



WELCOME!

We had several trips out over the half-term holiday to places as far afield as the USA and Russia, and of course the traditional ski trip to Austria. My thanks to all the staff who accompanied the students, and indeed to the staff who organise the vast range of visits and exchanges that take place near and far over the course of an academic year.

This is a very short half-term and we are already into the cycle of 'orals and practicals' that will lead into the main body of exams in May and June. However, there is still a significant amount of valuable study time left to raise grades and improve performance. Year 11 parents will be aware of the evening we are running on 7th March to help you to support your son or daughter with their exam preparation during these vital few months. Do try to attend if you can.

Dare I suggest that spring is almost here! It is probably a good time to remind everyone about the need for full school uniform, particularly the requirement for a plain, V-neck jumper (or a plain cardigan). If you have any queries or doubts over what constitutes suitable dress or appearance please contact us **before** you pay.

Thank you for your support and best wishes for the term ahead.

Mr. Foley

uniform

A full list of uniform requirements is available online **here**

letters home

Find all letters sent home to parents in an online resource **here**



NEWS & VIEWS



Author Kit Berry in the Resources Centre

'World War Z: An Oral History of the Zombie War', from 'Fish Change Direction in Cold Weather' to 'Life of Pi'. It's fascinating to see what everyone enjoys reading and a great way to pick up a recommendation.

On the day itself, local author Kit Berry held a workshop with Year 9 students, with the help of Sixth Formers. Kit Berry is the writer of the popular teen fiction series, Stonewylde. The students she worked with produced some brilliant pieces of creative writing.

WORLD BOOK DAY

THE SCHOOL HELD A NUMBER OF EVENTS TO MARK 'WORLD BOOK DAY' ON THURSDAY MARCH 7TH. IT BEGAN ON MONDAY WITH QUIZZES FOR ALL TUTOR GROUPS, AND THE SCHOOL WALLS GRADUALLY FILLED WITH POSTERS DISPLAYING THE CURRENT READS AND FAVOURITE BOOKS OF STAFF.

The posters are still up and around, and on display in the library, so take a look! Books range from '1984' to

The school is also collecting for 'Book Aid International', a charity that provides access to books and education for countries in sub-Saharan Africa. If you have any unwanted books at home, please bring them into the library where they will be packaged up and sent off to help improve the literacy of those less fortunate around the world. Take a look at:

www.bookaid.org
www.worldbookday.com

STARFISH DISCOVERY BY SKYPE

Four Year 9 classes of science students have experienced what it is like to be at the forefront of scientific research thanks to the Research Vessel James Cook, which has been exploring the deep sea environment in the Caribbean. Using Skype, students were able to talk live to scientists thousands of miles away and watch in real time as a remote-controlled submarine explored a series of newly discovered hydrothermal vents on the slopes of an undersea mountain, at a depth of over 2300 metres. As they watched, an unusual species of starfish (previously unknown to science) was collected by a suction tube on the ROV. This was truly an amazing live moment to witness, something very few people will ever get to do and a first occasion for the expedition in a link with a school! Read more on the school website **here** and on the voyage website **here**.



A classroom whiteboard projected with live Skype feed of underwater footage

YOUTH PARLIAMENT

On the 7th February students around the country voted in the Youth Parliament elections in their area. This year, **Lloyd Hatton** from Year 12 stood as a candidate. He received enough votes to become a full Youth Parliament member. Learn more about this [here](#)

SPANISH EXCHANGE



Years 9 and 10 went on the Spanish Exchange to Murcia at the start of February. They stayed with families from our Spanish Exchange school and had a great time, visiting cities Cartagena and Caravaca, the centre of Murcia and of course spent a day at the beach! The Spanish students come to THS on the 13th March.

LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS



In February, the school production of 'Little Shop of Horrors' took place in the theatre. With an all-star cast and band made up entirely of students from the school, the show was a huge success. The musical features a man-eating plant, which was skilfully brought to life by puppeteers to terrifying effect. Two nights were sold out and there have been many positive comments from students, staff, parents and the local community.

VICTORY ENGINEERED!

Year 12 students had a great win at the annual Engineering Challenge at the Fleet Air Arm Museum, Yeovilton, accompanied by Mr Munro and Mr Oliver from the Science department. They were set a project task to design, test, build and present an ejector seat system in 4½ hours. Read more [here](#)

YES CHEF! COMPETITORS

Five Year 10 GCSE Food and Nutrition students travelled to Canford School to take part in the quarter-finals of the 'Yes Chef' Competition, **Matt Hindley, Ollie Muir, Charlie Cane, Lucy King** and **Tom Easterbrook**, all had to produce a main course using pork and apple in under an hour. **Lucy King** produced a dish of mustard mash, pork fillet and caramelised apples and got through to the semi-finals. Many thanks to the students and their parents for giving up a day in half-term to take part in this event.

CAPITAL TRIP



On Friday 1st February 38 Year 9 Geography students embarked on a journey to London with the aim to 'see' the capital through different perspectives and build on a partnership with Haberdashers' Askes Hatcham College in Lewisham. Read more [here](#)

dates for your diary

SATURDAY 9TH
CCF Range Day
& Cadet Challenge
preparation
YEAR 10+

SUNDAY 10TH
CERN trip departs
RETURNS **13TH**

MONDAY 11TH
Geography
Assessment Trip
YEAR 10

TUESDAY 12TH
Geography
Assessment Trip
YEAR 10 (GROUP 2)

WEDNESDAY 13TH
French Exchange
departs
RETURNS **20TH**

THURSDAY 14TH
Subject Consultation
Evening - YEAR 12

Maths G&T
Enrichment Morning

The Big Bang Fair
(London) departs
RETURNS **16TH**

6F German Exchange
RETURNS **21ST**

FRIDAY 15TH
Spanish Exchange to
Dorchester - YEAR 12
RETURNS **22ND**

Battlefields Trip
YEAR 9
RETURNS **17TH**

SATURDAY 16TH
CCF Ten Tors Day
Walk

SUNDAY 17TH
TH Singers
Eucharist
ST PETER'S CHURCH
FROM 10.30 AM

CCF Dorset
challenge
YEAR 10+

MONDAY 18TH
Year 10 Reviews
home
this week

TUESDAY 19TH
A2 Pre-Recital
Concert
MUSEUM - LUNCHTIME

French Exchange to
Dorchester
YEARS 9 & 10
RETURNS **27TH**

THURSDAY 21ST
Governors' Meeting

Spring Fundraiser
Concert
THEATRE - 7.00 PM
rehearsal from
4.00 PM

FRIDAY 22ND
PSHCE - YEAR 11
SOLOMON THEATRE CO
THEATRE - P 1-5

Whizz Bang morning
YEAR 8

Café Scientifique
DORCHESTER ARTS
CENTRE
7.30PM

SATURDAY 23RD
Family Fun Day
ST OSMUND'S
1.00 PM - 4.00 PM

Bronze D of E
Training Expedition
weekend

MONDAY 25TH
Community Lecture
TEENAGERS: A NATURAL
HISTORY
PROFESSOR DAVID
BAINBRIDGE
THEATRE - 7.00 PM

Meet the Engineers
THEATRE - ALL DAY

Sixth Form Elections
week

TUESDAY 26TH
A2 Music Final
Recital Evening
MUSEUM - 6.00 PM

WEDNESDAY 27TH
Comedy Club
Episode
PA1
6.00 PM - 8.00 PM

Final Pred & Pot
grades home
Years 11 & 13

Pathways to Kingston
Maurward
YEAR 10 (R)

THURSDAY 28TH
Easter Music Revue
THEATRE - YEAR 9 PA
YEAR 10 P5

**TERM ENDS
3.30PM**

RETURN TO SCHOOL
**MONDAY 15TH
APRIL**

A reminder for Parents and Students:
Dorset Health Care's Specialist Community Public
Health Team (School Nursing) is available and
offers a Confidential Service to Students.
Parents are also welcome to contact the Service
for advice and information, either through the
school or directly on **01305 255215**.

