

# Arnewood News

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# New Year, New Building

*Over 3 million-pound worth of building works to be completed in 2019...*



**M**ulti-million pound works to give The Arnewood School a major re-fit will be ready for January 2019. The school's Scola block and changing rooms have undergone a £3.2 million overhaul, thanks to a successful capital bid to the Education Funding Agency, to vastly improve the look and environmental performance of the buildings.

Staff and students will have full use of the Scola building and changing rooms when they come back after the Christmas Holiday.

The smart new look on the outside, complete with new roof is only part of the renovation. The entire top floor has been refurbished with new ceilings, LED lighting and new floor coverings. All windows have been replaced which will help keep the building warmer in the winter and cooler in the summer. There is also a new improved WIFI system.



*New look for The Arnewood's Pegasus - some say this would be a more fitting logo. What do you think?*

All rooms now have carbon dioxide detectors and the first floor benefits from a new air handling system to improve air flow in the science laboratories.

Student toilets have been replaced with smart new facilities and a colour scheme that was chosen by the school council.

A new state of the art CCTV system has been installed as well as a lift, which will improve access for students with restricted mobility.

This project has seen a refurbishment of the changing rooms which are now bright, airy and well ventilated. Both male and female changing facilities offer eight cubicles for showering as well as new WC facilities for students. In addition, there are now disabled and LGBTQ changing facilities.



The hall, gym and courtyard have seen window replacements and with careful value engineering the external cladding has also been replaced.

A further bid has also been put in to the Education Funding Agency to refurbish the Rosla building which houses the music and drama departments.

## Arnewood Remembers



Classrooms fell silent as staff and students commemorated the fallen of WWI - 100 years on.

The whole school joined Headteacher Nigel Pressnell, along side Head Girl, Olivia Hilton-Foster, Head Boy Thomas Hopkins and army cadets on the AstroTurf to mark Armistice Day with a two-minute silence and laying of the wreath. This was followed by the Last Post, played by Mr Cornford and Y8 student Joey.

This ended a week of remembrance assemblies led by Mr Barrett and Y10 drama students who devised their own performance using physical theatre techniques along side extracts from 'Archie Dobson's War and Private

Peaceful'.

Students also created their own personal poppy of remembrance with messages to those that served in the war. These were then put together to create a display.

The Arnewood School also joined other local community groups at the New Milton remembrance parade and service on 11th November.

Arnewood students followed Alice Sheppard, Y11, carrying the school flag as they made their way to the public memorial service.

A very memorable moment that Arnewood were proud to be a part of.



# Ofsted Praise for Arnewood

*Staff and students are celebrating after being rated 'Good' with the sixth form praised as Outstanding...*



*School leaders and members of the student school council join Headteacher Nigel Pressnell (centre), Deputy Headteacher Craig Price (left of Nigel Pressnell) and Head Boy and Head Girl, Thomas Hopkins and Olivia Hilton-Foster, to celebrate their good Ofsted.*

The Arnewood School has been rated 'Good' across the board with the sixth form praised as 'Outstanding'. Ofsted inspectors gave their verdicts after spending two days at the school last month.

In the report, lead inspector Susan Aykin said, "Leaders and governors have worked hard to ensure that students receive a good education at The Arnewood School.

"The culture of learning has remained strong so that students engage well with their subjects and are motivated to achieve well.

"Leaders and staff have a strong moral purpose. They have high expectations for their students and work hard to ensure that the curriculum meets the needs of every single

student."

The report praised the school's curriculum as "broad, balanced and creative".

Inspectors added that the curriculum was also complemented by a rich programme of extra-curricular learning, including music, art, drama and sport.

Teaching is good and provision for students' spiritual, moral, social and cultural education is strong, the report highlighted.

The quality of teaching in English and mathematics was singled out as a strength of the school.

Students were also praised by the inspectors as well behaved, caring and proud of their school.

The report also highlighted Arnewood's



collaborative role in the new Hampshire Safe partnership, saying the school is highly effective in addressing the dangers facing students beyond school.

Ofsted said the sixth form provision was outstanding, with students' outcomes at A-level consistently above the national average and the quality of teaching excellent.

Headteacher, Nigel Pressnell said, "We are delighted with Ofsted's findings. This is our first inspection in five years and our first since the revised inspection framework was introduced.

"Our aim is always to strive for excellence

and have high aspirations for our students and this hard work by all the school's staff has been recognised.

"I'm particularly pleased that our students have been praised for their behaviour, their caring natures and their diligence in all they do.

"Our sixth form's results have consistently put us among the top providers and this official outstanding recognition is richly deserved."

The Arnewood School's Ofsted report is available on our website.



# Bringing Together Generations

*Students and Kingfisher residents spend the afternoon sharing poems and stories...*

**T**he Y7 literacy group attended a poetry sharing and reminiscing session in November with residents from the Kingfisher Care Home.

Funded by the New Milton Town Partnership as part of the Literacy Festival, drama and speech specialist Jackie Goddard worked with the students and residents over a 6-week period.

Each group developed a short programme that they performed to the other during an informal 'sharing' at the Kingfisher Care Home.

The aim of the project was to bring together two groups from different generations to share experiences and build connections.

The 12 students confidently gave their renditions of the different rhymes and limericks they had been learning. Student, Phoebe said, "At first I felt really nervous but when I finished reading the poem I felt happy and proud of myself because I faced up to one of my fears."

Another student, Tia said, "I like the visit because all the older ladies were so nice and it was fun, we also learnt about the games they played when they were at school."

After the students read their poems it was the turn of Kingfisher residents, who took it in turns to read their poems aloud. One of the favourites among the students was about the elderly and technology.

Once the poems were done, students had the opportunity to ask the residents some questions, such as what games they played when they were younger and if they had any memories from the war.

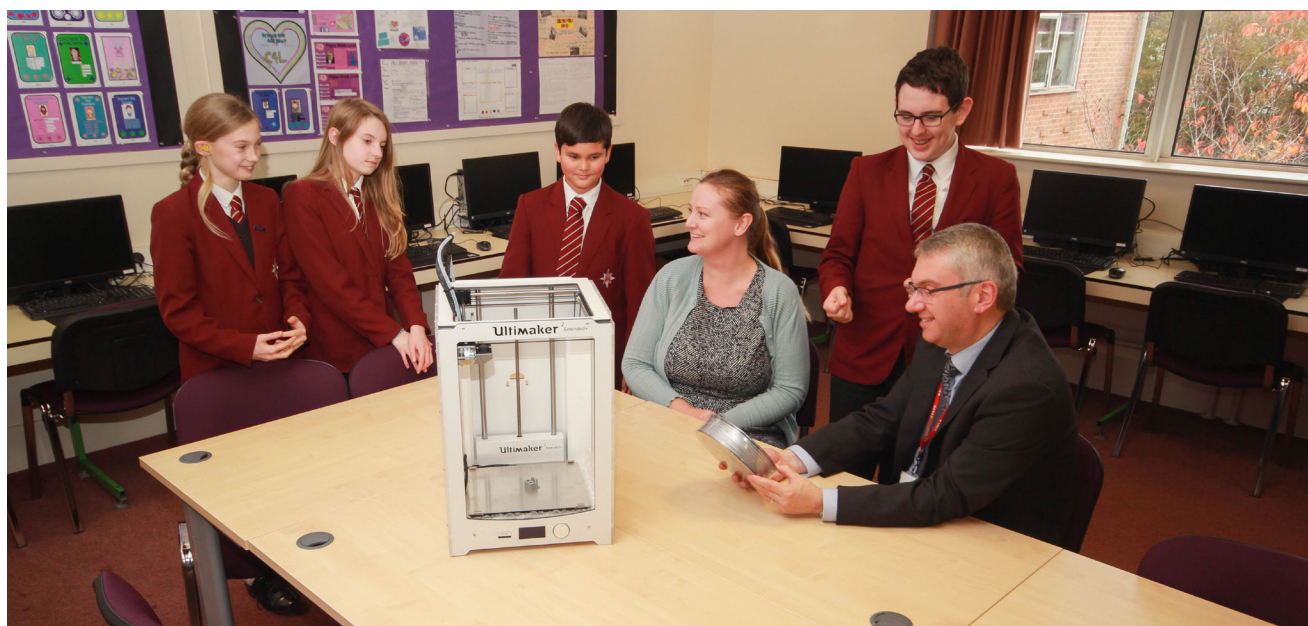
The residents' feedback was very positive with comments like, "very enjoyable" and "It's been lovely to be involved with the younger generation."

This opportunity has been a great experience for the students and Arnewood are hoping to continue the relationship with other positive activities.





# New High-Tech Innovation Suite



Sarah Milligan, IT services manager, and Headteacher Nigel Pressnell in the Wolfson IT Suite with some of the school's digital leaders, from left to right: Anna Simpson (Y8), Sophie Whatmore (Y8), Michael Allen (Y8) and Darren Smith (Y10).

Students are enjoying a new high-tech suite with the latest IT equipment thanks to a £25,000 award.

Arnewood now boasts 26 new PCs and monitors all installed with the most up-to-date software. In addition, the school has also been able to buy new desks and chairs for its IT suite thanks to the generous award from the Wolfson Foundation.

The new IT room, which has been renamed to the Wolfson IT Suite, is also the new home for two new 3D printers.

Headteacher, Nigel Pressnell said, "We are absolutely thrilled to have been awarded this very generous grant that has enabled us to equip our students with the latest computers and software. IT is one of our priorities as we know what a crucial role it plays in today's world."

"We are particularly excited about our new printers as these will allow students to design and print 3D components using a plastic filament. Rapid prototyping is an important

production innovation."

"This fits well with the Town Development Plan to make New Milton a hub for high-tech industry and it's our children who will be the town's future employees and entrepreneurs."

The Wolfson Foundation is an independent charity that awards grants to support and promote excellence in the fields of science, health, education and arts & humanities.

Its funds are generated through an endowment and since its establishment in 1955 has awarded more than £900 million in grants to more than 11,000 projects across the UK.

Paul Ramsbottom, Chief Executive of the Wolfson Foundation, said, "The Wolfson Foundation supports schools that have an outstanding track record and we do this particularly through the funding of science and technology."

"We are delighted to be involved with Arnewood, and hope that these new IT facilities will help to inspire pupils."

# Raising Money for Zambia



Students have been working hard fundraising for their expedition in the summer of 2019 to Livingstone, Zambia.

This expedition is community/charity based with the students working on three/four different projects for approximately one week each. They will be working at an orphanage, an old people's home, completing a building project in support of the village school and working with a charity that works with lions and elephants.

With the help of Mr Gough, who is leading the expedition, the 15 students have so far taken part in the New Milton's Christmas Market with a bottle stall, raising £740, a wine

tasting evening where parents and friends of Arnewood enjoyed an evening of fine wine with a three-course meal and silent auction. This event raised £1500 for the various charities in Zambia.

Students have also written to all premieriership and championship football clubs asking for donations of football shirts. These will be taken out to Zambia and distributed to the young people in the orphanage and school. So far two smaller clubs have donated shirts and the school has been contact by a charity called 'KitAid' who have offered approximately 200 shirts.

Students need to raise £7000 to support the three projects that they are planning to complete. If you would like to support this project, please visit their justgiving page: [www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/arnewood-zambia-charity-project](http://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/arnewood-zambia-charity-project)

By taking part in this expedition, students have the opportunity to learn how others live. They will start to gain an understanding of how hard life can be for some people. The students and their parents know that this will be a life-changing experience.

