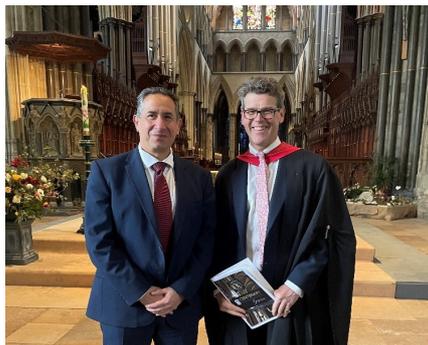




HALF TERM NEWS ROUND UP



Canford Centenary

This year our sponsor, Canford School, celebrates 100 years since its foundation in 1923. The Bourne Academy was honoured to attend the centenary celebration at an historic Centenary Foundation Service at Salisbury Cathedral in April and to have been gifted over £1000 towards the Bourne Foundation from the retiring collection. Congratulations Canford School on your Centenary year.

Gold DofE

We are enormously proud of our three Sixth Form students who were invited to Buckingham Palace to receive their Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award. The ceremony was hosted by Prince Edward, the Duke of Edinburgh, in the gardens of Buckingham Palace. Many inspirational guest speakers also attended, including Vick Hope, Sally Orange, Jessica and Jennifer Gadirova; Charlotte Hawkins gave a poignant speech on the benefits to students from completing their DofE.



Bourne Scholars

This half term Year 8 Bourne Scholars have been working towards one of two essay competitions. 1. Commonwealth Essay Competition - where they could choose from a selection of essay titles, or 2. University of Oxford Creative Writing Prize - where they had to craft piece of creative writing of up to 1000 words. They have worked tirelessly and are very proud of their work.

Park Yoga

This half term a group of Year 9 girls enjoyed a park yoga session hosted by the Dorset School Games and Active Dorset. The sun was shining and so were the girls, holding each position, focusing on their breathing and demonstrating strength and flexibility.



Year 9 Bronze DofE Expedition

Our first expedition of the year was a huge success! The Year 9 Outdoor Education group spent a weekend camping in the Purbecks, navigating, map and compass reading, hiking and working in teams. We were very impressed with the group's resilience and perseverance to complete all tasks and challenges faced and wish them luck on their forthcoming expeditions.



Mountain Biking

We had a fantastic mountain biking day at Moors Valley. Organised by Active Dorset, students cycled through the muddy woods then completed a lap of Moors Valley on the MTB technical trail and finally did a time trial course. Students had great fun and more than developed their mountain biking competence.

MiSST 10th Anniversary Concert.

Six of our Year 7 students performed in the MiSST 10th Anniversary Concert this half term. The show took place at Theatre Royal Drury Lane, London, and celebrated ten years of empowering children through music education. Bourne Academy students performed alongside Andrew Lloyd Webber, Jess Gillam, The Kanneh-Masons and Jason Donovan. The show was outstanding and an unforgettable experience for all those who performed and attended. We feel incredibly honoured to have attended.



2023 Ski Trip

44 students and 5 staff spent a week skiing in Passo Tonale, Italy, over the Easter break. The group had a fantastic time, building their confidence and ability on the slopes whilst making new friends and having so much FUN! Mr Child and staff who attended the trip could not have been prouder of their 'ski family 2023'.



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Battle of the Bands

The final of BCP and Sound Storm Music Education Agency "Battle of the Bands" was held at the Old Fire Station earlier this term. Congratulations to one of our Year 11 bands, 'Set One', who came 2nd in the competition, competing against some of the best young musicians in the BCP area.



London Marathon

Congratulations to Miss Tavinor who ran The London Marathon! She began fundraising in January when she climbed Mount Kilimanjaro and has raised over £3500 for the Alzheimers Society.



Year 10 Silver DofE Expedition

Our Year 10 DofE students completed a silver practice expedition in the Purbecks. The expedition was a great success with all students putting in maximum effort. We are very proud of the hard work and determination demonstrated and are excited to see them progress to the qualifier in June.



STEM Roadshow

Year 7 and 8 students attended an engineering workshop hosted by The Stem Roadshow Team. The workshop explored the solar system, space travel and encouraged students to demonstrate the skills required of an astronaut. Students had the opportunity, throughout the workshop, to participate in space themed communication exercises. The morning was great fun and undoubtedly inspired our students to consider a career in engineering.



New Academy Video and Photos

This half term we have been very busy shooting a new Academy video and photos. We have had the delight of working with Paul West, who is the resident photographer at Canford School. Paul has captured some brilliant content of our students around the site, we are very excited to see the final images and video and share these with you later this term.



Gold Sports Mark Award

We have been awarded The School Games Gold Sports Mark Award for 2022/2023 from the Youth Sport Trust. We are extremely proud of our students for their dedication to all aspects of Academy sport, and to sports leaders and staff who enabled this success.



Oxford University Trip

Fifteen students from Year 12 and Year 10 had the opportunity to visit Merton College, Oxford University. The tour of the oldest university college in the UK included having a conversation around the same table used by J.R.R Tolkien, Lewis Carroll and TS Elliot when they were professors at the university. Our students started the day being daunted by the prospect of Oxford University, but finished feeling excited and upbeat that, with hard work and researching beyond the curriculum, they too could get a place.



Year 11 Media- Festival

In order to create content for their GCSE Coursework, Year 11 Media students set up a fake festival. Complete with rainbow flags, bunting, props and a tent, the festival created a vibrant and fun set up for photography; the student will use the images they've captured in their coursework due later this term.