and <https://www.networkrail.co.uk/communities/safety-in-the-community/safety-education/>. These sites may be particularly useful if you have younger children as well as teenagers.

A reminder that e-scooters are illegal on the roads, unless using one of the BCP scooters. The rental scooters can be ridden on roads in Bournemouth and Poole as well as on the expanding network of signed cycle lanes and cycle/shared-use facilities. E-scooters cannot be used on pavements or in pedestrian areas. <https://www.bcpCouncil.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/travel-and-transport/cycling/beryl-e-scooter-share>

Sadly, some students have told us that when they are out of school, they are having some of their very expensive 'gadgets' such as phones, ear-phones, smart watches and gaming devices, stolen. BCP Safeguarding Team have recommended that we share a website called Immobilise which is a FREE register of possession ownership details. It has been helping to reduce crime and reunite



recovered property with its rightful owners for over two decades. It can be used by members of the public and businesses to register their valued possessions or company assets. All registered items and ownership details are then viewable by police on the national property database the NMPR; this is a benefit unique to Immobilise users. It is used by UK police forces to trace owners of lost and stolen property. It also assists the police in investigating criminal activity involving stolen goods. Immobilise is the only ownership registration service supported by all UK police forces, the Greater London Authority, and the mobile phone industry. <https://www.immobilise.com/>

#### E-safety – Mrs N Fengler, E-Safety Champion

The long-awaited summer holidays are firmly in sight and apart from our keen anticipation of all the wonderful memories we are about to make, a feeling of dread can also creep in – dread of the constant fights about screen time and dread of the many unsupervised hours that some of our young people are going to spend online.

The long summer break can be a particularly difficult time for families to find the right balance between time spent online and offline. This is also sadly often the time when teenagers forget all the things they have learnt about staying safe online and they start making the wrong decisions. This generation uses the internet for nearly everything, from shopping, information searching, streaming music and television programmes to playing games, socialising and staying in contact with friends. So many opportunities to have fun but also sadly, so many risks.

The beginning of the holidays might be a good time to revisit the conversation about boundaries, usage rules and to check age-appropriate phone and app-restrictions. A lot of popular Apps also allow family pairing, which allows parents to manage screen time, apply restricted mode and manage who children are talking to and what's being shared (including images).

You can follow the links for just a few of them:

[HERE](#)



[HERE](#)



[HERE](#)



[HERE](#)



We have put together a few links to useful websites and resources to ensure that you can help your young person use the internet safely and positively, so that the memories of this summer holiday stay untarnished.



Please also remember to follow us on X (formerly known as Twitter) for e-safety updates on @BS\_Esafety

Have a lovely summer!

[Summer Holidays – Online Safety Resources for Parents |](#)



[Online Safety Tips for Summer - \(webwise.ie\)](#)

[Screen Time - UK Safer Internet Centre](#)



[UK Safer Internet Centre](#)



[Keep Children Safe Online: Information, Advice, Support - Internet Matters](#)

[Run. Hide. Tell.](#)

Advice by The National Counter Terrorism Security Office (NaCTSO) has been shared with schools and organisations. The guidance sets out three key steps for keeping safe in the event of a gun or knife attack. The advice is, if caught up in an incident to **RUN** to safety, **HIDE** if you can't, and **TELL** the police when you're safe – guidance which can be applied to many places and situations. [RHT A5 leaflet \(protectuk.police.uk\)](#)

[BCP Activities and events](#)

BCP have asked us to share this information with you. Follow **BCP Council Family Information** and **BCP Council Family Hubs** on Facebook

- **The Parks Foundation:** [Home - The Parks Foundation](#) also on Facebook. The individual cafes have their own Facebook pages where they publicise their own events or you can view them on the Parks Foundation website. Also **Kingfisher Barn Visitor Centre**.
- **BCP Family Hubs:** see timetables for individual Hubs as the offer varies. Activities and drop-ins for all ages including teens. [Family hub timetables \(bcpcouncil.gov.uk\)](#)
- **Up in BCP:** Summer activities. No cost - £10 [www.upinbcp.co.uk](#) [Summer Activities \(upinbcp.co.uk\)](#) Booking form is available on their website.



### BCP Libraries

- **Summer Reading Challenge:** [Summer Reading Challenge | BCP \(bcpcouncil.gov.uk\)](https://www.bcpCouncil.gov.uk/summer-reading-challenge)  
Presentation: [SRC School Assembly Presentation \(bcpcouncil.gov.uk\)](https://www.bcpCouncil.gov.uk/src-school-assembly-presentation)
- Information: [Summer Reading Challenge](https://www.bcpCouncil.gov.uk/summer-reading-challenge)
- **What's on in Libraries:** [Libraries Whats On \(bcpcouncil.gov.uk\)](https://www.bcpCouncil.gov.uk/libraries-whats-on)

Family events: [Family Events - Bournemouth](#)

BCP Family Information Directory: Holiday Activities: [Search Results \(bcpcouncil.gov.uk\)](#)

BCP Mumbler: [Summer Holiday - Bournemouth, Christchurch & Poole Mumbler](#) [Free Things To Do with Kids in Bournemouth, Christchurch & Poole this Summer - Bournemouth, Christchurch & Poole Mumbler](#)

## Mock Election

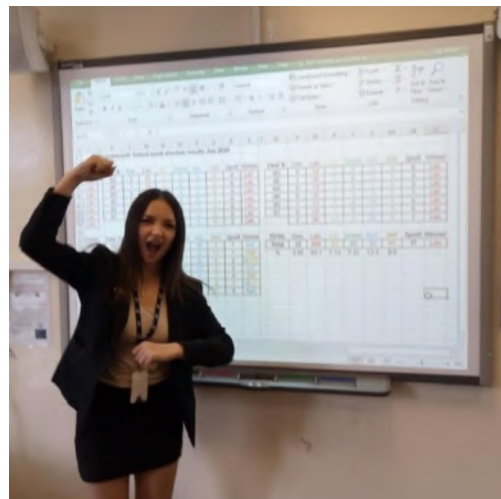
On 4<sup>th</sup> July, Bournemouth School students once again went to the polls to vote in our mock election, following weeks of campaigning from the Year 12 Politics students representing the different national political parties. This included candidates speaking in assemblies, heading into form groups and showing an artistic flair for accompanying posters and videos.

The final vote saw many parallels with national trends. Labour won a landslide victory, with strong support from years 7-10. Year 12 students, however, voted differently, with support more split between the parties and Reform UK coming out on top. Concerns have already been raised about the potential for a Sixth Form independence movement.

Our new Bournemouth School Member of Parliament, Isabella Render, has several pressing challenges. Firstly, holding together this fragmented community and persuading those who did not vote for her that she will represent their interests, and secondly delivering on an unashamedly populist manifesto which included a number of national Labour policies but also made some bold promises to members of the school community. We wish her well.

Thank you to the Year 12 candidates for working above and beyond the call of duty and stepping out of their comfort zone to speak in assemblies and embrace their party's identity. Thank you also to staff: tutors were extremely efficient in sorting out the voting and passing on information to their groups, and there was a lot of admin support in the background, organising assemblies and helping ensure smooth printing of the ballot papers. It was a joy to hear students around the school talking about the school and national elections, and should help prepare a generation of engaged and aware voters.

Our new Bournemouth School MP carries out a muted celebration in front of the results:



## Library News – Summer Edition

**“No matter who you are, no matter where you live, and no matter how many people are chasing you, what you don’t read is often as important as what you do read.”**

– Lemony Snicket

Our students and staff’s continued enthusiasm and support for the library has been wonderful, and we have been kept busy issuing a staggering **16,659** books during the academic year.

Students continue to demonstrate their zest for reading, entering the numerous House reading competitions with gusto:

- **97 novels** and **205 short stories** were read as part of the **Y9 Dystopian Literature** house competition, which saw **Moore House** named champions.
- The inaugural **Bournemouth School Great Book Bake Off** for **World Book Day** was nothing short of phenomenal. Our lower school winners were **Noah (7N)** for his *Biggles*-inspired sponge cake with Biggles himself flying the bi-plane, and **Stas (7T)** for his *Hobbit House* bake, containing over 15 incredible smelling ingredients. **Sam (9E)** won first prize for the upper school with his incredibly realistic rendition of the *Monster Book of Monsters*. Our final winner was **Miss Elliott (Maths & Newton House)** for her alarming Spectator from the Dungeons and Dragons Monster Manual.
- All Year 7 and 8 students took part in the **Million Minutes Reading Challenge**, logging an astounding total of **214,108 reading minutes** during March. Congratulations to **Moore House** who took the top spot and the house points after reading an impressive **48,346** minutes and to **Ethan 7S**, who was crowned Champion Reader for logging the most individual minutes of the competition.
- With over 115 entries in this year’s **Dungeon’s and Dragons Creative Competition**, it took judges a little longer to look through all the monsters, models and storylines that were produced, especially as the levels of creativity and imagination were stunning. Our outside adjudicator was particularly impressed with the winners, noting that all of the entries would fit seamlessly into any D&D game. **Toby 10D** took the accolade of House Champion with an expansive story hook that starts in the market town of Thaernward before journeying across the vast, and original, continent of Estrykum. Year Winners include: **Felix 7E, Kyle 8D, Oli 9D, and Jack 10E**; with a special mention to **Sam 8M** who created a very impressive great axe with a 3D printer.

The library continues to host a number of lunchtime and after school clubs for all year groups:

- **Warhammer Club** have met on a Wednesday lunchtime in the library. The group have painted and battled with over 40 figures as part of the Age of Sigmar and 40K campaigns. and are coordinating an entry for the Armies on Parade global competition.
- **Dungeons & Dragons** adventurers gather after school, with student dungeon masters running numerous successful quests for over 50 students this year.

- Our year 7 and 8 lunchtime **Book Club** have enjoyed and read together: *Orphans of the Tide* by Struan Murray, *Electric Life* by Rachel Delahaye and are currently reading *On Silver Tides* by Sylvia Bishop. It has been lovely listening to their opinions on the books, their predictions on what is going to happen next and their disappointment at one of the endings was felt by us too.
- After a considerable amount of time and hard work four students submitted performances to the **Poetry By Heart** initiative. **Josh (7N)**, **Petya (7E)** and **Fabrice (7E)** undertook the challenge of crafting a freestyle performance of *The Hag* by Robert Herrick, which was heavily inspired by The Three Witches in Macbeth. **Krishang (9M)** entered the classic: 2-poem competition, and chose to recite the sonnet *Ozymandias* by Percy Bysshe Shelley, and *Remains* by Simon Armitage.
- Our **Carnegie Shadowing Group** has had many lively debates on the 8 books shortlisted. They were delighted when the group's favourite book *Crossing The Line* by Tina Fisher won the Shadower's Choice Award and conceded that the winning book *The Boy Lost in the Maze* by Joseph Coelho was justly deserved.

As we write this we are eagerly awaiting the launch of Accessit; a new library management system which promises to revolutionise how members of our school community access resources both in and out of school.

"The tie between libraries and academic success is well documented. It's been proven that reading for pleasure is the single most important indicator of a child's future success. Accessit helps to engage students in the school library catalogue, supporting them in their reading and discovery."

"Accessit Library is designed to be as intuitive and engaging as possible. Students can reserve and renew items, read and write book reviews, view citations, and much more. They can create, save and share lists, encouraging book recommendations and keeping book dialogue alive in the classroom and at home. Each borrower also has their own unique dashboard, where they can view and manage their loans, reservations and overdues, and add their own interests."

(Accessit, 2024)

**Thank you to all students, staff and parents for another splendid year; next year promises to keep us busier than ever and we cannot wait to get started but first here's to splendid summer breaks for all spent in ways that make us happy.**

Mrs Morgan and Mrs Brown



## PRE department from September

From September the RS department will be known as the PRE department standing for Philosophy, Religion and Ethics. Students studying the A' level course do equal amounts of those three components. GCSE students do a GCSE in RS but 50% of the GCSE is a Morals and Ethics section. Nationally the teaching of RS has changed over the years as we cover secular views, worldviews as well as religious ones.

Students at Bournemouth School are consistently showing themselves to be deep thinkers, analytical, using critical thinking as well as answering big life questions from many different perspectives. We wanted to reflect this in the name of the department. We also have some exciting opportunities coming up linked to this name change including celebrating World Philosophy Day and participating in the NATRE Spirited Arts competition alongside the Art department. We will also be starting our journey into the world of Philosophers and hope to be able to compete alongside other schools in the area.

We want to encourage and further develop a love of wisdom and deep thinking, an interest in the local community but also the world around them; faith, culture, belief and tradition; as well as those without a religious belief. We also want students to look at the decisions that people make and consider the morality of these and the impact it can have. It is an absolute privilege that students feel they can share their beliefs on a variety of different topics and we want that to continue next year. From September we want everyone to 'Join the wonder'.

*Miss Hamalienko, Head of PRE*

## Science Club

The summer term has seen no let-up in Year 7's enthusiasm for hands-on practical activities. The wow factor was never far away in the laboratory, as boys demonstrated Bernoulli's Principle with floating ping pong balls, Charles Law by microwaving Ivory soap, or by blowing square bubbles using straws and pipe cleaners. Outside in the playground, boys found that Diet Cola and Mentos produced taller streams of flying soda, than did "normal" Cola. As ever, mobile phones were on hand to capture the all-important – explosive - moments! In a calmer environment, boys relished the opportunity to dissect owl pellets, kindly donated by Liberty's Raptor Centre. In so doing, boys carefully revealed and identified a range of small vertebrate bones, which were then used to construct informative posters. Congratulations to everyone in Year 7 who brought so much enthusiasm and interest to Science Club every Tuesday lunchtime not just this term, but throughout the academic year. Lastly, thanks to Isaac Manning, Patrick Underwood and Elliot Loveless in Year 12 for being on hand to assist with many of the activities.

*Dr Vine*



✓Hard Work

✓Discipline

✓Smart Appearance

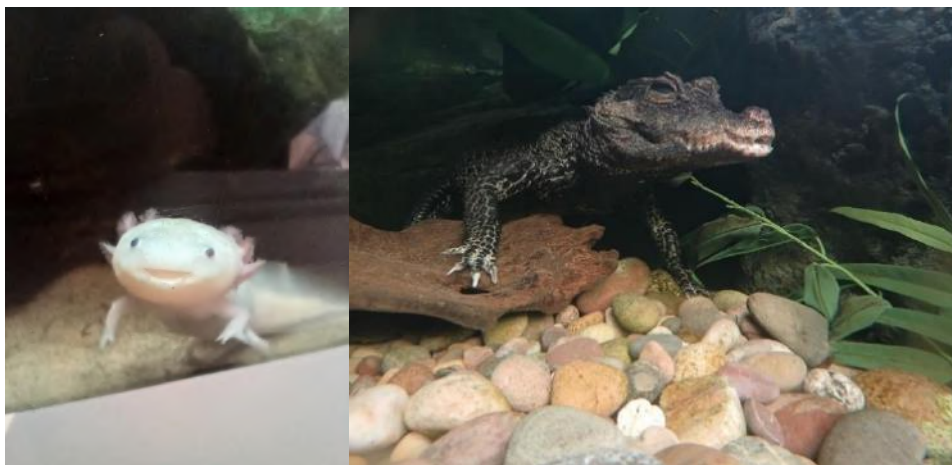
✓Respect



## *The Oceanarium*

A few weeks ago, the class of Year 10 Graphics took a trip to the Oceanarium in Bournemouth, as part of the research stage of our Oceanarium-Themed design briefs. Here, we looked around and collected research on the existing merchandise/branding, the marine life, and the general 'feel' of the place. All in all, I think everyone had a very good time looking at the creatures, taking photos and getting familiar with this very interesting Bournemouth landmark that is playing such a big part in this part of our Graphics journey. All the research that we collected has been integrated into our designs, and it is certainly due to this unique trip that we are able to complete our briefs to the fullest capacity – and for that, I would love to take this opportunity to thank, on behalf of Year 10 Graphics, all the staff who made this possible, especially Mrs McDonnell and Ms Brown. This was a great opportunity for all of us and has made our GCSE work all the more enjoyable.

*by Elliott Walton*





# Sport

## Year 7 Football

The Year 7 football season has proven to be a very successful one, with them remaining unbeaten all season!

### Town Cup

In the Town Cup, the team won all four of their league matches. Results are shown below:

Beat Oak Academy 5-3  
 Beat Glenmoor & Winton 2-0  
 Beat TBOWA 4-1  
 Beat Avonbourne 4-2



This meant that they qualified as winners of the West side of the tournament, setting up a semi-final against the runners-up of the East side, St Peters. BS won this match 5-1, which set up a final against Avonbourne, who beat Highcliffe School 4-2 in their semi-final.

***“We played Avonbourne in the final of the Town Cup. In the first half it was end to end action and at half-time the score was 1-1. After half time, the BS boys came out blazing and determined to win. We worked well as a team and played some amazing football with the end result being a 5-2 victory to us. The goal scorers were Eddie Hepplewhite (2), Oskar Szul, Chris Antwi and Reuben Holleran. Toby Atley pulled off some cracking saves in goal”.***

*Oliver Lloyd 7M*

### County Cup



In the County Cup the team made it to the final against Highcliffe with the following results:

Rd1 Beat - The Grange 8-1  
 Rd2 Beat Poole - Grammar 1-0  
 Quarter Finals - Beat Budmouth 5-0  
 Semi-finals - Beat Ringwood 1-0

Having won through to the final, BS played Highcliffe at the County Ground, Hamworthy, on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May.

***“We played Highcliffe School in the final of the County Cup. It was a great team performance with lots of skill and teamwork shown. We dominated from the off, with the final score being a 7-1 victory. The goal scorers were; Olly Lloyd (2), Frank Chapman (2), Reuben Holleran, Oskar Szul and Hugo May”.***

*Oliver Lloyd 7M*

## Year 8 Football

This term has seen the Year 8 football team play in the County Cup and Town Cup. In the quarter final of the County Cup, we took the long journey out to Gillingham. Despite the boys taking a 1-0 lead in the first half, we failed to capitalise on opportunities and Gillingham scored a late equaliser. It remained 1-1 following extra time and so penalties would decide the winner. Unfortunately, despite a great save from Jacob, we lost. The boys were really disappointed given how well they had played throughout. Unfortunately, it wasn't meant to be on the day.

In the Town Cup, victories against Oak, Avonbourne and a narrow 1-0 victory over Bishop, have been big confidence boosters throughout the term, with the team playing some quality football. I have been able to give other boys the chance to play and it has been great to see how much the boys support each other. The biggest result so far was a 1-1 draw against Winton. A fine goal from Barney and some top-class marking in midfield from Finn meant that we took a valuable point. We are waiting to see whether we finish first or second in the group, but we do have a healthy goal difference. The boys will play either Twynham or Highcliffe in the semi-final.

Well done to all the boys who have taken part in matches and turned up to training each week. It has been a great term of football, despite the weather!

*Mr McCalister*

### **Year 9 Rugby**

Year 9 rugby this term has been very enjoyable. A series of 7s contests has enabled the boys to work on their handling skills, whilst consciously trying to keep the ball away from the congested areas of the pitch. At the Dorset 7s, we topped our group following victories over Poole High, Gillingham and Avonbourne. We then played Lytchett and unfortunately lost 3 – 2 with the last play of the match. The following week, we welcomed Bryanston over for a training match with lots of coaching and different elements of play. It was another brilliant learning experience for the boys and was great to play competitively on a full pitch, rather than across. Lastly, the Embley 7s tournament which saw us come up against several private schools. After being defeated by Salesian, Portsmouth Grammar and Warminster; the boys put up a spirited display against Ryde and managed to score two tries. The final match was against Ballard where the boys saved their best display for the last match of the day and won 2 – 0. Well done to the boys for training each week and actively trying to improve their skills.



*Mr McCalister*

### **Year 7 Cricket**

What a season it has been for the Year 7 cricket team. Despite a rather damp start to the season with much of April and May being washed out. It was clear from very early on that we had a very talented cricket team this year after a very convincing win against Embley School. We had a little slip up against Poole Grammar despite captain Nrupadh Mahesh scoring a brilliant half century. Despite losing this game we remained confident that if we improved our fielding we would be a difficult team to beat.



We followed that up with impressive wins against Winton and Ballard School, before beating St Michaels Middle school in the county cup semi-final. This set up a final against Poole Grammar and a rematch! I was so impressed with how the team fielded and bowled in particular. An impressive catch over the shoulder from Ollie Lloyd and 2 run outs restricted Poole Grammar to 64. We knocked the score off in a little over 13 overs to win the county cup. As a result next season they will start the year playing against the winner of the Hampshire County Cup with an opportunity to reach the Regional finals day.

Sadly, I will be leaving the school at the end of the year but I can safely say this is the most talented cricket team I have led at Bournemouth School in my 8 years here. They have been a joy to coach and I look forward to hearing about how the team have progressed over the coming years.

## Year 8 Cricket

A rotten start to the term with it seemingly raining all the time meant that when we finally started playing, the conditions were not conducive to high class cricket. However, with the ground staff working miracles, we managed to play our first game against Ballard, who brought over a strong team of Year 8 and the best of Year 7. After a tight bowling performance, we chased down the runs, with Alex Leach batting superbly and being the only player on the day who could really time a ball. One match, one win. Next was Glenmoor and Winton on a better pitch after a period of dry weather. This we won quite comfortably, with Jude Lee scoring the runs and making batting look easy. Then came Oak, where we played a game of softball cricket and won that. It was nice for some other boys to get a bat and bowl and show off their talent.

Poole Grammar School in the County Cup is always a good fixture and always tough. We restricted the opposition to a reasonable score due to some good bowling and also Ethan Patrick claiming a fantastic hat-trick! It was then that Jude Lee took control and knocked off the runs convincingly, scoring 69 not out. On to Avonborne in the next round of the cup., who boasted a couple of very good county players. Alex chipped in with four wickets before Jude scored an unbeaten 48 to see the team home.

The momentum was building, based on excellent fielding and valuable contributions from every player.

The next match was a friendly against Ballard again, who were out for revenge from our first meeting. After bowling first and allowing Ballard to score a healthy total, we stuttered in reply after Ethan Patrick was out for 23. However, wonderful undefeated knocks from Felix Burton and Reuben Salvatierra saw us home in plenty of time.

The next game was what proved to be our last. A County Cup semi-final against St Michael's saw us come up against a very talented side that simply blew us away when they batted. Facing a huge run chase, we ended up 80 runs short and it was a case of the better team won. However, we were certainly not disgraced and we fought until the last ball.

It has been a tremendous season and the side has been ably led by Jude, who in every game, made sure that the whole team was involved and either batted or bowled. Well done to all, it's been great fun!

## Year 9 Cricket

### Game 1

Embley: Friendly. They batted first and got around 130. We batted well but couldn't make the runs. It was a good start to the season which set us up for the county cup matches

### Game 2

Bryanston: Friendly. Game abandoned due to rain. We played a t10. Great bowling performance They batted first and we got them all out for 49. We were 4 overs in for 24 when the rain began again. It was an enjoyable match and the boys played some quick cricket in the rain with the Bryanston boys

### Game 3

Poole Grammar: Cup game – semi-finals. We bowled first. They got 135. We unfortunately couldn't get the total. It was a good all round bowling performance but a shame with the bat.

### Game 4

Ballard: Friendly. 16 over match. We bowled first. We bowled them out for 103. Good all-round performance. We managed to get the total with 1 ball to spare. A very enjoyable close game.

### Game 5

Poole Grammar: Friendly. We batted first and got over 100. We batted well as a team. Ben Dziduch hit his first boundary for school and Harry Dendle managed to hit 3 boundaries on his debut for school. It was a close game which went to the last over with 2 needed to win and Poole managed to get it.

*by Arjun Reshamwala*



## Year 10 Cricket

The Year 10 cricket season was marked by challenging weather conditions, leading to a significantly shortened season with only three fixtures. Despite the limited opportunities, the team showcased their skills and determination in the matches that did take place.

### Fixture 1: Bournemouth School vs Ballard School

**Result:** Bournemouth School won by 6 wickets

The season opener against Ballard School was a thrilling encounter. Ballard batted first and set a target of 108 runs. Bournemouth School's bowlers put in a solid performance, restricting Ballard to a chaseable total. The highlight of the match was Oli Thorne's outstanding batting. His performance led the team to victory with 2 overs to spare, securing a win by 6 wickets.

Oli Thorne (Man of the Match)

### Fixture 2: County Cup Second Round against Bryanston School

**Result:** Lost in bowl out due to cancellation

The second match was the second round of the County Cup against Bryanston School. The team had advanced to this round with a walkover victory against BCS in the first round. Unfortunately, inclement weather led to the cancellation of the match. A bowl out was conducted to decide the winner, in which Bournemouth School narrowly lost. Despite the unfortunate outcome, the team remained positive and focused on their next challenge.

### Fixture 3: Bournemouth School vs Poole Grammar School

**Result:** Bournemouth School won in the 13th over

The final game of the season saw Bournemouth School take on Poole Grammar School. Poole Grammar batted first and posted a total of 78 runs in their 20 overs. Bournemouth School's chase was tense, and they reached the target with no wickets remaining by the 13th over. Benjy Walshe delivered an exceptional bowling performance, taking 3 wickets, while Oli Thorne contributed crucial runs, hitting impressive 6s and 4s. Zak Sellwood also earned recognition for his contribution, taking two key wickets and setting the stage for the team's successful chase.

Benjy Walshe & Oli Thorne (Joint Man of the Match)

## Team Members

The success of the season is a testament to the collective efforts of all its members:

- Morgan Kennedy-Wareham
- Alex Tekeli
- Henry Render
- Oli Thorne
- Alfie Oxford
- Jacob Green
- Benjy Walshe
- Zak Sellwood
- Kahlan Butler
- Joel Muzura
- Nathan Gene

Despite the challenges posed by the weather, the Year 10 cricket team demonstrated resilience and skill throughout their shortened season. The season, though brief, provided valuable experience and set a positive tone for future competitions. Congratulations to all the players for their hard work and dedication this season!

## Tennis

The Year 9 and 10 tennis team have played 4 matches this season as part of the *LTA Youth Schools tennis tournament*. The team of Zayn Bellazarak, Kahlan Butler, James Price, Tom Shelton and Harvey Lynch, played some excellent tennis against very able opponents, however, they unfortunately lost all 4 matches. That said, 2 of these required a tie-break shootout to determine the winner. Results are below:

The Thomas Hardy School – Lost 4-2

Bournemouth Collegiate School – Lost 4-3 (losing the tie break shootout 10-8)

Poole Grammar – Lost 4-2

Sherborne School – Lost 4-3 (losing the tie break shootout 10-7)

Well done to all those that participated!

## Table Tennis

At the beginning of February, the U13 and U19 table tennis teams headed down to Eggbuckland Community College for the Regional Table Tennis Final, having qualified by winning the first round in December at The Grange School.

The U13 team of Henry Hong (7E), Zach Lawrence (8S), Jude Lee (8S) and Felix Burton (8T) came up against three strong teams in Torquay Grammar, Millfield School and Marling School. The boys started slowly in their first match against Torquay Grammar, but they soon warmed up and there were wins for Jude, Zach and Felix in a narrow 5-3 defeat. The second match against Millfield was always likely to be a tough test, and so it proved, as Millfield ran out comprehensive 8-0 winners. The final match against Marling School was a tight affair, but the opposition managed to win the key moments and won 6-2. Well done to Jude and Felix who both picked up a second win.

The U19 team only had one other team in their group, Lipson Co-operative Academy. Robbie Phipps, David Blair, Shayan Bidad and Alex Mulliner are regulars at this competition and knew they would have to perform at their best to win. Robbie, David and Shayan all won 1 of their 2 matches and it all came down to the final match between Alex and the other number 4 seed. It was a close contest, but Lipson managed to get over the line.

Well done to all the students involved. It is an excellent achievement to make it through to the Regional Final and the boys are always an immense credit to the School.

*Mr Hedges*





## Cross Country

In the Autumn newsletter, you were left on a bit of a cliff-hanger. Both the Junior and Intermediate teams had qualified for the national final of the Cross Country Cup, held at Woodbridge School in Suffolk. Mr McCalister and Mr Hedges took the boys around the M25 and following an overnight stay at the Colchester Premier Inn, were greeted with freezing conditions. The boys were well prepared, have trained consistently for a number of weeks. The junior boys performed magnificently, finishing in 5th position overall. Not only did the team do well, with Reuben (70), Felix (81), Leo (128) and Sebastian (147) making their debut at a national final. Barney and Riley were looking to improve their positions from the final last year (positions 19 and 36). Both had a great start and were in the leading pack following the first downhill. Riley ran an incredibly brave race, after going out so fast from the gun. 15th position was a great effort. At the top of the first climb, Barney took the race lead and that is where he remained for the duration, opening up a gap of 30 metres on the chasing park. To win a national title is an incredible achievement.

The Intermediate team had also been training well, and went into the race with great hope. Sam (54), Oli (75) and Walter (77) were at the Cup Final for the first time, whilst Henry (93), Finn (102) and Josh (138) were stepping up from the junior team that finished 7th in the country, the previous year. Again, the standard was incredibly high and although the boys fought to the end, they were disappointed with their finishing position of 20th. We have now had all three teams competing in the national final over the last three years, proving the commitment and attitude of the boys.



Following the Christmas break, the next competition was the County Championships. Again, we had high hopes of doing well for all age groups. The Year 7 boys team ran really well, given their lack of competition due to so many races before Christmas being called off. Reuben (6), Leo (7), Seb (30), Petya (38), Lucas (47) and Leo (49) meant that the team finished in 1st place.

The junior boys had high hopes of success and we sent two teams as so many boys have regularly taken part in training and shown a willingness to represent the school. It was a Bournemouth School train at the front of the race – with 8 boys in the top 13 places! Barney (2), Riley (3), Finn (4), Ben (6), Josh (9), Oliver (11), Jamie (12) and Henry (13). Following them in were Jacob (19), Felix (27) and Alec (40). This resulted in the Bournemouth School teams finishing in first and second place! This is actually the 3rd year in succession we have won this event, another great achievement. The Inter Boys were also in action, with both Oli (6) and Sam (9) putting in a great display against year 11s. Walter (19) and Jake (22) were also stepping up to race year 11s and did extremely well. Other boys who raced were Seb (27), Joe (47) and Charlie (57). The solo senior boy was Seb who finished in a fine 4th in a great battle throughout the race. In a Bournemouth School first, Elena (8) qualified to represent Dorset in the South-West and subsequent English School's Championships.

Following the County Championships, a large number of students were selected for the South-West Championships at RNAS Merryfield in Somerset. It was a tough, boggy course. The Year 7s Reuben (28) and Leo (35) were representing Dorset for the first time and I'm sure they will have more opportunities to pull on the green vest in future years. The junior boys team included Finn (9), Barney (19), Josh (21), Ben (36), Riley (46) and Oliver (57). To have 6 boys in the team of 10 is a great effort. The Intermediate team included Oliver (24) and Sam (48), who both ran really well against the Year 11s. In the Senior races, Seb finished in 29th and Elena in 33rd.

From that event, squads of eight were selected for the English School's Championships, held at Pontefract Racecourse. In huge fields of almost 300 runners, it was a battle from start to finish. Pictured below are the students who represented Bournemouth School on the day.

## Track and Field

Expectation for the track and field season was high, following the excellent results of last year. We started with the Bournemouth Schools' County trials at Kings Park on 2<sup>nd</sup> May. This gave the boys the chance to practise before the Track and Field Cup and gave the Year 7s the chance to experience competitive athletics for the first time. Results are below:

Name	Event	Result/position
<b>MINOR BOYS</b>		
Josh Matthews	100m Long Jump	14.1 – 4 <sup>th</sup> 4.18 – 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Chris Antwi	100m Long Jump	14.6 – 6 <sup>th</sup> 3.59 – 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Ethan McDade	100m Long Jump	14.5 – 5 <sup>th</sup> 4.21 – 1 <sup>st</sup>
Oliver Lloyd	200m Shot Putt	29.8 – 2 <sup>nd</sup> 7.90 – 1 <sup>st</sup>
Frank Chapman	200m	30.0 – 4 <sup>th</sup>
Seb Wallis	800m	2.39 – 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Leo Smith	1500m	5.30 – 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Reuben Holleran	1500m	5.12 – 2 <sup>nd</sup>
<b>JUNIOR BOYS</b>		
Oliver Axtell	100m Discus	12.6 – 6 <sup>th</sup> 21.39 – 4 <sup>th</sup>
Marcus Pickering	200m Shot Putt Long Jump	26.8 – 6 <sup>th</sup> 9.19 – 4 <sup>th</sup> 4.69 – 5 <sup>th</sup>
Andrew Szewczyk	200m Long Jump	24.9 – 2 <sup>nd</sup> 4.75 – 4 <sup>th</sup>
Pawel Betlej	300m Triple Jump	44.0 – 4 <sup>th</sup> 8.55 – 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Barney Smith	800m Triple Jump	2.17 – 3 <sup>rd</sup> 8.59 – 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Riley Austin	1500m	4.53 – 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Josh Duebel	Shot Putt	8.18 – 10 <sup>th</sup>
Reuben Salvatierra	Javelin	20.47 – 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Will Bose	100m High Jump	12.2 – 3 <sup>rd</sup> 1.45 – 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Yu-Le Chai	100m Triple Jump	12.6 – 6 <sup>th</sup> 10.94 – 1 <sup>st</sup>
Stanley Davies	200m Long Jump	26.1 – 4 <sup>th</sup> 5.02 – 1 <sup>st</sup>
Dylan Gallagher	800m	2.25 – 5 <sup>th</sup>

	Discus	16.73 – 5 <sup>th</sup>
Jayden Benstead-Brooks-Dravec	300m Long Jump	40.3 – 1 <sup>st</sup> 4.94 – 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Rafael Della Maggiora	300m Discus	42.2 – 3 <sup>rd</sup> 23.84 – 1 <sup>st</sup>
James Adams	Shot Putt	9.17 – 5 <sup>th</sup>
Harry Dendle	Javelin	27.03 – 1 <sup>st</sup>
Finn O'Mahoney	800m Discus	2.16 – 1 <sup>st</sup> 21.61 – 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Ben Shawyer	800m	2.29 – 6 <sup>th</sup>
Henry Forsyth	1500m	5.00 – 3 <sup>rd</sup>
<b>INTER BOYS</b>		
Oli Canavan	1500m Triple Jump	4.27 – 1 <sup>st</sup> 11.70 – 1 <sup>st</sup>
Morgan Kennedy-Wareham	100m Javelin	12.9 – 7 <sup>th</sup> 38.17 – 1 <sup>st</sup>
Tom Reid	200m Long Jump	26.6 – 6 <sup>th</sup> 5.18 – 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Anton Shmetkov	200m Long Jump	27.3 – 7 <sup>th</sup> 5.24 – 1 <sup>st</sup>
Leo Twitchen	400m High Jump	59.9 – 2 <sup>nd</sup> 1.45 – 1 <sup>st</sup>
Alfie Littler	Long Jump	4.87 – 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Zak Sellwood	Discus	24.97 – 1 <sup>st</sup>
Xavier Barter	Discus	24.61 – 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Miron Wozniak	Shot Putt	9.10 – 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Kahlan Buttler	Javelin	31.02 – 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Sam Shawyer	1500m Javelin	4.46 – 3 <sup>rd</sup> 24.83 – 4 <sup>th</sup>
Jake Selwood	800m	2.24 – 3 <sup>rd</sup>

The 8<sup>th</sup> May saw the Inter Boys 1<sup>st</sup> round of the Track and Field Cup. Here, 14 boys were chosen to take part in a combination of either 1 track and 1 field event, 1 field and relay or 1 track and relay (25 events in total). Due to the quality of the squad, there were difficult decisions and some very good athletes missed out on selection. In this competition, times, heights and distances are turned into points. Therefore, positions in individual events don't matter. Below is a screen shot of the team's score on the day. As you can see, they finished in 2<sup>nd</sup> place behind Poole Grammar who amassed a very good first round score of 478 points.

**2 : 437pts : Bournemouth School, Dorset**

Event	Name	Perf	Wind	Points	Name	Perf	Wind	Points
Hurdles	Will Bose	14.3		13pts	Oli Thorne	13.4		17pts
100m	Yu-Le Chai	12.4		19pts	Morgan Kennedy-Wareham	12.5		18pts
200m	James Davie	24.9		21pts	Tom Reid	25.4		19pts
300m	Jayden Benstead-Brooks-D	39.4		23pts	Leo Twitchen	41.7		17pts
800m	Finn O'Mahoney	2:13.0		23pts	Jake Selwood	2:21.0		19pts
1500m	Oli Canavan	4:28.0		24pts	Sam Shawyer	4:43.0		21pts
Long_Jump	Yu-Le Chai	4.53		10pts	Tom Reid	5.19		16pts
High_Jump	Will Bose	1.47		15pts	Leo Twitchen	1.53		17pts
Triple_Jump	Oli Canavan	11.00		17pts	James Davie	11.70		20pts
Pole_Vault								
Shot								
Discus	Xavier Barter	29.07		20pts	Finn O'Mahoney	20.03		11pts
Javelin	Morgan Kennedy-Wareham	39.65		20pts	Sam Shawyer	28.10		12pts
Hammer	Zak Sellwood	25.42		15pts	Oli Thorne	22.90		12pts
Relay	Jayden Benstead-Brooks-Dravec , Zak Sellwood , Jake Selwood , Xavier Barter			51.9				18pts

It was the Junior Boys turn on the 16<sup>th</sup> May. Due to the poor weather at the start of the season, practice had been limited and therefore we were less confident in our combinations and scoring predictions. As it turned out, the boys performed very well with a solid first round effort. Again, the results are below. In a repeat of the Inter Boys, we finished a very close 2nd to Poole Grammar who had 414 points.

**2 : 406pts : Bournemouth School, Dorset**

Event	Name	Perf	Wind	Points	Name	Perf	Wind	Points
Hurdles	Tydan Farley	14.0		19pts	Ethan McDade	16.9		6pts
100m	Ollie Axtell	12.8		22pts	Billy Lewis	14.1		11pts
200m	Andrew Szewczyk	24.9		26pts	Marcus Pickering	26.7		20pts
300m	Pawel Betlej	44.7		16pts	Mikey Bean	43.0		19pts
800m	Barney Smith	2:18.9		23pts	Alec Suscens	2:32.0		19pts
1500m	Felix Hall	5:13.2		18pts	Riley Austin	4:50.8		24pts
Long_Jump	Tydan Farley	3.94		11pts	Andrew Szewczyk	4.73		19pts
High_Jump	Alec Suscens	1.29		13pts	Ethan McDade	1.32		14pts
Triple_Jump	Pawel Betlej	8.04		8pts	Barney Smith	8.64		12pts
<b>Pole_Vault</b>								
Shot	Josh Duebel	8.29		13pts	Marcus Pickering	11.11		23pts
Discus	Ollie Axtell	22.45		16pts	Billy Lewis	19.50		14pts
Javelin	Reuben Salvatierra	22.91		15pts	Riley Austin	18.91		11pts
Hammer								
Relay	Josh Duebel , Reuben Salvatierra , Felix Hall , Mikey Bean					59.1		14pts

The following week, it was confirmed that both teams had once again qualified for the South West Regional A final at Millfield on 12<sup>th</sup> June. A great achievement to be one of the top 8 teams in the South West that includes Avon, Berkshire, Cornwall, Devon, Hampshire, Somerset and Wiltshire. We had 3 weeks to practice, alter combinations and aim for a higher score.

Following the trials, the County Championships took place on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June. Bournemouth School had a great number of athletes there and they performed very well, gaining 6 Gold, 6 Silver and 3 bronze medals. A special mention must go to Jayden who achieved the entry standard for the English School's National Championships in the junior boys' long jump. Along with this, Seb had already achieved the entry standard in the senior boys' 800m but put in a great run to finish with a Dorset Championships best performance. The previous record had been held since 1998! Results are below.

Name	Event	Result
<b>MINOR BOYS</b>		
Dylan Jones	Hurdles	17.2 – 5th
Seb Wallis	800m	2.47 – 7th
Reuben Holleran	1500m	5.08 – 4th
Andrew Szewczyk	100m Long Jump	Final: 12.1 – 4th 4.67 – 6th
Barney Smith	800m	Final: 2.13 – 2nd
Riley Austin	1500m	Final: 5.23 – 10th
Ollie Axtell	Discus	19.13 – 5th
Mikey Bean	300m	Final: 42.3 – 7th
Reuben Salvatierra	Javelin	24.32 – 6th
Will Bose	100m High Jump	Heat: 12.5 – 5th 1.47 – 6th
Finn O'Mahoney	800m	Final: 2.12 – 1st
Stan Davies	200m Long Jump	Heat: 26.3 – 5th 5.43 – 2nd
Jayden Benstead-Brooks-Dravec	300m Long Jump	Final – 38.9 – 3rd 5.85 – 1st (ES)
Rafael Della Maggiora	300m Discus	Final: 41.2 – 5th 21.52 – 4th



Yu-Le Chai	Triple Jump	11.49 – 1st
James Adams	Shot	9.47 – 5th
Harry Dendle	Javelin	27.33 – 5th
<b>INTER BOYS</b>		
Arlo Lewis	Hurdles	Final: 15.1 – 1st
Sam Sawyer	1500m	Final: 4.38 – 8th
Oli Canavan	1500m Triple Jump	Final: 4.13 – 3rd 11.37 – 4th
Leo Twitchen	High Jump	1.55 – 5th
Morgan Kennedy-Wareham	Javelin	37.08 – 3rd
Kahlan Butler	Javelin	36.11 – 4th
Miron Wozniak	Shot	8.99 – 9th
Zak Sellwood	Discus	23.80 – 7th
Xavi Barter	Discus	25.65 – 5th
Ewan Brown	800m	Final: 2.04 – 1st
Harvey Palfreman-Kay	400m	Final: 54.9 – 2nd
<b>SENIOR BOYS</b>		
Oliver Hill	3000m	Final: 10.09 – 2nd
Dante Thompson	Long Jump Triple Jump	5.31 – 4th 11.54 – 2nd
George Ingram	Shot Discus	11.28 – 1st 34.18 – 2nd
Seb Crowe	800m	Final: 1.55.4 – 1st (CBP)

The following week was very busy – the Track and Field Cup regional A final on 12<sup>th</sup> June followed by the South West School's Championships on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June. There were some untimely injuries that affected the junior boys' team and caused some major changes. However, the team spirit remained strong and a huge thank you for the boys who stepped in at the last minute to help the team. On the day, the junior boys did everything they could. Increasing their team score by 18 points was a great effort and also to come away with a 3rd place finish in the region is a great achievement in itself. Bishop Wordsworth School were too strong and finished with 449 points, with Robert May's School in 2nd place with just one more point than us on 425. Individual scores are below.

### 3 : 424pts : Bournemouth School, Dorset

Event	Name	Perf	Wind	Points	Name	Perf	Wind	Points
Hurdles	Tydan Farley	14.1		19pts	Finlay Baker	15.0		14pts
100m	Andrew Szewczyk	12.5		25pts	Ollie Axtell	12.8		22pts
200m	Mikey Bean	27.0		20pts	Billy Lewis	29.1		14pts
300m	Barney Smith	42.4		20pts	Pawel Betlej	43.5		18pts
800m	Jacob Foster	2:31.3		19pts	Leon Phillips	2:36.9		18pts
1500m	Riley Austin	4:43.7		26pts	Felix Hall	5:11.9		19pts
Long_Jump	Andrew Szewczyk	4.77		19pts	Finlay Baker	4.33		15pts
High_Jump	Riley Austin	1.26		12pts	Jacob Foster	1.26		12pts
Triple_Jump	Barney Smith	8.81		13pts	Pawel Betlej	9.36		15pts
Pole_Vault								
Shot					Josh Duebel	9.41		17pts
Discus	Ollie Axtell	20.16		14pts	Billy Lewis	21.60		16pts
Javelin	Reuben Salvatierra	26.64		19pts				
Hammer	Mikey Bean	23.12		16pts	Leon Phillips	14.52		7pts
Relay	<u>Tydan Farley , Felix Hall , Josh Duebel , Reuben Salvatierra</u>					58.1		15pts



We had made a few changes to the Inter boys' team, which ultimately strengthened it, but again some very talented students were unfortunate to miss out. Much like the juniors, the boys had a great day with a number of personal best performances. Overall, the team added 59 points to their first-round score to finish with 483 points – a record score for any Bournemouth School team in the competition. Unfortunately, Bishop Wordsworth were again too strong – finishing on 521 points. Individual scores are below.

**2 : 483pts : Bournemouth School, Dorset**

Event	Name	Perf	Wind	Points	Name	Perf	Wind	Points
Hurdles	Arlo Lewis	11.5		27pts	Oli Thorne	13.4		18pts
100m	James Davie	11.9		24pts	Will Bose	12.5		18pts
200m	Tom Reid	25.4		19pts	Xavier Barter	26.0		17pts
300m	Jayden Benstead-Brooks-I	38.5		25pts	Leo Twitchen	40.9		19pts
800m	Finn O'Mahoney	2:08.5		25pts	Jake Selwood	2:14.9		22pts
1500m	Oli Canavan	4:19.4		26pts	Sam Shawyer	4:38.1		22pts
Long_Jump	Tom Reid	5.30		18pts	Jayden Benstead-Brooks-I	5.71		22pts
High_Jump	Will Bose	1.47		15pts	Leo Twitchen	1.50		16pts
Triple_Jump	James Davie	11.52		19pts	Oli Canavan	11.32		18pts
Pole_Vault								
Shot	Arlo Lewis	9.01		12pts	Oli Thorne	8.89		12pts
Discus	Zak Sellwood	27.05		18pts	Xavier Barter	27.15		18pts
Javelin	Morgan Kennedy-Wareham	38.17		19pts	Sam Shawyer	32.31		15pts
Hammer								
Relay	Finn O'Mahoney , Jake Selwood , Morgan Kennedy-Wareham , Zak Sellwood					51.3		19pts

The South-West Schools competition has the best individual athletes competing from each County. This year, Bournemouth School had 9 representatives. This is an improvement from 2023 and proves that the hard work in training has enabled the boys to reach a higher level of performance.

Name	Event	Result
Finn O'Mahoney	800m	2.10.19 – 5 <sup>th</sup>
Barney Smith	800m	2.11.38 – 8 <sup>th</sup>
Yu-Le Chai	Triple Jump	11.30 – 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Jayden Benstead-Brooks-Dravec	Long Jump	5.45 – 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Stanley Davies	Long Jump	4.76 – 5 <sup>th</sup>
Ewan Brown	800m	2.04.65 – 6 <sup>th</sup>
Oliver Canavan	1500m	4.13.99 – 4 <sup>th</sup>
Arlo Lewis	100m Hurdles	Final: 14.74 – 7 <sup>th</sup>
George Ingram	Discus	33.11 – 5 <sup>th</sup>
	Shot Put	11.60 – 3 <sup>rd</sup>

The next event was Town Sports, on 2<sup>nd</sup> July. This was an opportunity for our teams to compete against the other schools in the Bournemouth and Christchurch district. Another great day, with 3 full teams taking part for Bournemouth School. The overall team results for the boys were as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> – Bournemouth School – 80 points

2<sup>nd</sup> – Highcliffe School – 28 points

3<sup>rd</sup> – Winton – 21 points

As you can see, a really successful day! The individual results are below – well done to all the boys who took part especially the Year 7s who hadn't taken part in an athletics event before.

Age Group	Event	Name	Result
YR10/11B	RELAY	Johnny B, Tom R, James D, Arlo L	47.3 – 1 <sup>st</sup>
YR 8/9B	RELAY	Andrew S, Will B, Yu-Le C, Stan D	49.5 – 1 <sup>st</sup>
YR7B	RELAY	Josh M, Chris A, Ollie L, Ethan McD	56.7 – 2 <sup>nd</sup>
YR10/11B	1500M	Oli C	4.19 – 1 <sup>st</sup>
YR8/9B	1500M	Riley A	4.48 – 2 <sup>nd</sup>
YR7B	1500M	Reuben H	5.18 – 2 <sup>nd</sup>
YR10/11B	100M HURDLES	Arlo L	15.9 – 1 <sup>st</sup>
YR8/9B	80M HURDLES	Will B	13.2 – 1 <sup>st</sup>
YR7B	75M HURDLES	Dylan J	15.4 – 1 <sup>st</sup>
YR8/9B	300M	Rafael DM	41.9 – 2 <sup>nd</sup>
YR10/11B	400M	Sam R	59.0 – 4 <sup>th</sup>
YR10/11B	800M	Jake S	2,16 – 2 <sup>nd</sup>
YR8/9B	800M	Finn O'M	2.13 – 1 <sup>st</sup>
YR7B	800M	Seb W	2.43 – 3 <sup>rd</sup>
YR10/11B	200M	Xavi B	25.9 – 4 <sup>th</sup>
YR8/9B	200M	Stan D	26.0 – 2 <sup>nd</sup>
YR7B	200M	Ollie L	29.0 – 1 <sup>st</sup>
YR8/9B	100M	Andrew S	12.0 – 2 <sup>nd</sup>
YR7B	100M	Chris A	14.4 – 4 <sup>th</sup>

Age Group	Event	Name	Result
YR8/9B	LONG JUMP	Jayden BBD	5.35 – 1 <sup>st</sup>
YR8/9B	JAVELIN	Harry D	32.20 – 1 <sup>st</sup>
YR10/11B	TRIPLE JUMP	James D	11.81 – 1 <sup>st</sup>
YR7B	HIGH JUMP	Ethan McD	1.30 – 2 <sup>nd</sup>
YR10/11B	JAVELIN	Kahlan B	
YR8/9B	TRIPLE JUMP	Yu-Le C	11.29 – 1 <sup>st</sup>
YR10/11B	HIGH JUMP	Leo T	1.50 – 1 <sup>st</sup>
YR7B	SHOT PUTT	Oskar S	6.50 – 3 <sup>rd</sup>
YR10/11B	DISCUS	Zak S	26.85 – 1 <sup>st</sup>
YR7B	LONG JUMP	Josh M	4.06 – 1 <sup>st</sup>
YR8/9B	DISCUS	Oscar S	22.13 – 2 <sup>nd</sup>
YR10/11B	SHOT PUTT	Miron W	8.97 – 2 <sup>nd</sup>
YR10/11B	LONG JUMP	Tom R	5.22 – 1 <sup>st</sup>
YR8/9B	HIGH JUMP	Mateo G	1.50 – 2 <sup>nd</sup>
YR8/9B	SHOT PUTT	James A	10.02 – 2 <sup>nd</sup>
YR7B	JAVELIN	Lucas B	15.26 – 3 <sup>rd</sup>
YR7B	DISCUS	Ollie C	14.13 – 2 <sup>nd</sup>

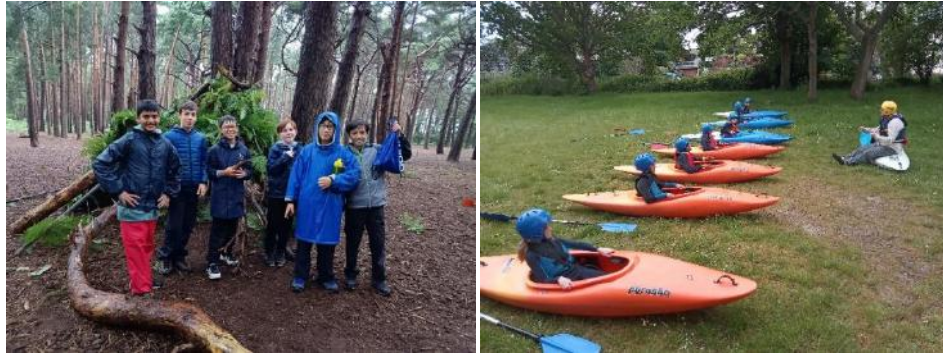
A final go well of the season to Seb and Jayden at the English School's Championships, taking place at the Alexandra Stadium in Birmingham. It is the largest 2-day schools meeting in the world and to make the team is an incredible effort.

Well done to all boys who took part in the various competitions this year, there is once again lots of optimism for next year! Thanks to the other PE staff for their support at events and to parents for their continued support.

*Mr McCalister*

## 35<sup>th</sup> Bournemouth Sea Scouts RN Unit 47

Bournemouth School's 35th Bournemouth Sea Scouts and Explorers have been busy during the Spring/Summer 2024 term with new recruitment already accepting 30 new Scouts to the Troop and more on the way – unprecedented growth. Some of our new Scouts below getting stuck in.



A fantastic outing for our Sea Scouts was a trip to France for a bike/camp excursion in May on the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of D-Day. They visited the Normandy landing beaches, British Cemetery, Sword Beach, Radar Museum at Douvres and Pegasus Bridge.



Another highlight for our Sea Scouts was participating in the Royal Navy Recognised Sea Scout Camp at HMS Sultan in Gosport during May half term. Our Sea Scouts joined in water activities with other RN Sea Scouts from across the UK, our Pioneer Explorers teaching Scouts water skills as well as earning their own personal or leadership kayak permits.





The 35th's Pioneer Explorer Scouts joined Bournemouth District Explorer Groups in June for a trip to Brownsea Island, the place where Scouting began in 1907. A visit to the Scout Stone, reciting our Scout Promise with new friends and chasing the elusive red squirrels made a memorable day.



The National Sea Scout Rowing and Kayaking Regatta weekend in London was our highlight event for July. A team each of Scouts and Explorers raced on the Thames in gigs, single and double handed rowboats, kayaks and individual sculling across the stern. With one Scout (4<sup>th</sup>) and one Explorer (3<sup>rd</sup>) finishing well in kayaking we further celebrated the Regatta with an U14s Scout National Champion in Sculling Across the Stern. Well done team!



At the Regatta we also participated in the RNLI 200, over 200 craft with Scouts and Leaders celebrating the 200th Birthday of the RNLI and a fundraiser for RNLI Teddington Lifeboat Station.

<https://www.facebook.com/share/v/5qoQk5qsJJwAqthG/?mibextid=WC7FNe>

We finish the term in July still

*Jim Alexander  
Group Scout Leader RN47*



## *School Nursing Redesign Engagement Survey 2024*

### **Information to be shared with Secondary school Parents:**

Dear Parent/Carer,

The School Nursing Team are currently looking for feedback from Parents of School aged children about our service. Any feedback provided will be anonymous and will help us to shape the service that we can offer in the future.

We would greatly value your feedback via the attached questionnaire which should take just a few moments to complete. Your voice is extremely important to us, and we would be very grateful for any ideas or feedback you can provide.

You can access the questionnaire by scanning the below QR code or via this link <https://gthr.uk/55bb>



Many thanks for your feedback  
Dorset Children and Young People's Public Health Service

### **Information to be shared with young people/students:**

Dear young person,

The School Nursing Team are currently looking for feedback from young people about our service. Any feedback provided will be anonymous and will help us to shape the service that we can offer you in the future.

We would greatly value your feedback via the attached questionnaire which should take just a few moments to complete. Your voice is extremely important to us, and we would be very grateful for any ideas or feedback you can provide.

You can access the questionnaire by scanning the below QR code or via this link <https://gthr.co.uk/5613>



Many thanks for your feedback  
Dorset Children and Young People's Public Health Service

## School Lottery Update – Summer Term 2024

The Bournemouth School Lottery pays out THREE CASH PRIZES every month whilst raising money for projects that benefit pupils. This year, funds raised will go towards the LECTURE THEATRE REFURBISHMENT to help make it a fantastic state-of-the-art resource.

### About the Lottery

The lottery is open to parents, carers, grandparents, staff and ex-pupils. Tickets are £1 each, paid by monthly standing order and a participant can hold up to 15 tickets. Each month's total income is split; 50% goes to the School Lottery Fund and the other 50% is split equally between 3 winning tickets, drawn by school pupils - for example, if £600 of tickets are sold in a month, the Lottery Fund will receive £300 and three ticket holders will get a cheque for £100 each. The monthly amount varies according to the number of people contributing. If you are not already taking part in the lottery, use the email below to sign up.

The winning numbers are drawn at the end of each term. Congratulations to 2024's lucky winners:

Month	Winning Ticket Number	Ticket Holder Surname	£ Amount
January 2024	148	Palfreman-Kay Mohammed Hall	101
	491		101
	643		101
February 2024	577	Taylor (L) Yeng Quay	101
	426		101
	610		101
March 2024	229	Nimmo Winship Cribb	101
	363		101
	331		101
April 2024	269	Johnson Rajamari Simkins	101
	104		101
	490		101
May 2024	287	Taylor (A) Schell Walmsley	104
	304		104
	42		104
June 2024	345	Sarasan Benstead Piper	104
	227		104
	313		104
July 2024	401	Adams Crabb Parker	104
	659		104
	247		104

A huge thanks to the parents and friends who play the lottery and contribute to this fund. If you do not currently participate but would like to, please email us at [lottery@bournemouth-school.org](mailto:lottery@bournemouth-school.org).

## *Degree or not degree, that is the question!*

With the end of another academic year, as the school's careers adviser, I like to reflect on the many interesting and rewarding interactions I have enjoyed with Year 10 and Year 12 students. To an extent with Year 10 students, but more prevalent with Year 12 students, part of the conversation often turns to the question of whether to study for a degree. This is partly a reflection of the academic syllabus and the reality that A level subjects, and their grades, are primarily the currency of University entry. Employers also value A levels, but more in terms of their evidence of general educational ability – will this young person be able to cope with onboarding and initial training etc?

When a student expresses an interest in progressing to University, I will often re-frame it as a potential investment decision – what return is expected from accessing higher education? Unsurprisingly, students often express their belief that a degree will enable them to access 'a good job', which in many cases translates to 'better paid' than would otherwise be possible without a degree.

Let's unpack that idea. Some recent analysis by Universities UK<sup>1</sup> found that by age 31, graduates 'typically' earn 37% more than non-graduates. However, when you examine the granularity, it is not that clear cut. The Institute for Fiscal Studies (IFS) in their report 'The impact of undergraduate degrees on lifetime earnings'<sup>2</sup> noted that the degree subject studied had a huge bearing on earnings potential; Economics and Medicine offered the greatest gains, whereas the Creative Arts and languages offered virtually no earnings advantage over non-graduates. If you are interested to explore these statistics further, the Government recently published an interactive dashboard<sup>3</sup> analysing 15 years of data from their Longitudinal Education Outcomes (LEO) study. You can enter a subject, and if necessary, gender, and explore the proportions of graduates working in different industrial sectors, as well as their median salaries. For example, 29% of women with English Studies degrees are working in education. That said, remember, statistics are an indication of overall trends and not a guarantee of outcomes at the individual level!

However, a financial return is not the only 'good' investment outcome. I often use the analogy of choosing a holiday. It can be expensive, yet there is no financial gain; the return is a combination of experiences and then the memories, which can sustain one during the long winter months! And so it is for many choosing to study their favourite subject at University; benefiting from world class teaching, embracing all that University life has to offer, making new friends and living independently for the first time. Such experiences can last a lifetime. You gain critical thinking and analysis skills, the ability to work independently to externally set deadlines, communication skills, and with the right preparation, these 'generic' skills can be promoted as 'transferable' at that first job interview post-graduation.

Apprenticeships are becoming increasingly attractive to the students I see, often due to concerns over the alternative of student 'debt'. On graduation after a 3 year degree, the average amount owed is £44,940, and the earliest one starts to repay it is the following April after graduation. The current repayment scheme, which came into effect for new undergraduates starting their courses September 2024, is based on 9% of earnings above £25,000. The interest rate charged is based on the RPI measure of inflation, capped at 7.8% and any remaining debt is written off after 40 years. That said, it behaves like a tax, not a loan repayment. The biggest concern with the extension to 40 years, is that lower earners will pay more interest than higher earners, as the latter will have repaid the loan before the 40 year cut-off.

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.universitiesuk.ac.uk/latest/news/new-analysis-shows-students-who-choose>

<sup>2</sup> <https://ifs.org.uk/publications/impact-undergraduate-degrees-lifetime-earnings>

<sup>3</sup> <https://department-for-education.shinyapps.io/leo-graduate-industry-dashboard/>

The attraction of a degree apprenticeship is obvious – no student ‘debt’, earning from day 1 and no need to find employment once one has graduated. The downside is that for the majority of degree apprenticeships, the student won’t get to experience University life; instead, the learning will be a combination of online sessions with occasional weekly study blocks on campus. Moreover, managing study alongside the working day requires serious time management and dedication. Student interest is nonetheless definitely on the increase.

When I speak to students about degree apprenticeships, it is no surprise that they frequently cite JP Morgan, one of the biggest employers in the area after the NHS. Last year they took on around 60 students to start their degree apprenticeship programmes. However, competition for degree apprenticeship places is fierce; in overall terms, for every degree apprenticeship advertised, there are 16 university places. According to Government statistics<sup>4</sup>, under 19s accounted for just 9% of all degree apprenticeship starts for the academic year 2023/24, with 63% starting aged 25+ - why, many firms use the Apprenticeship Levy to upskill existing staff.

For those students interested in degree apprenticeships further afield, it is important to note that firms rarely pay relocation expenses<sup>5</sup>; so financing that rent deposit and first month’s living expenses needs to be considered before the salary payment is received. I will often encourage students not to fixate on the degree part of the apprenticeship. Apprenticeships at a lower qualification level, (e.g. HNC level 4), are equally valuable as they offer an entry point into a career and the prospect of continued progression once the qualification has been gained.

With so much to unpack and explore with students, our career conversations are often revelatory and it is my continuing hope that my input during those 45 minute interactions helps students to become more confident to make an ‘informed choice’ for their next steps after school.

*Steve Pattle BSc  
Careers Adviser from Hampshire Futures*

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<sup>4</sup> <https://explore-education-statistics.service.gov.uk/find-statistics/apprenticeships/2023-24>

<sup>5</sup> [https://amazingapprenticeships.com/app/uploads/2022/10/Rapid-Read\\_Relocating-for-an-apprenticeship.pdf](https://amazingapprenticeships.com/app/uploads/2022/10/Rapid-Read_Relocating-for-an-apprenticeship.pdf)