



Bournemouth School



Newsletter – July 2007

From the Headmaster

Another very busy school year is coming to a close, with activity as frantic as ever. Looking back, much has been achieved. The high point was the opening of the new teaching block which, we hope, sets the standard for our classrooms of the future. At the other end of the scale – at least for a few days – was the visit from Ofsted, though even that produced some very positive outcomes.

Our staff – both teaching and non-teaching – have worked exceptionally hard throughout the year, overcoming some significant obstacles. Staff absence levels have been unusually high, not least because of the very sad death of Mr Gibbons and the absence of Mr Bobal. In both cases, their colleagues have rallied round to do their very best to ensure that the education of the boys has not suffered. Unfortunately, because of the contractual arrangements for teachers it is rarely possible in circumstances such as these to find suitable full-time permanent replacements at short notice – very few teachers sit at home just waiting for Bournemouth School to phone to offer a job! We always try to rearrange timetables so that those with the greatest need (usually those closest to public examinations) are protected. It is also our usual practice to write to the Universities of U6 students who are affected by long-term staff absence to seek consideration in the event of weaker than expected A-level performance.

During the year I have received far more letters from members of the public commending the behaviour of our boys than complaining about it. In recent weeks I have had very positive reports of those on the mini exchange to France, of a considerable number of our Y10 work experience boys ('the best ever' was one description) and of our musicians, to name but a few. It is, perhaps, a mark of our boys that many of those who, occasionally, need to be reprimanded by a senior member of staff often spontaneously thank the member of staff at the end of the interview!

May I take this opportunity to wish all of you a very happy and relaxed summer. Our best wishes go to those who are leaving Bournemouth School and we are pleased to welcome all those who are joining us in September.

John Granger

School Discipline

The Education and Inspections Act 2006 gives new powers to schools to discipline pupils. The new measures include:

- The legal right to confiscate inappropriate items from pupils, such as mobile phones or music players
- Statutory powers to discipline pupils who behave badly on the way to and from school, for example when travelling on buses
- Greater legal scope and flexibility in giving pupils detentions.

The school's policies will be reviewed in the light of the new powers; we do not anticipate any major changes.

Buses

We have just received the following information from Bournemouth Borough Council:

The current position on school routes as of early July 2007 is as follows:

Transdev Yellow Buses have given notice on one contracted route, 60, and four services operated without subsidy from the Council, 53, 55, 57 and 59. The Council is in advanced discussions with other operators to take over these routes and/or put the remainder out to tender. This process will not be complete before the schools break up for the summer.

Information on these services for September will be available from mid/late August on the Council's website or from the information line on 01202 456223.

Existing Bournemouth schools services operated under contract to the council by Shamrock buses will be unaffected and will continue as usual following start of school in September.

Trust Status

The Government has given approval for the school to become an 'early adopter' of the new Trust status. The governing body has been involved in discussions with a number of other organisations, including other high-performing schools in the South West, with the intention of forming a charitable Trust to advance the work of those involved. The governors expect to put their proposals out for public consultation in the near future.

Speech Day

Senior Prize Giving will take place on the morning of Friday 21st September 2007. Our Guest of Honour will be Mr Mark Austin, ITN Journalist and past student of Bournemouth School. Invitations will be sent to the parents of all prize-winners early next term.

Examination Results

GCE Results – 16th August

A-level results will be available from 10.00 am and AS results will be available from 11.00 am on 16th August in the school hall. Staff will be available to advise any students who have concerns arising from their results.

GCSE Results – 23rd August

GCSE results (for all years) will be available from 10.00 am on 23rd August in the school hall.

KS3 Results

Full statements of Year 9 KS3 results will be sent to parents as soon as possible after 23rd August, when we expect to have received the English test results.

Staff Changes

As ever at this time of the year we must say goodbye to members of staff, some of whom have been at the school for many years. Our thanks and best wishes go to them all:

Mr Elmer (German) is retiring after almost 20 years service.

Mr Curr (English/SENCO) is retiring.

Miss Turner (Head of Chemistry) is taking up a new post in Bermuda.

Miss Maxfield (Geography) is moving to the Cayman Islands.

Mr Jones (Mathematics) is moving to Bryanston School.

Mr Shoebridge (Physical Education) has gained a post of Head of Department in another part of the country.

Miss Elbal-Garcia (Spanish) is moving to St Peter's School.

Mrs Gardiner (Art Technician/admin support) is re-locating to Yorkshire.

Mrs Luff (Catering Assistant) is retiring.

Mrs Roberts (Librarian) is retiring.

Miss Davies (Art Technician) is leaving to start a teacher training course.

Appointments

The following teachers have been appointed for September:

Mrs P Barnes (Mathematics)
Mr J Bishopp (Mathematics)
Mr M Lucas (Mathematics)
Miss A Johnson (Geography)
Miss E van Holten (Science)
Mr J White (Physical Education)
Mr M Wootton (Drama/English)
Mrs C Inskip (Yamaha Keyboard)

The following support staff have recently been appointed:

Mrs H Butler (Finance Officer)
Mrs J Kolowski (Examinations Officer)

Internal Appointments

Mrs Teenan has taken over as Head of Turner House from Mr McAulay, who has stepped down in order to take over from Mr Sanders as Commanding Officer of the CCF.

Dr Carroll has been appointed Head of Chemistry, to take over from Miss Turner.

Mr Chlubek has been appointed Manager of Special Educational Needs, to take over the SENCO role from Mr Curr.

Visit from the Bishop of Southampton

We were delighted to welcome the Bishop of Southampton to the school. He was walking the Deanery and we invited him to meet the School Council and other pupils, at the request of Father Paul Berret, Vicar of St Francis of Assisi Church. The Bishop was highly complimentary about the students whom he met.

Senior Prefects

The following senior School Prefect appointments have been made:

School Captain: Paul Smith (L6.T)

Deputy School Captains: Andrew Tindall (L6.E)
Stephen Barratt (L6.N)
Marcus Coates-Walker (L6.S)

House Captains:

Darwin: Andrew Tindall
Elgar: Tristan Lodge
Newton: Gregory Adamson
Scott: James Gillingham
Turner: Michael Morphy

Parent Governor Election

Following the recent election Mrs Pampiglione and Mr Sidwick were duly elected as Parent Governors of the School. The votes cast were Mary Pampiglione 135, David Sidwick 124, Martyn Pope 43. Our thanks go to all those parents who returned ballot papers.

Ex-pupil success

It is always gratifying to be reassured that ex-pupils look back on their time at Bournemouth School with a sense of pride. We were recently contacted by a former pupil who has just qualified as a doctor. He wanted to purchase a prefect tie-pin (to replace the one that he was awarded but which has been mislaid) which he wishes to wear to his graduation ceremony.

This is, perhaps, a suitable point at which to remind parents and pupils that the Old Bournemouthians Association exists to provide a lifelong link between pupils and the school. A link to the OBA exists from the school web site.

Communications

As you will be aware, we have been actively exploring ways to improve our communications with parents. We hope to be in a position to write to you before the start of the new term to invite you to register your e-mail address with us so that we can communicate more effectively with groups of parents via e-mail or SMS text. The new system will only be fully effective if the majority of parents register. Please look at www.schoolcomms.com to see the system that we hope to be using.

MP's Visit

Tobias Ellwood, M.P. for Bournemouth East, recently visited the school. His visit was timely, coming only the week after the press coverage about an apparent change in the Conservative Party's attitude towards grammar schools. Apart from the grammar school issues, we were also able to raise with him concerns about the withdrawal of bus routes by Yellow Buses and the issues raised by the new requirements relating to school food, which come into force in September.

School Council

This year has been yet another successful, interesting, and productive one for the Bournemouth School Council, which received outstanding recognition in the recent Ofsted report.

During the year, the Council has said a sad goodbye to John Underwood (U6S), who we all thank greatly for his efforts, while making a warm welcome to Stephen Barratt (L6N), new Deputy School Captain and new chair of the Council.

The Council meets twice a term and acts as a voice for all of the students within the school.

Representatives of the Council have given up their time to go to events such as Governor meetings and staff training days. One of the main targets for the Council this year has been to work more closely with the teaching and staff body within the school. This has ensured that everybody within the school community is aware of the work that the school council does and how it is working (alongside staff and governors) to make it a better place.

Outside of school, the members of the Council have represented the school by travelling to conferences where they were able to: mingle with peers of a similar age group; find out how other School Councils function; and return with some insightful ideas and concepts.

The Council has also been working 'outside of the box' trying to use technology to make information (about all sorts of school life) available to students through the internet; it is hoped that the first School podcast will be on the website shortly. We have also been working with the Catering Manager to help him to prepare for the new healthy food regulations, which come into force from September.

The school council is currently considering whether to make bike helmets compulsory for boys who ride to and from school. The issue is particularly relevant as two boys have been hospitalised this year by biking accidents.

On a related note, a recent success has been the provision of new bicycle storage facilities at the Council's request. Now boys can ride to school and lock their bike to a brand new set of racks fixed securely beneath the senior playground. Surely no school in the area has such secure and dry bike facilities! The new racks represent the Council's wish to increase the number of people who ride their bike to school, which in turn reflects our concern for the environment.

The council works closely with the school's newly formed environmental group, and together we hope to implement a number of environmental initiatives. In the autumn term, the council organised for a number of new trees to be planted in the copse, and more saplings have been ordered for November. Moreover, the council was able to talk to the governors about the environmental threat and we were delighted by their supportive and enthusiastic response.

Mr Cook, who is head of PSHE, has invited the council to choose some of the content for next year's course. Hopefully the result will be a series of 'bespoke' PSHE lessons, tailored to meet the requests of the student body.

The council is continually reforming and improving, with a committee dedicated to this task. Our mission remains to link the student body, the teachers and the senior management; to deliver views and to implement change.

Plans have already been made to expand the role of the Council even further next year and continue the excellent work that it is doing both within, and outside of, the school.

Stephen Barratt (L6N) and Ben Clayton (10S)

Virtual Learning Environment (VLE)

The Government requires schools to make available to all pupils secure areas of the internet. Most schools are taking this opportunity to investigate VLEs and we have been piloting two (Frontier and Moodle) with Y8 pupils, on behalf of the Local Authority. VLEs have been used in Higher Education for some time, but they are only now being developed for use in schools. They open up enormous opportunities for the removal of the normal restrictions imposed by timetables, as pupils and their teachers can – if they wish – work and communicate 24 hours every day!

This development does present some difficult issues which will have to be addressed; for example, some pupils (in Y8, only 6) do not have internet access at home. As this work progresses over the next few years we will, of course, take steps to ensure that such pupils are not disadvantaged, but it is clear that there is an expectation at national level that all homes will, eventually, have ready access to the Internet.

Montacute School

Thanks to everyone who brought in the Tesco and Sainsbury's vouchers which we donated to Montacute School. With our help their collection has again gone very well this year and they have been able to order a new PC with the Tesco vouchers and have also ordered a lot of Active Kids equipment.

British Council visit

During the summer half term, Miss Turner, Miss Maxfield and Miss Darwin visited Cape Town as part of a larger group looking at teaching and learning in South Africa.

We visited two schools in Langa township: Zimasa School and Siyabulela. Although the buildings were slightly run down, and resources were scarce, we were impressed and amazed with the commitment to learning by the pupils. Pupils wore their uniform with pride and truly believed that education was the route to a better future. Most pupils, already at the age of twelve were determined to go to university and many had already set their sights on becoming a doctor, a pilot or a teacher.

The most needy school we visited was Bergendal Primary, a farm school in the Seidelberg Estate. Here, many children only attended to get their free school meal (their only meal of the day). Despite these challenges and classes of seventy, the teachers were amazingly committed and used their own meagre salary to subsidise resources for their pupils. We would like to support this school by sending as much as we can in terms of money and material resources to them. We have started by collecting pens, old books, pencils, folders and other items which could be given to pupils as incentives to work. Newton House has already pledged £500 to this cause and we are very grateful for this support and for all donations already received.

Miss Turner, Miss Maxfield and Miss Darwin

ACTIVITIES/ACHIEVEMENTS

Band Success

Congratulations to 'CFC', a band comprising Robert Taylor (10S), Stuart Taylor (11S), Geoffrey Shaw (11D) and Alexander Vine (11S) who represented Bournemouth School and Bournemouth in April at Joiners Live Music venue in Southampton in the Rock the School battle of the bands, and won. Their prize was £1000 worth of equipment for their own use and a day's recording at Lantern Studios in Romsey.

Just over 50 bands had been competing for the past 3 months for a place in the final. The final line up consisted of a variety of different sounds, representing Southampton, Portsmouth, Romsey, Winchester with CFC being the sole entry from Bournemouth.

Festival Hall

A group of pupils, accompanied by Mr Ruffer, recently took part in a gamalan recital at the newly-refurbished Royal Festival Hall as part of the re-opening celebrations for the complex. They performed on the Festival Hall's gamalan, which was a gift to this country from the people of Java.

Opera workshop with English Touring Opera

10 students took part in an all day workshop run by English Touring Opera at Wentworth College. They so impressed the organisers that we are hopeful that they will be invited to take part in the ETO production of Mozart's Don Giovanni next year at the Lighthouse.

The Big Band

The Big Band played for the BSG Fashion Show at which both boys and girls modelled a range of clothing.

Steve's Big Night Out

The Big Band and two school rock groups played at a memorial Concert for Steve Watson, the father of Chris Watson of Year 11, who died earlier this year. Chris organised the event with the help of Mrs Taylor and raised £500 for Macmillan Nurses.

Musical Success

Following auditions in Wells, Jonathan Howell (11D) has been selected to play tenor saxophone in the National Youth Wind Ensemble, in which there is only one instrumentalist per part. This is Jonathan's 5th year in a national orchestra.

David Howell (9D) auditioned for the first time this year and was selected to play orchestral percussion in the National Children's Wind Orchestra.

Both boys played at the Royal College of Music, London at Easter. Jonathan will play in Wales and Ireland in July and David will perform at the Birmingham Conservatoire in the summer.

Newton House Fundraising

Newton House held various events such as Bingo, Christmas and Easter Egg Raffles and a cake sale in order to raise funds for the Youth Cancer Trust. The total funds raised amounted to £750 – well done to everyone who helped with these events.

Language College

In April we were pleased to welcome a group of 30 students and 3 staff from Huelva, in Andalucia, as part of the twinning arrangements previously reported on. A Social Sciences teacher from Cartaya would like to shadow our Geography staff, but Andalucian funding has not been granted thus far.

Enrichment activities continue, with Y8 and Y7 language days, and we are currently planning for a Yr10 Enterprise and MFL day next year.

Primary headteachers report significant support for and approval of our outreach work with primary schools to help them to introduce their pupils to foreign languages at the earliest possible stage. As part of this work, over 800 primary children have recently visited our school to use our resources and to extend their interest in languages.

Two students, Ivan Dolphin (L6D) and Luke Winship (11E) were in the last 6 for the Nihongo Cup (International Speech Contest) which was recently held at the Japanese Embassy. Mrs Lose, our Japanese teacher, accompanied them to this very prestigious event.

Y8 Language Day

Congratulations to all the prize winners on the Y8 Language Day and thanks to all those who participated in the day and helped to make it a success. During the day, groups had to prepare presentations on different countries.

The overall winning presentations were:

Hamish Wilson, James Steel, Edward Shrimpton (Venezuela)
Ammar Al-Hilali, Robert Linden, William Muncer (Argentina)
Philip Pope, George Sismey, Andrew Lands (Peru)
Jared Wakeford, Daniel Ross-Willmore, Dominic Birtles (Peru)
George Worden, Elliott Mason (Austria)
Frazer Anderton, Peter Scott, Siavash Tohidi (Switzerland)

Debating Society

During the year the Senior Debating Society has flourished, meeting regularly with BSG. It is not unusual to get houses of about seventy students drawn from Years Eleven to Thirteen, and increasingly speeches from the floor have moved beyond mere questioning of the main speakers to the development of individual members' points of view. The quality of the four main contributions to the debate has been consistently high this year and there has been much evident pleasure in using good brains wittily and well.

Among the topics that have provoked civilised discussion have been: music's place in society; the good and harm done by religion; standards of modesty in dress; immigration and employment; the disastrous triumph of Capitalism; the nature of discrimination.

It is pleasing to see the Lower Sixth ready to take their place in the year to come.

Mr J Hubbard

Mathematics

The current round of Mathematics Challenges and Olympiads is drawing to a close, and it is once again pleasing to record the success of so many of the pupils.

Following the Intermediate Challenge and a score sufficiently high to place him in the top 1200 from over 240,000 entrants, Toby Dimmick (11T) was invited to take part in the Intermediate Olympiad, whilst a further 13 individuals from Year 9 gained places in the worldwide Kangaroo event involving some 3 million children, of whom 8 gained certificates of Merit, which placed them in the top 25% in this prestigious round.

The final Challenge of the year is the Junior event, and 4 pupils were placed in the top 1200 from about 200,000 entrants nationwide gaining invitations to the Olympiad round which they took on 12th June, the results of which are awaited.

The value of these enrichment activities cannot be overstated, particularly where so many of the pupils are naturally talented in the subject. Nothing more than practice with past papers is necessary to prepare for the Challenges, which are configured in three levels and taken at various stages throughout the academic calendar to cover the requirements of Years 7 to 13: opportunities for this practice are afforded during lessons and sometimes as a homework, with students solutions being discussed within the group to share the learning experience. All boys at Bournemouth School are more than capable of achieving a measure of success in these events, and we would encourage a greater participation at each level, a commitment which is now widely recognised by both potential employers and Universities, in addition to the element of personal development derived from tackling something with which one is less familiar – such as occurs throughout one's lifetime!

Preparation for the Olympiad Rounds is more complex, and is undertaken voluntarily by staff during lunchtimes, giving pupils experience of the more demanding solution techniques required at this very high level.

The House Competition also recognises the value of the academic contribution that some individuals can make, where perhaps they are unable to lend their support in other fields, by the top two pupils from each year group in each House gaining points according to the nature of the certificate awarded on the basis of their scores: this is a relatively new and welcome innovation initiated by the Mathematics Department, and one that is set to continue.

Mr N Oates

Theatre Club

The club has again taken advantage of the excellent programme offered at Salisbury Playhouse, with a minibus of loyal students and staff visiting each month for plays by Stoppard, Ayckbourn, Nicholson and Wright. We have been transported to a London pub full of football fans, a 70s house in marital turmoil, Oxford University, and a house where Vincent van Gogh lodged, for pieces that have been very moving, and at times harrowing and amusing.

Arkwright Scholarship

Congratulations to Alexander Watts (11S) who has become our latest Arkwright scholar, receiving financial assistance to help him with his A-level Technology studies.

East Way Youth Theatre

This new group for BSG and BS students in Years 10 and above started in September 2006 with an enthusiastic response, especially from the girls. We now have a core of 16 including two boys. We meet regularly on Tuesday nights from 7.00-9.00 in the Performing Arts Centre at BSG. In the first half of each evening we look at technical aspects of acting, including focus, movement, voice production and timing. We do a wide range of improvisation types to explore the motivation of characters and the relationships between characters. In the second half, we move into scripted work. But above all, we have a lot of fun! Our first public performance was a comedy called 'Who the dickens?' which took place in January. If you would like to join the youth theatre, or just try it out, come along one evening.

Terry Phillips - Director

Star Awards

150 Stars

7D

Liam Connor
Gus England
Scott Francis
Harry Gallow
James Mruk
Jacob Mullankuzhy
Adam Packer
Connor Sharp
Sean Smyth
Daniel Tyas

7E

Matthew Austin
Tanzil Rahman
William Smith

8T

Robie Choudhury

7N

Matthew Carrington
Aaron Cocker
Fred Donnelly
Christopher Evans
Matthew Gleave
Tom Reed
Suraj Vadher

7S

Jonathan Brooks
Benjamin Clark
Adrian Finn
Ryan Gruss
Adam Tuffrey

7T

Harry Amos
Oliver Hodson

200 Stars

7D

Thomas Murray

7S

James Aitkenhead
Jonathan Brooks
Jason Manqui

7T

Nicholas Turner

250 Stars

7E

Tristan Yonace

300 Stars

7E

Tristan Yonace

SPORT

Biathlon Competition

Charles Spencer (9N), Daniel Bridges (9S) and Craig Freeman (9E), under their own initiative, entered a Biathlon competition on Sunday 29th April at Clayesmore School.

This competition was open to all Dorset schools and included a 100m freestyle relay swim and an 800m relay run. The team's cumulative time proved to be the quickest in all age groups including an adult entry of parents and teachers. This was the first time the boys had entered and there is now an opportunity for them to enter into the South West Region Schools Biathlon in November.

Year 7 Orienteering Competition

Congratulations to all who took part and contributed in a positive way to the orienteering competition which was held during the recent Year 7 Activity Week.

The Winners:

Wednesday	Individual	Hayden Fisher (7D)
	Pairs	Nicholas Turner (7T) Thomas Murray (7D)
Thursday	Individual	Robert Hope-Inglis (7E)
	Pairs	Pratik Choudhary (7T) Leo Beadman (7N)
Friday	Individual	Oliver Hodson (7T)
	Pairs	Charles Langston (7N) James Howard (7N)

Golf

Congratulations to Clinton Norris (L6S), Samuel Hoyle (11N) and Aidan Burr (L6D) for winning the Dorset Schools Golf competition. They went on to represent the County at the National Competition in Coventry in July and did well.

Clinton Norris also received the best player trophy after completing the course on 72.

Football

The Year 8 football team completed their season by winning the Town Cup, with a 1-0 victory over Oakmead. Young Ik Joo (8D) scored the goal in the first half and a great performance by Jason Fry (8D) in goal ensured that the slender advantage was maintained.

The squad for the game was: Richard Green (captain) (8E), Jason Fry (8D), Joseph Tyler (8E), Jack Hutchings (8S), Thomas Pettitt (8T), William Muncer (8S), Christopher Jones (8E), Jack Sears (8E), Edward Shrimpton (8S), Young Ik Joo (8D), Thomas Shrewsbury (8E), Nikolas Wood (8S), Oliver Teenan (8E), Toby Ambrose (8D), Samuel Flint (8S), Harley Hashtroudi (8N) and Jacob West (8T). Well done to all who were involved!

Year 8 Rugby

The season started slowly, with a narrow loss away at Twynham School, but with a regular turn out of 30 boys at training they soon managed to turn their season around. They saw convincing wins over Poole High and Arnewood, and heavy losses against the well drilled Poole Grammar School. The highlights of the season have to be the two 12-aside tournaments; the first one at St. Peter's saw the 15 boy squad lose only one game, against Highcliffe in the group stages, they finished a very impressive 3rd place overall! The second tournament was for the Emerging Schools Cup, and saw the boys in the same group as Highcliffe. The opening game was fairly one sided with Bournemouth School losing 20-0, marking a 2nd defeat at the hands of Highcliffe School. The other group games went well, and the boys qualified for the play-offs, which once again saw them face their demons by playing Highcliffe. This time the story was slightly different, Bournemouth School played out of their skins for the full 12 minutes and scored the only try of the match, 5-0 to Bournemouth School. Overall the boys were placed a respectable 4th out of the 12 teams from across Dorset and Wiltshire.

Year 9

The boys started the season confidently after a very successful season the previous year which culminated in them being both the Town, and County Champions. This was reflected in the opening game against Twynham School with a 49-0 win. The season then took a turn for the worse away at the Thomas Hardye School in Dorchester. The game saw the boys a little slow off the mark, with Hardye's running in a couple of quick fire tries. The second half was more positive, and saw only one try scored against the boys. The season saw a convincing win against Gillingham, and two heavy defeats at the hands of our Poole counterparts. The St. Peter's tournament saw the boys defending their title from the previous year, with all not going to plan from the outset. In the group stage the boys had a narrow loss to Poole High, and a hard fought game against Highcliffe. The latter was an emotional affair that saw Bournemouth School lose on the final whistle of the game. In the play-offs the boys faced St. Peter's in what was described as the game of the Tournament, both sides attacked and defended well, with the result falling on one missed tackle which resulted in a 7-0 victory to the home side. The County Tournament saw the boys right previous wrongs by defeating Highcliffe in the opening game, this paved the way for the rest of the day which resulted in a semi-final against Corfe Hills. The game was very even, with one converted try each at full time, this put the game into an extra time of two 5minute halves with the first points scored securing the win. The first half flew by with both teams defending soundly, this was continued well into the second half when Corfe Hills won a penalty in front of our posts, the kick was converted and Corfe Hills secured their place in the final. Bournemouth School finished in 3rd place overall which was thanks to their opening win over 4th place Highcliffe.

Tennis

The School teams have once again been in action from the end of the Spring term, with an Under 13 pre-season fixture against Millfield Prep School, at which time our juniors inflicted a 7 – 2 defeat on our regular foes, having suffered two defeats at the hands of the visitors on the previous meetings.

The National Schools Glanvill Cup event (an Open competition for any age group) saw a measure of success once more, with Bournemouth School only succumbing to the very much stronger Peter Symonds College 'A' team from Winchester in the Regional Final.

The 1st VI lost 4-5 against Bryanston, but were convincing winners in the match against Sherborne.

In the National Schools League competitions, both the Under 15 and Under 13 'A' team continue their respective campaigns to become County Champions and thus progress to the regional Knockout Stages in the Autumn Term.

The Junior House Tennis competition (Years 7 to 9) was held on a bitterly cold Monday 14th May, with 12 boys from each House (at least two from each year) maintaining a generally commendable level of cheerfulness and commitment throughout the long day. The results of the event are based purely on the number of games won, with the following outcome for 2007 and points for positions being the first in the new House Competition for the academic year 2007/2008:

1 st	Elgar	87 games
2 nd	Scott	72
3 rd	Newton	62
4 th	Darwin	43
5 th	Turner	36

Parents' Association

Lottery

<u>Ticket</u>	<u>Winner</u>	<u>Drawn by</u>
March 2007 - Amount: £93.00		
15	Mr PJ Saunders	Ali Yasen (U6T)
82	Ms L Watton	Joel Hooper (10E)
244	Mrs M Maundrell	Asa Shoots (10E)
April 2007 - Amount: £93.00		
643	Mr L Marsh	JD Byrne (8D)
108	Mrs M Short	Chris Hadnutt (12S)
102	Mrs F Cornelius	Antony Bursey (12E)
May 2007 - Amount was £91.00		
411	Mr S Edwards	Adam Gill (11T)
222	Mrs J Pearson	Andrew Porras (11T)
350	Mrs K Yeoman	Alex Sawyer (10E)
June 2007 - Amount £94.00		
234	Mr & Mrs B Musson	Mr Elmer
604	Mrs L Keep	Sebastian Zaidman (9E)
237	Mr & Mrs B Musson	Mrs Alwasity

End of Term Arrangements

Friday 20th July 2007

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 87 will run am and pm

End of Term Detention
12.30 – 15.30

Start of Term Arrangements

Wednesday 5th September 2007

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.

BOURNEMOUTH SCHOOL SCOUT GROUP

35th Bournemouth Scouts, Sea Scouts and Explorer Scouts
RN Recognised Sea Scout Unit No 47

Dinghy Sailors never seem satisfied. Either there is not enough wind (one day) or too much (three days) and this year's RN Recognised Troops' Summer Camp on HMS BRISTOL meant that Plans B, C and D took the Scouts to some unexpected places. The canoeists (sorry, kayakers!) were not affected of course since they seem to spend most of their time capsized anyway. Those on the Power Boat Course had a good excuse when your careful approach to a marker buoy suddenly went 45 degrees off course. This year we were represented by our maximum allocation of six Scouts on the 'Taster Course' with four others on the BCU/RYA courses. The first weekend was the Scout Association's Centenary Camp and this was not forgotten on the Tuesday morning when all 240+ Sea Scouts renewed their Scout Promise in a brief service. PL Josh Brown even did it as one of 12 experts standing up in a kayak and we all have the photos to prove it.

HMS BRISTOL is fast becoming a 'Scout' Ship and her present captain, Lt Cdr. John Haines RN, was Staff Officer (Sea Scouts) until last year. A presentation to his predecessor brought together three other holders of the post; Lt Cdr Mark Ellis (now looking after University Units), Lt Cdr Rod Williams (now an Explorer Scout Leader) and the present incumbent Lt Cdr David Griffiths.

This is Scout Centenary Year and events crowd in thick and fast. PL Alex Bell will be representing us at the World Jamboree in Essex and ten Scouts and two leaders will be taking part in the Dorset County GOOSE camp at Buddens Farm. The Explorer Scouts are off on their Expedition to Canada.

All of which explains why we had Summer Camp at Easter! Dartmoor was probably not the best choice but at least it didn't rain. Instead we had strong, icy winds and ended up freeze dried if we stood still. We went boating on a nearby reservoir despite an onshore wind which proved especially difficult for the canoeists and 'exciting' for novice dinghy sailors. There was the usual overnight Patrol Hike carried out under miserable conditions at times but everybody survived and all are to be congratulated on their perseverance. On a calmer day we tried abseiling and rock-climbing before moving on to a high ropes course. This was scary but eventually everybody was prized off their favourite tree branch and launched into space on a rope slide across the great void. The Ancient Scoutleader took photos from the safety of the ground (because of his old war wound, of course). Thanks are due to Messrs Cudmore, Sherriff and Sullivan who managed to cram a week's programme into six days and to the Explorer Scouts who fed us.

On Field Day we visited Brownsea Island – via the 'front door', not our usual sprint across the beach approach. The Scouts are to be congratulated on keeping their mouths shut when the ferry boat did a rather 'firm' docking with jetty and pier, (it was a woman driver too!) We were met by the District Commissioner for Brownsea Island who took over the usual NT guided tour and threw in a few Scout activities on the way. It also rained hard several times but in the best traditions certain Scouts thoughtfully kept their anoraks dry in their day bags. The day ended with the usual panic stricken rush but to the ferry this time rather than to the train. Our especial thanks go to Mrs Platt yet again for helping make the day a success.

Operation Quickstart saw over a dozen of next term's Year Seven coming to have a look at us and several have since appeared in uniform and are taking part in summer activities. We look forwards to meeting all the others in September.

Thanks to a joint effort by the Headmaster, the Governors and Mr Cudmore the essential repairs to the Scout Hut are nearing completion and we look forward to meeting there again in the new term.

A project is now underway to replace our fleet of elderly wooden boats with a uniform class of sailing craft and some less tired canoes. This is an expensive business and some novel fund raising ideas are on the cards for next term, In the meantime we have several craft for sale or disposal and welcome offers of 'good homes'.

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