



# #AVBProud



## From our Principal, Mrs Dyer

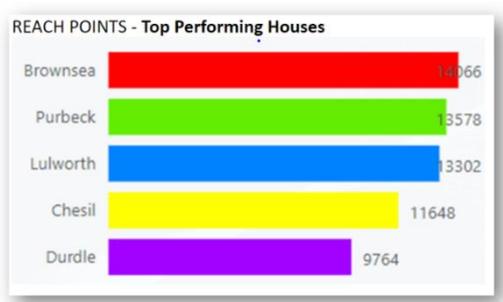
As we approach the end of this half term, I would like to thank students, staff, parents and friends of Avonbourne for their continued support.

We are #AVBProud of all of our students, especially our Year 11 and 13 students who have made such a positive start to their GCSE and A-Level examinations. We wish them every success in their remaining exams.

I have been really impressed by students' dedication to their new houses since our launch this half term. Students have already worked together in their house communities in a range of house challenges: quizzes, sporting competitions and bake sales.

Current cup standings have Brownsea edging ahead with other houses in close pursuit!

### Top Performing Houses – House Cup Standings



Finally, term will end on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May at the normal time of 3.25pm (3:45pm for Year 11) and we look forward to welcoming all students back to the Academies on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June. Wishing everyone a relaxing and enjoyable half term. Mrs Dyer

## DofE Update!

It has been an exciting half term for the DofE participants. All 63 bronze students and 15 silver students headed out to the New Forest to complete their practice expeditions. Students had a great time learning how to navigate, put up tents and cook their dinners on the camping stoves. There may have been some very muddy boots and a few blisters, but the students were in very good spirits throughout the expedition. We look forward to going out in June to the Purbecks for the assessed expeditions.



# Wellbeing Hub UPDATES

Mrs Barrett and the team have really enjoyed getting to know more students up in the Wellbeing Hub this term.



## Food Champion Update

The School Food Champions have spent the last term getting a broader understanding of healthy eating and exploring the social injustices around access to food. We have been looking at examples of great practice in terms of school and coming up with some different ways that we can improve the access to healthy food within our school. We are currently conducting an audit of our canteens to gather some data on what foods are currently on offer and identifying a place where we can make a positive change. Over the next term we will be carrying out a small project with the catering manager to trial out a change in the canteen and then evaluating its impact. If it is a success, then this is something that we hope to roll out permanently in out the Autumn term.



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# Eco-Committee Update



## Commitment to our environment

The Eco Committee made the most of the glorious weather during a field trip to BCP's new Environmental Hub near Durley Chine on the Bournemouth seafront. Since opening its doors in February this year, BCP has had an increased focus on sustainability and locality: offering seafront-made cakes and sandwiches with ingredients from local vendors, promoting no plastic waste in its food and drink options (no more sauce sachets nor ice cream wrappers!) and presenting five-star views of the 2023 Blue Flag awarded Durley Chine beach – all tucked away under a living roof made from repurposed Bournemouth beach groyne wood.

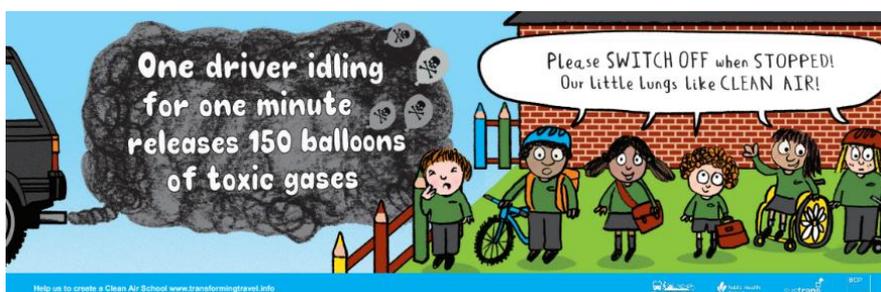
The Eco Committee are proud to have been the first visiting school group to the Environmental Hub, and they took their role seriously: posing questions at every step of their tour – led by the BCP Seafront manager, Mr Andrew Brown, who is responsible for 14 miles of waterfront: from Christchurch Quay to Poole Quay. Mr Brown has invited the Eco Committee to now consider how to make the best use of the space as its name suggests, the Environmental Hub; to say the least, this motivated mix of students have risen to the challenge by already collaborating and collating their ideas, which is expected to be a regular talking point in the weekly Thursday lunchtime meetings.

If you have not had a chance to join yet, please do; Eco Committee is open to all year groups from Y7 through to USF. Bring your lunch and drink to AG22 every Thursday, so we can all do our part to better our Earth. Remember, there's no Planet B!



## This week's eco-tip: big ideas, big impact

- Stay on the ground: One long-haul flight can amount to half a UK person's yearly carbon footprint - so opt for more local holidays and travel by train where you can.
- Follow plant-based diets: cutting down on meat and dairy will slash your environmental impact – from carbon emissions to water consumption and deforestation.
- Use your voice: Write to your local MP and ask what they're doing about climate change, or tweet businesses that aren't meeting your expectations.
- Consume less and better: Research shows that buying more stuff doesn't make us happy. The planet will thank you for buying less and investing in better quality products.



Taken from [What can I do to help achieve One Planet Living? – Bioregional](#)



# Homework Highlights

Avonbourne students have been working incredibly hard over Summer 1 to submit their homework on time and complete to a high standard. We are very proud of all their efforts across all year groups and all homework platforms!

Homework Clubs have been as popular as ever this half term with break, lunch and after school clubs all being extremely well-attended. Homework clubs will continue to run after May half term where there is always a teacher on hand to resolve your IT problems and a subject teacher to support you with your homework.

## Sparx Reader

We are consistently in the top 20 schools nationally! Student engagement has been excellent across Summer 1 and English teachers have sent home over 100 additional postcards a week in recognition of student's efforts and achievements.

Additionally, Sparx Reader have announced that they are releasing new books in order to offer students more choice when completing Sparx homework. We are looking forward to hearing about the exciting new titles that students will be able to access over the next few weeks.

### Sparx Reader Top Performers:

Class	First name	Surname	Total SRP	Total words read
7AB1/En	Pietro	G	17,371	188,658
7AB1/En	Mateo	G	16,918	94,066
7AB2/En	Sopuruchukwu	A	15,861	74,017
7AB3/En	Great	O	15,664	202,195
7AB1/En	Alfred	D	15,565	112,551
7GSB/En	Oliver	W	15,256	217,007
7AB1/En	Alfie	C	14,122	123,543
7AB2/En	Clayton	S	12,892	83,759
7AB2/En	Henry	B	12,841	154,274

Class	First name	Surname	Total SRP	Total words read
7AG1/En	<u>Chimoma</u>	A	7,978	57,232
7AG1/En	Kejsi	A	9,804	95,535
7AG1/En	Jessie	B	9,681	82,014
7AG1/En	Nicole	B	9,001	90,105
7AG1/En	Daisy	B	9,729	132,685
7AG1/En	Miryam	C R	12,586	112,233
7AG1/En	Nicole	C	9,814	98,114
7AG1/En	Florence	C	8,939	127,852
7AG1/En	Sienna	C	9,331	94,112
7AG1/En	Sophia	D	9,459	109,336



# Homework Highlights

## Bedrock

Did you know that Bedrock offers students two homework options? Students can select from vocabulary or grammar in order to complete their homework each week. If your child is struggling to reach 30+ points per week perhaps they might want to try a different option. The grammar option offers a range of engaging tasks focusing on word classes, sentence structures and application, all key skills required for their journey to GCSE.

## Bedrock Top Performers:

Y8:

Yad H 8AB2

Kenedy B 8AB3

Jack H 8AB3

George W 8AB3

Shad R 8AB1

Emili K 8AG5

Sophie K 8AG6

Francis H-N 8AG6

Tieyanna T 8AG3

Year 9:

Zain M 9AB1

Namo R 9AB1

Tharun S 9AB3

Luca P 9AB4

Graham E 9AB2

Ayesha J 9AG6

Christianah O 9AG1

Chike N 9AG8

Manahil F 9AG1

Loredana M 9AG9

## SENECA – Science, AGA

### Year 7

Most study time: Anna R

Highest average score: Brianna M - 100%

### Year 8

Most study time: Maisy H

Highest average score: Zahra A-C – 100%

### Year 9

Most study time: Ayesha J

Highest average score: Hollie J - 100%

### Year 10

Most study time: Yolanda D

Highest average score: Natalia B-B - 100%

Sahar J - 100%

Selina A - 100%

### Year 11

Most study time: L R

Highest average score: Grace S 99%



# Sparx Maths

## AGA

Year 7 have the best year group for completion with 10mb1, 10na1, 7AG2, 7GSG, 8AG1, 9AG1 and 9AG2 all having over 90% completion for the year!

**1,117,057**

questions answered correctly in Sparx Maths so far this year

Students in your school have completed

**21,576 hours**

of personalised learning on Sparx Maths this year!



## ABA

Year 7 are the best year group for completion with 7GSB, 9AB1 and 10na1 being the best individual groups with over 90% completion for the year!

**833,303**

questions answered correctly in Sparx Maths so far this year

Students in your school have completed

**13,839 hours**

of personalised learning on Sparx Maths this year!



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This half term we have held a fantastic workshop for some of our year 10 students who are thinking about a career in the health care industry. The session was an interactive workshop and we welcomed two nurses who shared their experiences of working in the NHS and the amazing work that they do.

Year 10 one to one career appointments are well underway. All year 10 students will receive a one-to-one appointment with a careers advisor in which they can discuss their post 16 options and start to think about career research and future pathways.

After half term we will welcome a STEM roadshow for our year 8 students delivered in collaboration with BAE Systems, the RAF and the Royal Navy education programme. This year's theme is all about space.

And finally, at the end of June we will be running an employer meet and greet event for our year 9 students. Students will experience a mock interview process with our volunteers from external businesses and organisations. The careers hub is really excited about this experience as it will provide excellent first-hand experience of an interview process, the types of questions that may be asked during an interview and how to conduct yourself in a formal setting.

We are still looking for volunteers to support with this event, so if you are a local business and can support us on a morning then please do sign up using the QR code.

REACH for your best future

## Careers at Avonbourne invite you to support our Year 9 Employers Meet and Greet

Sign up below

**26th June - 29th June 2023  
over 4 days  
08:45am and 11.30am**

- **We need your help to support with this event**
- **Flexibility of help needed over 1,2,3 or 4 mornings**

Sign up using QR code below:  
or [here](#)



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# History

It has been another busy term in the history department as we gear up to exams in all year groups. All students are being fully supported with revision guides and revision sessions.

This half term students have been studying:

- Year 7: Challenges to Medieval Monarchs- considering what the biggest challenge monarchs faced was, including the 1290 Edict of Expulsion, the Black Death and the Peasants' Revolt.
- Year 8: The British Empire- discovering how different people experienced the British Empire, focusing on India, Africa, Canada and Australia.
- Year 9: The Holocaust- learning about why and how the Holocaust happened.
- Year 10: The Rise of the Nazis- looking at why and how Hitler came to power and how he consolidated his rule.
- Year 11: are busy revising for their upcoming GCSE exams. They have worked very hard over the year and attendance has been very positive at the Final Countdown sessions.
- Year 12: have enjoyed studying the rule of Brezhnev in Soviet Russia and social and cultural changes in Mao's China.

Extra-curricular: In the fortnightly KS3 history club students have been seeking answers to big questions with Mr Storey around climate change. The Berlin Trip 2023 has been launched for the Class of 2026 and we are looking forward to taking 77 students in October. The history library continues to be very popular, and students can borrow from a vast range of title available from their history teacher. The history department continues to be very active on Instagram and now has over 400 followers - check us out for daily stories around on this day in history, local history, key messages, and anything else that we think our community will find interesting!



**The History department is very active on Instagram!**  
Students and parents are able to follow the department to learn more about what is going on in the classroom, local history, on this day in history, and anything else that we think our community will find interesting!

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**Grade 9 club 15:50-17:00**

Date	Session title
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Source questions
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> May	12 mark questions and 16-mark questions
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Germany interpretations essay

**The Final Countdown sessions 15:50-17:00**

Date	Session title
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> May	Medieval medicine
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> May	Renaissance medicine
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	Industrial medicine
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Modern medicine
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Western Front
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Elizabeth: Queen, government and religion 1558-69
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Challenges to Elizabeth at home and abroad 1569-88
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Elizabethan society in the Age of Exploration 1558-88
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> May	The origins of the Cold War
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	Cold War crises
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	The end of the Cold War
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	The Weimar Republic
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	Rise of Hitler
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Nazi control and dictatorship
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Life under the Nazis

**Exam technique boosters 13:15-13:40**

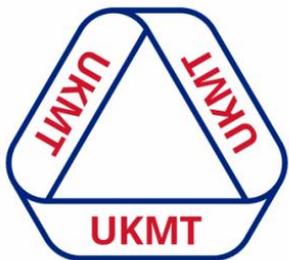
Date	Session title
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Medicine two features (4 marks)
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	Source utility (8 marks)
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	Medicine source follow-up (4 marks)
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> May	Medicine change/continuity (4 marks)
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> May	Medicine explain why (12 marks)
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> May	Medicine essay (16 marks)
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	Cold War consequences (8 marks)
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Cold War narrative account (8 marks)
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Cold War X for Y (2 x 8 marks)
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Elizabeth two features (4 marks)
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Elizabeth explain why (12 marks)
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> May	Elizabeth essay (16 marks)
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	Germany source inference (4 marks)
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Germany explain why (12 marks)
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Germany interpretations how different and why (4 marks)
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Germany interpretations essay (16 marks)

Session locations announced the evening before on  @avonbournehistory

# MATHS

*Over 120 students in Year 7 and 8 took part in the UKMT Junior Maths Challenge this term. This is a national competition that looks to extend students mathematical thinking and problem solving beyond their usual curriculum. Our students achieved some fantastic results with 4 Gold awards, 17 Silver and 44 Bronze! Over 700,000 students nationally entered the competition and only the top 8% get a gold, the next 16% get silver and you need to be better than half of those who enter to get a bronze. These results represent an amazing achievement for our students, and we are very proud of them.*

*Gold awards went to Olivia, Enzo and Charlie in Year 7 and Spencer in Year 8. Olivia was the top scorer in the Academies with a score of 89! We will be looking to build on this success with the Maths Challenge next year.*



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## OPEN MORNINGS

Avonbourne is one of the only local Academies to offer weekly Open Mornings. Prospective parents and students are invited to look around our Academies with a student tour followed by Q&A with members of our leadership team. Please scan the bar code below to get booked on in Summer Term 2!

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Academy Open Mornings Summer  
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Congratulations to

Year 9 Zeke

Who won the regional finals of the Young Photographer Competition.

We were extremely proud to have Mr John Maddox from The Rotary association come to present the prize and certificate in our first house assembly. Well done, Zeke!

Zeke's winning entry  
Theme 'Architecture'



**RIBI** **YOUNG**  
**PHOTOGRAPHER**  
**COMPETITION**



## FRIENDS OF AVONBOURNE ACADEMIES (FOAA)

Friends of Avonbourne Academies (FOAA) is a collective group of three schools in Bournemouth including the two secondary schools (Avonbourne Boys' and Girls' Academies) and the United Sixth Form (USF). The Friends of Avonbourne Academies aim to raise money to provide the students at the Academies and Sixth Form with additional resources. All funds raised go directly to support students in their school lives.

We'd love to have more parents involved! If you are interested, please email [pta@avoabourneacademy.org.uk](mailto:pta@avoabourneacademy.org.uk) to find out more, or follow us on Facebook.

Our next meeting for the Summer Term is on 11<sup>th</sup> July 2023, at 7.15pm.

# DANCE

It has been a very busy and successful term for our Year 11 GCSE Dancers as they have reached the end of the course and now completed all practical elements. The students did fantastically well in their practical exam and there was an abundance of creative and original choreography work on display. We wish our Year 11 dancers the best luck now as they partake in their final revision lesson ready for their written exam in June.

The summer term dance curriculum is in full swing and key stage 3 students are exploring a variety of different dance styles. In Year 7 Dance we have been exploring the magic of musical theatre with students learning West End repertoire from musicals Matilda, & Juliet and Hairspray. In Year 8 we have been looking at 'The Nutcracker' by acclaimed British choreographer Matthew Bourne and focusing on students' ability to show character through dance. In Year 9 we have been challenging ourselves to learn some challenging group dance choreography from the well-known TV series 'Dance Moms'. Good luck to our Year 10 students who are preparing for their first full GCSE Dance mock and first choreography assessment in June.

A massive thank you to Lilly and Erin in Y10 who have been choreographing and teaching Y7 and Y8 Dance club this term. We can't wait to see the final piece girls!



## DURDLE

Seeing all of Durdle in our first House assembly earlier this year was amazing. I spoke about how I wanted Durdle to become a community, and I can see the start of a fantastic community being built. At our recent House Launch event, we had high levels of participation from our house, with a group of year 9s being one of the winners of the quiz! Despite how impressive this was, the highlight of the entire event goes to the brilliant Durdle cake that William C and Joseph C brought in. Not only was their cake delicious, but I could also see how envious the rest of the houses were of the Durdle cake. There have also been successes with the REACH Cards, with Durdle topping the recent REACH Card table with over 3000 reach points received from the cards in the two-week cycle. This shows that as a house we are consistently doing the right thing and positively contributing to the Avonbourne community. While we still have a way to go to catch up with the rest of the houses with the total, we are making progress.

I am looking forward to seeing the future successes of Durdle and celebrating them with everyone. There are so many great people in this house that I cannot wait to see what everyone gets up to!



## LULWORTH

Lulworth have made a great start with the new house system with all students playing a vital role in the community, winning REACH points and showing commitment and leadership. The launch of the house system has been brilliantly positive with the many ways students have shown their talents in sport, baking and general knowledge for the house quiz. It has been great to see so many students getting involved and working hard around school to earn REACH points for their house. A huge shoutout to our year 7 boys for being one of the tutor groups to receive pizza this week for their fantastic efforts with their REACH cards. Well done boys!

Lulworth in particular have been fluctuating between second and third place for the most amount of REACH points for this term but are yet to make it to the top! However, with the help of the launch events, Lulworth have shown how determined they are. By winning 374 points within the house quiz saw Lulworth in first place by over 100 points! The bake sale brought in a total of £264.56 with Lulworth raising a total of £56.95 in the bake sale for our chosen charity this term, MyTime. Across the year however Lulworth are WINNING!!! Currently we are only just in front with a few points keeping us safe. This means we could be lifting the house shield at the end of the year if our hard work continues.



# BROWNSEA

This half term saw the launch of our new House system at the Academies. It has been an extremely busy half term with the running of all our launch events. The students of Brownsea House got stuck into the events and really represented the house well.

Brownsea earned 266 REACH points from the quiz, the second highest house just missing out to Lulworth. On Thursday lunchtime, we had the penalty shootout and basketball challenge which saw a total of 178 students take part with 48 being from Brownsea, the highest engaging house. The final day of our launch events saw the 5 houses host a bake sale. We managed to raise an incredible £264.65 over the lunch time with all houses selling some delicious looking cakes. Brownsea were able to sell most of their cakes and as a house we raised £78.10, the most by a house and we outsold the next house by just under £22. We decided to donate all the money raised to MyTime Young Carers.

The success of these events is all down to the students, I would just like to say a well done and a thank you to the hard-working students of Brownsea because without their commitment, we would not have done as well as we have. Furthermore, this is shown all around the Academies, as since coming back from half term, as a house we have been one of, if not the highest REACH achieving house.

As we move into the final half term of the year, we are looking to continue our successful start to the house system with future events and with one in mind, Sports Day. I look forward to sharing the houses success with you next half term.

Mr Brown



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# CHESIL

The House System has started off fantastically. Students have not only engaged but have pulled together and really started investing in how they can make a difference to their house.

During the House Launch Festival, we had a total of 28 students take part in the Basketball and Football challenge. Chesil also managed to raise a total of £37.50 for charity at the bake sale and we had the most students volunteer to either bake or help at the event. For the quiz, we had 53 boys take part and 38 girls, the boys earning us 106 points and the girls 76. Again, we had the second highest amount of students take part from all the houses. Well done and thank you to each and every one of you.

We currently have 16,822 Reach points for this term and 78,373 Reach points for the year putting us in 3rd place. Keep going guys, I have every faith we can rack up a lot more before the year is out.

## Student Spotlight

Lastly, a huge well done to Ellie W in year 12 who has just started directing the year 8 drama club in a scene ready for showcase next term and best of luck to all the students auditioning for Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat next week!!



# PURBECK

Hello! It is my great pleasure to write to you as Head of Purbeck House. For those of you who don't know me, I am a Geography Teacher at Avonbourne and have been at the Academies for the last two years. Purbeck has had a great first half term as a team!

On the 3rd, 4th and 5th May we held 4 separate House events in school, including a school quiz, a penalty shoot-out, a cake sale, and a basketball challenge. All events saw huge numbers of students getting involved and everyone had lots of fun (staff included)! A huge £264.65 was raised from the cake sale, which is being donated to MyTime Young Carers – a charity that supports students across BCP with caring responsibilities at home, including many students from the Academies. Purbeck raised £54.15 of this donation, from a fantastic array of cakes. We clearly have some amazing bakers in our house! Purbeck also achieved a whopping 232 REACH points in the school quiz, with 9 Purbeck students achieving at least 29/30 (some managed to get everything right)! 27 students took part in the sporting events, also achieving REACH points for our House. Overall, Purbeck came top that week for whole school REACH points received and is currently sitting second in the overall house standings with an amazing 81,355 REACH points achieved this year by our brilliant students. I am incredibly proud of these fantastic House achievements. A huge well done to all our amazing students – Go Purbeck!



# Grammar Stream

## UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHAMPTON VISIT

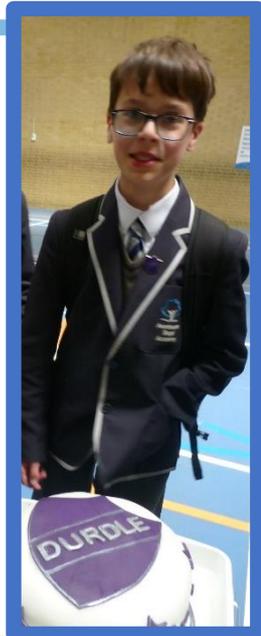


On 25th April the Avonbourne Grammar Stream welcomed visitors from the University of Southampton as part of our ongoing partnership. Both the boys and the girls had sessions aimed at uncovering what university is and the opportunities available both in terms of the courses on offer and the extra-curricular clubs and societies. The classes were split into smaller teams, working together on fun activities aimed at the early exposure in understanding what options they might be interested in both academically and socially. Our visitors were extremely impressed by the students who worked hard and were very engaged throughout. We look forward to visiting the University of Southampton campus in the Autumn term.



## Mr Taylor – Head of Year 7 (Class of 2029)

It is hard to believe that we are already in the summer term and only around 6 weeks left of year 7. The year group continue to impress with their attitude to learning and maturity around the academy, with pupils developing into not only great students but additionally great people. This is evident with the number of REACH points received by pupils on a weekly basis, along with going above and beyond to make Avonbourne Academy a better place with no better example of this being our year groups effort on the Eco Committee whether that be beach cleans or ensuring the academy is free from litter in their own time. This term saw the launch of our new house system where there has been a real buzz around the Academy and year 7 pupils have really bought into it, with large numbers taking part the events held. We raised almost £200 pounds on a cake sale with Joseph and William in Durdle house making a particularly impressive cake. During the final week sees the launch of our interhouse football competition for both boys and girls which will take place after school throughout the week, and I am looking forward to seeing how it unfolds. There has been a number of sporting successes this term for pupils representing the academy and outside. Olivia H performed at a premiership rugby half time show for cheer, both year 7 boys and girls went to town sports this term and performed exceptionally well with Sienna P coming first in 2 events. Noah B has won the league, league cup and narrowly missed winning the national cup with his local football club this term, Noah came up against players in Man City, Liverpool and Everton Academies which puts into perspective the impressiveness of this achievement. Lastly this term saw the launch of Avonbourne cricket with Mr Moysey taking the boys to their first every fixture against Twynham, with many of the boys playing their first ever game including Jimmy and Travis taking a couple of wickets and helping the team win with 6 overs to spare, It is exciting times and I am looking forward to their next match where hopefully we can continue to develop and improve. Although the end of year 7 is fast approaching, it is important to note that we have our end of year assessments coming up after half term. The pupils have worked hard all year, and this is the perfect opportunity to not only show you their parents how much they have learnt but also show themselves what hard work can achieve. I hope both you and your children have a relaxing half term and come back ready to continue the hard work in our last term.

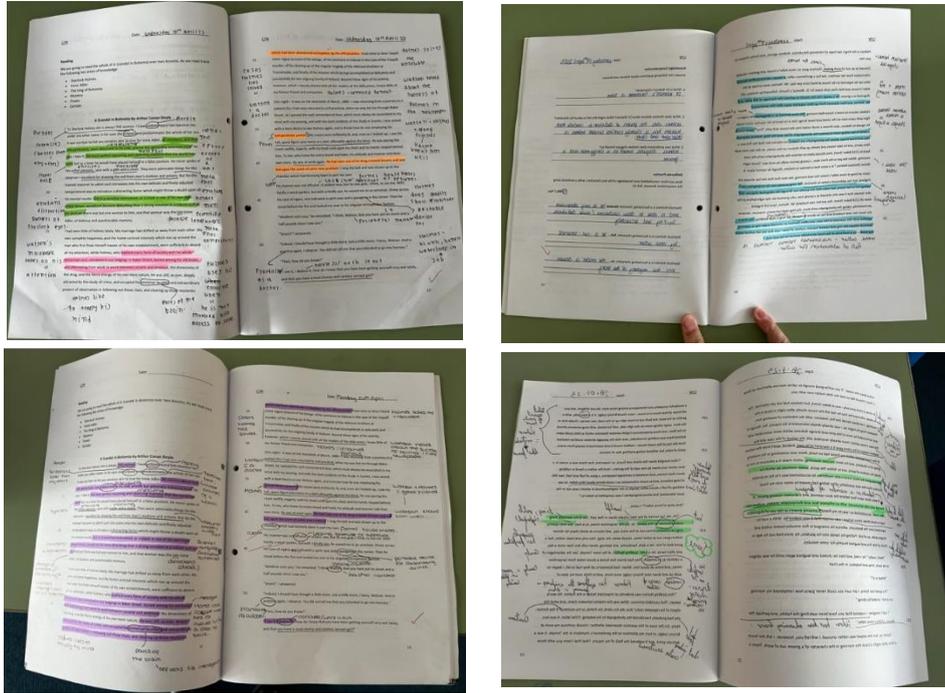


## Miss Jupe – Head of Year 8 (Class of 2028)

The year 8 team continues to be extremely proud of the progress, maturity, and hard work of the year 8 students during this term. It has been amazing to witness how the year 8 students have adapted so well to the new housing systems. The year 8 team are incredibly proud of all year 8 students volunteering to represent their houses during the football shoot out and cake sales to raise money for charity. Well done to Brownsea for receiving the most REACH points for this term. They were closely followed by Purbeck who received 17519 REACH points. I would like to congratulate 8B/G on receiving the most reach points in the year group and for continuing to receive the Pizza reward two weeks in a row: can anyone best Brownsea girls to victory. A massive well done to Ruby J who has received over 211 REACH points this term: the highest in the year! Furthermore, the year 8 team would like to celebrate the success of Spencer C in receiving Gold in the Junior Maths Challenge. I am pleased to continue to celebrate the success of the year group in demonstrating their academic ability and talent. Finally, a reminder that next half term begins with the rank order assessment from 19th- 30th June. As mentioned in the ROA information launch, revision resources can be found in the year 8 TEAM. Wishing everyone a wonderful and restful half term.

## Mr Ryan – Head of Year 9 (Class of 2027)

It has been another busy and productive term for the Year 9 cohort. After returning from the end of term break, the Year 9s were completing their subject content in preparation for their end of year exams. They attended an assembly led by Mrs Copley and Ms Newnham regarding the ROA's and how the process would work. I was able to drop in on many lessons over this period and was very impressed by the efforts put in to work and lessons during this time. See some amazing examples of some work regarding Sherlock Holmes, the topic for the English exam. Well done to Elliemai, Zee Elena and Ayesha from 9AG6 and, Pedro and Gabriel from 9AB5 for their great efforts and amazing presentation of their work.



In addition to the revision in class, congratulations is also due to those who have continually upheld the expectations and values of the Academy. This is seen by the increasing amounts of House points being awarded and those achieving 'Diamond' level on their reach card. Well done to 9D/G who achieved the most Diamond levels who were awarded with a pizza lunch. It was also great to see many Y9s represent their house in the recent House competitions; the quiz, penalty shootout and basketball shoot out. Well done to those who took part, be ready for the next competitions to be announced.

Finally, I have been very impressed with the decorum and behaviour during the recent exams. The feedback from staff and the external invigilators and been very positive overall. This is good practice for the process that the students will undertake when they complete their GCSEs in a few years' time.

I hope you all have a restful and enjoyable half term break. I am looking forward to the final half term and recharging the batteries and soldiering on into the Summer break.

## Mrs Thomson – Head of Year 10 (Class of 2026)

As the first half of the summer term draws to a close, it's time to celebrate all the brilliant things that year 10 have accomplished over the previous 6 weeks. And with the end of year exams just around the corner, it's even more important to acknowledge all the hard work students have been putting in. Year 10 students have been busy meeting coursework deadlines, completing controlled assessments and attending after school sessions to further enhance their learning. I have enjoyed overhearing conversations about what revision students did the previous evening and being asked if I had more flashcards that they could use. I can't help but be proud of the work ethic some of our students are demonstrating and I know they will do brilliantly. Thank you to all those who attended our year 10 exam information evening, your support will be invaluable to the students.

As the year 11s embark on their GCSE exam journey, it means year 10s are beginning to receive invites to attend the careers office. They can have bespoke meetings to look into their future career paths and establish what they need to do to get where they need to be. I hope the students are finding these appointments useful and exciting!

This term has seen the launch of our new house system! Students have been wearing their Brownsea, Chesil, Durdle, Lulworth and Purbeck badges with pride. Thank you to all those students who have embraced the interhouse competitions, not only representing but earning REACH points for their house. Many students also enjoyed a trip to the theatre to see Sister Act, I heard that it was a brilliant performance.

As we go into the half term, I wanted to wish the students good luck with their revision! Remember to use the booklets provided and plan your week with revision sessions and lots of fun things as rewards.

Looking forward to seeing you on your return and for your final half term of year 10. The year 10 team

## Mr Nash, Mr Parker and Mr Lavy – Team Year 11 (Class of 2025)

Well, where did the time go? The year 11 students have now been completing their final exams for two weeks and year 11 is nearly at an end before moving onto further education.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support over the last year. Your children have been amazing to work with and I know Mr Parker, Mr Lavy and myself will certainly miss them when the time comes to leave.

With the Prom fast approaching, Miss Tsabet has listed some companies below for dress and suit hire.

Love It Lend It - Bournemouth

Lady Muck prom dress hire - Ferndown

Moss Bros - Bournemouth

Online - [girlmeetsdress.com](http://girlmeetsdress.com) / [havingaballdresshire.co.uk](http://havingaballdresshire.co.uk) / [byrotation.com](http://byrotation.com) / [chaplainsformalhire.co.uk](http://chaplainsformalhire.co.uk)

Vinted (buy second hand)

The Prom is on the 3rd July at AFC Bournemouth. Awards will include Prom King and Queen and Best Arrival. These will be voted for on the evening by staff and students.

There will be an end of year celebration. I am currently working through the exam timetable to find a suitable date and time. More communication regarding this will follow soon.

I wish you all a great half term and well done to those students planning to attend revision sessions over the break.

**Wishing all of our Avonbourne community a wonderful and sunny half term break.**

**We look forward to welcoming students back on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June ready for the final half term of the Academic Year!**



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