

The Arnewood School Newsletter



Message from the Head Teacher

Welcome to the first newsletter of the academic year. Already it feels as if the term is in full swing; I am delighted by the purposeful start students have made to 2017/18.

This summer we witnessed another set of strong examination results including those that were particularly impressive in our sixth form. In key stage 4 we had thirteen students who achieved five or more A* or A grades (new grade 7 or above). Meanwhile our post-16 results place The Arnewood School Sixth Form in the top 10% of providers nationally. This is testament to the hard work of students, their teachers and parents – thank you all.

Many of you will have already heard the good news about our successful bid to redevelop our three story SCOLA building. This is an ambition we have been chasing for a number of years, so we are pleased to see progress at last. In the short term, there will be some inevitable disruption including the use of temporary accommodation, and loss of some parking spaces on site.

The building work is in two consecutive phases to minimise disruption to teaching especially around summer exams. The most hazardous work will be completed during school holidays. It is exciting to think that in a year's time we shall effectively have a new building that will benefit generations of families to come. I will keep students and parents informed of further updates ahead of work commencing at the end of February. Clearly, site safety will remain a priority during the extended building period.

Nigel Pressnell
Head Teacher

Year 7 News

Off to a Great Start

By Miss Vincent, Head of Year 7

Art Trip

Y7 had a fantastic trip to Southampton Gallery this half term, where Miss Tyas and Miss Harnett took 50 students to see the new 'Itchen: Source to Sea' exhibition.

The students enjoyed the chance to produce a range of beautiful responses to the artwork using ink and watercolour. They were also given a tour of the gallery and participated in group discussions to analyse the artwork around the gallery, many of them offering very impressive, thoughtful ideas!



Extra-Curricular

Students have already made an outstanding contribution to extra-curricular sports clubs at Arnewood. The clubs available this half term range from football, rugby, netball, hockey, badminton and table tennis. On a number of evenings the PE department have had over 100 students participating - what fantastic commitment and dedication already shown by the students.

The boys won their first football match against BCS 6-4 and the girls won their first netball match 12-0 against Twynham, great work by all!



My First Half Term

With the first half term nearly complete, two Y7 students tell us how they have settled in.

Mackenzie said - "I really did enjoy Junior School, but I never knew there was so much more to school life! I am very much enjoying my time at Arnewood. It is very exciting here and I very much enjoy the variety of lessons. I particularly enjoy Technology, PE and Maths. All of the teachers here are very kind, helpful and understanding. I have a feeling my journey here is going to be amazing and I am looking forward to lots of exciting new opportunities"

Bethany said - "It is very exciting here and I am enjoying the variety of new lessons including technology, German, geography and science. I am looking forward to having more German lessons as it is a completely new language for me and should be a challenge to learn. I have particularly enjoyed PE where I played rugby for the first time, which was fun and provided a great opportunity to bond with new class mates."

"I now have a teacher for each separate subject and for some, such as science, I even have two teachers. It is a challenge learning all their names, but it could be worse, I could be them having to learn all of our names! Once I overcame my initial nerves, I made a number of new friends from a wide range of schools and we supported each other through our first day at Arnewood. Since then, I have carried on making friends and meeting new people. I am looking forward to continuing my journey through The Arnewood School."

Year 8 News

Stepping Up

By Mr Emecz, Head of Year 8

We welcome several new starters to Y8, coming to us from local schools and farther afield. It is a good time to join Arnewood, as we begin thinking about our option choices.

After a very successful residential trip to Tile Barn last year, Y8 are preparing for another residential, this time to Little Canada on the Isle of Wight.

Y8 students have also achieved a record number of ADDS points, gaining recognition for their hard work in lessons and homework, filling in passports when they take part in after-school clubs, and earning extra ADDS points helping out at the Y6 Open Evening and Transfer Days.

Some of our students also stepped in with their iPads to help Y7 and their grandparents take part in a Kahoot! quiz. As part of our daily tutor sessions, students learn about events in the news and improve their general knowledge by taking part in quizzes. They then have the opportunity to make their own Kahoot! quizzes, which the others in the tutor group can respond to individually and in teams.

Stars in Drama

A group of Y8 students have received certificates for their hard work on the S.T.A.R. Drama Project this term.

They worked incredibly hard over 6 weeks to improve their concentration, co-operation and commitment. The students showed fantastic listening skills and trust to carry out some very complicated lifts and moves. They even tried flying! Well done to everyone.



Postcards for Outstanding Achievements



Students have started taking home postcards from their Head of Year in recognition of their outstanding achievements. As well as receiving nominations from subject teachers, students can catch one another going the extra mile with their classwork, homework or extra-curricular contributions. Students and teachers can log in to Firefly and nominate people in Y8 who they think deserve extra praise.

New School Council Ambassadors

We were delighted to have a large number of applications from Y8 students for the position of School Council Ambassador. Each applicant was interviewed, and it was very difficult to choose just one boy and one girl.

Congratulations to Dominic Fountain-Polley and Isabella Romley for their success. The other applicants had some excellent suggestions for ways to further improve school life, and we hope to see them taking on other roles in the near future.

Year 9 News

Aiming High

By Miss Parry, Year 9 Tutor

Y9 have made a fantastic start to the school year! A grand total of 9730 ADDs points have been awarded by 30th September. This gives an average score of 395 per student, a brilliant effort all round.

Not only have they started well in lessons but also on the sports field with both the girls hockey and boys football teams winning their matches. Well done also to the Y9 boys rugby team who came 3rd at the Hampshire Schools 13 a-side rugby tournament. A great achievement!

Girls Hockey 3-1 v New Forest Academy
Boys Football 3-2 v St.Peters.

Joe Gallagher joined us this term and has strengthened the team! He also scored two goals in our last game v BCS. Cameron Rumbelow should also be mentioned as he saved 2 goals off the line as a defender.

Riding to Victory

Congratulations to James Bull who has been chosen to race in the British Superbike Championship next season. He is going to be sponsored by 'KTM' a major bike manufacturer. we wish James the best of luck.



9JPL were the first tutor group to present an assembly which gave us much to think about on the theme of diversity. Well done and we look forward to seeing more presentations in the future.

Year 10

On a Winning Streak



The U15 girls Rugby team travelled to Winchester RFC to compete in their first ever Hampshire school tournament on Thursday 12th October.

The day was full of thrilling rugby. In the morning the girls began with an unlucky defeat losing 15-5 against Applemore. However, the girls brought it back in the last three matches of the morning with a 5-0 win against Priory and a 10-5 win against St. Georges, before finishing the morning with a 10-5 win against Amery.

After a physical morning of rugby, the girls were placed into a new pool and were excited for the second round of rugby. With some quick tries the girls won their first match 10-0 against Priory once again. Facing a strong side, the girls carried on their winning streak with a 10-0 win against Cantell before finishing a successful day of rugby with a repeated match against St Georges, ending with a win of 15-0.

The girls should be very proud of their achievements and they look forward to many more tournaments in the future. Well done to Amy Lewis, Ella Maycock, Jess Nock, Lily Dowrick, Ella Maidment, Mary woolfe, Ellie Grainger, Sophia Henry, Ally Marsh, Sure De Beer, Alys Shinn, Holly Cutts, Chloe Delarge and Alice Bridgen.

By Josh Fisher - Y10

U16 Hockey

The U16 hockey team have started the season well with a 2-1 win against Burgate and a 4-0 victory against New Forest Academy. Burgate was top of the league last year, which means we have a great chance of winning this year. Many of the team play for New Forest Hockey Club and a select few for Junior Development centre, a training programme which gives players the chance to trial for Hampshire. There are also many Y11 students in the team who play a big part in our success. On our win against New Forest Academy, Aminatta Njie won player of the match and previously, Alice Sheppard won player of the match against Noadswood.



By Alice Sheppard

Duke of Edinburgh

The Y10 Duke of Edinburgh group went on their first practise day walk on Saturday 23rd September.

They learnt new skills and were fantastic at planning and communicating. At the beginning of the day the two groups headed off in different directions through Wilverley inclosure up to Rhinefield, passing Rhinefield house on the way. Group one was led by Mrs Knight, Mr Barrett and Miss Hayman, and group two by Miss Humphrey, Mr Breaker and Miss Gardener. They then met for lunch before the Y10s led themselves back to the mini bus. The walk took a total of four hours, two in the morning and two in the afternoon, walking a total of 12km. The practice walk will lead onto planning their own routes for the assessed exhibition in July.



Altogether it was an extremely successful and fun day and we would like to thank all the staff involved.

By Sarah Reece

Year 11 News

Duke of Edinburgh Celebration

By Mr Byles, Head of Year 11



As year 11 are deep into their preparations for their exams, a welcome distraction came in the form of a celebration evening for the students who are in the end throws of completing their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh award. The evening was attended by around 80 staff, students, parents and friends and was introduced by Mr Pressnell and Mr Neale who highlighted the numerous positive experiences and achievements the students had faced. Each group had set themselves a theme for their expedition and presented speeches, videos and powerpoints to show how they had met their brief. As well as learning leadership skills, navigation, team work, a training expedition and the final expedition, the students have also had to learn new skills and do voluntary work to complete the award.

Once the presentations had finished the gathering were treated to a selection of food and drink. It was a lovely evening to celebrate an extraordinary achievement. Congratulations to all involved and a special thank you to the staff on the DofE team who have given up their time after school and at weekends to allow the students to have this amazing opportunity.

Y11 mocks 27th November - 8th December 2017!

Sixth Form News

Building Teams

By Mrs Reece, Deputy Head of Sixth Form

The new term has started well with our new Y12's joining sixth form and starting to make progress on their journey with us. Y13 have returned after some great results in the summer and ready to commit themselves to further study to complete their A Levels.

This first half term has been all about building teams and both Hengistbury Head and Life Skills were great ways to see this happening. Mr Colman's 'speed dating' and group 'photo challenge' went down really well. We now know that Y12 have met Y13!

Rotary Youth Leadership Award

Students Leah Mitchell and Lucy Peckham were selected by the New Milton Rotary club to join the Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) scheme.

Lucy and Leah joined other students from neighbouring schools on a weekend of adventure at Avon Tyrell. New friendships were formed and essential team building skills explored. The girls were then presented with certificates from Rotary at a recent presentation evening, where both students shared experiences and gave a presentation to club members. Mrs Reece said that it was a moving evening to hear how much the students had learnt. The Arnewood School Sixth Form would like to thank the Rotary for their commitment to the project and sponsorship of the scheme and Dr Parkes for her help in setting up the project.



Hengistbury Head Team Building Day

Y12 students bond over a series of team building activities at Hengistbury Head. Ruth Bryant tells us more.

"My friends and I had thoroughly enjoyed spending the day down at Hengistbury Head. We had spent the day building rafts, racing and dragon boating down the river, which was so much fun! The day had concluded with a lovely BBQ, at that point we were very tired and hungry from all the great activities we did. During the day, I felt like I really got to know my year group a lot better and formed new friendships!"



Life Skills Challenge

Below is the winning photograph from a very interesting Life Skills lesson on building teams back in September. Students were set a 'photo challenge', where the only information given was location and a pose but it was down to their imagination. The criteria for the winning photo below was 'outside the first aid room and a scene from Casualty'.



Celebrating Success

The Sixth Form tutor team were delighted and privileged to lay the tables and prepare the hall for a special evening of prizegiving for last years' Y13's.

There was a relax feel about the evening, but at the same time a sense of achievement as students were presented with their prizes.



The prizes were awarded by ex-student Cassie Lawrence of Barton Court Studios, who also delivered an inspiring speech. Cassie has been singing professionally since her teens. She has sung at many prestigious events such as Royal Ascot and has supported well-known acts including Jane McDonald and Chaz and Dave. Cassie is now an experienced vocal coach and has been working hard to establish a hub for musicians in her hometown, where she officially set up Barton Court Studios in 2014. A great role model for our students.

Mr Pressnell spoke of the outstanding achievements of the year group and thanked both staff and parents for their support. Then it was down to the awards. The Headteacher's prize for Academic Achievement was awarded to Samuel Gears. The Chairman of Governor's awards were given to the head boy, Tom Harris, and head girl, Hettie Cutler. Other awards, included those from the University of Winchester for English, Media, PE and Drama, as well as many others. The evening closed with a presentation which captured some of the social highlights of the Sixth Form, with a buffet served while guests chatted and mingled.

We would like to wish all the students our very best in the next stage of their journey and look forward, in due course, to hearing how they have fared.

Congratulations to the New Leadership Team



Leadership Team

Head Boy - Raff Hussey

Head Girl - Lara Hellsten

Deputies

Henry Lowndes

Emily Drew

Rebecca Reece

Daisy Sheppard

Senior Prefects

Iara Sousa, Ben Gunning, Samantha Fagan, Holly Fagan, Lucy Shorland, Amy Woodcraft, Jake Fields, Maria Elliott, Courtney Owen, Maddie Richards, Mitchell Ward, Angela Manuel, Oliver Crutch, Meredith Hayes, Reece Irvine, Charlotte Bates, Amiel Calderon, Charlie Edmonds and Luke Washak.

Congratulations to our recently appointed new leadership team. They have completed a Leadership Workshop and are now preparing to bring new ideas to develop our already successful sixth form. The team will focus on the following six areas: Teaching and Learning, Enrichment Opportunities, Student Voice, A Sixth Form Website, Social Activities and Community Projects.

This is a great opportunity for all students to be involved in their sixth form.

PFA News

Dates For Your Diary

The PFA is pleased to announce that we will be holding our second annual **QUIZ AND CHILLI EVENING** on Friday 24th November in the School Hall, in association with Punch Entertainment. Back by popular demand, the event will feature the hugely enjoyable Music Bingo rounds, covering music from the 50's to present day, as well as testing your general knowledge. At last year's event, the teaching staff and sixth form were formidable. Can they be beaten this year?

If you fancy a fun filled evening with great food, lots of prizes whilst helping raise money for school projects, please come and support us. All welcome, young and old, and you don't have to bring a team to join in.

Tickets only £5 without food/ £8 with food and are available from the Finance Office, or online at www.anewoodpfa.org. Only 100 tickets available, so grab your places early.

Choose from a selection of chilli's, curry and vegetarian dishes on the night. Wine, beer and soft drinks available at great prices. The event will run from 7pm to around 10pm.

PFA Lottery News

To date, we have raised over £1400 towards school projects, including purchase of outdoor seating through our weekly lottery, and given out over £1300 in prizes to our supporters.

If you haven't yet joined our lottery, which costs £1 per week with a possible top prize of £25,000, please do. Details here: www.arnewoodpfa.org or www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/the-arnewood-school.

Annual General Meeting

The PFA will be holding our AGM in December, and we are looking for new Officers/Trustees. The current Chair/Vice chair & Secretary and Treasurer have all completed their 2 year terms, so applications are welcome from anyone wishing to help us take the PFA forward in 2017 and beyond. If you are interested, just drop us an email on pfa@arnewood.hants.sch.uk.



Arnewood Teaching School

GET INTO TEACHING

Open Mornings for Teacher Training Applicants

At The Arnewood School, New Milton, from 9am - 12pm on:

- Friday 8th December 2017
- Friday 2nd February 2018
- Friday 27th April 2018
- Friday 18th May 2018

The morning will include classroom tours, a presentation of the teacher training programme and an opportunity to ask questions and meet staff and trainees.

To reserve your place on one of the dates please email
Christine Chaloner: c.chaloner@arnewood.hants.sch.uk



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International Day of the Girl

To celebrate and raise awareness of International Day of the Girl on Wednesday 11th October our Italian Sixth Form students decorated the front gates with pink bunting and ribbons.

This year the theme focused on "EmPOWER girls: Before, during and after conflict". Across the world, empowered girls are raising their voices to fight for their rights and protection in all contexts. They are working to end violence against women and girls, to recognise indigenous rights, and to build peaceful and cohesive communities. Our students wanted to help promote girls' human rights.



Scola Building



A 3D visualisation of The Arnewood School's new £2.5m renovated building, by architects Kendall Kingscott.

The Arnewood school's Scola building is to receive a £2.5 million overhaul after successfully securing a Condition Improvement grant from the government.

For the first time in 40 years the current 1970s building will be stripped bare apart from the main structural walls and replaced with an improved, more environmentally friendly façade, ceiling and windows. The work will get underway in Spring 2018.

Headteacher, Nigel Pressnell, said: "This is fantastic news for everyone at the school as our ageing building will receive a much-needed update. Not only will the modernisation mean the building will be a lot more environmentally friendly and cost efficient but its exterior will be far more attractive as well."

"We have always been proud that our school is one of the first things you see when you drive into New Milton and soon we'll be an even more attractive gateway for the town."

Temporary classrooms will arrive on site shortly to begin the process of moving out of the current building. Scaffolding will be erected in February 2018 and work will begin soon afterwards. Everything will

be replaced, including the ceiling, windows and carpets. The improvements will result in the building being warmer in the winter and cooler in the summer.

Students are expected to be able to move into their new home by spring 2019.

Students Help to Feed 2100 Children

For the school year 2016/17 Mary's Meals was chosen as the whole school charity.

Mary's Meals is a UK based charity, which aims to feed children in developing countries who do not have access to food. These life-changing meals attract hungry children into the classroom and fills their

empty bellies so they have the energy and opportunity to learn, giving them the chance of a brighter future. The meals also support families struggling to feed their children while boosting the country's wider economy.



At Arnewood we believe that all children should have access to food and education. Therefore, the school set out to raise funds to support the work of Mary's Meals. Every tutor group had a collecting box and arranged fundraising events. These included cake sales, sporting events, raffles and a non-uniform day. The school raised over £2500 and as Mary's Meals can feed a child for a whole year for as little as £12.20 the school is proud to say that their efforts will provide food for over 2100 children for a year.

A cheque was handed over to Anne White, a representative of Mary's Meals during a Y8 assembly. Speaking to the students Anne congratulated them on their wonderful support and how it would make a real difference to so many children. Congratulations to everyone who supported last year's school charity, Mary's Meals.

By Mr Gough

PE Celebration



Over 130 students from Y7, 8 and 9 were invited to attend a celebration event for their contributions to extra-curricular and PE lessons. The students represented a wide range of sports, from the more established such as football and hockey, to more unique such as motorcycle racing and archery.

The celebration began with hugely motivational video clips from the GB Rowing Squad which emphasised the need for belief and pride to be the best in your given sport. This was followed by awards for 'Most Improved Teams' which was won by the Girls' Y7 Football team and the Boys Y8 Volleyball team.

No PE celebration would be complete without a competition and physical challenge, and The PE celebration was no different. Mr Merrick devised a fiendishly tricky obstacle course involving jumping over horse boxes, under mats and scoring a netball goal. How not to tackle the course was demonstrated by Miss Vincent and Miss Jones. Needless to say the competing students made much lighter work of the obstacles than they did.

The obstacle course was followed by a not so healthy Domino's pizza, but seemed to be well appreciated by the students. Whilst munching through their pizza the students were engaged in a challenging quiz.

Despite several 'deliberate mistakes' by Mr Merrick the Y9 boys were the eventual winners of the quiz.

The celebration rounded off with more awards. The first going to Team of the Year. There have been a number of outstanding teams over the past year at Arnewood who have shown great spirit and determination. However, the outright winners of 'Team of the Year' went to the magnificent Y9 Rugby Team who were virtually unbeaten all season, and had some resounding victories over rival schools such as Twynham and St.Peter's.

Team of the Year was followed by Clubman and Clubwoman of the Year, the Unsung Hero's Award, Pride of Arnewood and the Arnewood Elite Award. The final and most prestigious award of the event was the Sports Personality of the Year Award. This award was given to the most successful athletes the school has seen in some years with both smashing School Athletics records going back to 1983. The students have shown excellent commitment to extra-curricular activities and dedication to their development as athletes. The awards went to Arnewood's very best, Sean Harnett and Jasmine Tuck, pictured below with Head Teacher, Mr Pressnell.



Overall it has been a fantastic year of sport at the school, which we hope to continue to build upon. A massive thanks to PE staff who have provided the opportunities, time and expertise. Also a massive thanks to all those students who have taken pride in their school and represented Arnewood so well. We look forward to even more successes next year!

By Mr Price
Deputy Head Teacher

Dates for Your Diary

23rd October - 27th October
SCHOOL CLOSED FOR HALF
TERM

30th October (Monday)
School re-opens at 0820

31st October (Tuesday)
Hockey Quicksticks

1st November (Wednesday)
School Council Meeting

8th November (Wednesday)
Parent/tutor afternoon/evening

9th November (Thursday)
Y11-13 Careers Fair
New Forest U14 Girls Hockey
Tournament

15th November (Thursday)
Sixth Form Life Skills P3 & 4
Y12 First Aid Day
Ex-year 11 presentation evening

20th November (Monday)
Paper Birds Drama Group
Production

22nd November (Wednesday)
Y7 Arts Day
Y8 Workshadowing
Sixth Form Taster Day

27th November (Monday)
Y11 exams start

30th November (Thursday)
New Forest Cross Country

1st December (Friday)
SCHOOL CLOSED - INSET DAY

6th December (Wednesday)
School Council Meeting
Pyramid Carol Concert

7th December (Thursday)
Y13/14 parents' evening

8th December (Friday)
Y11 exams end
Get into Teaching Open Morning

13th December - 16th December
School Production

18th December (Monday)
Y7 Christmas Assembly
(St Mary's Church)

21st December (Thursday)
School finishes at 1320

22nd December - 3rd January
SCHOOL CLOSED FOR
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

4th January (Thursday)
School re-opens 0820