



Bournemouth School

Newsletter – July 2006



From the Headmaster

In the last Newsletter I asked for comments from parents about their views on the school's strengths and weaknesses. I received a small number of responses – for which I give my sincere thanks – and the most common theme raised concerned communications between home and school.

We have worked very hard to improve our contact with parents over the past few years. However, I would be the first to admit that we are still some way from a state of perfection. In recent years we have worked to improve the web site, where key documents (including past Newsletters) are posted; we are continually trying to expand and improve the site, but it is very important that it is kept to a manageable size. Within the pastoral section of the school we now have specialist support staff who make contact with parents as soon as we become aware of problems, such as absence or illness, and who are supporting the House staff to ensure that we are able to respond to your concerns as rapidly as possible.

Looking to the future, we are actively exploring the use of different types of electronic communication with parents, so that we can give you direct access to some of our computer records relating to your son, as well as letting you know what homework was actually set for your son, as opposed to what he recorded in his diary!

Unfortunately, all of these improvements – although important to us all – come at a cost in terms of time and physical resources. Although we are making progress towards our goal, it is made within the context that we have one of the lowest per-pupil funding levels of any secondary school in the area and that we have many other priorities – including improvements to the buildings and infrastructure of the school – which limit the pace of development.

So, please do continue to contact us with any concerns, comments, suggestions etc. that you have and please continue to use the best medium of communication we have – your son! Ask him about school and, crucially, please check his pockets and bags on a regular basis for any letters that may have been given to him.

You will notice that this Newsletter is slightly bulkier than normal. This is partly due to the increased number of reports that I have received from parents, pupils, members of staff and even from people outside the school community who have brought to my attention news of the achievements of members of the school. Please keep this information rolling in.

In conclusion, may I wish you all a very happy, relaxing and peaceful summer holiday.

John Granger

Letters

I receive many letters each week; the following examples perhaps illustrate the extremes of their content and intent.

1. I recently received an unsolicited letter from a couple who were at Lulworth Cove at the same time as a group of our Y7 pupils. As far as I am aware they have no link with the school, but their letter made very pleasant reading:

“Dear Headmaster

My husband and I were visiting Lulworth Cove yesterday (14th June). When we went to get ice cream several of your boys were there and they were so well behaved and polite, we felt we must write. You must be very proud of them”.

Correct! This letter neatly summarises the reports that I receive regularly about the behaviour of our boys.

2. The governing body recently received an anonymous letter from ‘A concerned parent’ who claimed to be writing on behalf of other parents. The governing body is not able to respond to anonymous communications and would ask any parents who have grievances to use the school's normal complaints procedures; copies of the procedure are available from the school office.

Holidays in term time

Increasing numbers of parents are asking for holiday leave during term time, despite all of the publicity aimed at reducing these requests. In order to avoid embarrassment on both sides, please gain the permission of the governing body before booking holidays. Requests for leave of absence are likely to be turned down unless there are exceptional and unavoidable circumstances; pupils already have 14 weeks holiday per year and there is no automatic right to term-time holiday leave, as some parents appear to believe.

Examination Results

GCE Results - 17th August

A-level results will be available from 10.00 am and AS results will be available from 11.00 am on Thursday 17th August in the school hall. Staff will be available to advise any students who have concerns arising from their results.

GCSE Results - 24th August

GCSE results (for all years) will be available from 10.00 am on Thursday 24th August in the school hall.

KS3 Results

Congratulations to Y9 who have recently achieved excellent results in their science and maths SATs tests. The science results were very close to last year's best-ever performance and the maths results are – by some margin – our strongest-ever.

The English results will not be available until the end of August. Assuming we do not request a re-mark (as we have for the past 3 years) these results will be sent to parents early next term.

School Profile

The government has decided to change the way in which schools make their annual report to parents. All schools are now required to produce a School Profile which is available to parents on the web. Our Profile for the 2004-05 year is now available at <http://schoolprofile.parentscentre.gov.uk/>. Printed copies are available from Reception.

Please note that certain sections are provided automatically by DfES and other sections are strictly limited in size. This inevitably makes the document rather bland and lacking in detail, for which we apologise. Although no longer required to do so, the governing body intends to continue to hold annual meetings with parents so that further detail can be added to the Profile.

Pupil and Parent Questionnaires

Many thanks to those pupils and parents who have returned completed questionnaires for us to analyse. We do take these responses very seriously. They are analysed, and then discussed within the management of the school, by School Council, and by the Governors. These discussions then influence our school development priorities.

Whilst we are not yet in a position to give detailed feedback, parents may like to know that most comments received have been positive and that we have already begun to address some of the less-positive issues that have been raised.

Unfortunately, some parents made anonymous returns. Should any parents who did this wish to contribute to the school development debate, please feel free to write to Mr Pyke with your comments.

L6 Parents Information Evening and upcoming Information Evenings

On 3rd July we held an Information Evening about the U6 year and the UCAS process, which was well attended by parents and students. Thirty-four feed-back questionnaires were returned, of which all were positive, though two asked if it could have been held a week or two earlier, and one asked us to improve the publicity for such events. One parent commented it "should have been compulsory for boys to attend" whilst another said, "We now feel we know almost as much as our son knows".

The next scheduled Parent Information evenings are on 25th September for parents of the students in L6; and 2nd October for parents of Year 11. These evenings are designed to help parents to support their sons through these important GCSE and AS years. These evenings are in addition to the scheduled traditional Parent Consultation evenings. If you feel that other information evenings would be useful, please let us have your suggestions.

ACTIVITIES/ACHIEVEMENTS

House Competitions Final Results

The final points were:

Scott	1179
Darwin	1089
Elgar	1036
Turner	921
Newton	903

Turner House Charity – Water for Harvest Water for Life

Water is life, yet every year 2 million children worldwide die of water related illnesses and 2.6 billion people have no access to adequate sanitation. Turner House supports Water Aid in its vision of a world in which everyone has an access to safe water and sanitation facilities. As a result of this on the 14th May of this year a group of pupils, staff and parents, together with a parent's friend and a dog, set off from Hengistbury Head to complete a sponsored walk to Swanage. The walk was carried out in a good time and everyone enjoyed the day although there were one or two tired people at the end of it including the dog. We in Turner House thank everyone who contributed to the walk including Mr Tennant who donated his prize from the sweep stake to the charitable collection. A cheque of over a thousand pounds has been sent off to help with the valuable work that the charity does.

Newton House Charity

Since September 2005 until April 2006 Newton House raised money from a wide variety of events such as raffles, a sponsored walk, "World Cup" football and a tuck shop. £1750.00 was given to HYPED (Homeless Young People in East Dorset) in May and this money will be used to help set up a drop-in centre for adolescents. HYPED have also agreed to work with Mark Coppage by contributing to a VI form PSHE programme in the future.

Sport Relief

The entire school took part in the recent Sport Relief run. Everyone – staff included – ran/walked/rolled/was carried a mile around the playing fields. To date, the event has raised over £2700 for Sport Relief; we are hoping that the final total will be closer to £4000.

MP's Visit

Not long after Easter we had a visit from Tobias Ellwood MP. He gave a talk to the 6th Form (mainly, though not exclusively, Politics students), followed by what turned out to be a lively question and answer session. The session turned out to be very successful and Mr Gibbons hopes to repeat this event.

Intermediate House Speech Competition

Some excellent speeches were made at this year's event, which supports GCSE English work as well as forming part of the inter-House competition. Speeches were marked as GCSE individual extended work.

Individual positions:	1 st	Jack Rennie	D – 108
	2 nd	Andrew Sims	E – 106
	3 rd	Jon Davies	D – 98
House positions:	1 st	Darwin	with 387 marks
	2 nd	Elgar	with 373 marks
	3 rd	Scott	with 353 marks
	4 th	Turner	with 346 marks
	5 th	Newton	with 345 marks

The competition was judged by Mrs Teenan and Miss Willis.

Male Voice Choir

The Male Voice Choir recently entertained residents of a sheltered housing development; the choir was very well received by all the residents and greatly appreciated.

‘Unleash The Superheroes’

This was the message, on 22nd June, when four School Councillors attended the Specialist Schools conference at the Bradley Stoke Community School.

The conference itself explored the variety of ways that students can have a voice in both their school and have their say in the world. The hope was that each of the 50 schools who attended would apply the things that they had learnt in the day to improve their personal and educational life for themselves and those around them.

The day began with an intricate, involving and humorous key note speech by Diane Lewis. This delved into the ways that students can clearly express their thoughts and emotions through the internet and interactive tools. Additionally, the speech allowed everyone present to contemplate the ways that the internet and its facilities can aid the development of their own school community, and how it can be used to better their own school.

All of the students attended a diverse range of workshops to establish ideas that could be applied to their individual school needs. Workshops included: A video link to Poland, Peer support, the power of student voice and many other interesting workshops which allowed the students to express their thoughts and the way their own school dealt with the issues discussed.

The conference was an ideal time for delegates of many schools from across England to gather ideas from one another and create bonds which can be used later on in their school careers; students were given both times for contemplation and times for interaction with one another. This allowed each delegate to have an insight into an alternative school community.

Overall, the conference was a complete success with the school now having a vast pool of knowledge out of which the students can gain massively. It is hoped that many of the systems, ideas and techniques can be applied to our own school and aid its rapid progression and development.

Report by **Benjamin Clayton (9S)**

Big Band

The Big Band is going from strength to strength, playing at an increasing number of public and private events (including a Silver Wedding celebration!) A concert held earlier in the term was a great success and raised £722.20 which has enabled us to replace the old drum kit.

The Band is indebted to Mr Wollard has offered to pay for sweat shirts for the band to wear when they play outside. If you haven't heard the Band, do try to come to their next performance – you will not be disappointed!

Montacute House Visit

A group of L6 and U6 students visited Montacute House as a useful context work for their Elizabethan texts. Since the house is an excellent example of Elizabethan architecture and the National Portrait gallery has an annexe there with portraits of famous personages of the Elizabethan era, this was a very worthwhile trip.

CCF

Congratulations to those members of the Corps who completed the annual Ten Tors walk and also to Tim Peters who is currently representing his country at a 7-week event in Canada.

Following a period of some instability, the RAF Section is able to offer, once again, the opportunity for cadets to engage in Air Experience Flying at RAF Boscombe Down, and since the last report, there have been four occasions on which groups of up to ten cadets have been fortunate enough to fly.

Mathematics Challenges

5 pupils were invited to participate in the Intermediate Maths Olympiad, an event for the very best scorers from the 22,000+ individuals who took part in the Intermediate Challenge. From the 1450 national Olympians, Raymond Tongeman (11E) was the best scorer at Bournemouth School, just missing out on a place in the top 25% at this most demanding level.

Also from the Intermediate Challenge, pupils who are not invited to take part in the Olympiad but whose scores warrant further participation, are invited to take part in the Kangaroo event, involving some 3 million participants across the world. 12 boys from the school took part, achieving 6 places in the top 25% of entrants with Alex Clarke (11E) being the Best in School.

The UK Maths Trust also organises a team challenge for those from Years 8 and 9. The school again entered the Regional phase of this particularly challenging and varied event, gaining third place and thereby only just missing out on a place in the National finals.

In the Junior Maths Challenge, just over 70 candidates entered, gaining 14 Golds, 18 Silvers and 20 Bronzes. Christian Frampton (8E) achieved the ‘Best in School’ award, a Gold certificate and earned a place in the Olympiad having obtained a score which placed him in the top 1200 nationally from 250,000+ entries.

For the first time, Maths Challenge results have counted towards the House Competition.

Biology Olympiad

Daniel Grabarczyk gained a silver award and Alex Earley was highly commended in the Biology Olympiad. Daniel's silver is the highest award ever gained by a member of the school in this competition.

From the BAE Systems website

‘Congratulations to the RDF1-2050 team from Bournemouth School in Bournemouth who are the winners of the BAE Systems McLaren Competition.

Team members Shane Frost (L6.E), Christopher Muir (L6.E), Samuel Wilks-Brown (9S) and Joseph Simons (8T), together with teacher Tim Moggeridge will be receiving the prize of tickets to the British Grand Prix at Silverstone.

We have had a fabulous response to this competition, with hundreds of entries being received. The standard of the designs was excellent’.

The school team did, indeed, go the Silverstone, where they were the guests of the McLaren F1 team.

Shell Eco-Marathon

A small team of boys in years 8 and 9 under the leadership of Mr Moggeridge and with the help of 2 of our lower 6th students entered the Shell Eco-Marathon, a competition to design and build a fuel efficient vehicle. The team entered a new category of which we are one of 28 schools who have been provided with a Honda GX31 engine as a starting point. After a very long day, the team came 4th in their category, achieving over 280 mpg!

The shell Eco-marathon started life as the Shell mileage marathon in 1939 in the USA and was won in that year with an average mpg of 49.73. The current competition is held at Rockingham, where vehicles must travel 10 miles at an average speed of above 15 mph. Competitors will be judged on the amount of fuel used, the current world record is over 10,000 mpg!

The competition requires many things of the competitors - hard work, determination, perseverance, ingenuity, creativity, patience and a sense of humour. We entered the competition several times a few years ago, with varied success, and it was good to hear that one of our first young competitors is now a senior brake engineer for a global engineering company.

The boys involved are all keen and enthusiastic but we do require some sponsorship to enable them to build a competitive vehicle. If you are able to offer any help either by providing expertise, parts, (e.g. bike wheels, drive systems, bearings, electronic systems, brakes etc.) or a donation to help with the purchase of equipment or the cost of travel and accommodation to the event we would be most grateful. We will be able to provide some promotional space on the vehicle and will try to gain publicity in the local press nearer the event time in July next year. We would like to thank Ashley Power and 'On Yer Bike' for help during this year's competition.

Young Engineers

The Young Engineers have been busy this year with prizes in two competitions and a promising looking entry for a third in July.

Just before Easter Matthew Holloway (L6.E), Peter Gibbons (L6.T) and Michael Pollett (L6.N), all members of the Lower VI, participated in this year's Young Engineers Royal Navy competition "Operation Intercept". The challenge was to build a radio controlled vessel that could capture floating cargo dropped from an escaping drug baron's ship. As well as getting a flight on a Royal Navy helicopter, the trio came second in their class and won the best overall design award. The students received a £300 prize and electronics vouchers. More can be found at <http://www.youngeng.org/index.asp?page=68>.

F1 in Schools

Two teams of boys from Y9 entered the Dorset CAD/CAM design challenge to design build and race a model F1 car. The final was held at Blandford School on 6 July and whilst neither team won their section, all competitors had an excellent day. We intend to offer this competition next year and would be interested in sponsorship from any local companies. Highcliffe School this year had help from their local Ford dealership, who assisted with painting the car and provided clothing to create a corporate image. If you think you may be able to help, please contact Mr Alan Heyes.

Science/Engineering/Technology Challenge

Twelve Y9 pupils took part in the challenge day at Bournemouth & Poole College, competing against other local schools. The boys worked in pairs with another pair from another school, making groups of four. All of our competitors conducted themselves superbly throughout the day and embarked on all the challenges with enthusiasm and initiative. The challenges set required practical but creative solutions whilst working in a group context. Those taking part had a chance to meet other pupils from local schools who are also interested in Science/Engineering and also had the opportunity to see how The College operate and to speak to members of staff from the College.

Two boys, Michael Bend and Nicolas Mahoney, were in one of the winning teams and received a prize from the Mayor.

All 12 pupils thoroughly enjoyed the day and Mr Milner, who accompanied them, felt that they gained a lot from the experience.

Enterprise Awards

One thing which marks out our students from many young people of their age is their ability to take on the planning and organisation of major events and activities. These are some of the skills needed in the business world and this year a significant proportion of L6 took up the Enterprise Challenge organised by Dorset Enterprise and Skills (DES). Forming themselves in 'companies' they had to set up in business and produce products or services which they could then market. Of the 30 or so companies set up by schools around Dorset, 3 attended the finals at Lulworth Castle. Two of these teams were dominated by members of Bournemouth School, with most of the awards going to these two companies. Phoenix Enterprises beat Equinox to the Company of the Year award. Phoenix members included Oli Crawley (Managing Director), Chris Belk, Kevin Smith, Tom Blackmore, Ben Dawson, Sam Hardy, Will Rusden and Mike Pollett, as well as one pupil from BSG and one from Poole Grammar.

Phoenix also won the Best Presentation and Best Report awards, whilst Equinox won the Best Finance award and the Leadership Award went to Laurence Upshon of Equinox.

Congratulations

To "Old Boy" Sam Spreadbury, who left us to attend Cambridge. Sam has just been named as the top student in the Scottish Institute of Chartered Accountants examinations.

General Knowledge Quiz

There were around 120 downloads of Mr Bobal's recent General Knowledge Quiz and it certainly proved to be a challenge but was enjoyed by all who participated.

There were three winners:

- 1st – David Smith (U6D) – 67 correct out of 70
- 2nd – Edward Bonnett (10N) – 65 correct out of 70
- 3rd – Jonathan Twitchin (10S) – 64 correct out of 70

Prizes awarded were Waterstones/HMV Vouchers to the value of £25.00, £15.00 and £10.00 respectively.

Geography Department

The Geography department has taken students out on a number of trips to build upon their geographical skills. These included three days for the lower sixth where they spent an enjoyable time carrying out fieldwork on the Studland sand dune succession on Delimited Bournemouth CBD in October 2005.

In February Year 9 went to the Natural History Museum where they looked at earthquakes and volcanoes as well as the history of the Earth.

We are planning fieldwork for Year 10 in May to Highland Water in the New Forest and to Castlepoint for RW and urban studies.

In June Year 8 went to Kew Gardens to look at ecosystems and plant adaptations.

English Department

The English department staff gave intensive half-hour sessions at lunchtime each Wednesday during the Summer Term for A* candidates and A* 'aspirants' on approaches to the written exam papers, helping them to see what techniques will give their performance the edge.

Certificates were awarded by the department to the top 25 Y11 performers in coursework, of whom 17 produced A* grade folders. Due acknowledgement was also given by certificate to two or three members of each set who, while not the highest fliers, had shown real dedication and progress during the course.

Y8 Language Day

This term saw the introduction of a Year 8 Language Day, to add to the existing Year 7 and Year 9 Language Days. The focus for the day was to encourage pupils to find out about other countries where French, German and Spanish are spoken. Pupils were divided into small groups and their task was to research the culture of a designated country or region and then produce a PowerPoint presentation to perform to the rest of the group.

Pupils conducted their research using three of the ICT suites, and found a wealth of information, for example, typical recipes from the region, national football teams, climatic and geographical statistics, festivals, costumes and dance. The groups worked hard and enjoyed the day. Despite having only two hours to put together their presentation, most groups produced very polished presentations, many of which were largely in the target language. The canteen also put on a special Language Day menu which included dishes from Spain, Germany and France.

The overall winning presentations were:

Liam Walsh, Dean Cheeseman, Phil Teenan: Cameroon
Curtis Watton, Michael Rake, Tim Taylor, Jack Keats: Senegal
Christian Brunet, Andrew Deeble, Sam Curtis: Argentina
Adam Kay, Christopher McIntyre, Owen Whitlock: Austria
Duncan Hardie Henry Schofield David Stewart Michael Simon: Cuba
Simon Belk Sam Fry Christian Mahoney David Smitten: Austria
Jordan Baugh, Elliot Kenney, Tom Hopkins, Jonathan Muncer: Senegal
Ian Macloughlin, Ben Miles, Sebastian Zaidman: Madagascar

Thanks go to all those who participated in the day and helped to make it a success.

Volunteers for Library Summer Reading Game

Bournemouth Libraries hold a summer reading game each year to encourage children to continue reading during the school holidays. They always look for volunteers to help make this a really fun and enjoyable summer activity and are wondering if any students would be interested in helping out at Southbourne Library this summer. Younger children often enjoy talking with teenagers so they would very much like to have some teens involved in helping this year. They hope that some students will be interested in helping out. If you are, please phone Connie Rothman on 01202 428784 or visit Southbourne Library.

SPORT

Year 8 Town Cup Football Winners

We beat Winton Boys (convincingly!) 2-0 in an excellent game of football played at Poppies Football Ground. (The scorers on the day were Curtis Watton (8T) and Joseph Kane (8N). The team is Ashley Bradshaw (8S), Ben Dunesby (8E), Robbie Boyd (8S), Theo Gray (8S), Joshua Fitzsimmons (8T), Nicholas Arnold (8N), Philip Teenan (8E), Curtis Watton (8T), Samuel Veneroso (8N), Oliver Ashton (8T), David Howell (8D), Christopher Beek (8D), Thomas Bushell (8T), Samuel Brookman (8D), Joseph Kane (8N) and Charles Spencer (8N) – Captain.

Year 10 Team Cup Football Final

The Year 10 football team who were desperately unlucky to lose the County Cup semi final on penalties, were rewarded with the Town Cup, played at Dean Court.

In a tense game against Winton, the score after full time and extra time was 0-0. Penalties again, although this time we kept our heads and converted our spot kicks, with Mitchell Griffiths (10N) managing to make two great saves.

A good end to a season where the side only lost once.

National U17 Championships

Sam Chappell (11N) is training very seriously towards representing Great Britain in the Hammer and is hoping to reach the 2012 Olympics. He has now qualified for the National U17 Championships in the event, which will take place in July.

Sailing

Congratulations to William Rusden (L6.S) and James Rusden (11S) who have qualified in their first season as 1 of 7 boats to represent Great Britain at the 420 worlds in Gran Canaria in the summer.

Congratulations also to Richard Mason and his crew Dan who have qualified to compete in the ISAF Youth World Championships, which takes place in Weymouth from 13-21 July. The selection process involved three regattas in April/May. From this selection process, the overall winner qualifies to represent Great Britain and Northern Ireland at the ISAF Worlds. Richard has also qualified to sail at the 420 World Championships in Gran Canaria in August.

Badminton U13 Inter Counties Challenge

On 1st April Edward Shrimpton (7S) represented Dorset in the National Finals of an U13 Inter Counties Challenge, the team having qualified at regional level at Bath University.

Badminton – UK Top Schools Tournament

A team of four boys from this school have participated in the UK Top Schools Tournament for the last four years, reaching the finals on each occasion. Last year, having won through some really tough competition in the regional tournament, they were unfortunate in meeting and losing to the ultimate winners in the first round. This meant that the best place they could achieve was 13th out of 18 finalists.

This year the boys were more fortunate. They played brilliantly as a team winning the regional competition which was held in Slough in February.

In the finals, which were held in Luton, they once again met the ultimate winners in the first round but did well enough to go on to achieve 6th place overall from the 16 finalists.

As expected, the standard of play was very high indeed and the boys had to deal with teams some of whose members play for England.

As a school our previous best place in the finals was 9th so this is a great achievement for the boys and for the school.

Margaret Tipton Open Badminton Tournament

Jonathan Osborne (7S) won the 21st Margaret Tipton Open Badminton Tournament for U12s at Bracknell.

This is a national level event at U12 and is a breakthrough in performance for Jonathan. Well done Jonathan!

Under 13 Indoor Cricket

Having won the East Dorset Indoor Cricket Competition three weeks ago, the Under 13 cricket squad played in the County tournament last week, against the winners of the South, North and West areas. The team won this event by winning the three games against St Michael's, St Osmunds and Gillingham to become Dorset Champions. The team consisted of: Nicholas Arnold (8N), Matthew Fleming (8E), Samuel Gibbs (8D), Alexander Jarvis-Neill (8N), Jack Joyce (8E), Adam Kay (8N), Harry Klein (8S), John Liddell (8D), Harry Nash (8S), John Ryall (8N) and Michael Rake (8D).

Y7 Cricket

Congratulations to the Y7 Cricket team. After impressive quarter-final and semi-final wins over Winton and Ferndown Middle, they met a very strong team from Castle Court School in the final of the County Cup at Dean Park. Castle Court came out winners, but our team acquitted themselves very well throughout the competition.

Y8 Cricket

The Year 8 cricket team capped off a fine season by beating Poole Grammar School convincingly in the County Cup final at Dean Park. After a superb bowling performance, Nick Arnold (8N) steered the side home with a fantastic knock of 55 not out. Well done to all the boys who have played this year and made this term so enjoyable for everyone involved.

Squash

Congratulations to Alex Sawyer (9E) who has recently moved up from the U-13s to represent Dorset in the U-15 Squash team.

Tennis

The 9 school teams have finished their main fixtures this season, with successes including:

- last-64 in the Glanvill Cup (a national schools' competition)
- county winners at U-13
- county semi-finalists at U-15
- county semi-finalist in the 'Road to Wimbledon' event.

The U-13 team progresses to the Regional Finals during the Autumn term, during which time the senior students (Y11 and above) begin their winter matches in the combined Hampshire and Dorset League.

Overall this year the teams have played a total of 25 matches, involving approximately 30 boys in competitive tennis across the age groups. All team members are to be congratulated on their commitment and commended for the manner in which they have been ambassadors for the school.

Gap Years

Increasing numbers of students take 'gap years' after their A-levels and before going to university. These can take many forms, often including extensive periods of travelling. However, the time can be put to many uses and the following report on Paul Baseotto, who left us in 2005 with two 'As' and a 'B', passed to us by 'The Year in Industry', is an interesting example:

Paul Baseotto, Flight Refuelling Ltd, Wimborne

Paul attended Bournemouth School and studied Mathematics, Physics and Electronics at A level. He will be going to Southampton University to study Electronic Engineering.

Paul's objective was to implement a Just in Time environment to a specific warehouse to improve the company's return on investment by reducing inventory, lead times and their associated costs. Paul was involved in all aspects from clearing the warehouse, selling excess stock back to the supplier, and redesigning the layout. He finalised stock management procedures, wrote the Company Control Procedure and organised training for the users of the redesigned warehouse. His placement has led to the warehouse being used as an example of good practice within the company and had reduced stock levels saving Flight Refuelling Ltd £95,000 in the process.

New 20mph Zone on East Way

Following public consultation the Council has made a decision on road safety measures for East Way and it's junction with Charminster Road. The Council has decided to phase the scheme with the first phase to be implemented in summer 2006 and the second phase not before July 2007. Phase 1 comprises a 20mph zone with associated traffic calming on East Way and a one-way system in Court Road between Charminster Road and Mavis Road. Phase 2 involves the implementation of traffic signals at the East Way/Charminster Road junction. A plan of the final design is available for people to view at School Reception.

Construction is due to commence on site on Monday 24 July and will last for approximately 4-6 weeks. If you have any queries, please email highways@bournemouth.gov.uk or contact Ken Hobbs (tel. 451388) or Rob Wilson (tel. 454871).

Parents' Association

Lottery

<u>Ticket</u>	<u>Winner</u>	<u>Drawn by</u>
March 2006 - Amount: £107.00		
580	Mrs P M Cox	Hannah Ellis (BSG)
375	Mr & Mrs A Lines	Louise Mills (BSG)
144	Mrs M Gheissari	Kevin Smith (L6.D)
April 2006 - Amount: £108.00		
195	Mr & Mrs M McNulty	Matt Hamer (L6.T)
408	Dr & Mrs P C Smith	Jake Keeley (10E)
417	Mr J Bedford	John Dickens (10E)
May 2006 - Amount was £108.50		
6	Jane Stevenson	Simon Beal (11T)
467	Mr G Phillips	Chris Wright (11N)
660	Mrs C Cairns	Alex Roff (11E)
June 2006 - Amount £107.50		
326	Mrs A Clegg	Ben Marsh (8N)
41	Mr & Mrs A Hiscock	Andrew Wong (8N)
627	Mrs D Godsell	Liam O'Leary (8N)

End of Term Arrangements

Friday 21st July 2006

School finishes at 12.10 pm

Canteen will only be open until mid-morning break.

Packed lunches will be available for boys entitled to free school meals.

Shamrock 36 & 89 will run am and pm

Shamrock 54 – will run am only

Shamrock East Dorset will run am and pm

Yellow Buses – 53 and 55 School Specials will run am only

End of Term Detention

12.30 – 15.30

Start of Term Arrangements

Wednesday 6th September 2006

Timetable is Week 1

9.00 am New Year 7 Start

9.00 am New Lower Sixth Start

9.30 am Lower Sixth Start

11.00 am Rest of School Start

School buses will run in the morning at normal times only

Pupils choosing to arrive early will need to bring work to study in the Library.

Buses will run as normal in the afternoon.

Star Awards

150 Stars

7.E
Matthew Bailey
Oliver Bastow
Peter Clarke
Christopher Jones
Edward Kennard
Peter Musson
Tim Prossor
Jack Sears
Matthew Short
George Worden

7.N
Jordan Abdi
Freddy Clements
Liam Gower
Mark Leedham
Connor McDonnell
Ron Miller
Chris Penny
Daniel Sellwood
Thomas Veneroso

7.S
Ammar Al-Hilali
Jordan Au
Amine Bentoudja
Dominic Birtles
Jack Hutchings
Ryan Lewis
William Muncer
Peter Scott
Andrew Sheppard
Edward Shrimpton
George Sismey
Benjamin Smith
James Southard
Alex Thayne
Zennen Thomas
Rhys Williams
Nikolas Wood

7.T
Niall Ahearne
Aaron Boclet
Tom Emberson
Joe Hocking
Callum Howat-Maxted
Tom King
Rory Pearson
Albert Preston
Jonathan Sinclair
James Steel
Jacob West

8.T
Edward Hardyman

200 Stars

7.E
Matthew Bailey

7.N
Jordan Abdi
Maitham Al-Arbash
Jay Cadman
Damien Curry
Charles Donnelly
Michael du Lieu
Seung In Kim
Louis Luke
Christopher Penny
Harry Pike
Jared Wakeford
Benjy Waxman
Edward Yorke-Saville

7.S
Oliver Edy
David Passmore
Philip Pope
Hamish Wilson

7.T
Robie Choudhury
Sebastian Darby
Calum Fowler
Kieran Fowler
Francis Grandfield
Nathan Possante
George Shorey
James Steel
Samuel Turner
Lewis Watton

250 Stars

7.N
Maitham Al-Arbash
Seung In Kim
Jonathan Miller

7.S
Oliver Edy

7.T
Robie Choudhury
Calum Fowler

300 Stars

7.N
Jonathan Miller

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The Summer Term always seems to consist of too many activities and too little time. Our apologies must go to our many new members who have a hard time trying to work out where they should be and when, all superimposed on the problems of trying to be members of two schools at the same time.

The term started with the Town Saint George's Day Parade and Service when we were again congratulated on the not-very-contested distinction of being the smartest unit on parade.

The following week found us spending an evening at Redhill Park Fire Station. We had just got to the interesting bit with the fire hoses when the fireman stopped playing, stowed everything away in two seconds and roared off over the horizon shouting something about locking up and please leave the key under the mat. (In case the Chief Fire Officer reads this I must add that the bit about the key is not strictly true.) Some eighteen Scouts completed the Fire Safety Badge as a result of this visit.

New and old Scouts and Parents managed to squeeze two Jumble Sales into the term and helping rejuvenate our finances by about £500. Our thanks must especially go to the Brunet Family who indulged in a bit of private initiative on our behalf at a Car Boot Sale.

We entered a team in the Town Six-a-Side Football competition despite some interesting rules which required our team to have between five and seven members in our 'six'. Apparently we came second although nobody is quite sure why since we got knocked out in the semi-finals. Maddened by this success we hope to take part in the Royal Navy Troops' Six-a sides in September. The RN definition of '6' appears to be '8' which probably dates back to some tradition decided by Lord Nelson.

Six Scouts spent half-term week on board HMS BRISTOL taking part in the Annual RN Recognised Groups' Sea Scout Camp. Josh Brown (Power Boats), Tom Coleman (Sailing) and Christian Brunet (Canoeing) all gained extra RYA/BCU qualifications whilst Ben Farmer, Adam Kidman and Ciaran O'Connell took part in the main 'taster' camp. 'Mr J. Preston swanned around in a motorboat trying to look important' according to one junior rabble-rouser.

July 8th found us back on the stage at Bournemouth Pavilion providing a stage crew for the Gala Concert of the Bournemouth Competitive Music Festival. Not every Troop gives you the opportunity to learn how to push priceless grand pianos around or get the right props on the right markers in pitch darkness whilst being given contradictory instructions from at least three people. We were grateful to Mrs O'Connell who acted as 'theatre mummy' to our crew – she also showed us how to sweep the stage at one point.

Field Day was celebrated in traditional manner by a boating expedition 'Up the Amazon' to reach the little native hutted settlement at Iford. For the first time in several years all four teams made it to their destination despite having to deal with George Randell's beach minefield, Mr Cudmore's radioactive lemonade and Graham Lewis's Kim's Game. Michael Pollett and Richard Wentworth did something involving an inflatable chair and lots of rope; unfortunately it also involved a visit from MOD Police and nobody got to really see it in action. Our thanks must go to Mrs Platt and Mr Cudmore for helping keep things more or less sane.

This year we have two Summer Expeditions. The Explorer Unit are off to the more rural areas of Holland whilst the Scouts are back on the Grand Union Canal in a narrow boat, twice.

September will bring our biennial Royal Navy Inspection which we hope to combine with a Parents' Open Evening as usual. This will be an indoor inspection; low water at Perch Pool and the onset of darkness will prevent any boating.

J. Preston,
Scoutleader.