

The Arnewood School Newsletter



Message from the Head Teacher

The glorious sunshine of the last few weeks has contributed to a summer atmosphere in school. This part of the school year is characterised by the conclusion of exams and events such as the Year 11 Prom, Sixth Form Prom and Sports Day. Each in their own way reminds me of the family ethos we feel within year groups and as a school. The students threw themselves wholeheartedly into Sports Day this year and I was very proud of the way they acted as participants and spectators.

Students across a number of year groups have extended their international horizons in recent weeks. As always our students received a very warm welcome on exchanges to Vannes and Moscow. This term we have acted as hosts to students from Russia and China. We and our children live in a global society and it is interesting for young people to see the similarities and differences between cultures.

We say farewell to a small number of staff including some who are moving to new opportunities, promotion or retirement. While all have served the school community and helped children progress, I would like to mention Mrs Helen Sallows (Geography), Mrs Fiona Nation (Psychology) and Mr Huw Roberts (Assistant Head) who will be known to most having been at the school for many years. I am pleased to say, that despite the reported teacher shortages nationally, we are fully staffed for September despite being heavily oversubscribed in Year 7 in 2018/19.

I wish you a lovely summer vacation and look forward to being able to open our newly renovated SCOLA block accommodation later in the Autumn Term.

Nigel Pressnell
Head Teacher

Year 7 News

An Amazing First Year

By Miss Vincent, Head of Year 7

It's hard to believe that our students are at the end of their first year with us. They have worked really hard as a year group and it has been a real pleasure to watch them grow and develop this year into the confident young people they have become. There have been many positive experiences along the way and I wish them every success as they continue their Arnewood journey next year with Mr Byles. What a year!

Our two Y7 ambassadors, Bethany and Mackenzie reflect on their year.

This year, there has been lots to enjoy, including Sports Day, PE and Arts Day and our lessons. Whatever you do at Arnewood, it's always fun and things always live up to your expectations. There's always trip opportunities and school council, tutor representative and sports representative opportunities as well.

Mackenzie – Y7 student

During our time in Y7, we have enjoyed many day trips such as the pantomime, Durdle Door and for some of us, a trip to The Houses of Parliament. We also took part in Sports Day which was a great opportunity to bond with older students and see how well we could compete. Lessons at Arnewood are always fun and engaging and provide us with new opportunities that we might not have had at junior school. My role on the school council has been very exciting and given us a chance to influence some major decisions. In conclusion, Y7 has been a great year and I am looking forward to the new experiences that Y8 has to offer.

Bethany – Y7 student

Exploring Durdle Door and Lulworth Cove



On one of the hottest days of the year, 100 Y7 students set off to the beautiful Jurassic Coast - home to iconic landscapes of dramatic cliffs, secluded coves and impressive coastal rocks.

The day was spent studying the various layers built into the cliffs and their properties as well as the impact of erosion on the coast line.

First stop was Man O'War bay, although the beach is no longer accessible due to erosion of the cliffs, the views from the top were spectacular.

We then set off for our next destination which was Durdle Door, where our students spent time studying the famous arch and evaluated the impact of erosion.



Once feeling refreshed from a lunch break it was time to begin the walk to Lulworth Cove. Students climbed the hill back up from Durdle Door and walked along the coastal path towards the Cove, taking in the breathtaking views. All students did incredibly well and after a little more field work, it was most definitely time for an ice cream!

Year 7 Host Chinese Students

We were really lucky this year to host a group of students from Beijing for a 3 day visit to Arnewood. A number of our Y7 students were paired up with the Chinese students and did a great job of looking after them during their visit. Brenden Carrington, one of the students involved, tells us about his experience.



On Thursday 12th July, I helped with the Chinese students from Beijing. I showed Qu Yujing, my Chinese partner, to my lessons where he learnt loads of new things like life skills and new maths methods. I really enjoyed showing him around because he was really funny and talkative.

After lunch, we had a special lesson which was a quiz. In our team we had the Arnewood students and two Chinese students. The quiz subjects were about general knowledge, sport, music and landmarks. We also had a famous faces round where we had to name the people on the sheet. When the quiz was over and the judges had counted up the scores, we hadn't won but we had really enjoyed ourselves. I really enjoyed showing the Chinese students around and I will remember Qu Yujing for a very long time.

Year 8 News

The Next Chapter

By Mr Emecz, Head of Year 8

We have come to the end of a fantastic Y8 at Arnewood. Our last few assemblies have drawn comparisons to the England World Cup team. Mr Colman delivered a very informative Careers Assembly, explaining the different jobs undertaken behind the scenes at the England camp, and how Gareth Southgate learnt from watching basketball and hockey.

We were all disappointed with England's semi-final defeat, but are ultimately proud of their fantastic achievement in getting so far. To continue the comparison, Y8 students are bringing home their ROAs, with reports from every teacher as well as a personal statement of achievement and a tutor report. I have personally read through all subject reports, over 2000 of them, and they include some stunning achievements mixed with disappointment and occasional frustration.

Just as the England team celebrate their successes and start focusing on preparing themselves for the next World Cup, Y8 students can be proud of their positive results, and start to focus on the road ahead as they begin their GCSE courses.

Many of our students have also achieved outstanding attendance this term, which was rewarded with ice cream at lunchtime. Keep it up!

Finally, as students move from KS3 to KS4, it seems fitting that this month's entry was written by one of our students, Marriott Witney, who has been interviewing students and teachers to find out about their news.



Rounders Tournament

On the 5th of June, the Y8 girls team attended a rounders tournament held at Noadwoods. Our school did really well and worked terrifically as a team. Overall, our team were runners up, which is a great achievement!

A huge well done to Jemima Hodges, the top scorer of the day and an extra thank you to Olivia Barber for stepping in even though she was the only Y7 on the team. The PE department encourages anybody to come out to the clubs starting in September, and are looking forward to another successful season.

Kings Park Tournament

The PE department say a big well done to everyone who competed in the competition this year.

For those who don't know, every year athletes across the school get a chance to compete at Kings Park in Bournemouth. It includes basic athletic events such as discus, running and long jump etc.

Unfortunately our year group did have a tough time and sadly did not get any awards or wins, but we still did great none the less.

Thanks again to the Y8 team: Rosie Talbot, Millie Pinwell, Maddie Hickling, Emma Czifra-Haigh, Alice Chambers, Kiera Gregory, Marriott Witney, Otis Kinyanjui, Charlie Butters, Gary Parsons, Michael Fisher, Reuben Kendall, Elliot Mawson, Dominic Hobby, Lesley Hawker, Rylan Pearce and Morgan Pettersson.

Students Graduate from University



Twelve Y8 students attended a graduation ceremony at the Royal Holloway, University of London in July to celebrate the outstanding results of their extended writing project.

The Scholars Programme is run by The Brilliant Club, an award-winning charity whose aim is to increase the number of students from under-represented backgrounds progressing to highly-selective universities. An independent evaluation by the Universities and Colleges Application Services (UCAS) showed that nearly sixty per cent of students who complete the programme go on to attend a highly-selective university.

As part of the programme, students met with a PhD student for six tutorials where they researched a topic called 'Disease Detectives.' This culminated in the students having to complete a 1500-word extended writing piece around the research topic. This was then graded on a university-style basis with students achieving a 1st, 2:1 or 2:2.

Students also had the opportunity to visit two highly-selective universities, where they received information, advice and guidance about university life and making a successful university application.

Desmond Swayne, MP for New Forest West, who visited the students to hear about their progress and achievements said, "I was very impressed with how they engaged in such a complex and challenging academic topic. It just goes to show what young people from New Forest West can achieve if we give them the opportunity."

Some notable performances included, Isabelle Romley, Kasia Stopyra, Oliver Padley and Ysobelle Pearce who were all awarded a 1st.

Isabelle Romley, one of the students who graduated with a 1st said, "I really enjoyed learning about the way universities work. Being on the programme has made me give more thought to applying to university in the future."

Mrs Fiona Nation, Lead Teacher and Deputy Head of Humanities said, "I'm very proud of the achievements of our students who participated and I am excited to see how their participation inspires their study and university choices in the future."



Year 9 News

High Achievers

By Mr Neale, Head of Year 9

Y9 have had a fantastic summer term and year, having achieved so much and more. I have been impressed with their work ethic and hope this continues next year.

There have been many positive stories over the summer term, such as Y9 students taking part in the summer concert. Also, quite a few students have participated in the Block2Block project using Minecraft, this has included Ryan Price, Ben Courtney, Sam Smith and Darren Smith. A great effort all round.

Lots more ADDS Awards have come through since Spring. This has included Iridium Awards for Cohen Ward, Casey Porter and Harry Brown. A fantastic achievement! Many have improved upon their ADDS score too and I have been busy handing out certificates. There has been lots of fantastic work both in and out of lesson time. I have been really impressed with how the year group have succeeded this year.

Looking ahead at Y10, the big focus for students will be attendance, as a school we have a target of 96%. Attendance is one of the biggest factors affecting students' results at the end of their GCSE courses. We also have work experience, the Duke of Edinburgh Award and some great opportunities for the whole year group.

County Athletics Championships

The Athletics Championships took place in Basingstoke in June with two Y9 boys, Noah Andrew and Alex Brash competing against athletes from all over Hampshire. Noah competed in the 100m and Alex Brash in the 200m. Noah came 7th in Hampshire in a time of 12.50 seconds, while Alex competed in the 200m and came 3rd in a time of 25.20 seconds

Forest Forge



One afternoon in July, Y9 were treated to a performance called 'Elevate' by Forest Forge.

The theatre company is made up of young people from the area, which also included five of our own Y10 students on work experience. They work intensively together over a two week period to create and perform a topical production across Hampshire and the New Forest. This year the topic was politics - a very important subject for our students to engage in.

The performers knew all their lines and spoke loudly and clearly enabling the audience to follow the plot. The performers were confident and regained their composure if they stuttered slightly. The transitions between scenes were extremely creative and overall it was a good production.

Year 10

Becoming Role Models

By Mr Elward, Head of Year 10

It has been a fantastic summer and a very busy one for our Y10s! Last weekend a group of 24 students participated in their Duke of Edinburgh Award expedition, spending the weekend walking and camping in the New Forest. The students planned their walk during a pre-assessed weekend and then carried out the very challenging walk involving an overnight stay in a campsite. We were pleased to hear that all students passed the weekend course, which leaves only the cyclists to finish their challenge, in the New Forest, in September.

In early June students applied to be prefects and I am very pleased to announce that 64 students were chosen in the role (pictured below). Duties will start in September with the main theme being to help students in the lower years.



There have been several trips this summer including a theatre visit to see 'Blood Brothers', the Moscow and French exchanges and later in the summer holiday the fantastic trip to the Ardeche.

All Y10 students took part in a weeks work experience where they gained an insight into the working world. No doubt, their experiences will prove to be very useful when they start to make their decisions about their next educational step beyond year 11.

Have a great summer!

Duke of Edinburgh Award



On a sunny weekend in July a group of Y10 students completed their final Duke of Edinburgh walk. Sarah Reece tells us more...

We walked for a minimum of six hours on both Saturday and Sunday and set up camp in between at Acres Down Campsite. Once set up we were in charge of cooking a two-course meal using a trangia.

In the evening we provided entertainment for the teachers, describing how the day had gone with a few performances.

Overall the two-day walk was very long and hard. However, we all completed it in high spirits and in good time. The weather was particularly hot and at one point it reached 30 degrees by midday on Sunday.

Throughout the walk we ran into many challenges, such as animals blocking our path. Each challenge we overcame and were rewarded at the end with a McDonald's.

Year 11 News

The End of an Era

By Mr Byles, Head of Year 11



The Summer term has been a busy one for our Y11s! Five gruelling weeks of exams have finally come to an end. We have been extremely proud of the positive and business-like attitude the students approached their exams with. We now eagerly await the results day on Thursday 23rd August.

As a celebration at the end of the exams, the end of the year and the end of their Key Stage 4 courses we had a lovely evening at the Elmers Court Hotel in Lymington for the Y11 Prom. With arrivals including many classic cars, sport cars and even a tractor the evening got off to a brilliant start. Once the arrivals drew to a close we moved through the hotel for drinks on the lawn. This then led to plenty of photo opportunities before the buffet was served. The year group made an excellent account of themselves on the dance floor with a couple of dance off competitions being a highlight! The evening was brilliantly attended with over 120 students enjoying a beautiful summer's evening with food, music and dancing.

After a stressful few weeks what an ideal way to sign off from Y11!

Pennyfarthing Construction Award



Talented Lloyd Vivian in Y11 has been given the tools to help him build his dream career in construction.

Lloyd was presented with the Pennyfarthing Homes Construction Award after demonstrating hard work and dedication to his studies in construction. He also received a £200 voucher from Travis Perkins.

This generous prize is designed to provide a young student with the opportunity to purchase tools and equipment which will support their future career and allow them to apply some of the skills they have learnt while studying construction at Arnewood.

Lloyd has just finished his GCSEs and will be starting his apprenticeship with Matthew Brewer Carpentry.

Lloyd said, "I was really surprised and really happy when I won the Pennyfarthing Construction Award. Everyone on the course has worked hard and done really well. I will need lots of tools when I start my apprenticeship and they are really expensive so the £200 voucher will really help me get started."

The presentation was held on Thursday 21st June at the Alexandra Meadows Development in Lymington, where 70 new homes are being built. This year students were given a tour of the site to support their subject knowledge of construction and gain an insight into the building techniques and practices used on site.

Sixth Form News

Summer in Sixth Form

By Mrs Reece, Deputy Head of Sixth Form

It has been a busy term in Sixth Form, with Y13 taking their final exams and Y12 sitting their AS course examinations and assessments. We are proud of the commitment and dedication shown by all.

We have already said goodbye to our departing Italian students with a BBQ, and now we say farewell to our Y13s. We wish them much happiness and success in the next step of their journey – we will miss you!

Meanwhile, our Y12s have just started their work experience. We look forward to hearing how they get on. We also had a day of mock interviews with leading companies, which was a great success. Our recent Life Skills session gave students the chance to think about preparing their applications to UCAS and exploring what an apprenticeship might look like.

We have also just appointed our new leadership team in the Sixth Form. We now await the exam results, later in the summer, and look forward to celebrating these in the forthcoming presentation evening.

It remains to say, as we close for the summer, may each of you have a lovely holiday and stay safe.

Mr Colman

Head of Sixth Form / Assistant Headteacher

All Glitz & Glam for Sixth Form Prom



Our Sixth Form prom started months in advance with the prom committee sorting out decorations, flower arrangements and menu options. These all came together for a great evening!

With 70 of us gathering at the Queens Hotel Bournemouth, the prom began with a welcome drink reception followed by a delicious three course meal! Mr Colman presented a student voted awards presentation before the teachers presented the students with a comedy video dancing to 'The Greatest Showman soundtrack'.

We enjoyed a photo booth, the outside garden area, and a disco into the evening, with some then heading out into Bournemouth into the early hours to continue the leavers' celebrations. It was a memorable evening and a lovely way to end our time at the Sixth Form.

Plenty of Sunshine, Rounders and BBQs



'Affettuoso addio'

The first BBQ of the summer term was a special farewell to our Italian students for 2017/2018.

The sun came out for our end of year summer BBQ, where we celebrated the time our Italian students had shared at Arnewood. We enjoyed a game of rounders, followed by a BBQ out on the school field. Maria Bellato, our Italian coordinator said students 'had felt really welcomed and accepted in the school community'. She highlighted the support teachers had given to students, throughout the year, which made their learning such a positive experience.

On another very hot and sunny afternoon in late June, it was time to say farewell to our Y13 students. We all met on the field for a BBQ and game of rounder's. The teachers cooked us a great BBQ and we sat and ate with friends in the shade of the trees, while Mr Colman delivered a short speech reflecting on our past two years at The Arnewood Sixth Form.



Y13 Student

New Leadership Team



Congratulations to the new student leadership team who have recently been appointed. They have completed a leadership workshop and are ready to launch some new ideas for Sixth Form.

This is a great opportunity for all students to get involved in their Sixth Form. We look forward to hearing more about what they have planned for us in September.

Leadership Team

Head Boy

Tom Hopkins

Head Girl

Olivia Hilton-Foster

Deputy Head Boy

Johnathan Snelgrove

Deputy Head Girl

Lauren Ankers

Senior Prefects

Anya Renouf

Evie Kite

Frances Whitworth

Libby Jenner

Isabella Sque

Abbey Kilbey

Victoria Primmer

Life Skills

As Y12 students we were given the opportunity to enhance our interview skills with external companies such as, Apello, Bournemouth University, Curtis Wright, Richard Gears and New Milton Rotary Club.

The interviews were conducted in small groups and in a realistic setting, this allowed us to experience what a job or university interview would be like. Once we had answered the questions, they gave us advice on how we could improve our interviews. For example, they suggested more sophisticated language and improvements of body posture.

The interviews were a valuable experience as it gave us the opportunity to interact and have 'mock' interviews with people other than our teachers and peers. We also received constructive criticism, which will aid us when moving forward. Overall, it was a beneficial experience, which I would recommend to others.

By Anya Renouf, Senior Prefect

Dates for the Diary

Thursday 16th August 2018: A level results

Tuesday 28th August 2018: Problem-solving morning from 8:30am in the sixth form block

Return dates in September:

Tuesday 4th September 2018: Y13 enrol at 1pm in the Hall

Wednesday 5th September 2018: Y12 enrol at 9am in the Hall

Thursday 6th September 2018: Sixth Form lessons begin

Friday 7th September 2018: Hengistbury Head team building day for our new Y12

Wednesday 12th September 2018: Ex Y13 Presentation Evening

Launch of Digital Museum



Our young Digital Leaders celebrated the launch of the Block2Block: New Milton in Minecraft project with a special event at the Forest Arts Centre on Saturday 14th July, with special guests Mumbo Jumbo and Ibbly from Chillblast.

The 15 students, friends, family and staff enjoyed live music from Coda Music, drama performances from Young Carers and screenings of the short films produced by the young people.

One of the highlights was exploring the completed digital world of New Milton and discovering the stories, music, images and interviews within the Minecraft museum.

One parent of an Arnewood student said, "This has been amazing! My son has had a wonderful experience and has enlarged his learning. Thank you from a proud mother."

Check out the Block2Block: New Milton in Minecraft webpage for further details on how to access the museum: www.forest-arts.co.uk/block2block-new-milton-minecraft.

Book Awards



It is an established tradition that Arnewood participates in the Hampshire Book Award. This is an annual event hosted by the School Library Service which is an opportunity for students to judge the latest best books published in 2017 for young adults.

Over 40 Hampshire schools eagerly took part and were issued six books to read and judge. A group of enthusiastic Y8 Arnewood students were quick to take up the challenge. We met once a week to exchange books and discuss how we rated them. Discussion is a very important aspect of the Award programme; we all enjoy sharing our views! To choose the worthy winner students concentrate on three aspects: enjoyment, engagement and enrichment.

Although our Y8 had a clear winner we agreed that all the books definitely deserved to be on the shortlist. As an 'old hand' at judging for the H.B.A. (although I must emphasise that no adult has a vote; this really is an Award to the author from the students) I can comment that these were probably one of the most readable selection of books we have ever judged.

The event culminated in the Voting Day with other schools at Applemore College to discuss and vote. It was very interesting hearing the opinions of other students, who did not all agree! The winner was Tamsyn Murray's, 'Instructions for a Second Hand Heart'.

Find out more about the author and this book at: www.leedsbookawards.co.uk/2017-instructions-for-a-second-hand-heart.php. Visit the library and check out all the books - details are also on Firefly.

By Mrs Woodacre

Helping to Keep Hampshire Safe



We are pleased to announce we have joined forces with twelve other schools and colleges across the New Forest to form a new alliance aimed at keeping students safe from harm.

The focus of the new partnership, called Hampshire Safe, is to educate and warn students about the dangers of drugs.

Member schools have developed a drug prevention and substance misuse strategy and will be introducing initiatives and offering safeguarding advice throughout the year.

Speaking on behalf of Hampshire Safe, Principal of Brockenhurst College Di Roberts CBE said, "As headteachers and principals we all share a common concern of the dangers that drugs can present to our students."

"Although none of our schools and colleges have a serious problem with drug misuse we are determined to keep it that way. Our overriding message is that we will do everything we can to protect our young people."

"Prevention will be the main key to this and we will be educating our young people to the dangers of drugs. Deterrents will also be a part of

the partnership and we will, from time to time, use specialist dogs to detect any drugs that may have been brought onto our sites."

Hampshire Safe includes Noadswood School, Ringwood School, New Forest Academy, The Arnewood School, The Burgate School, Totton College, Brockenhurst College, Eaglewood School, Applemore College, Priestlands School, Greenwood School, Testwood School and Hounsdown School.

The partnership is launching this new initiative with assemblies across all its schools and colleges and a social media education campaign aimed at students.

Nigel Pressnell, Headteacher of The Arnewood School added, "Our schools and colleges are all based in rural or semi-rural areas but the reality is that even here there are concerns over the access to drugs in our communities."

"As schools and colleges we play an important role alongside parents and the police in educating and preventing our young people from falling victims to drug misuse.

"We believe as a partnership we are even stronger in this fight in safeguarding our students from harm."

Temporary Inspector from Hampshire Police, Paul Beale said, "We welcome and support the robust action being taken by New Forest schools and colleges to tackle drug misuse.

"We will continue to work closely with schools to educate students about the dangers of drugs and deal with offences as they occur."

You can follow @HampshireSafe on Twitter or Facebook where you will find facts, resources and myth busters about drugs.

Watch our Hampshire Safe video on our website. Our message is simple: be young, enjoy life, stay safe – and most importantly, live long and happy lives.

Dates for Your Diary

20th July - 3rd September

SCHOOL CLOSED FOR
SUMMER HOLIDAY

3rd September (Monday)

INSET DAY

4th September (Tuesday)

INSET DAY

Y13/14 enrolment from 1pm

5th September (Wednesday)

0820 - Y7 start

0900 - 1045 - Y12 enrol

1100 - Y8 - 11 start

6th September (Thursday)

Sixth Form lessons begin

7th September (Friday)

Y12 Team Building

12th September (Wednesday)

Sixth Form Presentation

13th September (Thursday)

Y7 Learning Evening

14th September (Friday)

Sixth Form life skills

School Photographer

15th - 16th September (Sat - Sun)

DofE cycle ride

17th September (Monday)

School Photographer

18th September (Tuesday)

Y6 Open Evening

24th September (Monday)

HPV vaccinations - Y8 girls

28th September (Friday)

NMJ Y6 Open Morning

1st October (Monday)

Ashley Y6 Open Morning

2nd October (Tuesday)

Burton Y6 Open Morning

3rd October (Wednesday)

Hordle/Tiptoe Y6 Open Morning

4th October (Thursday)

Bransgore Y6 Open Morning

5th October (Friday)

Grandparents' Day

16th October (Tuesday)

Sixth Form Open Evening

17th October (Wednesday)

iPad Evening

18th October (Thursday)

Lower School Presentations

22nd - 26th October

OCTOBER HALF TERM