



HALF TERM NEWS ROUND UP



IDLING BANNER COMPETITION

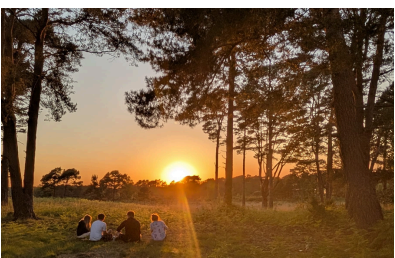
As part of a drive to raise awareness about air pollution and vehicle idling, students were invited to design a banner encouraging drivers to turn off their engines when stationary outside school. Congratulations to our winners:

1st Place – Theo W (7C), 2nd Place – Katie A (10T), 3rd Place – Leila C (7H). Theo's winning design is now being printed and will soon be proudly displayed outside the school, with the aim of promoting cleaner air and healthier environments for everyone. A big well done to all who took part!



FUTURE THINKERS

A fantastic group of Year 8 students recently completed a six-week Future Thinking programme, delivered in partnership with the Southern Universities Network (SUN). The programme explored future pathways, developed key skills, and built confidence around higher education. The final session took place at Portsmouth University, where students were awarded certificates to celebrate their participation. Well done to all involved for their enthusiasm and commitment throughout the programme!



DUKE OF EDINBURGH

Huge congratulations to all 57 Bronze, Silver, and Gold DofE students who took on adventures over four weekends of expeditions. From the Purbecks and New Forest to the shores of Brownsea Island, they embraced every challenge with determination and spirit. Alongside their treks, students completed volunteering, skill-building, and physical activities—the core elements of the Award. Their journeys were filled with ASPIRE qualities, life lessons, and unforgettable memories. We're proud of their resilience and teamwork.



12th ANNUAL MiSST CONCERT

A group of our MiSST students recently attended the 12th Annual MiSST Concert at the prestigious Barbican Centre in London. This event brought together young musicians from across the country to celebrate their hard work and passion for music. Our students represented the Academy with pride, performing alongside others on a memorable evening. A special congratulations goes to Michael J - Year 9, who was awarded the Spirit of MiSST Award — a fantastic achievement that recognises dedication, enthusiasm, and commitment to music.



KNIFE CRIME AWARENESS

This term, we supported Knife Crime Awareness with a series of impactful activities. A group of Year 10 students delivered a powerful assembly to Year 9 on behalf of Tracy Jose from the Changes Are Made charity, raising awareness about the dangers of knife crime. Their message tied in with National Knife Crime Awareness Week, and we also held a Mufti Day during awareness week to show our support for this vital cause. Thank you to everyone who took part.



GREENPOWER

The Bourne Academy Greenpower team debuted their modified kit car, "The Bourne Buzzard," at April's Goodwood Heat. After breezing through scrutineering, the team hit the track early. Despite a strong start, an early crash damaged the steering. The team pressed on, battling handling issues. In the final race, the Buzzard surged ahead but was clipped by another car, forcing retirement. Though the outcome was disappointing, the students showed great resilience and enjoyed their time at the iconic venue, making the most of a challenging but memorable race day.



MOUNTAIN BIKING - DORSET SCHOOL GAMES

Some of our students recently represented The Bourne Academy at the Dorset School Games mountain biking event, held at Moors Valley Country Park. They tackled a timed off-road course and took part in exciting mass start races. Students also built confidence and skills on the pump track at Watchmoor Wood, supported by coaches from British Cycling and Bournemouth BMX Club. It was a fantastic day of challenge, teamwork, and personal achievement—well done to all who took part!

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ENGLISH TRIP - PIG HEART BOY

Year 8 students attended a theatre performance of Pig Heart Boy, based on the novel by Malorie Blackman. This was a fantastic opportunity to experience live theatre and gain valuable insight into how a play is brought to life on stage. The visit also supports English studies as students move into Key Stage 4, encouraging deeper thinking about the key themes explored in the story. A memorable and enriching experience for all.



EPQ - SOUTHAMPTON UNIVERSITY

Year 12 students recently visited Southampton University for an EPQ research day. They explored the Hartley Library, toured the campus, and accessed a wide range of university electronic resources. The trip provided valuable opportunities to gather sources and data, helping to strengthen their Project work. Students found the experience both inspiring and productive.



BIKEABILITY

This term we once again ran our Bikeability sessions, giving students the chance to develop essential cycling safety skills. The sessions were a great success, helping students build confidence and learn how to ride safely on the roads. A big thank you to Miss Harpen-Gist, who supported the programme and also secured free helmets for our students—an important step in promoting safe and responsible cycling.



BOURNE SCHOLARS

The Bourne Scholars have been busy embracing new experiences and stepping outside their comfort zones. From attending workshops and giving presentations to investigating a crime scene and tackling team-building challenges, their schedule has been packed with exciting opportunities. They've also tried their hand at Real Tennis, rowed along the River Stour, and much more. These activities are designed to develop their ASPIRE competencies and enrich their learning—building confidence, resilience, and a love for challenge along the way.



AUB ART & MEDIA TRIP

At the start of term, our Year 10 and Year 12 Art and Media students visited Arts University Bournemouth's Graphic Design department. They took part in a live project exploring urban interventions in Bournemouth town centre and were interviewed by AUB students about public spaces for teens. It was a fantastic opportunity to experience research-led, creative thinking and gain insight into university-level design practice.



FOOD TECH

Year 9, 10 and 11 students stepped into the shoes of environmental health officers to investigate a suspected case of food poisoning in the Bourne kitchen. They met 'Glenda', the very unhygienic manager, and carried out a full inspection—checking the fridge, examining kitchen areas, and asking key questions. After identifying multiple hygiene breaches, they concluded the kitchen deserved a 0 rating and closed it down. The interactive session was both educational and entertaining, helping students understand food safety and public health responsibilities in a hands-on, memorable way.



WORK EXPERIENCE

Congratulations to our Year 10 students who completed their work experience this half term! We've received lots of positive feedback from employers, praising your attitude, effort, and professionalism. We hope you found the experience rewarding and inspiring. It's a fantastic step in preparing you for your future studies, careers, and life beyond the classroom. Well done!



CHILD DEVELOPMENT FIRST AID COURSE

Our Year 11 Child Development students recently completed a certified First Aid course, going above and beyond their course requirements. This valuable qualification equips them with essential life-saving skills and gives them a competitive edge as they consider future careers in childcare. Their commitment to learning and professional growth is commendable—well done to all involved.



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