

THE BOURNE ACADEMY

NEWSLETTER

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STUDENTS OF TODAY, LEADERS OF TOMORROW

By Jordan Stanislas and Toni Preacher (year 11)

On Thursday 5th and Friday 6th January a select number of student leaders took part in a Student Leadership course presented by Jan from the University of the First Age. Throughout the two days we took part in a number of activities; developing our team working skills, our creativity and our confidence as leaders. We had to work with people who we don't usually work with, which took people out of their comfort zone, in order to build our confidence as leaders within The Bourne Academy.

All of the activities were great fun but also very challenging. The course was really effective; we grew in confidence and self-belief in our ability to be strong leaders right from the opening ice-breaker activities. By Friday afternoon every student felt confident enough to stand up in front of 60 of our peers and staff to give a presentation about what skills we had developed for our 'Leadership Toolbox'. A scary but rewarding experience!

We feel that the course has been an important part of us recognising what good leaders look like and how we can be the leaders of today and tomorrow.

We would like to thank Ms Hayward, Mr Warman, Mr Taafe and Mr Short who helped to facilitate the activities and a BIG thank you to Jan from the UFA for making the course a tough but worthwhile experience.

'Leadership Rap'

*Looking in my toolbox,
Pulling out my skills,
Confidence is improving,
My self-belief which is such a relief
Respect all others like you do with
your mothers
Independent, it's good to be indie
Even when you're walking, when it's
windy
Challenges are easy,
So don't be cheesy.
If you want to be a leader
Don't be a sheep be a shepherd!*



By Jordan Stanislas, Angel Paterson, Jake Leigh, Shannon Kearley & Toni Preacher.

Students of Today, Leaders of Tomorrow

The Leadership course is being offered to students in leadership roles around the country by the University of The First Age. It has been designed and developed in London with the help of other students and has been given fantastic reviews. The course supported the brilliant work the Academy is already doing with Student Voice and Student Leadership. All of the participating students are now accredited with a certificate for showing evidence that he / she developed and extended communication, teamwork and leaderships skills.

Here are some of the student self-evaluation reflections:

- *'I have learnt that it is ok to admit your skills and attributes, that people won't treat you differently for it. I have also learned that being well-spoken and opinionated can be a good thing and how to know when I should say my opinion and when to stay quiet.'*
- *'From this course, I have learnt that I can work out of my comfort zone. I can make myself work with other people. I have also learnt things about myself that I didn't know before. I have thought about how I am or how I can become a leader.'*
- *'I think I have developed the skill of listening as now I can listen well and evaluate what has been said.'*
- *'I enjoy the mini challenges they were fun and interesting. If I could have done anything better then , then it would have been getting more involved.'*
- *'The course was very good as I learnt a lot and I feel a lot more confident'*

.... And from an Adult Facilitator: *'It was a fantastic few days and all students responded very positively.'*

By Ms Hayward

Leadership Speech by Hayley Thomas, Head Girl

Each and everyone of you CAN make a difference but what it comes down to is how determined and passionate you are.

Saying you're a leader means nothing unless you get up and prove it and show what you're capable of. Having a voice is the most precious gift we have so don't waste it!

We're all different and we all lead in different ways. Roles within this school have helped us to build the foundations we need to succeed in life. What we do with these skills is now down to us.

Great leaders are just ordinarily people like you and I—who says you can't be a great leader too?

Use your tools like we use ours. Use your tools to build your life and make it the best you possibly can.

Be a leader. No.... be a great leader.



London Trip by Jordan Stanislas (year 11)

On Monday 9th January 2012, a bunch of lucky Bourne Council students went to London to go on a boat trip and visit Parliament. We set off, along with Mr Taafe and Mrs Burbidge, to arrive in London. The coach journey took forever and when we finally reached our destination, we missed our boat ride along The Thames! However, with time to spare, we took a walk to Buckingham Palace, which is massive, and where I will hopefully live, some day!!



When the time came, we set off for Parliament. We had a tour round, saw the House of Commons (which was smaller than what it seems) and House of Lords. Unfortunately, we didn't see David Cameron, Nick Clegg or the Queen but we did have a lovely day and had an interesting question and answer session with our local MP, Mr Conor Burns.

We would like to thank Mr Taafe for arranging the trip.



Questions and Answer Session with local MP, Mr Conor Burns at the House of Commons in London.



The Academy Christmas Fayre Update

This Academy Christmas Fayre was held on the afternoon of December the 14th. There was a sound stage of acts from lots of very talented students to keep us entertained and tutor groups organised a variety of ingenious stalls from 'splat the rat' to 'Santa's photo grotto' to raise money for the Parent Voice Team, who are currently working towards funding a second mini bus for The Academy.

A huge well done and thank you to all who so enthusiastically took part or donated prizes for the raffle, (especially Mr Perkins who got 'gunged' in the line of duty and was a really good sport).

A grand total of **£682.12** profit was made with Sovereign 3 being the tutor group that raised the most and now look forward to a well deserved reward trip.

The following raffle tickets still haven't been claimed.

To win your prize, please contact Mrs Burbidge at the Academy if you are a winner:

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| Blue 331 | Pelhams Family Swim |
| Peach 310 | £10 Gift Voucher |
| Dark Pink 431 | Pelhams Family Swim |
| Green 36 | Littledown Ticket |
| Green 131 | Stokewood Family Swim |
| Green 140 | Toiletries |
| Green 155 | Littledown Family Swim |
| Green 156 | £10 Gift Voucher |
| Green 278 | Yankee Candle |
| Pink 17 | Teddy |
| Pink 49 | Wild Thing Family Pass |
| Pink 74 | Clock |
| Pink 84 | Cotswold Voucher |
| Pink 158 | Stockwood Family Swim |
| Pink 206 | Monkey Bizness Voucher |



"Santa in red...."



Mr Perkins, well and truly gunged!

By Mrs Burbidge Head of Anvil

Dance Evening

The Bourne Academy's first Dance Evening took place on the 19th January 2012 in the Hub. Over 40 students were involved in the performance from year 7—11. The current year 11 dance students have been working very hard since September to create a Dance Programme which was interesting and exciting to watch.

The Dance Evening showed a variety of dance styles that students study at the Academy such as Contemporary, Musical Theatre, Ballet, Folk, Street and Jazz. The evening was eventful with lots of exciting dance numbers to watch. This year students from year 10 had the opportunity to dance to live music. Yasmin Alam and Aaron Blandford did a fantastic job in performing the song 'Chasing Pavements' by Adele.

The event was a success and the Dance students have worked very hard to put a fantastic evening of dances together. Well Done!

By Miss Martin



BEAT Dance Student Wins Street Jazz Dance Competition

Chloe Barrowcliff, a year 9 student, currently attends regular classes at BEAT and has been working really hard practising and learning her routines so she could enter the Portsmouth Street Dance Competition. She reached the semi finals with her solo dance and gained first place in the duo and crew battle.

Chloe will be performing one of these Street Dance routines in the Academy's Dance Evening on the 19th January.

By Miss Martin

BEAT Dance School visits The Academy

On the 4th January, year 11 were given the opportunity to work alongside Laura Cuschier the found of Bournemouth's Street Jazz Dance School - 'BEAT'. Laura gave up her time to come in and deliver a free dance workshop teaching students how to 'lock and pop' to the sounds of Snoop Dog.



Students experience a challenging routine which push them to new boundaries in Dance. The routine that Laura taught the students will be shown as part of movement material in this year's Rock Challenge.



A big thank you goes to Becky Kemish a year 11 BTEC Dance student who organised this workshop for the year 11 dance students.

Laura will be returning to the Academy throughout the year so look out for one of her classes in the next few months

By Miss Martin

Rock Challenge

Students from year 9 to 11 are currently working very hard to put on an 8 minute piece of dance together for Rock Challenge. The performance will take place on the 21st March at the Pavilion Theatre. Miss Martin is currently looking for army uniform for the performance and helpers to paint and make props for the performance.

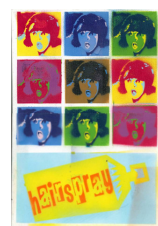
Anyone who can help with this performance project please contact Miss Martin

Hairspray Workshops

Following the success of 'Hairspray', students in year 9 who were in the show led Drama and Dance Workshops with students from Kingsleigh School. The workshops gave students from Kingsleigh School the opportunity to recreate scenes from the show, learn the dance to 'You Can't Stop The Beat' and further their understanding of some of the themes and issues within the musical.

The workshops were excellently lead by Hermione Mason, Thomas Mansfield, Mia Blandford and Damon Griffiths.

By Mr Perkins



Bournemouth University Aspire Conference



Just A Colour? By Lee Edgar

He gives the order,
I do the work.
He is in charge
I am his perk.

He lives in luxury
Nice car, big house
He is the cat,
I am the mouse.

Being a different colour,
What is so bad?
Is society insane
Or am I going mad?

Working day and night,
For hardly any cash,
I can't do it anymore,
My body will crash.

Me and Him,
I see us the same.
Yet he is the hunter,
I am his game.
Things should be different,
Life should be fair.
Everyone is equal,
But some take.. Not share.

Animal Hybrids By Year 8 Students



By Sam Bye



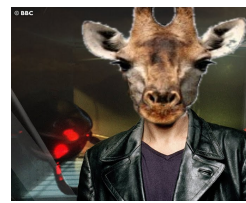
By Thomas Stockley



By Georgina Nolan



By Jade Haverson



By Joshua Parkes



By Aaron Cherrett



By Chloe Bristow



By Ethan Hunt



By Jessica Howard

Helping Academy Students To Become Global Citizens

The students at The Bourne Academy furthered their knowledge and understanding of what it is to be a Global Citizen recently when.....

Embedded at the heart of The Bourne Academy is a message of equal rights and responsibilities, along with an understanding that we are all different and to understand different cultures can only broaden their minds, ambitions, understanding and aspirations.

Students in KS3 and KS4 follow a curriculum that delivers a wide range of topics. Notably; Healthy Living, Relationships, Individuality and Diversity in KS3 where it is compulsory for all students to be actively involved in following the CRISP schemes of work. KS4 further prepares students to understand and adapt to the world that follows education; Citizenship studies is also a lesson which all students participate in. at the forefront of their learning, they study; rules and laws, human rights, family values, the economy, employment, the government, environment and partake in managing a campaign to 'make a change' locally or nationally.

To an end, The Bourne Academy aims to offer students the opportunity to understand that we are all equal. This is reflected in the classroom charter that was developed by students and teachers together, ensuring that rights, responsibility and respect are upheld at all times.

By Mr Warman



Maasai Warrior Community Update

In October, the Maasai Warriors visited the Academy to raise much needed funds for clean water , a church, school buildings and to spread awareness of their culture. The Warriors were so impressed with our uniform , they asked to be presented with a sample .

This month, the Maasai community opened their new school for 53 children in the village, and as you can see from the photos, they have proudly adopted our Academy colours and like the Academy students look very smart!

We will keep you posted of any future developments we receive from Kenya.



The Young Writers National Poetry Competition

Last term, the whole of year 8 entered a national poetry competition run by Young Writers. A large selection of our students have been chosen to have their work published in a new poetry anthology. A copy of the book titled 'Express Yourself', will also be kept in the British Library in London, which houses a copy of every book ever published and further libraries across the UK.

This is an amazing achievement for the students. Well done!

Students who will have their work published are: *Adam Elliott, Jamie Fryer, Tylor Burgis, Brandon White, Maisy Young, Jack Matthews, Sam Bye, Heidi Griffiths, Tiffany Reddington, Ricky Hoang, Tom Stockley, Jessica Wilson, Matthew Shave, Georgina Nolan, Gabriele Shave, Leah McGuinness, Morgan Claxton, Callum Newbery, Mia Blandford, Jade Haverson, Emily Pagett, Ethan Hunt, Sioux Payne, Luke Trim, Emily Stevens, Nathan Kemp, Alexander Adamson, Jimmy-Lee Trunwit, Lauren Gale, Ryan Sanson, Billie-Anna Brown, Owen McCarthy, Danielle Jarvis, Mark Arnold, Sol Kay, Luke Robinson, Paige Medway, Jessica Howard, Abbie Goldsmith, Skye Higgs, Marie Karelina, Ada Collins, Emily Wood, Brittany Shacklock, Harry Clare, Xantia Ruegg, Aaron Cherrett, James Guerra.*

By Mrs Hermitage

A selection of poems will be printed in next month's newsletter

Blood Brothers

Students are preparing for a visit to see 'Blood Brothers' at the Pavilion in Bournemouth. Blood Brothers is one of the plays studied by students on the GCSE Drama course. Students from years 11, 10 and 9 are attending the performance which will support students understanding and knowledge of the play. This is the second local theatre visit following on from the hugely successful visit to see 'A Midsummer's Night Dream' adaptation by Filter Theatre Company at the Lighthouse.
By Mr Perkins

Tracey Cake for Hairspray!

The year 11 dance students have been trying really hard to organise and raise money through selling cakes. For the Hairspray performances, Becky decided she wanted a cake in the shape of the main character Tracey.

Becky managed to raise over £40 in raffle tickets. Well done Becky!

A big thank you goes to Mrs Milliner who kindly gave up her time and expertise in making the cake.

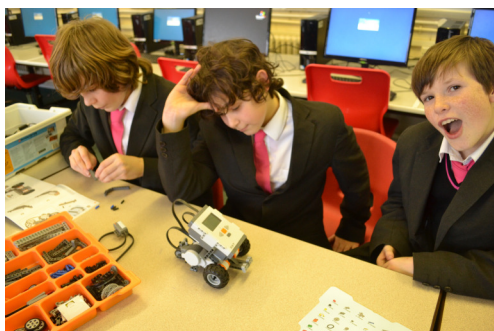


Robotics Club

12 students are currently in our robotics club. We are currently building the NXT Lego Mindstorms robots. When they are built we will be learning how to program the robots to carry out several tasks. Later the robots will be used to compete against each other in an arena completing a range of more complex tasks. NXT robots are used from secondary schools all the way up to graduate robotics programs. The Robotics industry is one of Britain's great assets.

We will be hosting a Primary Schools Robotics event in the summer term – watch out for the latest Robot news.

By Stewart Thorp



Bourne Growers

Bourne Growers have been growing their own salads and hope to increase their harvest with the benefits from having their own greenhouse.

In the summer we launched their 'Greenhouse Project' asking for 2 litre clear plastic bottles (lemonade / coke style). We have nearly reached our target of 1500 bottles, however we still need a few more, so please get your bottles to us, preferably clean, and as soon as possible

If you have some spare time and would like to help us out or make a contribution, please get in touch with Mr Abel on simon.abel@thebourneacademy.com



"The Green Thing?"

At a supermarket a young cashier suggested to an older woman that she should bring her own grocery bags because plastic bags weren't good for the environment. The older woman apologized and explained, "*we didn't have this green thing back in my days!*". The cashier responded, "That's our problem today. Your generation did not care enough to save our environment for future generations". She was right, *our generation didn't have the green thing in its day.*"

In the old days, we returned milk bottles, pop bottles and beer bottles to the shop. The shop sent them back to the plant to be washed, sterilized and refilled so it could use the same bottles again and again. So they really were re cycled. When we were thirsty, we drank from a tap instead of a plastic bottle shipped from the other side of the world. We refilled writing pens with ink, replaced razor blades in a razor, *But we didn't have the green thing back in our day!*



Back then we washed the baby's nappies because we didn't have disposables and dried clothes on a line, not in energy-gobbling machine burning up 2000 watts. Wind and solar power really did dry our clothes back in our early days. Kids got hand-me-down clothes from their brothers and sisters, not brand-new labels. But that young lady is right. *We didn't have the green thing back in our day.*



Back then, we had one TV and radio, not a TV in every room. In the kitchen we blended and stirred by hand because we didn't have electric machines to do everything for us. When we packaged a fragile item to send in the post we used wadded up old newspapers to cushion it, not Styrofoam or plastic bubble wrap. Back then we didn't fire up an engine and burn petrol just to cut the lawn, we used a push mower that ran on human power. We exercised by working, so we didn't need to go to a health club to run on treadmills that operate on electricity. But she's right! *We didn't have the green thing back then.*



Back then, people took the bus and kids rode their bikes to school or walked instead of turning their mums into a 24 hour taxi service. We walked up stairs because we didn't have an escalator in every store and office building. We walked to the grocers and didn't climb into a 200 horse power machine every time we had to go two blocks. But she was right., *we didn't have the green thing in our day.*



We had one electrical socket in a room and didn't need a computerized gadget to receive a signal beamed from satellites 2000 miles out in space in order to find the nearest fish and chip shop. But isn't it sad the current generation laments how wasteful old folks were.... just because *we didn't have the green thing back then!!!*

Cookery Challenge by Lauren Gale (yr 8) and Edward Bennett (yr 7)

On Tuesday 17th January 2012, five of our teachers took part in an amazing cooking challenge for the New Year. Mrs Livermore was the host of the challenge and when asked why she organized it she replied "To raise the profile of food and to give students something to aspire to."

The teachers had to use a range of ingredients like: turkey, rice, an onion, cheese and a dessert apple. But they also had other ingredients which they could add, from Mrs Livermore's cooking cupboard.



The first competitor was Mr Abel and Hayden Ross, who were cooking a turkey steak stack, a turkey stir fry and an apple cake pudding. When we asked him if he was going to win he said "I hope so."

The second competitors were Mrs Collings and Chris Seaton. They were cooking a turkey breast, which had been marinated in chilli and honey sauce. They were also cooking a rice salad with carrot, apple, celery, and pomegranate. When they were asked, Mrs Collings said "We have a one in five chance."

The third competitors were Mr Storey and Frazer Stainton, who were cooking a crispy turkey, chilli egg fried rice and a brochette. But when asked if they were going to win they said no.

The fourth competitors were Mrs Amos and Katie Palmer. They made a turkey curry, but didn't think they would win. The final competitors were Mrs Harrison and Mrs Kenchington who cooked carrot soup, a cheese scone, a rice stir fry and a very posh lemon turkey skewer.

The judges were Sam Nourse, and Anthony Stratton, who are ex students and are now completing a catering course at Bournemouth and Poole College. They thought that Mr Storey or Mrs Collings were going to win because everything was well set out, and they had good food techniques.

Ultimately Mr Abel's hopes were justified and he won the competition. After he was crowned Mr Storey came in a close second. Mr Abel commented that he was very happy and very pleased.

Mr Abel will be competing again against the winner of the Thursday cooking challenge. Good luck Mr Abel.



NEWSFLASH..... Thursday's Cookery Challenge was won by.. Mr St John ~ Good luck to him. The final will be held on Tuesday 31st January. Watch this space!

Visiting Artist Workshop - Amy Nightingale

At the end of the Autumn Term we invited practicing artist Amy Nightingale in to the Academy to lead a workshop based on her artwork. Amy creates magical figurines and insect-like creatures out of found, recycled or reclaimed materials. Each creature is given a name and a unique story that builds a charm and character for them. Selected Year 9 students were lucky enough to be given the opportunity to design and create their own magical creatures, inspired by Amy's work. Students showed an impressive amount of imagination and creativity and worked independently to produce their very own characters. The results they produced impressed Amy so much that she has included a number of photographs of our students' work on her own blog site at: <http://blog.particlearticle.co.uk/>. A fantastic experience all round.

By Miss Sturdy



Rotary Young chef Competition



Caroline Gray in year 10 represented The Bourne Academy in The Rotary young Chefs competition recently at The Bournemouth & Poole College. She was selected as one of twelve finalists from 23 secondary schools in this region who had their culinary skills put to the test as they cooked, chopped and sautéed their way through the area finals.



Caroline was not only competing against people her own age, but also against sixth Form students. Each competitor had to design, prepare and create a healthy two course meal for two, made within two hours with a budget of no more than £6 per head. Caroline cooked Havana Chicken with Rice, followed by Strawberry Shortcake.

Unfortunately, Caroline did not make it through to the next round, but she should be very proud of the quality of food she produced—it looked and tasted delicious! However, not deterred, Caroline is already planning to enter this competition again next year, as well as any others we can find for her.... Watch this space! By Mrs Livermore

Afternoon Tea with The Governors

Back in December, the Year 11 Hospitality and Catering group planned and served a Christmas-themed Afternoon Tea to staff and governors of The Bourne Academy.



The students had to organise an event for at least ten people as their course work for the Hospitality Unit of the course. There were certainly more than ten—it was closer to seventy!

The event was a huge success. Everyone was delighted with the way the room had been set up, quality and variety of food and drink and the high standards demonstrated by the students throughout the event. By Mrs Livermore

Ski Trip Dates

The 2012 ski trip to Austria still has a few places available, please contact Mr Child, if you are interested.



In 2013 the Academy ski trip goes to America!

If parents would like to start paying for the 2014 ski trip to Austria, a payment plan can be put into place to help spread the payments.

After 2014, the trip's will run bi-annually due to rising costs and it gives more time to save! This will also give the PE Department a chance to run a summer sport trip s.

Brazilian Soccer Skills

Learn new football skills

Free every Wednesday

1.35pm to 2.35pm

In the Sports Hall

All welcome!



Ten Pin Bowling



This weekend, in Dunstable, Abbie Goldsmith and her partner came third in the Under 16 girls section of the South of England ten pin bowling championships. (Jodie came 3rd in the under 18 girls singles). Abbie and Ryan Platts (year 9()) have both been selected for Dorset under 14 county team to play in March in Coventry.

This newsletter is for you!
 Is there anything else you would like to see in the newsletter? Please contact us on admin@thebourneacademy.com. We look forward to hearing from you.

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TERM DATES AND HOLIDAYS FOR 2011—2012 ACADEMIC YEAR

Students are required to arrive at the Academy for **8.30am** in full uniform and with their planner and correct stationery.

	FROM:	TO:
Autumn Term	Tue 6th September 2011	Fri 16 December 2011 @ 13.30pm
Autumn Holiday	Mon 24 October 2011	Fr 28 October 2011
Christmas Holiday	Mon 19 December 2011	Mon 2nd January 2012
Spring Term	Tue 3rd January 2012	Fri 30 March 2012 @ 13.30pm
Half Term Holiday	Mon 13 February 2012	Fri 17 February 2012
Easter Holiday	Mon 2 April 2012	Fri 13 April 2012
Summer Term	Mon 16 April 2012	Fri 20th July 2012 @ 13.30pm
Half Term Holiday	Mon 4 June 2012	Fri 8 June 2012 @ 4pm
Summer Holiday	Tue 24 July 2012	

2012 PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

Christmas	26 & 27 December 2012
New Year	2nd January 2012
Easter	6,8,9 April 2012
May Day	7 May 2012
Spring Bank Holiday	4 June 2012
Queen's Jubilee	5 June 2012
Summer Bank Hols	27 August 2012

2011/12 INSET DAYS

Fri	7 October 2011
Mon	5 December 2011
Tue	3 January 2012
Fri	23 March 2012
Mon	23 July 2012

ACADEMY REMINDERS AND CHANGES

Please remember short skirts, tight trousers and trainers are NOT uniform. Minimal 'natural' makeup and 'natural' nail varnish is allowed however, facial piercing are not and should be removed or covered!

Homework Booklets for years 7, 8 and 9 were posted home 2nd week of January. If you haven't received your copy, please contact your Head of House :

Year 11 Examination Dates:

- **1st March** **Biology / Chemistry / Physics**
- **2nd March** **Maths retakes**
- **5th March** **Maths retakes**

Parent/Carer and Teacher Consultation dates for your diaries:

- **Year 11** **25th January**
- **Year 10** **16th May**
- **Year 9** **8th February**
- **Year 8** **29th February**
- **Year 7** **20th June**

Job Vacancy

A friendly Catering Assistant is required in the Academy Dining Centre for 5 hours per day @ £6.15 per hour, term time only:



Duties include:

- Cake making
- Sandwich preparation
- Till work
- Serving customers
- Washing up

For further information and an application form, please call Janet on 01202 528344