



SUMMER NEWSLETTER 2024

Something for Everyone



Multi -Award Winning Staff Pearson Awards

In June we held a special ceremony to celebrate **Oliver McVeigh**'s Silver Award.

We also celebrated **Jackie Cheeseman** and **Claire Saville** winning Awards of Excellence.

Governors, staff past and present, the Mayor, student representatives and parents came along to celebrate. We wish Oli good luck in the grand finale which takes place in November.



Our Successful Robotics team has made it to the National Finals for the second year in a row!

They had to build a robot that could: pick up and place pixels, fire a paper airplane and lift itself off the floor.

They achieved this through teamwork, problem solving and learning how to use 3D design software and prototyping using 3D printers and laser cutters.



Design Ventura Finalists for the 5th Consecutive Year

A huge well done to the team of intrepid and creative Year 9 students Tom, Smaranda, Olivia, Grace, Jacob and Harriett who managed to design and pitch their way into the final of the Design Museum's competition for the fifth successive year.

They attended a day of lectures, workshops and a speed dating- style networking event before the presentation of awards - just missing out on the top prize.

Their product 'Bouncy Buddies' was on display in the Design Museum until June – maybe they can go one better next year?



Year 9 Summer Residential



We took 76 year 9 students to the Budden's Activity Centre near Bere Regis. The weather was fantastic and with the long days we maximised being outdoors both on and off the water with lots of group and individual challenges.





Sports Day 2024



Read House
Win

Year 10 House Charity Relays

Congratulations to **Cheetham house** who have won our annual Year 10 House charity relay! All Year 10 students took part in this event where they either ran/jogged/walked as many laps of the athletics track as part of a tutor group relay team. As a year group we ran a grand total of 1025 laps in 1 hour – this equates to 256.25 Miles (the distance from Ferndown to Leeds).

It was lovely to see all of our students getting active and supporting each other and representing their house so well!



Year 9 and 10 Boys went Sailing

Just before the Easter holidays ten Year 9 and 10 boys went sailing with the Rona Sailing project.

It was HARD - gales and big seas on the sail to Poole Harbour and back with a solid F9 blowing on the return from Cowes to Southampton.

There was a bit of 'mal-de-mare' but that didn't stop the boys from having a great time, working hard as a team and sailing this big boat.



PE Celebration Evening

We had our PE celebration evening with our guest speaker Tim Robinson (a Premier League referee) who gave an inspiring speech to students and parents.



Our Winners



GOLD AWARDS-2024



- The Heads of House organised a fantastic event for students who had achieved 300+ praise points this academic year.
- They had bingo, quiz, raffle, lots of prizes and food.
- Well done to all students who worked so hard to receive an invitation to this party. You are a credit to our school and we are really proud of you.

Year 9 WISE UP Activities Day

As part of our activity's week, some of our year 9 students took part in a range of logical and physical challenges with a Wise UP team building event. The students had to plan, communicate and work together to solve the tasks. It was great to see so many students having a go, putting themselves out of their comfort zones and working as a team.





Jon Egging

We've had two cohorts working with the Jon Egging Trust this year and they have gained valuable insights into our partners businesses. We've visited Jimmy's Iced Coffee, BAE Systems, Draken, The Empire Test Pilots School, Superior Seals, Ultra Energy and Bournemouth University. The focus for these visits was Leadership.

Our students visited their pen pals at our partner school IES Moixent, in Valencia (Spain) and spent a week living with their families and learning about the Spanish culture whilst practising the language. They enjoyed the real school life there and also participated in special workshops. During their stay they visited beautiful and fun places, enjoyed authentic food and soaked in as much sunshine as they could.

Our Spanish friends will come over in October and will enjoy the British life with us and our students and families involved in the Exchange Project.

New spaces for next April 2025 will open soon for students taking GCSE Spanish from Summer 2.
We will be updating you soon with all the details to participate.





Year 13 Graduation and Prom

We had a wonderful time with our Y13 graduates and their families at the Graduation held at Canford School on 4th July, directly followed by a fun filled Prom in the Manor House. Thank you to Chris Finney (GC) for being our Guest of Honour at Graduation.

A Warm Welcome To Our New Year 8's



On Friday 28th June we welcomed 300 Year 8 students from our middle schools who are joining the Ferndown Family in September. They had a full day of taster lessons and got to know the people who would be in their tutor.

They had a brilliant day gaining points for their new House and as a group managed to get a massive 472 points! Incredible!

Ms Gillett will be thrilled that Ashton have taken the early lead for 24-25! Get those blue ribbons ready.

We hope all our new students enjoy the rest of their time at their middle schools and cannot wait until they join us on Wednesday 3rd September!

Tutor Group	Points
9C/RLL	47
9C/KJA	53
9T/ASH	41
9T/NBA	51
9R/KMA	34
9R/MCH	56
9R/AHA	35
9A/HEP	63
9A/AWH	55
9A/DTH	37

Year 10 Duke of Edinburgh Practice Expedition

Well done to the 48 Year 10 students for completing a successful practice expedition! The weather was on our side for the weekend and the groups should be very proud of themselves for completing the two day walks. The students learnt a vast amount from the weekend and the superb teaching of the staff that gave up their weekend to help support, encourage and teach them. Thank you to Mrs Alderman, Mrs Johnson, Mrs Hicks, Mr Hammett, Mr Long and Mr Stevenson for giving up their time. We are sure there are sore muscles, blisters and tiredness, but we hope when this subsides that the students feel proud of their achievements. The groups started at either Stoborough or Studland and walked all day Saturday to camp at Woodyhyde Campsite, south east of Corfe Castle. After cooking, washing up, pitching tents, hot chocolates and an impromptu game of rugby, the students were ready for an early night (well most were!).

After emerging from tents around 5.30am due to the very loud dawn chorus, students got their own breakfasts, sorted their tents and pitch area and were ready to go again. A little wearier than the first day, groups pressed on and we are pleased to say that they did a cracking job on their navigation – with only a few minor errors. All students arrived back safely to the delight of their parents!

Mrs Pemberton and Mr Martin



BTEC Foundation Studies in Art, Design and Media Practice Private View



On Friday evening 14th June 2024, Ferndown Upper School held the private view of our BTEC Foundation Diploma show.

The year 14 students exhibited their exciting Final Major Project in the pathways of Fashion Textiles, Fine Art, Printmaking, Photography, Animation and Installation.

The students all achieved Merits or Distinctions and will be progressing onto specialist Degree courses at University of the Arts London, University for the Creative Arts, Chichester University and the Arts University Bournemouth.

FUS Destinations and Pathways 2024

BTEC Foundation Studies in Art, Design and Media Practice Level 4

Alex Maxted

Gap year

Pathway: Photography

Evie Beeson

University of the Creative Arts

BA Digital Art



Maddi Whittemore

UAL Camberwell

BA Graphic Design



Holly Pidgley

University of the Creative Arts

BA Fashion Design



Gemma Lilley

Arts University Bournemouth

BA Costume Design



Emma Clarke

Arts University Bournemouth

BA Animation Production



Maisy Mooney

University of the Creative Arts

BA Fashion Design



Shai White

University of the Creative Arts

BA Textiles



Sarah Helliker

Arts University Bournemouth

BA Illustration



Aimie Lomax

University of the Creative Arts

BA Fashion Atelier and Tailoring



Holly Berridge

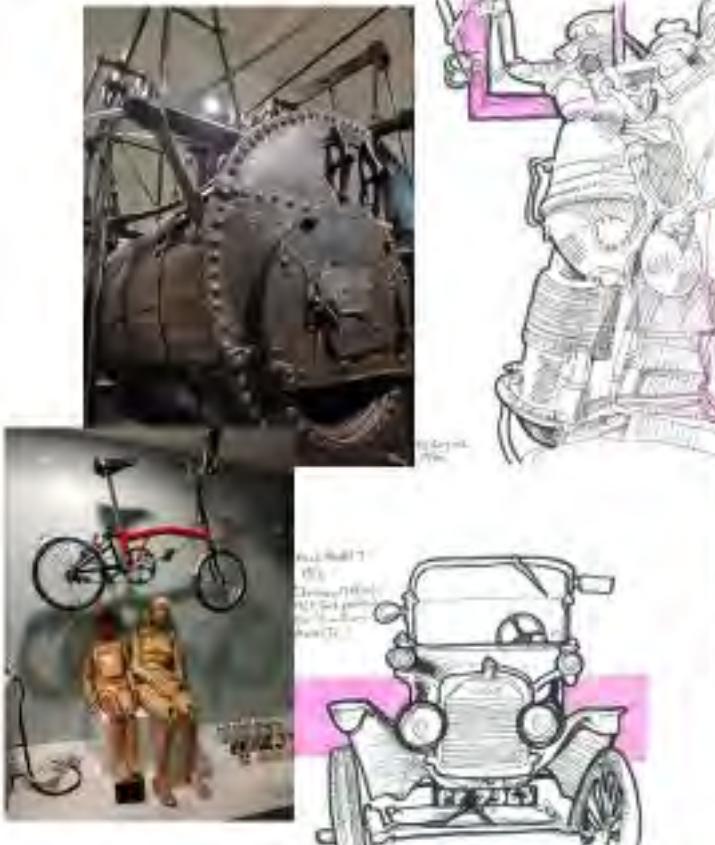
Chichester University

BA 3D Animation and VFX



SCIENCE MUSEUM

As part of the Creative & Expressive London 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



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.

Year 12 Public Services OAA Trip

Tuesday 21st May 2024



As part of the Year 12 Public Service course the students have to complete Unit 16 which is Land-based Outdoor and Adventurous Activities. The group completed a crash course in orienteering at Moors Valley Country Park and ran two of the set courses. They navigated well and used their new skills of thumbing the map and setting the map to ensure they recorded and gained the correct control. Their second activity was the tree top challenge at Go Ape. This consisted of 5 stations of various ariel obstacles that the group had to navigate and complete. I was very impressed with the group on how they overcame their fear of heights and challenged themselves out of their comfort zones to complete the more difficult obstacles instead of always taking the easy options. I am very pleased to report that they all completed the activities to the required standards and met all the criteria they needed to in order to meet the assignment. Well done team! Mrs Pemberton



Ferndown Takes Boys Seriously: Gym Trip

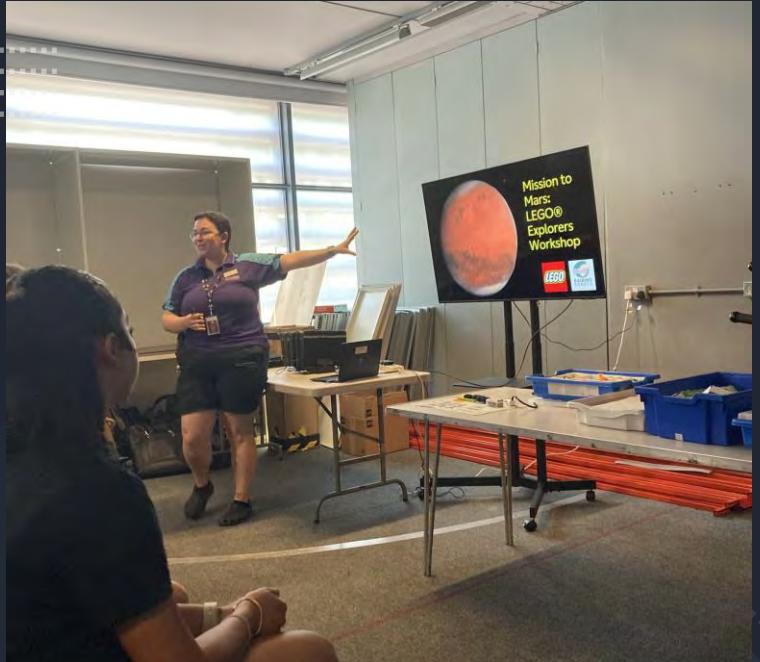
As part of the ongoing boys' programme at Ferndown Upper School, ten of our Year 12 students visited E-Motion Fitness Hub in Poole to learn about healthy workout routines and acquire key skills from professionals to support their physical well being. As part of our day, we had a session from a life coach who spoke to the boys about communication skills and gave transferable strategies to ensure positive outcomes from conversations that they have.

A big thank you to E-Motion and all of the facilitators.



Activities Week: Harry Potter Studio Tours

As part of Year 9 Activities Week, we visited Harry Potter Studio Tours. Students had a VIP lesson exploring the props used in the films before enjoying a Butterbeer and wandering through Diagon Alley.



Activities Week: Natural History Museum

Students had a great time at the Natural History Museum, London, exploring dinosaurs and gems and also had the chance to programme robots on a mission to Mars!

Year 13 Leavers Day

We were astounded at the incredible creativity of our Year 13's when they turned up for their leaver's day event on 10th May.

Staff and students were treated to sightings of Deadpool, grapes and racing cars wandering around school! Thank you Year 13 for being an amazing year group and good luck on results day.





Y13 Leavers Day

...and staff were involved with leavers day, too!



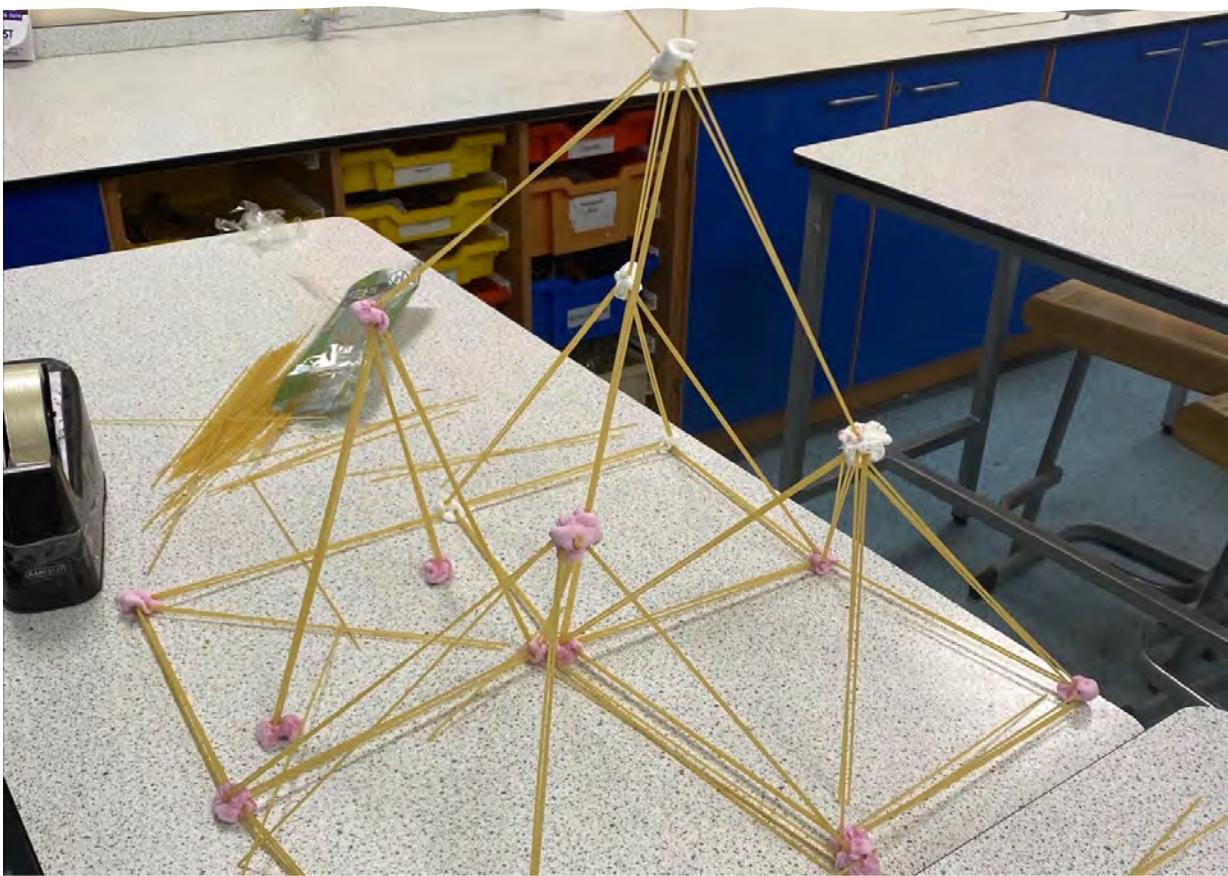
Jungle Roadshow

On the 14th and 15th May, Jonathan came into school to visit Year 9 - he brought with him his snake Tango, scorpions, tarantulas and some katydids. The students thoroughly enjoyed the sessions and asked some really interesting questions!

Here is the link if you want to know more.

<https://jonathansjungleroadshow.co.uk/>





STEM Club

- Stem Club runs after school on a Thursday. In the summer term, students took part in a range of activities to get them thinking about science differently and how it is involved in everyday life.
- Some sessions included - spaghetti and marshmallow towers, the tallest jelly tower, balloon rockets and stress testing party poppers.

Year 12 Taster Day

We loved
meeting you all and
are looking forward to
welcoming you again
on 4th September for
your Year 12
Induction Day.





Another amazing Emm Pem Staff Tennis Extravaganza