

Summer Newsletter 2021

FUS Students are Finalists for the 2nd Year Running

Well done to Mr Myers and his team;

- Joe Wareham-Mewse
- Jacob Watt
- Adam Hector

For making the finals of the national Design Ventura competition. 15,000 students entered so to make the final 10 for the 2nd year in a row is an amazing achievement.

In fact the students did one better and were awarded the 'Commendation for Entrepreneurship' which means they came 4th overall.



Mr Osborne is a Silver Award Winner

I am delighted to announce that **Toby Osborne** has been awarded a **National Pearson Teaching Award for Digital Innovation**, he is one of only a couple of teachers in the country to be awarded this honour and he now is in the running for the Gold Award which will be announced in the Autumn at a presentation evening that is being televised by the BBC. Here is a link to a movie that highlights his recent achievements:

<https://twitter.com/FerndownUpper/status/1407615643441115139?s=20>

The logo for the Pearson National Teaching Awards features the text 'PEARSON NATIONAL TEACHING AWARDS' in a bold, black, sans-serif font, arranged in four lines. To the right of the text is a stylized profile of a human head facing right, filled with a vibrant, multi-colored gradient of blue, purple, and pink. A thick, wavy ribbon in the same color gradient flows from the top of the head, loops around the back, and ends at the bottom.

PEARSON
NATIONAL
TEACHING
AWARDS

#NCS at #FUS #NoWeCan

After a year of hard work and academic success year 12 were taken off timetable for 2 weeks and were given the unique opportunity to complete the National Citizenship Service program as a whole year group, provided by Twin UK

127 students
60 hours
55 FUS Staff
14 leaders
2 mini bus'
1 year group

Our students have:

Campaigned against racism, engaging with hundreds of people in person and hundreds more online with a hard hitting video in collaboration with students from across sixth form

Raised over £1000 of funds to deliver projects and support good causes including the charities 'kick it out', Mind, St Johns, and a local foodbank

Engaged with over 60 local people around the importance of first aid

Hand made bee boxes, bird houses and wildlife shelters, distributing them to local community gardens and care homes

Walked a combined total of over 300km across various sponsored walks, relays, and litter picks

Completed 4 big fundraisers and events attended by over 500 students contributing £100s to the grand total

Challenged themselves to get out of their comfort zones, think about social issues, and lead change

Fundraised and renovated the sixth form common spaces, creating a greater sense of ownership, and making it a better space for students to unwind and destress.

Tended to the gardens and grounds of two school and a local church

Litter picked in Bournemouth, Ferndown, and Wimborne, removing 24 full bags, 150+ cigarette butts and 80+ canisters

Gained a commitment for every student at FUS to learn basic first aid

Fundraised and donated essential items to a local food bank, including:
300 sanitary products – 4 large boxes of porridge – 280 nappies – 20 packs of soap – 12 packs of baby wipes – 16 boxes of washing pods – 20 packs of toothpaste – 200 tins – 36 toilet rolls – 30 bags of crisps – and much more

In the words of our students:

"I'm proud of having had the confidence in myself to speak to random people, raising awareness of our chosen charity"

"It made me step out of my comfort zone"

"I didn't expect the amount of new friendships and bonding I experienced with my group"

"What made me most proud was pitching our project, and then delivering it"

"none of us predicted our fundraiser would be as successful as this"

"Even though I was sceptical my group has really grown on me and I've seen people in a different light"



FUS Sports Day 2021

On Wednesday 14th July 2021 we celebrated our interhouse FUS Sports Day. And what a day it was! Covid cancelled last year's event – but we were determined not to let it ruin this year. The PE department ordered the sunshine and nothing was going to get in our way!

The students were awesome in their efforts, enthusiasm and participation and enjoyed taking part in the following activities during the morning: Netball, Rounders, Table Tennis, Athletics, Volleyball, Handball, 5 a side Football, Tennis, Softball and Swimming. The PE department witnessed some great performances, true sportsmanship and some comedy moments. However, Ruby Walsh's school record breaking performance in the Year 9 Long Jump will certainly go down as one of the most memorable. Ruby broke a record that has existed since 1981 and jumped 4.90m to become the new proud record holder. Well done to Ruby who is a member of Read House and Mr Gallo's tutor group.

The highlight of Sports Day every year though is the afternoon events on the athletics field where the whole school come together to compete and cheer each other on. On the track, the students were competing in the 100m sprint and the 4x100m sprint relay and on the grass the tug of war. I have not heard such enthusiastic cheers and support for our students for a long time from the spectator area – and every student did their house proud by either competing or cheering on their house mates. The PE department would like to thank their A Level PE students for umpiring and leading throughout the day. Without them, the PE department would struggle to organise such a large event.

Scoring took place throughout the day for each event but the final points total was:

Total Points	Thornton	Read	Cheetham
	87	127	96





Summer Show 2021

This year's Summer Show saw around 300 students, parents and friends, join the Ferndown Family in celebrating the creative achievements of our students.



Year 10 are given a small treat to say well done for an excellent set of mock exams with perfect behaviour ...



Charity House Relay

Year 10 (#Teamhicks) - Make the Difference

All year 10 students participated in our first ever House Charity Relay event. They all stepped up and represented their house/tutor group by walking/jogging/running as many laps as they could per tutor group within an hour.

Read House won the House trophy by completing the furthest distance - an impressive 218 Laps of the athletics track and as a year group we covered 175 miles – the equivalent from Ferndown to Birmingham.

As a year group we also raised over £300 for our house charities during this event, which is awesome. Well done to all students, staff and our sixth form PE students who helped make this such a successful event.



What a Tragedy

Students and teachers at Ferndown Upper got their Greek Tragedy fix today as they watched a 2,500 year old Drama unfold during their lunchtime.

'Oedipus' by Sophocles was performed by students in Year 9, outside in the Quad.

The young talented actors showed great commitment and professionalism to entertain and engage their audience. It was an absolute joy to see.





Ferndown FLAMES Launch



Ferndown are proud to be taking part in a joint initiative with the Youth Sports Trust (YST) called the Girls Active Programme. At its heart, its main focus is to inspire, motivate and engage young girls to participate and become more active in physical activity. The initiative has fun as its core value and aims to bridge the drop off gap that exists when girls transfer from primary to secondary and from middle to upper schools. The programme has struck a key with the FUS PE department as our whole education ethos is about lifelong enjoyment and participation in physical activity to improve our student’s physical, mental and social wellbeing.



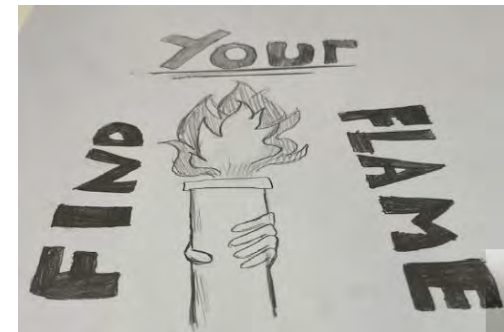
We conducted a launch assembly to all Year 9 girls to find our 6 ambassadors for this programme and the interested girls went through a written application process.

The successful girls were: **Jasmine Brookes, Molly Collins, Macey Tabor, Charlie Webster, Siobhan Watt and Jasmine Vick**

These girls are now our Ferndown Leadership and Marketing Executives in Sport or **Ferndown FLAMES** for short! They have completed a series of workshops over 4 hours and have gained some valuable advice and support from Nollie Waterman who is an ex-professional England Rugby Union star and advice from our School Games Organiser, Katrina Cole. They now know and understand what it is to be a role model and what it takes to inspire others, they have worked on their teamwork and marketing skills and have also started to put in place plans for ideas to take this initiative forward into September 2021 and beyond.

Our main success is that we will be running an after school girls only FLAMES club to encourage girls to try new activities and participate fully without any stigma and embarrassment attached. **It will be a club for girls, run by girls and enjoyed by girls!**

Girls, please watch out for our FLAMES leaders who will be visiting your tutor groups soon to see what you would like to do. We look forward to seeing many of you at our FLAMES extra-curricular club in September. In the meantime, if you have any thoughts, ideas or suggestions –please chat to your friendly FLAMES leader who will listen and collaborate with the group.



Year 8 Careers Workshop for Ferndown, Emmanuel & West Moors Middle

As part of the transition process all Year 8 pupils from FMS, WMMS and EMS were able to participate in a Careers Event this term either virtually (FMS) or face to face.

The pupils enjoyed a full range of activities which enabled them to start thinking about their own skills and qualities and what job roles that they might be suited to.

Pupils were able to explore why people work and changes in the job market in the 21st Century. Pupils were able to work in groups to investigate the different job sectors that exist and explore variations in skills, qualities and qualifications needed. Job Personality activities also took place along with activities on minimum wage, salaries and money management. Pupils were given lots of ideas to get them thinking about their own future career paths and what skills and qualities they already have.

'It was interesting to find out what people get paid for different jobs'

'I am happy that I am not as scared to think about the future now'

'I liked working in a team'

'I enjoyed the activities and learnt a lot'

'I need to think about my own skills and qualities so I choose a career that fits my personality'

'I didn't know about all the different groups of jobs until today'

'I liked working with people I usually don't get to work with'

Year 10 GCSE Spanish

Our year 10 students joined Mrs Moyano for traditional Spanish hot chocolate & cakes and an *A level Spanish Masterclass*.



JON EGGING

The recent school based JET Blue Skies leadership programme has been a huge success and a lot of fun.

Without exception, the group all fully committed to the activities and therefore got a lot out of them.

Being asked to brief the team and to lead them through the tasks was a daunting prospect for some of the students and it was such a privilege to watch their self-belief grow and see them transform into leaders capable of leading others.



Year 10 Tea Party

Well done to the 70 Year 10 students who were invited to the 'Hicks Celebration Tea party' at the end of the year. These students received no negative sanctions all year and were treated to cake, biscuits and drinks along with bingo and a raffle with prizes. Keep up the good work.



World Challenge Practice Camp



Our Tanzania 2022 World Challenge group met to run a practice camp and to experiment cooking on Trangia's. They also completed some teambuilding activities.

We would like to thank the John Thornton Young Achievers foundation for supporting many of our FUS students this year.

This years awards included pottery lessons, ballet training, violin lessons and creative equipment.



School Events

Zombie – Escape Room Challenge

Ranking	FUZ ESCAPE ROOM HEROES	HOUSE POINTS
1 st	9CB- MISS ANNETTS	30
2 nd	10TB- MISS PRATT	20
3 rd	10RC- MRS ELLIOTT	10



Y9 English Graduation



Y9 Careers Day



Congratulations

Leo Bramley who has been accepted in to Dorset Youth Bowls Academy



Mr Jones & Miss Pereira for winning the staff Tennis Tournament



Thornton 9B for winning the Euros InterForm competition

