

AUTUMN 2025

HALF TERM NEWS ROUND UP



ACADEMY OPEN EVENING SUCCESS

What an epic Open Evening it was! We were proud to have welcomed a record-breaking 1,065 prospective students and their families through our doors. The whole Academy was buzzing with energy as visitors explored classrooms, met our dedicated staff, and discovered what makes our community so special. It was an incredible evening that truly showcased the spirit, talent, and enthusiasm of our students and staff.



PRIMARY LEADERSHIP FESTIVAL

We were delighted to once again host the Primary Leadership Festival on 8th October, welcoming 150 students from 15 different primary schools to our sports block for an afternoon of activities and teamwork. The event was supported by our fantastic Year 11, 12, and 13 leaders, who helped guide and inspire the visiting pupils throughout the day. All TBA leaders were released from their sport lessons to support the event, ensuring no disruption to other subjects. We were also joined by visitors from Dorset School Games and Bournemouth University, whose presence added great value to the experience.



ASPIRE DAY - WHOLE SCHOOL

ASPIRE Day saw students take part in a wide range of activities designed to build their ASPIRE competencies and develop valuable life skills. From creative projects and wellbeing sessions to problem-solving challenges, careers preparation, and independent learning, the day offered something for everyone and encouraged students to learn in new and engaging ways.



PAVILION DANCE WORKSHOP

Eleven Year 8 students took part in an exciting workshop at Pavilion Dance with renowned choreographer Richard Chappell. During the session, students learned choreography from his production Hot House and had the opportunity to create their own original movements inspired by the piece. It was a fantastic creative experience that allowed students to develop their dance skills, express themselves, and gain insight into the process of professional choreography.



SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING SUCCESS

A huge thank you to everyone who attended yesterday's Sixth Form Open Evening. We were delighted to welcome 400 visitors, including 55 external students and their families to this year's Sixth Form Open Evening. The event was a fantastic opportunity for prospective students to explore the wide range of subjects and enrichment opportunities available, meet staff, and hear more about life in our Sixth Form. It was inspiring to see so many students engaged, asking thoughtful questions, and excited about their future.



NATIONAL BATON TWIRLING SUCCESS FOR ISABELLE

Congratulations to Isabelle A in Year 9, who won first place in her age and ability category at the BBTF Baton Twirling Competition. Isabelle has previously represented Team England, and after taking a short break from the sport, she has quickly picked up where she left off - performing once again at an outstanding level. We are so proud of Isabelle's hard work and dedication, and we wish her the very best of luck in her upcoming National Competition over half term.



YEAR 11 GEOGRAPHY TRIP TO SWANAGE

Our Year 11 Geographers had a fantastic day in Swanage this half term, completing both physical and human fieldwork investigations. Students carried out beach groyne measurements, land-use and perception surveys, and created field sketches from the pier. They saw geography in action, observing Old Harry Rocks, coastal management strategies, and how Swanage's high street has changed over time. Despite a few nerves, students confidently engaged with the public and demonstrated excellent teamwork and curiosity throughout the day. Staff were extremely proud of their effort, behaviour, and enthusiasm—with several students receiving prizes for their outstanding participation. Since returning, students have been busy analysing and evaluating their data to draw conclusions from their findings.

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YEAR 8 SCHOLARS - MODEL UNITED NATIONS

On the 13th of October, our Year 8 Scholars attended a Model United Nations conference at Canford School. Acting as diplomats representing various countries, they joined students from Castle Court and Canford to tackle the global issue of providing free education for children. Through thoughtful debate, collaboration, and negotiation, they worked together to develop creative and practical solutions to ensure that every young person has access to the education they deserve. Our students were a credit to the school, demonstrating maturity, confidence, and empathy throughout the event. Who knows - perhaps we witnessed future politicians, diplomats, or even Prime Ministers in the making!



YEAR 12 STUDENTS COOK UP SUCCESS ON ASPIRE DAY

On Aspire Day, Year 12 students stepped out of their comfort zones and into the kitchen. Their challenge was to create KFC-style "fake-away" burgers - complete with handmade mayonnaise. The activity formed part of our Aspire programme, designed to help students develop valuable life skills. For many, it was their first time cooking from scratch, but that didn't stop them showing impressive determination, teamwork, and creativity.



AXIOM MATHS CIRCLES IS GROWING!

Well done to our new Year 7 circle, who have already enjoyed their first session with Miss Doku. Meanwhile, our Year 8 cohort continues to develop their skills with Mrs Dunn after a successful first year exploring complex problems and even attending the Maths Festival at Exeter University. Axiom Maths Circles is an enrichment programme that encourages students to explore mathematical ideas beyond the school curriculum. The aim is to engage with challenging yet rewarding problems and experience the excitement of solving them collaboratively with friends.



YEAR 10 DRAMA - BLOOD BROTHERS THEATRE TRIP

Year 10 Drama students attended a performance of Blood Brothers at the Lighthouse Theatre in Poole. The highly acclaimed production provided an excellent opportunity for students to deepen their understanding of live theatre as part of their BTEC Level 2 course. Watching a live performance is an important element of the course, and this trip supported students as they prepared to perform scenes from Blood Brothers for their Component 2 coursework, bringing their classroom studies to life on stage.



ALUMNI SUCCESS - MORGAN GREENLEIGH COP30 EGYPT

Former Bourne Academy student Morgan Greenleigh is excelling in his second year studying Environmental Science at Bournemouth University. Recently, Morgan was selected as Head of Delegation for the United Kingdom at the COP30 Simulation held at the Bournemouth University of Egypt in Cairo. Leading the UK's negotiation and policy creation during the event, Morgan represented the country with professionalism and confidence. He credits the strong academic foundation and support he received at The Bourne Academy, particularly from the Sixth Form team, for helping him adapt so well to university life.



ASPIRE AWARD

Congratulations to all students who have been presented with their ASPIRE Award badges this term. It is wonderful to see so many students demonstrate their commitment to the Academy and our shared ASPIRE values, they are now wearing their bronze, silver or gold badges with pride! ASPIRE Award for this academic year will launch next half term!



We are delighted to announce this year's House Charities as chosen by the students:

HOUSE CHARITY

Anvil Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance

Calshot Young Minds

Hurst University Hospital Dorset NHS Charity (Breast Cancer Care)

Kingswear The Ellis Edwards Foundation
Portland Polycystic Kidney Disease Charity
Trinity Breakthrough T1D UK (formerly JDRF)

We will also support Hope for Food with our Christmas food bank collection, Together with Kenya (our educational partners) Comic Relief and Children in Need.