



FUS Summer Newsletter 2023



Year 11 Leavers Day



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Year 8 Transfer Day

Thank you to our future Y9s for spending the day with us and meeting their new Ferndown Family. We had a great day and loved meeting you all.

Thank you also to our wonderful 6th formers for being guides and support all day.

We can't wait to welcome you all again in September 2023

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Music @ FUS

A prolific year in our music department with recordings, performances, and great accolades achieved by some of our young musicians.

- Year 13 Katie Russell performed on the main stage at the RagCity Festival, and is recording her first EP.
- Year 11 Charlotte Geary has become a popular local act for functions and fairs.
- Year 12 Isabel Goldenberg has become first clarinet at Wessex Youth Orchestra
- Year 11 Ben Burnes is rocking around with his band Horus.
- Year 10 Zack Kennedy is our official Organist for all our church concerts and will lead our Christmas services.





Performance at St Mary's First School



FUS Wind Ensemble performing at St Michael's Church



Charlotte and Abi singing 'Fly' to Emmanuel school



Summer Show

As part of our Summer Show celebration of creative talent at FUS, we had Y7 creative students from both Emanuel and Cranborne Middle attend Drama and Music workshops and tour the Arts Exhibition.

Thursday 20th July saw FUS celebrate the creative talents of our amazing students, with an exhibition of Creative Arts, a Flash Mob catwalk show, a Yr9 performance of 'The Government Inspector' and a musical showcase ranging from rap to hard rock, all supported by family and friends. A great way to finish another year at FUS.



Sports' Day



Cheetham House won the House Cup and also Sports Day!



Cheetham House
Bravery & Resilience



Well done to all students from **Cheetham House**, **Read House** and **Thornton House** for your contributions and hard work this year.

A warm welcome to **Ashton House**, joining us in September.



MR
MULLIGANS.
EAT DRINK GOLF

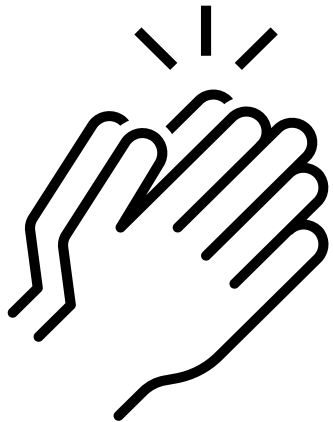
On Wednesday 19th July, 40 lucky students joined their Heads of House on a trip to Mr Mulligans Crazy Golf to celebrate winning Platinum Awards this year.



Mock Interview Day 2023

All of Y12 were offered an interview with industry professionals to practice their skills and learn from the best.

A great day for all and some amazing feedback was gained.



House Day



Cheetham House
Bravery & Resilience



Thornton House
Ambition & Loyalty



Read House
Courage & Determination

On 14th July our Houses worked together in some fun fundraising events.

Read House organised a “Read Mini fair” with Tin Can Alley, Coconut Shy and Hook a Duck in support of Cancer Research.



CANCER
RESEARCH
UK





Thornton House
Ambition & Loyalty

Thornton House organised “Beat the goalie” and “Shoot the Hoop” in support of John Thornton Young Achievers Foundation.



john thornton
young achievers foundation

Cheetham House organised an eating challenge with "I'm a Teacher, Get Me Out of Here", where 6th form students and teachers went head-to-head in support of Great Ormond Street Hospital.



Cheetham House
Bravery & Resilience

Additionally, Mr Hammett and Mrs Moyano put themselves up for gunging!



Year 10 Duke of Edinburgh Award Assessed Expedition

- Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th June 2023
- Walking the Purbecks and Camping at East Creech Farm



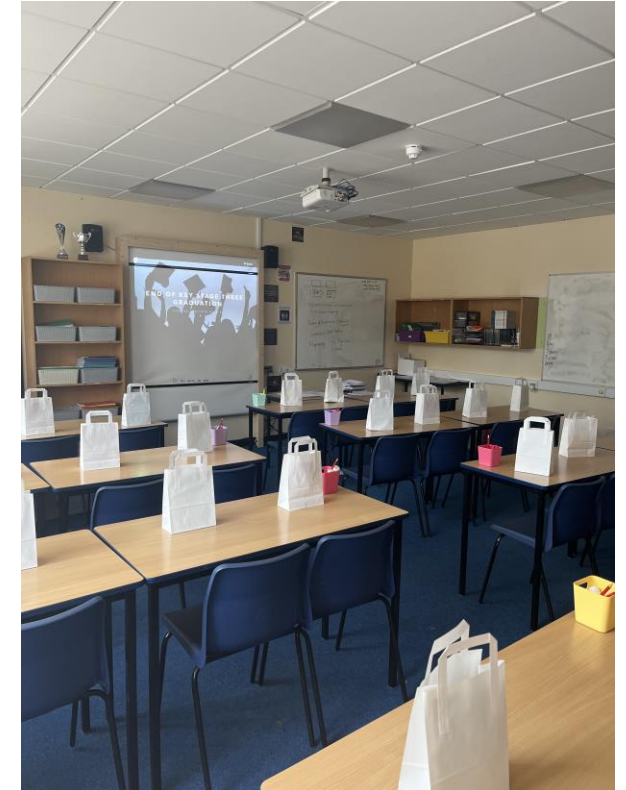


English Key Stage Three Graduation

As we reach the end of Key Stage Three, The English Department celebrated all of the achievements made by Year 9.

We had awards, goodie bags and an opportunity for Year 9 to write a letter to their future selves which they will open before they complete their GCSE exams – great fun had by all!

Well done Year 9!





Well done Year 11 for attending our English Events!

- It has been a busy term for Year 11 English revision.
- We have been incredibly impressed with the number of Year 11 students attending our GCSE revision events.
- Pass with Pizza
- Easter Revision
- To say well done – the English team stocked up on doughnuts for the whole year group!



Jon Egging Trust Blue Skies Programme

Ferndown Upper School and The Jon Egging Trust have been partners since 2018 and have worked with many students.

This year, 20 students have been working with JET on the Blue Skies programmes. They all started in Middle school and continue in Years 9 and 10.

The programme aims to help the students gain skills based on teamwork, communication, leadership and employability. This is achieved by visiting JET's military and corporate partners who willingly give their time and expertise to help the young people reach specialized outcomes. As well as skills previously mentioned, the student's confidence and resilience also improve- skills that are a real asset to them.

Our visits this year have been to MoD Boscombe Down where we flew the A400M aircraft simulator, another day at Boscombe Down using hoists and other equipment to solve problems, Jimmy's Iced Coffee to create photoshoots and write CV's, Draken at Bournemouth Airport for leadership and interview skills, NATS at Whitely, a leadership day at The Tank Museum. We've visited BAE which was brilliant, a day at Bournemouth University for a forensic session and finally, a visit to Sealife Centre to learn about the leadership skills needed to work there.

Year 9 - Bugman

May 15th and 16th saw year 9 science classes having a session with Jonathan from Jonathan's Jungle Roadshow.

Students were shown tarantulas, a gecko, stick insects, a whip scorpion and a snake!

In the sessions there were opportunities for students to hold the whip scorpion and the snake.



Great fun was had by all students and staff.

A big thank you to Jonathan!

Year 10 House Charity Relays 2023



On 16th June, every student in year 10 represented their house in the annual year 10 charity relay event. It was an extremely hot, sunny day and all the students showed great commitment, enthusiasm and determination to win the house charity cup. The results were extremely close with only 10 laps difference between each house at the end of the hour event. The overall winners were Thornton House with 230 laps completed. As a year group we ran/walked 269Km which is the equivalent of running to Manchester! I am really proud of this year group and the way they stepped up to the challenge! (They definitely deserved their free ice lolly afterwards!!!) #Teamhicks



T Level Building Opening

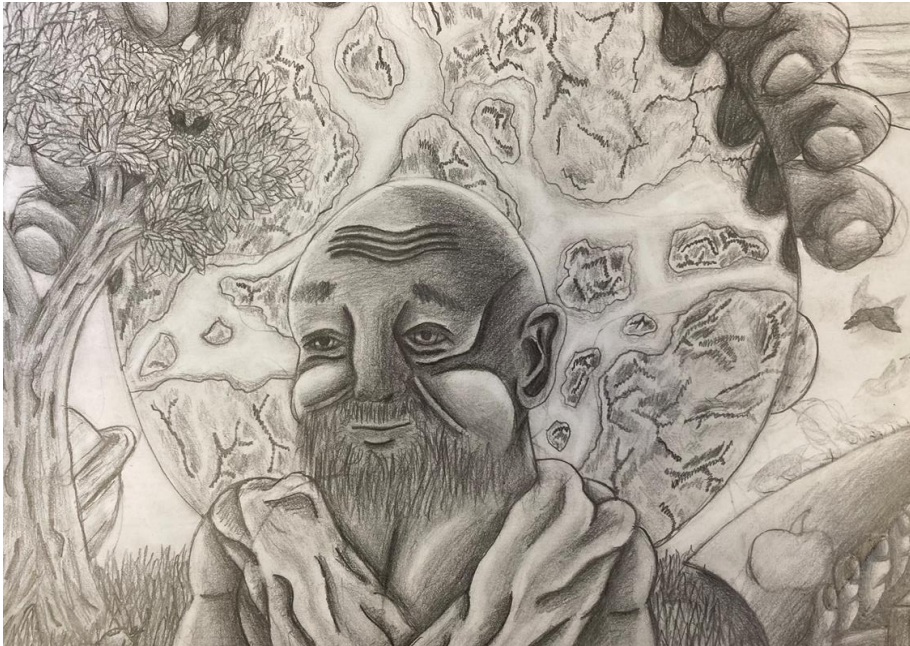
- We are pleased to announce the opening of our brand new teaching facilities where our Digital T Level students have experienced their first lessons in one of our purpose built classrooms.
- Our new building benefits from a large seminar suite used for practical learning and employee engagement sessions along with the state-of-the-art equipment to enhance student learning.
- T Level courses are developed in collaboration with employers and businesses, with content that meets the needs of industry and prepares students for work, further training or study.
- We are incredibly proud to be the first Education provider in Dorset to deliver T Levels and to provide a professional learning environment of this style for our students.

T-LEVELS
THE NEXT LEVEL QUALIFICATION



Ethics & Art – Spirited Arts Competition

Following the success of our students' previous entries to the national Spirited Arts competition, The Art department and RE department have worked with year 9 students to create some amazing artwork ready to enter for this year's competition. It is a National competition with thousands of entries. Last year we had 3 finalists. Hopefully this year we will have a winner! Here are some of the work our students have produced on the theme of All God's Creatures or Where is God today...



Ferndown First School Science Visit

Over 65 Year 3's from Ferndown First School visited the science department for an afternoon of activities.

The year 3's enjoyed making UV bracelets, taking them outside to watch them change colour to show the importance of sun cream. They also made a density column, filling a test tube with different liquids all floating on top of each other.

Great fun was had by all!

Thank you to all the 6th formers that helped out!



Plane Pull for JTYAF

- ▶ On August 28th, several members of FUS staff plus students, friends and family are taking on the Dorset Plane Pull challenge. The team are competing to pull a Boeing 737 weighing 35,000kg, a distance of 50m to raise money for the JTYAF.
- ▶ They would be extremely grateful for any donations. Please find the just giving link below.
- ▶ <https://www.justgiving.com/page/mandy-starling-1686680352494>



FUS JAE STUDENT SUCCESS (Junior Athlete Education Athletes)

We wanted to say a special thank you to our sporting JAE students who have continued to amaze us and their families with their sporting successes this year. We have a large number of students on our JAE programme ranging from Bronze, Silver and Gold level. Gold level students regularly compete at top level (GB) and use a majority of their 'spare time' to train and prepare for their respective sports.

To juggle sporting success with academic pressures is not always an easy job and there are pressure points in the year when our JAE students find it more stressful. We wanted to take this opportunity to thank you for your dedication to your sport and to wish you future success with your endeavours.

The FUS PE Department salute you!

Year 12 Isabella Cox – Dog Agility and Athletics

Isabella was selected for the England Team in the Netherlands back in May 2023. At the World Agility Open, she qualified 2 of her dogs in the junior team and she also had a third dog on the senior team. Last week Isabella attended the Junior Open World Agility Championships with 2 dogs on the Great Britain Team. We are so pleased to announce that she gained Gold in the large Team U19 event and also gained Silver in the U19 team with her dog Dust.

Isabella works very hard on both her own fitness and the fitness of her dogs - it is a massive undertaking and takes major commitment. She has been training monthly in Derby for the GB team since February and she keeps her training with Wimborne Athletics Club twice a week to maintain her fitness as well as training most days. Isabella competes most weekends and is hoping to maintain an international level next year so will be trying out for the 2024 England and GB team this year. We wish her all the success with this and to do all she does whilst maintaining A Levels is no mean feat!



Year 10 Lauren Harman - Cheerleading

Lauren competed in another cheer competition a few weeks ago - FC Nationals in Bournemouth. There were thousands of cheerleaders over the course of the 3 days with over 700 teams.

It was Lauren's last and biggest competition of the season. Her Junior Level 4 team; Aqua, competed on the Saturday where they came first, becoming National Champions! As you can imagine Lauren was very happy with this outcome!

Her Senior team; Torrent, competed on the Sunday. They were put in the toughest level 4 division, competing against the best senior level 4 teams in the country and they came 3rd place! Amazing results!



Year 10 Drew Montgomery - Taekwondo

Drew has been doing taekwondo since she was 8 years old. Many of her peers used to train alongside her, however have since given up the sport in recent years. Last November (2022) Drew achieved her Black Belt 1st Dan! This is an amazing achievement. Drew has always enjoyed the discipline and physical training of the sport. She will often train for 9 hours a week. She also teaches the lower belt adults and children. She has used this talent to gain the volunteering section of her Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award - which she manages to fit in alongside her own training. She has grown in confidence and become a positive role model for all the students within the club. Since becoming a black belt she now enters competitions and we expect to hear a lot more of Drew's successes in the future!



Other notable athletes this season...

Year 13 Isobel Bailey - Netball

Year 13 Connor Dunesby - Football

Year 12 Charlie Wooding - Football

Year 12 Millie Long - Swimming

Year 12 Erin Lush - Swimming

Year 12 Anabel Edem - Trampolining

Year 11 Jack Roberts - Cycling

Year 9 Amelia Carter - Swimming

Year 9 Charlie Tompkins - Gymnastics Tumbling

Year 9 Archie Williams - Football

Art & Technology London trip- 4th July 2023

At the start of July, the Yr12 Fine Art, Textiles, Photography and Product Design students visited a range of leading galleries and museums inform their research into their coursework projects.

For some, not only was it the first visit to the museum, but the first time of experiencing London.

The Fine Art students went to the National Gallery and saw first-hand some of the most renowned painting in Western culture.



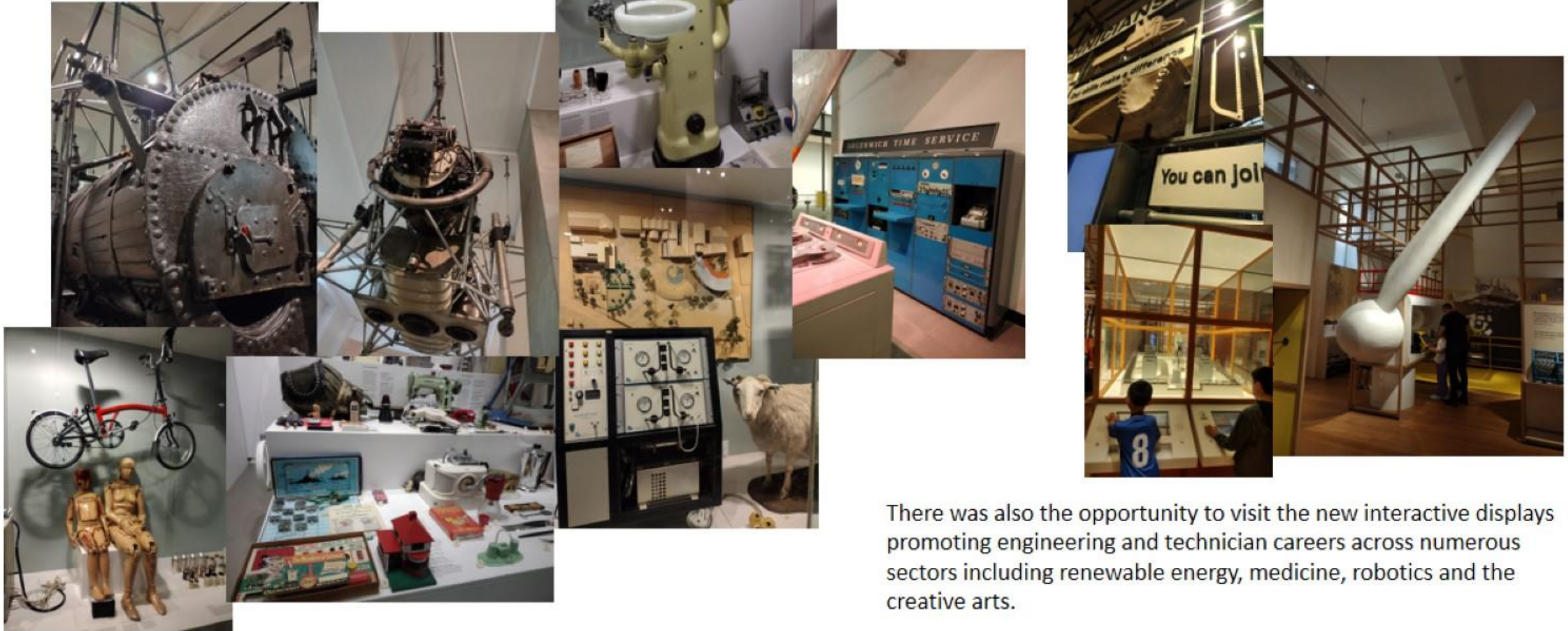
They then use the underlying theme of the work to base their own Personal Investigation project on.



As part of the Art & Design trip, a group of our A-Level Product Design students visited both The Science Museum and the V&A in a bid to improve their first hand recording skills and to provide an inspirational springboard as they enter the next stage of their NEA – what used to be called *Final Major Project* worth 50% of their grade

SCIENCE MUSEUM

At the Science Museum they were surrounded by key designs from Transport to Homewares, from the Enlightenment and Industrial Revolution through to Solar-powered racing cars and space travel.



There was also the opportunity to visit the new interactive displays promoting engineering and technician careers across numerous sectors including renewable energy, medicine, robotics and the creative arts.



At the V&A students had a whistle stop tour of key designs from 1900 onwards, stopping off at the Architecture gallery and finally an overview of key developments in furniture design and sustainability...



I was really impressed at the effort these students made with their drawing as well as taking photos and am looking forward to see how they use these in their projects!

A massive well done from all of us in D&T!



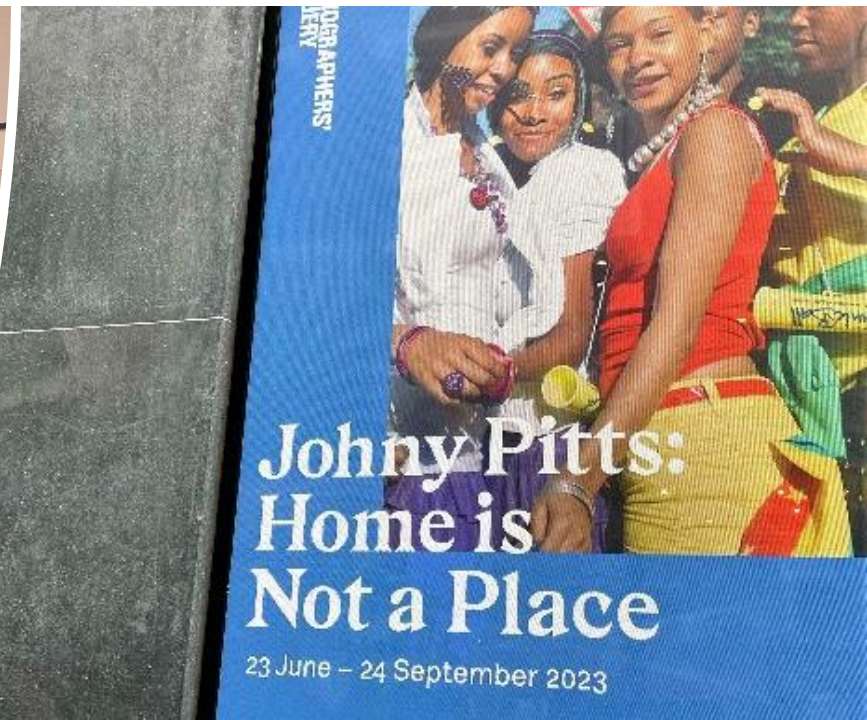
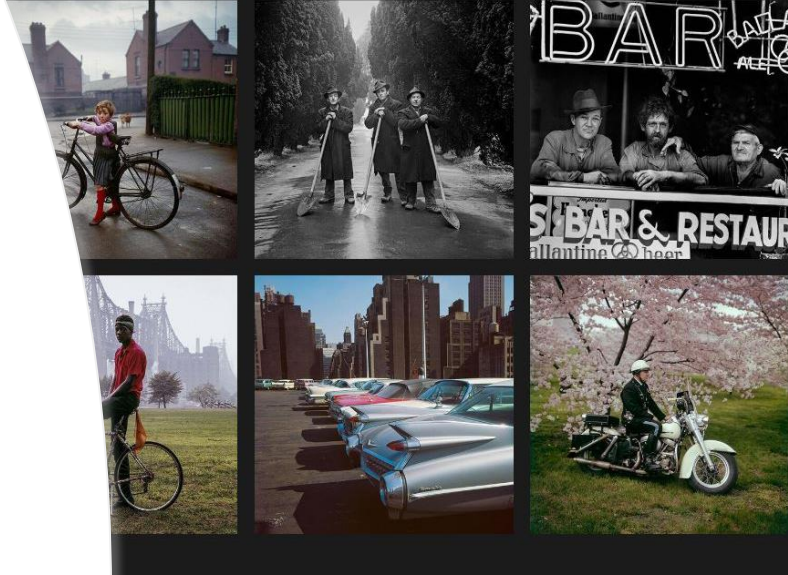
Our Year 12 photography students visited the Photographers Gallery near Oxford Circus – walking there from Trafalgar Square through the vibrant streets of Soho - decorated with hundreds of Chinese lanterns.


We visited Evelyn Hofer's first ever solo exhibition – with her atmospheric and evocative social documentary photography of life in New York in the 1960s. We then moved on to see Johnny Pitt's 'Home is not a Place', a series of images reflecting black British culture in Britain since the 1980s.

Students also had the chance to experience being inside a real working camera obscura – and to move the large lens to project the live scene outside of the gallery into the dark interior space.

PHOTOGRAPHERS
GALLERY

Exhibition highlights





V&A South Kensington
DIVA

Exhibition
📅 Closes Sunday, 7 April 2024
📍 V&A South Kensington
💎 £20.00

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London
2023

A Level Textiles trip

Victoria & Albert Museum



Thorpe Park 2023

87 Year 12 Students had a great time at Thorpe Park as a well done for all their hard work this year.

Being a Boy



Throughout the Summer Term groups of our Year 9 and Year 10 students have been involved with Arts University Bournemouth's Being a Boy project. The workshops have included masterclasses in Acting, Photography, Creative Writing, Fashion Branding, Illustration, and Dance. All the boys involved have been fantastic representatives of the school, well done all involved.



Thank you to the SHINE project and THRIVE initiative teams who have been working with groups of our students this year. The projects run over a term with interactive workshops. Young people are supported to explore their ability to connect with others, be active, keep learning and engage in mindful activities, promoting the development of healthy physical and mental wellbeing.