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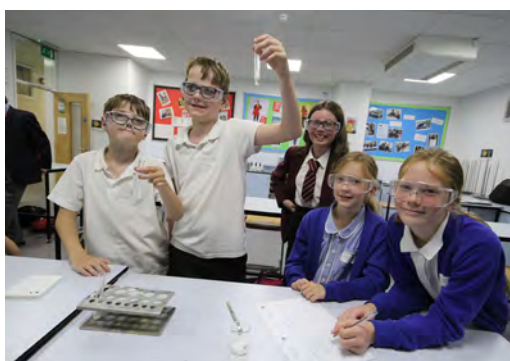
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Day**



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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

The end of a very busy school year has finally arrived – and what a year it has been!

Firstly, OfSTED visited the school in November 2018. This was a welcome validation that the school was where senior leaders anticipated and that we are good in all aspects with an outstanding sixth form. Secondly, we opened our new changing facilities and SCOLA building which had been refurbished inside and out. This multi million pound site improvement was concluded with the news that the building company had been taken into receivership. Fortunately, good planning has meant that the impact has been minimised and remaining snagging will be finished during this summer holiday. Finally, we have weathered a year of staff restructuring and cost cutting which is the inevitable consequence of public spending constraints that have seen school funding nationally fall by 8% since 2010 according to the Institute of Fiscal Studies (21% for sixth forms and colleges over that same period).

Through all of these travails the wonderful team that is the staff of The Arnewood School have succeeded in maintaining and improving provision with less. I salute their resolve and commitment to our students who also remain as brilliant as ever. This year they have thrown themselves not only into their studies but a whole host of extra-curricular activities as diverse as We Will Rock You, Duke of Edinburgh assessments, a science camp at the Meteorological Office, visits to the Rutherford Appleton Laboratory, graduation from The Brilliant Club at Southampton University, New Forest Athletics, hosting Chinese, Spanish or Italian students, our Third Reich residential visit, Gardening Club and much much more, too long to list completely.

One of our school priorities for 2019/20 is improving student literacy, so I hope you will have the opportunity to get stuck into a good book while enjoying a relaxing and well deserved holiday. I look forward to seeing you safe and well on your return in September when we also welcome new Year 7 students on the start of their journey to the sixth form study.

Nigel Pressnell - Headteacher

YEAR 7

By Miss Vincent, Head of Year 7

Y7 have made a fantastic start to their seven year journey with us at Arnewood. In our celebration assembly we took the opportunity to reflect over the last 12 months, looking at how far the year group had come since their taster day in July last year. We looked at some of the exciting opportunities the group have had this year, including the cooking club, the school production as well as trips to the pantomime and more recently the water park. We also looked at the many sporting achievements the year group have attained, most notably at the New Forest Athletics but also in their own first Arnewood sports day.

A number of the year group have achieved high numbers of ADDs rewards this year with many students receiving, gold, platinum, promethium and iridium awards. Mrs Cook, our Chair of Governors, attended the assembly in order to present the year group's first palladium award to Toby Sabin, who has achieved a phenomenal 2400 reward points this year.

Finally, Mrs Cook was asked to judge our sunflower competition. This was started at the beginning of term by Miss Gardiner. Each tutor group was given 2 sunflower seeds, pots and compost and was charged with growing and nurturing the plants throughout the term. Unfortunately, not all our tutors are as green-fingered as we had hoped but we did have a good number of plants brought to the



ACTIVITY DAY

Students marked the end of term with a fun-filled activity day at Dorset Adventure Park near Corfe Castle.

The park featured a total wipeout style wibit aqua park as well as a fun mud trail assault course with over 30 challenging obstacles.

The day was physically challenging but the students were brilliant and worked well as a team.



hall for judging. After careful consideration, Mrs Cook deemed 7JPR's sunflower to be the winning plant!

It was fitting to end the term on a celebratory high note and we wish each of our students well as they move through the school.

YEAR 8

By Mr Byles, Head of Year 8

It has been another very busy term for the Y8s.

At the start of term students went on an activity residential at the Little Canada PGL centre on the Isle of Wight. Activities included climbing, quad-biking, the giant swing and fencing. The way the students supported each other through facing their fears and overcoming obstacles was brilliant to see and the students conducted themselves brilliantly over the course of the weekend.

15 students visited IncuHive in New Milton, where they had the opportunity to hear about different careers such as a mortgage adviser, website designer and chief editor of the New Milton Advertiser and Times.

All Y8s have recently completed their exams and it has been lovely to hear how students have exceeded their target grades. Students continue to make progress in lessons and have been rewarded for their efforts. Particular congratulations go to Fred Gouldstone, Poppy Wardle and Jessica Embleton who have already achieved their Iridium awards.

It was brilliant to see nearly 60 students being invited to a special celebratory pizza lunch for their excellent attendance for the spring term - the pizzas went down very nicely!

We now look forward to starting KS4 courses in September as the students start their journey towards their exams in Y11.



DIGIGIRLZ

A group of girls were invited to the DigiGirlz event at Microsoft in June as part of an initiative to get more girls interested in STEM.

This one-day event at Microsoft in Reading was a great opportunity for the girls to interact with employees and experience what Microsoft jobs look like in daily life.

The workshops and activities that took place throughout the day supported the girls with career planning, understanding roles in technology and stimulate in-depth discussion about the field. The girls came away feeling very positive and are now thinking about possible career ideas.

A SMASHING TIME



A group of Y8 students visited the Rutherford Appleton Laboratory in Chilton, this month. It was a great trip full of fun experiences, such as extracting DNA from a strawberry and experimenting with liquid nitrogen.

Student Cameron Holmes said, "My favourite part of the trip was smashing flowers that had been solidified due to the nitrogen, and watching a balloon inflate and deflate when we put it into the nitrogen and out again. We also got to see a particle accelerator and saw where plane companies test their new technology. I would highly recommend this trip as it was very educational and fun."

YEAR 9

By Mr Emecz, Head of Year 9

The Summer Term has been full of activities for Y9. We had an action-packed weekend in Osmington Bay, with activities that included archery, rifle shooting, climbing and tunnel trails. We also had a couple of visits to the 2012 Olympics venue at Portland.

All Y9 students have been given a personalised folder to begin to create a complete Record of Achievement for their time at Arnewood. As well as noting down their exam results and monitoring their progress, students have used Kudos to identify specific careers and plan steps towards getting the right job in the future.

A large group of Y9 students have applied to take part in the Duke of Edinburgh Award. The successful applicants will have an even busier time next year with challenging outdoor pursuits as well as getting involved in charity work and sporting activities. I will keep you updated on their progress.

As the term draws to a close, Y9 have experienced their last International Day, enjoying a wide variety of activities from a range of different subject areas. They also took part in their last ever Sports Day, with great teamwork, tremendous efforts and some record-breaking achievements. Students have earned a well-deserved summer break, and have been encouraged to make the most of the holidays by walking and cycling in the forest, enjoying watersports and fossil hunting on the beaches and setting themselves a personal challenge over the holidays such as seeing a shooting star (the Perseid meteor shower peaks on the night of the 12th Aug).



LEARNING SURVIVAL SKILLS

A small group of students have been involved in bush craft sessions in the forest, where they have been learning to build fires, construct shelters and use knives to cut and carve wood for various purposes. Others have been to Orchard Lakes for fishing trips, which is something we hope to be able to offer as an after school activity to all Y10 students next year.

PASSIVE SPEAKERS



Students have been making passive speakers out of plywood this term. All students planned and designed their own speaker, and in the process learned how to engrave using the laser cutter. Students really enjoyed making these, and the end results are brilliant!

YEAR 10

By Mr Neale, Head of Year 10

Y10 have had an incredibly busy summer term. Having completed; work experience, English and Maths mock exams, Duke of Edinburgh Expeditions, drama performances and a university workshop.

Furthermore, our prefects have been given their ties and started their new roles as leaders within the Arnewood community.

There have been many challenges in Y10 and students have risen to each of them. The biggest impact students can make on their academic progress is their attendance and engagement in lessons. I am continually impressed with the work ethic and focus that the majority of students put into their learning.

Looking ahead to Y11, there will be much more focus on GCSE exams in the summer of 2020. Students will have plenty of opportunity to revise for each subject. They will also be looking at their next steps such as The Arnewood Sixth Form.

The road to success and greatness is always paved with consistent hard work. Persistently putting effort and focus will make all the difference.



BUSINESS ENTERPRISE

Budding entrepreneurs took part in an Enterprise Workshop this term, delivered by Bournemouth University.

Students were given examples of how to pitch and sell a product before being tasked to develop their own business plan. This was then presented to the rest of the class in a Dragon's Den style presentation.

Our business moguls came up with original and innovative suggestions, backed up with strategies on price, target market, branding, location, company structure, and other business features.

The students had a great day experiencing what enterprise and business education can offer students in the future.



FUTURE LEADERS



Congratulations to the 50 students who have taken on their new responsibility as prefects this term. They received their ties during assembly and are now ready to take on their roles going forward in September leading the student body.

Duties include, buddy reading, maths help, quiet room monitors, astroturf prefects, subject based prefects and sports prefects. Youth leadership is an important quality and one which we develop in our sixth form where the student senior team consists of prefects, deputy and head boys and girls.

DOFE EXPEDITION

Congratulations to all 26 students who travelled to the Purbecks to complete their DofE assessed expedition. In glorious sunshine, the students pushed themselves to victory working in teams.

All students passed and had a fantastic weekend walking and camping in the sunshine.



YEAR 11

By Mr Elward, Head of Year 11

Y11 students have completed their GCSE's and can now look forward to a very well-deserved summer break.

I am delighted that 22 of our students have signed up to participate in the Government Scheme, "NCS" - the National Citizen Service. They will be enjoying a full week of outdoor activities in Devon or Cornwall followed by a week of workshops and culminating in a fund-raising project. Not only will this help a community but many new friends will be made along the way.

With exams over, it was time to celebrate! As always this was done in a very enjoyable and memorable evening at the beautiful Elmers Court Hotel. One of the highlights of the evening was the arrival of students, who were chauffeured in a variety of classic and modern cars. Even Mr Bean turned up to the delight of the crowd. Once again the students did themselves proud and there was an array of breathtaking gowns and suits! The evening then proceeded with drinks in the scenic gardens and a buffet. The evening concluded with some great dance moves.

Results day is on Thursday 22nd August and we would like to wish everybody all the best for their future. Good luck to those venturing to pastures new; we look forward to welcoming those who are returning in September to further their studies at The Arnewood School.



Mr Bean joins in the fun at The Arnewood School Prom

CONSTRUCTION AWARD



Talented Harrison Evans has been given the tools to help him build his dream career in construction after being the lucky recipient of a £200 sponsorship from New Forest construction firm, Pennyfarthing Homes.

For the last five years, Pennyfarthing Homes has been working closely with The Arnewood School to support our students who would like a career in the construction industry. And as part of this, the company sponsors a construction award to reward the hard work and achievements of outstanding students.

This year's recipient, Harrison, who achieved outstanding results for his BTEC Construction Award said, "I have really enjoyed construction lessons and I was pleased with myself when I came top in the exams, but it was still a big surprise when I won the award. I can now afford to buy some tools with the voucher, and I am looking forward to going to college next year."

Construction students visited Pennyfarthing's most recent development site, Alexandra Meadows, Lymington, where a mix of 2, 3 & 4 bedroom houses are being built.

SIXTH FORM

By Mr Colman,
Director of Sixth Form

It has been a busy term in Sixth Form, with Y13 taking their final exams and ensuring all coursework is completed; whilst Y12 have sat the first year of Internal AS examinations and assessments. We are proud of the commitment and dedication shown by all and look forward to the results in August!

We have already said goodbye to our departing Italian students with a BBQ, and now we say farewell to our Y13's. We wish them much happiness and success in the next step of their journey – you will be missed!

Meanwhile, our Y12s have just completed their work experience and we look forward to hearing how they get on. We also had a morning of mock interviews with JP Morgan, Appello and Specialist Sports. All three left Arnewood saying how impressed they were with our students. Our recent Life Skills session gave students the chance to think about preparing their applications to UCAS for university in 2020 and exploring the different levels of apprenticeship with students signing up on the national apprenticeship website.

Finally, we have appointed our new student leadership team in the Sixth Form and look forward to hearing about the ideas they have to shape our successful sixth form in the upcoming academic year.

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



A NIGHT TO REMEMBER

Our Sixth Form prom started months in advance with the prom committee leading the way with decorations, flower arrangements, and menu options. These all came together for a special evening. With students and staff gathering at the Queens Hotel Bournemouth, the prom began with a welcome drink reception followed by a first class 3 course meal! Mr Colman presented a student voted awards, to students such as Frances Whitworth, winning 'funniest girl', Jonathan Snelgrove, 'most likely to become a millionaire', and Lauryn Ankers, as 'bubbliest person'. We enjoyed a photo booth, the outside garden area, and a disco into the evening. Some then heading out into Bournemouth, into the early hours, to continue the leaver's celebrations. It was a memorable evening and a lovely way to end our time at the Sixth Form.

(Year 13 student)





LIFE SKILLS

As Y12 students, we were given the opportunity to enhance our interview skills. The Sixth Form had arranged for external companies and organisations to come and conduct interviews. Companies such as; Appello, J.P. Morgan, and Specialist Sports. The interviews were conducted in small groups and in a realistic setting, this allowed us to experience what an actual interview would be like, for situations such as university and jobs. I personally had my interview with J.P. Morgan. On entering the room we were made to feel at ease. Once we had answered the questions, we were given advice on how we could improve our interview techniques. 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. Furthermore, we received constructive criticism, which will aid us when moving forward. Our tutors told us that the companies were impressed with our interviews which was really encouraging.

(Year 12 student)

LEAVERS BBQ

On a bright sunny afternoon in late June, after our exams, we all met on the field for a BBQ and game of rounders. We had two competitive teams competing against each other! Our tutors cooked us a great BBQ where we sat and ate with friends in the shade of the trees, while Mr Colman shared a few words with us and reflected on our past two years at The Arnewood Sixth Form.





PAST STUDENTS SHARE EXPERIENCES OF UNIVERSITY

Once again it was great to have past students visit us. In recent days we have had Lara (studying medicine at Cardiff), Rebecca (studying English and Philosophy at Birmingham), and Charlotte (teacher training at Winchester) return to us to share how they have made it through year one of University. Y12 students were able to ask those really important questions about managing work, making friends, cooking, and looking after yourselves.

IMPORTANT DATES 2019

- **School closes for the summer holidays**
- Tuesday 23rd July
- **A level results**
- Thursday 15th August
- **GCSE results**
- Thursday 22nd August
- **Problem solving morning from 8.30am in Sixth Form**
- Friday 30th August
- **Y13 start at 1pm in the Hall**
- Wednesday 4th September
- **Y12 enrol at 9am in the Hall**
- Thursday 5th September
- **Hengistbury Head team building day for new Y12**
- Friday 6th September
- **Sixth Form lessons begin for Y12**
- Monday 9th September
- **Ex Y13 Presentation Evening**
- Wednesday 11th September



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BLOOMING FANTASTIC



Seven green-fingered enthusiasts have designed and are now planting a new garden area as part of the community aspect of the Britain in Bloom competition, where New Milton Town Council was selected as finalists.

Headteacher, Nigel Pressnell said, "This is the first time we have worked with the Town Council on the Britain in Bloom competition and it has been a great way to engage our students about nature and the environment.

"The students, who are all members of our after-school gardening club, have taken the lead on this and have come up with a wonderful garden design.

"Whatever the result of the competition we will be left with a very new attractive outdoor area for the whole school to enjoy."

The students, under the guidance of teacher Miss Gardiner, put together an array of design ideas which they pitched to Mr Pressnell and Mark Jeffries, Estates and Facilities Manager for New Milton Town Council.

Their presentations covered different types of plants that could be used in certain environmental conditions as well as ideas for recycling things such as old tyres, wellies and old benches and chairs.

With their chosen design approved, they are now busy transforming the grass area outside the school's reception and an area to the side of the sixth form block.



Neighbouring local company, Double H Nurseries, has also kindly donated 200 lavender plants to the project, with other plants still to come.

Judging for South and South East In Bloom took place on July 9 but the Britain in Bloom judging will take place on July 29. We wish the town and our students the best of luck.

A young girl with a surprised expression, wearing a yellow shirt and a white flower in her hair, is positioned on the right side of the advertisement. To her left is a blackboard with white and yellow text. The text on the blackboard reads: 'SCHOOL UNIFORM BACK TO SCHOOL PURCHASE DEADLINE ONLINE OR INSTORE FRIDAY 16TH AUGUST 2019'. Below the blackboard, on a yellow background, is the text: 'DON'T LEAVE IT TOO LATE! Whether you place your order online or make the purchase by visiting your local store, please do this by Friday 16th August 2019 to ensure your child has their uniform in time for September Remember after the deadline, we cannot guarantee to have stock in time for your child's first day back at school – help us to help you!'. In the bottom right corner, the 'pmg schoolwear' logo is displayed.

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NINJAS FOR THE DAY



Jane Prowse is multi-talented! She has published a trilogy for children and directed on the West End and Broadway as well as television. She has also written television scripts and is currently working hard on commissions to turn her first book into a television drama. We were therefore very privileged that she took time out from her hectic schedule to visit The Arnewood School, using her different talents in five separate sessions.

The day began in the Hall with all Y7 and Y8 students. The purpose of this session was to inspire the students to follow their dreams. Jane used personal examples and talked about the process of writing her books. She emphasised that to succeed you have to really focus on what you want and then work passionately hard, learning from constructive criticism and rejections (both are inevitable) and never losing sight of your goals. Two lucky students dressed up in Ninjas suits (Ninjutsu being a theme in Jane's books) and everyone listened intently when she read an exciting extract from her first book.

The second session was with Y9 students who benefitted from Jane's professional directing skills as they worked together in a drama studio on improvised pieces. Jane enjoyed the free-flowing nature of the lesson and the students gained from her suggestions on how to improve. The third lesson saw a selected group of Y7 students excited at meeting Jane again; this time in the library. Jane drew out their most creative story ideas and they demonstrated an impressive level of storytelling talent, keenness, imagination and team working. Jane then worked hard with a class of Y9 media students. Involving them with script readings she illustrated the effort and techniques involved in converting a book into a television script.

The day ended on a highlight for our most gifted and talented Y9 and 10 students. An intense hour was spent working in small groups writing a story. Jane instilled the value of a strong structure and she stretched the students to produce a very impressive standard of written work.

Undoubtedly the Arnewood students involved in any of her sessions benefitted from Jane's natural skill at bringing out the best in her learners and everyone learnt from the enjoyable activities. It was later pleasing to receive an email from Jane stating, "a heartfelt thank you for another great day at Arnewood. It's always such a pleasure to visit ... and I was genuinely impressed with some of the talent I encountered."

Mrs Woodacre, School Librarian

KIT AID



Students are hoping to net a huge win with African children when they donate hundreds of football kit to them.

They will fly out to Zambia this summer with more than 500 football shirts and shorts donated by the charity KitAid.

In addition, the Y11s and 12s have raised £8,000 towards the aid work they will undertake during their trip, as well as taking over 1,000 toothbrushes, to support dental hygiene of the young people they will be working with.

Headteacher, Nigel Pressnell said, "Our students have worked incredibly hard for two years to raise the money needed to go on this aid trip to Zambia.

"They have done a variety of fundraising activities, such as a wine tasting evening, a name the teddy bear competition, raffles and a silent auction.

"They also wanted to give a gift to the children they will be working with so they approached football clubs for shirt donations. When that did not prove to be very successful they were put in touch with the charity KitAid who came up trumps and are donating a staggering 500 football kits.

"This will be a fantastic experience for our students who will do amazing work and help make a real difference to the communities they'll be visiting."

The 13 students fly out to Zambia on July 28th and return to the UK on August 24th.

Their base will be in Livingstone where the students will work on a number of projects.

As well as working at an orphanage and old people's home they will also help to complete a village school's building project while helping with the children's education and supporting conservation work with lions and elephants.

For their final part of the expedition the students will enjoy a safari at the Chobe National Park in Botswana.

OUR BRILLIANT STUDENTS



A group of twelve keen Arnewood students graduated from the University of Southampton in May after taking part in a university style scholars' programme called The Brilliant Club.

This was the culmination of their study into How Can Poetry Change the World?

The special ceremony included a guest lecture by historian Professor Christer Padley who described the key issues facing modern society. Setting his talk within the context of evolution since The Big Bang, Professor Padley explained how population growth in recent years might be affected by climate change and nuclear war.

University Ambassadors provided the group with a tour of the university campus, taking in the library, sports facilities and student union. They spoke about their experience at university, meeting new friends and studying courses at undergraduate and postgraduate level.

Over the last few months, the students have completed an extended assignment supported by a PhD student from the University of Kent, studying literature, who provided regular tutorials on Eco-Poetry. During the programme, the group visited Oxford University which taking in college life and the City of Dreaming Spires.

Speaking publicly to the graduates and staff, Arnewood student Ruby Costello made a convincing argument of the value of the programme and the skills she had acquired through her participation. Ruby encouraged other students to get involved in the Brilliant Club in future and explained how she "had enjoyed discovering the feelings you experienced having read different pieces of poetry". George King also gave a speech saying he found the experience a challenge but gained great satisfaction in extended writing. George said his favourite part of the scholars' programme "was the final assignment because he could test his ability to sit down and write".

Arnewood's Gifted and Talent Coordinator, Katherine Marshall said, "I am very pleased that our students have been recognised for their academic achievement and the hard work they have invested in their study. They have thrown themselves into university style learning and done themselves proud."

STEAM DAY

From creative dance to a virtual lesson in outer space, primary school children from across the New Forest were given a fun day's introduction to the world of secondary education with our annual STEAM Day (science, technology, engineering, art and maths).

Over 340 Y5 students from New Milton Juniors, Bransgore Primary, St Lukes Primary, Hordle Primary, Ashley Junior and Burton Primary were treated to a day of hands-on activities and lectures from guest speakers.

Guests included Arts University Bournemouth, Coda Music, Creative Dance with Hayley Barker, The New Forest Centre, Southern Water, and Southampton University who brought along its very own astrodome – one of the South's most mobile planetariums that digitally immerses people into outer space.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

23rd July (Tuesday)
School finishes @ 1320

24th July - 2nd September
SCHOOL CLOSED FOR
SUMMER HOLIDAYS

28th July - 24th August
(Tuesday) Students to Zambia

3rd September (Tuesday)
INSET Day

4th September (Wednesday)
INSET Day
Y13/14 enrolment from 1300

5th September (Thursday)
0820 - Y7 start
0900 - 1200 - Y12 enrol
1100 - Y8-11 start

6th September (Friday)
Y13 lessons begin
Y12 teambuilding day

11th September (Wednesday)
Sixth Form Presentation
Evening

12th September (Thursday)
Y7 Learning Evening

13th September (Friday)
Sixth Form life skills
School photographer

16th September (Monday)
School Photographer

19th September (Thursday)
Y6 Open Evening
Y11 theatre trip

24th September (Tuesday)
Art V&A visit

26th September (Thursday)
Y6 Open Morning
Y9-13 theatre trip

30th September (Monday)
Directors' /Governors Day (tbc)

2nd October (Wednesday)
Thirsty Drama in school

3rd October (Thursday)
Y9 Learning Evening

10th October (Thursday)
Y8 employability skills
Nuffield theatre trip

15th October (Tuesday)
Sixth Form Open Evening

17th October (Thursday)
Lower School Presentations

23rd October (Wednesday)
iPad Evening

28th October - 1st November
(Wednesday)
OCTOBER HALF TERM

4th November (Monday)
School re-opens @ 0820