

# Autumn / Winter Newsletter 2021



# Ferndown Upper School to build new £1.2million Digital Education Building

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For Sept 2022; new software development lab, network engineering workshop and seminar suite for Dorset's first T Level Provider. Providing the best digital teaching facilities in the County.

In exciting news, we're pleased to announce that we will be building a brand new Digital Education Block for September 2022. The 'T Block' will be used to deliver our new Digital T Level courses in: Software Development, Digital Support and Network Engineering. With equipment, the project will total £1.2million.

In the first instance the ground floor will be built for 2022 and will include:

- **Software Development Lab** with top spec computers, our own servers and support for all major operating systems including Mac OS, Windows and Linux
- **Network Engineering Workshop** containing equipment for network cabling, switch and server maintenance
- **Seminar Suite** for up to 80 students with digital device support for laptops provided to our Digital T Level students, access to kitchen facilities for students and a new computing office.

More details of the courses will follow soon.



## THE BIG SLEEP

Our 3 years total now exceeds  
£ 16,500

On the dark autumnal night on the 5th of November, 54 Ferndown Upper School Sixth Form students and staff braved the elements in order to raise money for the Bournemouth YMCA Youth Homeless Charity.

Armed with recycled cardboard, our students and staff set about building their shelters for the night before they then slept rough.



# PROSTATE CANCER BASKETBALL CHARITY TOURNAMENT

- TWO STAFF TEAMS, ONE YEAR 10 AND ONE YEAR 11 TEAM TOOK PART ON A FRIDAY EVENING IN THE SPORTS HALL IN A BASKETBALL CHARITY TOURNAMENT TO RAISE MONEY FOR PROSTATE CANCER UK.
- WE RAISED £164.48 FOR PROSTATE CANCER UK AND WE SOLD 100 TICKETS FOR THE EVENT.
- THE CROWD OF STUDENTS AND TEACHERS WAS ELECTRIC AND REALLY CREATED A BUZZING ENVIRONMENT.
- MASSIVE THANK YOU TO ALL THE PARTICIPANTS THAT TOOK PART, BUT A MASSIVE WELL DONE TO YEAR 10 WHO WON THE TOURNAMENT.



# Thank you and Well Done!

Our students produced over  
80 Christmas boxes for those  
who are less fortunate than  
we are.





### U14 Poole and East Dorset Netball Tournament

We took the U14 Netball team to QE School to play their first matches together as a team of 7. The girls did really well considering they were playing against private schools and schools that could field very competitive A & B teams.

They played 3 matches in all with their best performance against Poole High School who they beat 2-0.

Thank you girls for playing so well and to Natasha for doing a great job as captain. You represented FUS impeccably!



## FUS Christmas Celebration at St Mary's Church

### Musicians

Zack Kennedy, piano  
Charlotte Geary, voice  
Isabella Waygood, voice  
Rose Fulker, violin  
Rosie Matthews, flute  
Abigail Jobbins, flute  
Dylan Hardiman, clarinet  
Aidan Sweeney, voice  
Cynthia Mhlanga, voice  
Imogen Cable, voice  
Tamara Andrews, voice  
Hannah Greenwood, piano and voice  
Danielle Teed, guitar and voice  
Jacob Winfield, bass guitar  
David Gabbitas, drums  
Rylea Pollock, voice  
Nicolò Matina, piano  
Emilie Chadwick, voice

### Readers

Rosie Teed      Gemma Morrell  
Ben Leach      Katie Dean      Hayden Corney

# A Level English Language Conference

In November we took 30 of our A Level English Language students to London to attend a conference connected to their A Level course. We listened to some fantastic talks exploring language and technology as well as new forms of English that are beginning to take shape in society at present!





## A Level Literature Theatre Trip

Recently our A Level Literature students went to watch a live performance of William Shakespeare's, *The Tempest* at the Jermyn Theatre in London. Students were lucky enough to explore the set on stage and meet the actor who played Caliban and Ferdinand



# Solent Kestrels Trip – Basketball Enrichment Year 10/11

The Year 10/11 basketballers went on a organised Basketball trip to see The Solent Kestrels in action against Leicester Warriors on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2021 at Solent Sports Complex accompanied by Mr Hammett and Mrs Pemberton. This is played in the National League and the Kestrels are top of this league. The environment and atmosphere was amazing and the students loved every minute of it witnessing a dominating performance by the Kestrels.

This trip involved the students being able to go on the court during half time and at the end. This was to have a shoot in the hoops and meet the players who took the time to provide autographs/pictures with them. They were also able to have discussions on their basketball and given tips on how to improve by professional players. They were amazing in representing the school, the PE department and the basketball club. This was a fantastic trip which will help improve their physical and tactical game.



# Year 9 Students of the Term

## CHEETHAM

- WILL DOWNIE
- LUCIE PRESCOTT
- BETH CLYDE
- OLIVIA ANDREWS
- LAUREN HARMAN

## READ

- ISABELLE CLAPHAM
- DILLON GILBERT
- JAMIE TIMMINS
- AMELIE BAKER
- JAZZ HEBBLETHWAITE

## THORNTON

- CHLOE FIORILLO
- NATASHA  
MUNOWENYU
- NATALIE STAINER
- EMILY CLARKE
- FREDDIE BLACKLEY

# Mr Collin's Yr 10 HEROES- AUTUMN

This was a really difficult choice to make as you are all so awesome!

## CHEETHAM

MORRELL, Gemma

SEYMOUR, Lauren

MATTHEWS, Rosie

WHITFIELD, Billie

IZZARD, Caitlin

WHEELER, Maya

## READ

DOSWELL, Emily

SHORT, Yve

VICK, Jasmine

ING, Sophie

SAFDER, Erin

## THORNTON

GEARY, Charlotte

BAILEY, Kieran

COKER, Emily

DRAKE, Bethany

LORY, James

# Ms Hick's Yr 11 HEROES- AUTUMN

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## CHEETHAM

Aiken Moss Holland  
Adin White  
Emily Harriman  
George Beacham  
Adam Hector

## READ

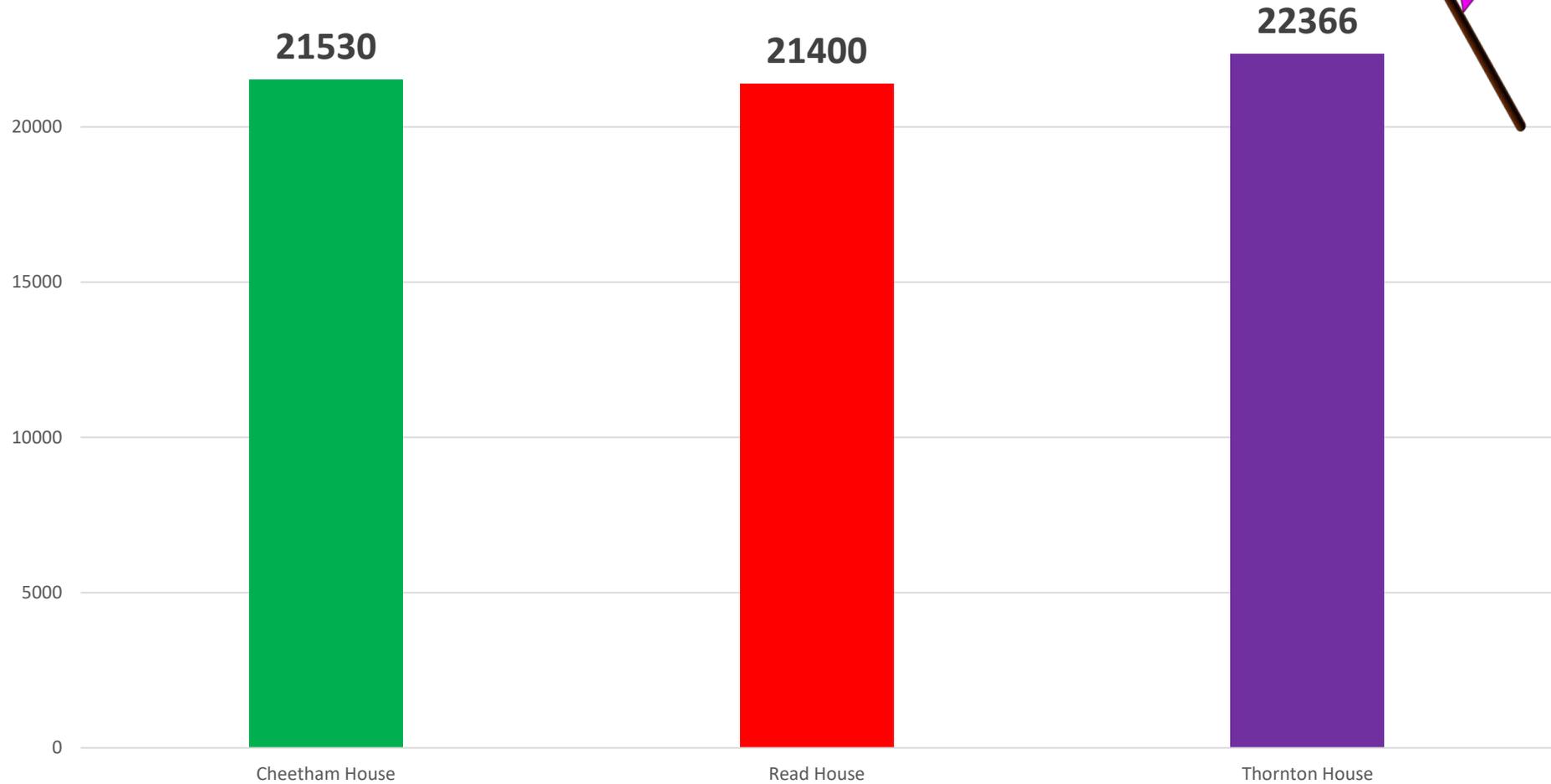
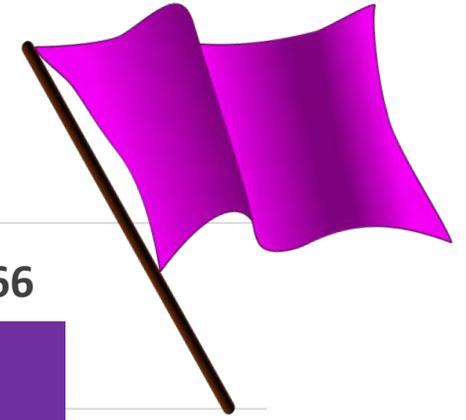
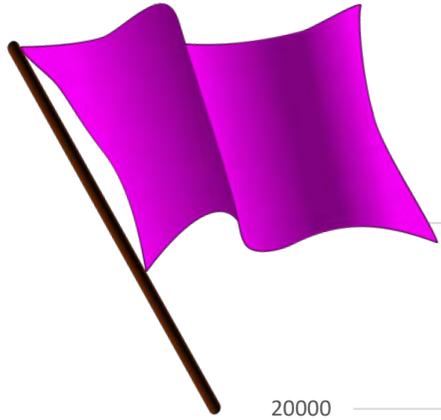
Max Harman  
Olivia Brown  
Sophie Morrell  
Phoebe Crutchley  
Charlotte Foster

## THORNTON

Lin Ou  
Daisy Poole  
Fares Sahoul  
Chloe Gregory  
Lucas Barnaby

# Thornton win this term!

10th December 2021





# Fleeing Afghanistan

YEAR 10 DRAMA GCSE TOOK THEIR AUDIENCE ON AN EMOTIONAL JOURNEY AS THEY GRAPPLED WITH THE COMPLEXITY OF THE AFGHAN CRISIS IN THEIR PERFORMANCE ON 8<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER. HUGE CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL INVOLVED!

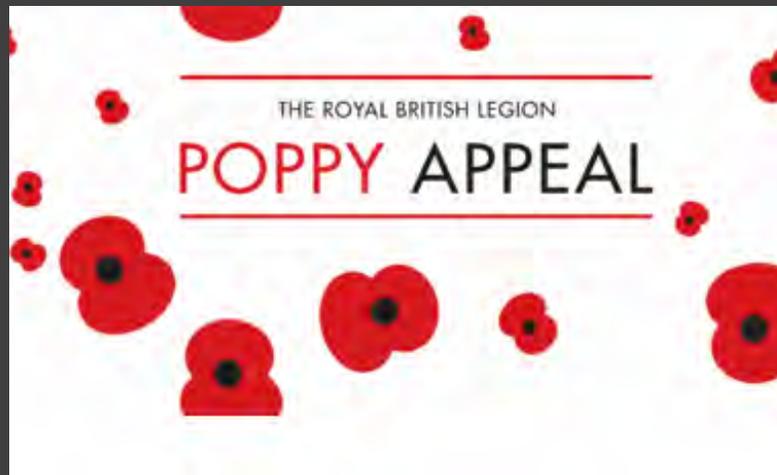




Thank you to everyone involved in Remembrance Day – the HOH, tutors and all of the staff and students.



The Quad looked amazing with the remembrance displays, Taylor was incredible, and it was fantastic having students come together in the Quad for a very respectful silence.



Our School Council also went to the British Legion to represent FUS at their ceremony and were given huge praise by everyone there for looking so smart and representing our school so excellently.



Show  
racism  
the red  
card

Ferndown  
Upper School





**Wear Yellow for  
Mental Health Day**



# THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD

- It has been a bumper year for recruiting for the Bronze Award.
- 64 students from Y10 and 11 have joined the award this November and are completing training on Thursdays 2:40-3:40 in the Study Centre.
- Students have been enrolled onto the Award online platform, eDofE, and will start to upload evidence of their sports and volunteering activity in the new year.
- First Aid training starts January 11<sup>th</sup> or 14<sup>th</sup> – the group will be split in two.
- Summer final expedition dates are confirmed for July 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> – the campsite is booked.
- Expedition dates have yet to be confirmed for the first practice expedition after Easter – we are waiting on campsite bookings.
- For any concerns, please contact Mr Martin or Mrs Pemberton [DOE@fernup.dorset.sch.uk](mailto:DOE@fernup.dorset.sch.uk)



First Aid Training at FUS



# BRAVE THE SHAVE



Our fantastic student Ellen Collingburn took part in the Brave the Shave event this November.

It took place during a Year 11 assembly and was incredibly moving with the whole year supporting Ellen.

Ellen's two charities were ; Macmillan and The Little Princess Trust . The Little Princess charity provide wigs for children who have lost their hair through chemo and illness and Ellen's two long plaits of hair are going to be used to make wigs.



To help support the John Thornton Young Achievers Foundation Ethan had to help pull a Boeing 737 over 50 metres.

Ethan did this not only because he's an Air Cadet like John Thornton was but he is in Thornton House at school. Really well done!



English Schools' Football Association

Aimee Clarke attended South West of England football trials where she got through to the England trials. This is an outstanding achievement and shows that Aimee is in the top percentage of female footballers.

The Jon Egging Trust (JET) was established in 2011, following the tragic death of Red Arrows Pilot Jon Egging at the Bournemouth Air Festival on 20<sup>th</sup> August 2011. The Trust was set up to realise Jon's dream of creating links with the RAF and other inspiring environments, to help young people develop their talents and be the best they can be.

The programme is designed to develop confidence and skills through a varied schedule of visits to employers and military bases. Students are challenged to step out of their comfort zone, build their confidence and broaden their aspirations. Mrs Tracy Randell will lead groups of 15 year 9s and 5 year 10s for this academic year.

Hayden was at Jon's 10th Anniversary Memorial in August.

Hayden has enjoyed participating in the Blue Skies programme and took an active part in all the activities. He has always taken up any opportunity offered to him and successfully interviewed Red 10, Sqn Leader Adam Collins during the Bournemouth Air Festival. Hayden's confidence has grown massively over the years and we are delighted that he has agreed to become a youth Ambassador for JET. In this role, Hayden will represent the trust when necessary.

This year, he supported Dr Emma Egging at the Bournemouth Air Festival and was interviewed by several agencies alongside Emma. He also spoke very eloquently at the Bournemouth Red Arrows Association dinner in September to an audience of over 100 people. We are proud of Hayden and his achievements.



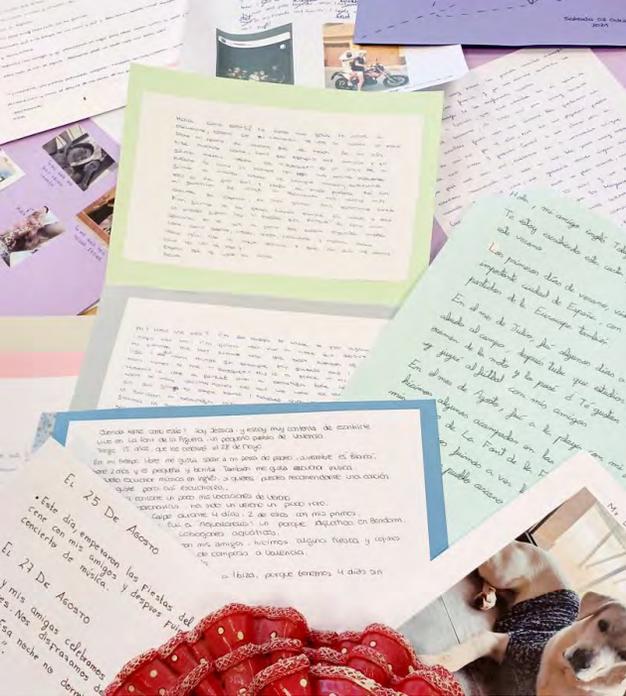


**EMPOWER Event –  
Hot Chocolate with  
the Head**

We hosted our first official EMPOWER event for our Specifically More Able Year 10 and 11 students.

The first event was 'Hot Chocolate with the Head'.





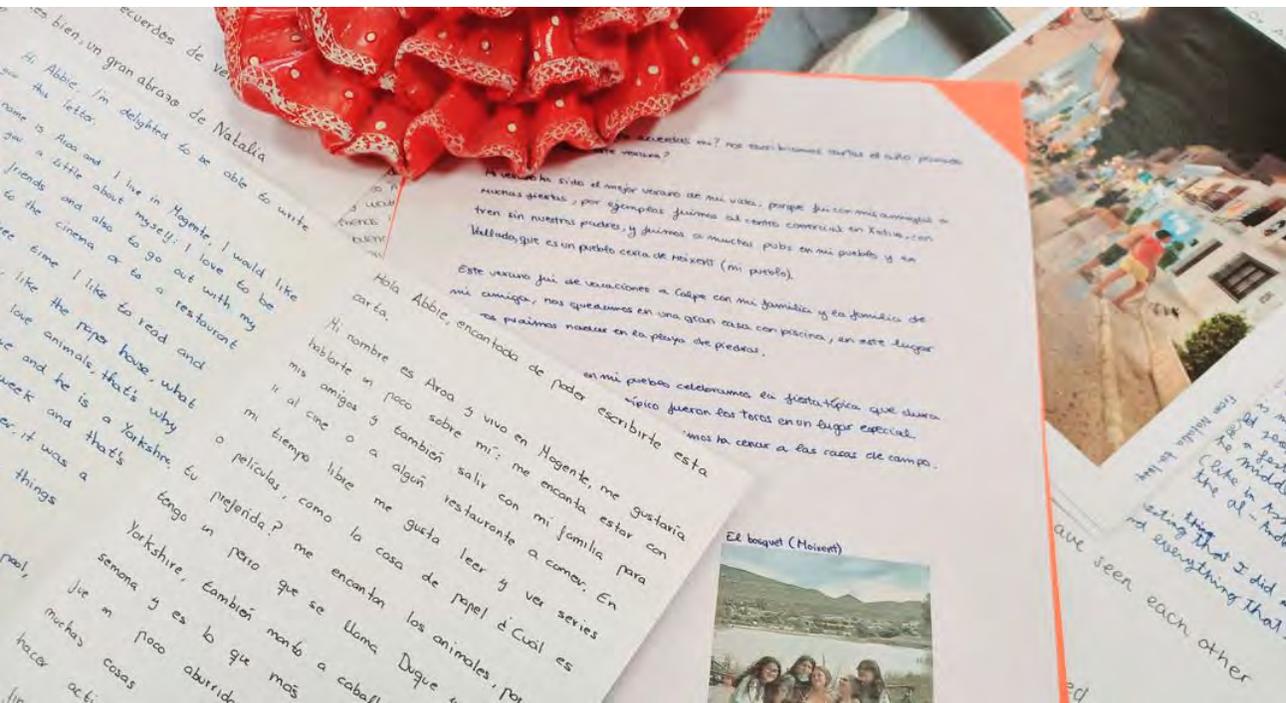
# GCSE & A LEVEL SPANISH PEN PAL PROJECT

Our GCSE Spanish and A Level Spanish students have just received their first pen pal letter of this academic year.

We run a pen pal project and an exchange project with IES Moixent, a school in Valencia (Spain) and every year, our students write to each other in the old-fashioned way, hand-written, glittery and full of pictures and fun.

With these letters, our GCSE and A level students develop their linguistic skills, not only in Spanish but also in English, since they must write the same version of their letter in both languages.

We have now sent our answer letters back and await our next delivery eagerly. It's like Christmas! We hope to resume our Exchange project in 2022, so more news to come later this year.



## Ethics visit – United Church Ferndown

On the 15<sup>th</sup> November year 10 and 12 Ethics students had the opportunity to visit Ferndown United Church.

They were warmly welcomed by the church. The Youth worker gave a great talk which was really helpful for students studying Christianity as part of their GCSE.

We are looking forward to visiting the Synagogue next!





The D&T department took a group of twelve Year 10 students to the Design Museum, Kensington. This visit was to support their extra-curricular learning as part of the Design Ventura competition, where young people are given the challenge of working on a live brief to design a 'product to improve everyday life' to be sold in the Museum's shop.

Students had the day to look around the amazing space including visits to the 'Sneakers' show and the permanent exhibition 'Designer, Maker, User'. They then worked in their groups to try and collaborate on some initial ideas for their product. As ever, our students behaved impeccably, had a great day and gained a lot from the opportunity.

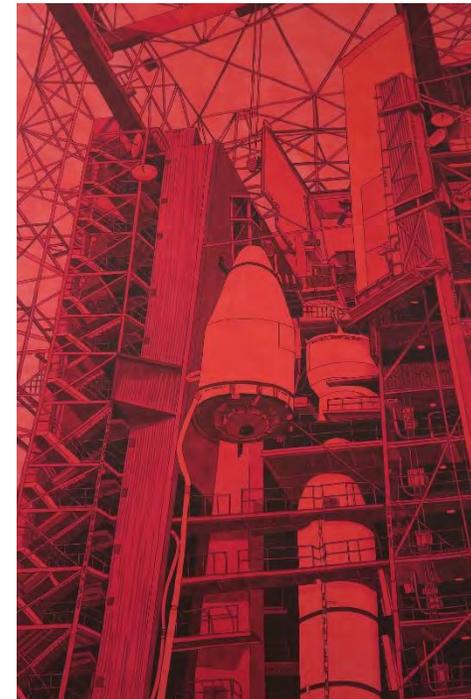
We are also due a visit from a guest educator from the Design Museum to facilitate a workshop here at Ferndown Upper School before we get our entry prepared for the February deadline. Can we make the top ten shortlisted schools for the third year running?

# Foundation Residential to London

The last week in November saw our Level 4 Foundation Art & Design students, return to London on our annual residential. The trip acts as the starting point for their fifth project, 'Serendipity'. Over four days they walked between 10 galleries and collections and experienced 19 exhibitions. They certainly found the streets pathed with creative gold and just a few blisters!



Highlights included Isamu Noguchi at the Barbican, the Graffiti Trail down Brick Lane, interacting with Yoko Ono and Theaster Gates Ceramics at the Whitechapel, Grad 2021 at the Saatchi and meditating to Chrystel Lebas' Forest Bathing images at the Welcome Collection. Dream On!



One of the chosen artists at the London Grad 2021 exhibition, at the world renowned Saatchi gallery, was our former students Jaz Bartlett. Jaz graduated from the prestigious Slade School of Art with an MA in Fine Art and is already starting to inspire the future creative talents of FUS!



# Democracy in Action

## Lord Randall of Uxbridge

Our students were very privileged and had a virtual meeting with Lord Randall of Uxbridge. He answered the students questions and in particular about how he came to be in his role and what he enjoys most about being a Lord.



During No Put Down Week we were fortunate that Sir Christopher Chope OBE came to visit our school once again. He spent time with our students, answered questions and sent the attached letter complimenting our students.



# CHARITIES WE HAVE SUPPORTED THIS TERM

