

# NEWSLETTER



## VOLUNTEERS REWARDED

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Friday 25th May**

Non-Uniform Day

**28th May - 1st June**

Half Term Holiday

**Monday 4th June**

Development Day -  
No students in  
school

(Except Exam Students)

**Tuesday 5th June**

First Day Back

**Friday 15th June**

Year 11 Last Day

### TEAM TENNIS



### MATHS CHALLENGE



### MEN'S SHED LAUNCH



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## SPORTS WATCH

### 60 Students Attend North Dorset Athletics Trials

On Thursday 3rd May The Blandford School PE Department took 60 students to Yeovil Athletics Club to compete in the North Dorset Trials. The event saw students compete in their specialist event with a chance to qualify for Dorset Trials. Successful qualification from Country trials would see students compete in the South West and subsequently in the National trials. The Blandford School were immensely proud that 12 of our students were successful in qualifying for the County trials, competing against numerous private schools. Mr Young, Head of PE gave the students credit: 'There were some terrific performances throughout the afternoon. The 60 students we took were by far the biggest of any school in attendance.'

#### County Trialists:

##### Year 7:

Kelsey Drewett (200m)

Freddie Sherwood (800m)

Josh Fazakerley (1500m)

Toby Bemand (1500m)

##### Year 8 & 9:

Leah Wilson (Shot)

Nathan Wood (800m)

Tom Fuller (1500m)

##### Year 10/11:

Maisy Allen (Shot & Discus)

Max Stone (Triple Jump)

Sam Hughes (1500m)

##### Year 12/13:

Michael Johnson (3000m)

### Team Tennis Schools Competition

The Blandford School Year 7 and 8 tennis team took part in the Team Tennis Schools Competition at Wey Valley indoor tennis centre. This was a division 2 local league competition against other Dorset schools. The team consisting of Jay Dunn, Rob Harding, Freddie Sherwood and Joe Traves played singles and doubles against 4 other schools to earn points for The Blandford School team. Despite some strong competition the boys played some fantastic tennis and showed a real desire to improve and learn as the day went on. Their positive approach and effort helped them secure wins against The Gryphon School and Wey Valley School and pick up points against St Osmonds and Allenbourne Middle School, allowing them to finish 3rd place overall. A big thank you must go to Simon Kevern from Blandford Tennis Academy who has been coaching the students.



# Two Talented TBS Mathematicians Success in Mathematical Challenge

The Blandford School is proud to announce that two of our talented mathematicians scored high enough in the Intermediate Mathematical Challenge (IMC), organised by the United Kingdom Mathematics Trust, to qualify for next respective rounds.



George Knight in Year 9 scored 71/135 in the IMC which places him in the top 5% of his year group. He thus qualified to compete in the 'Grey Kangaroo' (for up to Y9 students only) where he gained a certificate of qualification by scoring 68/135 in this problem-solving maths test. Year 10 student Matthew Hancock scored 87/135 in the IMC which placed him in the top 1.5% of his year group (and in the top 2.5% of all Year 10 and Y11 students that took part), allowing him to compete in the 'Pink Kangaroo' (open to Y10 and Y11 students only). A score in the top 25% will earn a Merit in this

competition; Matthew's high score of 76/135 in the Kangaroo round saw him placed in the top 20% of all students who sat the challenge, an extremely impressive achievement!

The 'Intermediate' Kangaroo challenge was set up to promote and inspire young mathematicians all around the world. The competition is by invite only at The Blandford School, so we are incredibly proud of all our competitors in all years but of course especially of George and Matthew for their achievements.

Whilst the IMC is mainly taken by UK schools, this year 5% of entries came from overseas schools. Additionally, schools in other countries may also sit the Kangaroo in their country and language through the European Kangaroo and not by sitting the IMC.



## Duke of Edinburgh group brave the weather for practice expedition.

This year's Silver Duke of Edinburgh group braved the wind and the rain as they completed their practice expedition at the end of April. The Year 12 students have completed training in camp-craft, expedition cooking, orienteering, emergency first-aid and the Countryside Code, and put all of these skills to the test over the course of two days and two nights in the New Forest. Year 12 student Zoe celebrated her 17<sup>th</sup> birthday on the final day of the practice; she was presented with a card signed by all of the students on the trip and what all DofE students need at the end of an expedition: cake! The Silver Duke of Edinburgh award also involves volunteering, developing a new skill and participating in a physical activity and their final expedition is due to take place in July.





# PROM POP UP SHOP



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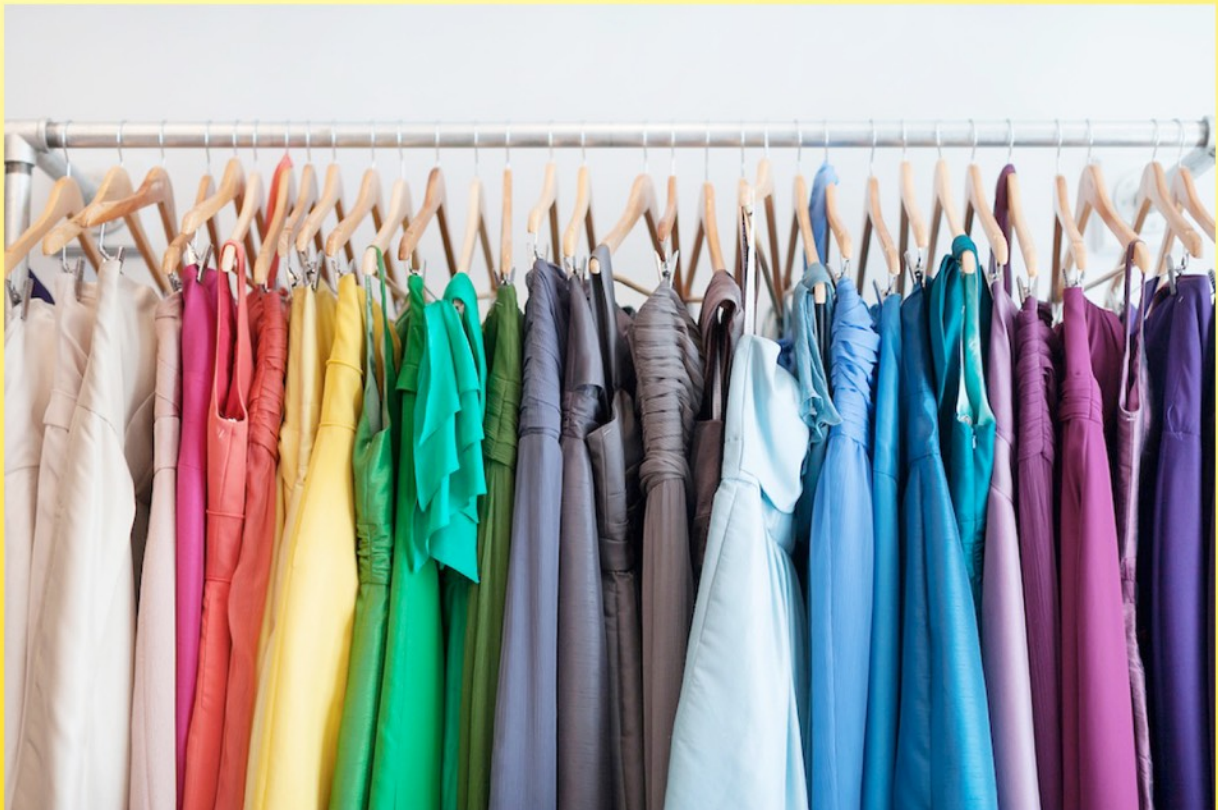
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**OPEN BREAK TIME MONDAYS &  
LUNCHTIME FRIDAYS 1.45-2.15**

**ROOM 402**



# TBS IN THE COMMUNITY

## Men's Shed Official Launch at The Blandford School

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2018 is a day that will go down in history for The Blandford Forum Men's Shed as Chairman Paul Santer officially launched the Men's Shed at The Blandford School's woodworking site. The event saw many local community members in attendance, including Town Councillor Roger Carter, Headteacher of The Blandford School Sally Wilson and Chairman of The Blandford Stour Rotary Club John Earley. The launch saw Chairman Paul give his thanks to Guy Patterson of Dorset Partnerships For Older People Programme, who helped initially start up the project in conjunction with The Blandford School, who also received a warm thank you. Paul proceeded to introduce his fellow committee members: Chris Summerfelt as Secretary and Tony Harker as Treasurer.

The Men's Shed is officially due to open to members on Thursday May 10<sup>th</sup>, with operational hours being confirmed for Tuesdays & Thursdays from 4-8pm and Saturday mornings from 10-12. If you are interested in becoming a member (or know of anyone who might be interested) please contact [blandfordmensshed@gmail.com](mailto:blandfordmensshed@gmail.com).



## STAGECOACH PERFORMING ARTS SCHOOL TO JOIN TBS

The Blandford School are pleased to announce that Stagecoach Theatre School will be using The Blandford School facilities from Saturday 2nd June. The sessions will run every Saturday from 2.30-5.30pm.

Stagecoach's aim is to 'Nurture and develop every child's potential through the performing arts, stretching imaginations and building confidence.' For more information on Stagecoach, please visit their website: [www.stagecoach.co.uk](http://www.stagecoach.co.uk).



### WHAT'S ON AT TBS?

#### Mondays

**Starlight Dance Academy**

<http://www.starlightdorset.com/>

#### Tuesdays

**Starlight Dance Academy**

**KR Taekwondo**

07989928403

**Tai-Chi**

**Men's Shed**

[blandfordforummensshed@gmail.com](mailto:blandfordforummensshed@gmail.com)

#### Wednesdays

**Starlight Dance Academy**

**Biodanza Blandford**

[payalredsell@gmail.com](mailto:payalredsell@gmail.com)

#### Thursdays

**Starlight Dance Academy**

**Resolution Choir**

['Resolution Choir' on Facebook](#)

**Men's Shed**

#### Saturdays

**Men's Shed**

**Stagecoach Performing Arts**

**School (From 2nd June)**

*Are you interested in hosting your evening with us? Please contact*

[marketing@blandfordschool.org.uk](mailto:marketing@blandfordschool.org.uk) to

*receive a personalised quote.*



## THE ARTS

The Blandford School Art department are selling hand-made cards to raise money for the upcoming Art Exhibition at the end of June. You're able to purchase these cards from school, £1.50 per card or 2 cards for £2.00! Please contact [abibby@blandfordschool.org.uk](mailto:abibby@blandfordschool.org.uk) for further information.

### **The Art Department would like to thank:**

Eyre and Elliston Ltd for their donation of an empty electric drum reel which will be used for the Summer Art Exhibition.

Mr Wells for collecting resources for the Art Exams in Primark.

Mrs Jenkinson for her kind donation of resources for exams.

Congratulations to former student Ella O'Loughlin who has accepted a place to study at St Martins College, London. St Martins is 'a world leading centre for Art and Design'. Ella studied Art during GCSE and A Level here at The Blandford School.

## TBS TEACHER COMPLETES NEON RUN

Congratulations to TBS English Teacher Miss Garner for successfully completing the Neon Run in Poole Park on Saturday 21st April. Miss Garner competed in the race to raise awareness and funds for Diverse Abilities - a local charity supporting children and adults with profound physical and learning disabilities nationwide. Battling against thunderstorms Miss Garner was able to complete the 6k race in 50 minutes - a fantastic achievement! More information on the charity can be found at the following link: <https://diverseabilities.org.uk/>

## TBS STUDENTS AWARDED FOR VOLUNTEER WORK AT BLANDFORD MUSEUM

Students who have been working at the Blandford Museum as part of their community involvement recently received several honours. The students carried out a number of projects, bringing fresh perspectives to work that the museum is undertaking. This award was in recognition of the role they played and was recently commended by Historic England. All the students and young people involved received award certificates as part of the Young Curators Project. Historic England and the Andrew Lloyd Webber Foundation's Historic England Angel certificates of commendation were presented to nine students: Katherine Stanley, Emma Humphrey, George Dutton, Flo Hendy, Rian Lewis-Smith, Tyler Cosstick and Seren Birtles. A further two students; Ben Smurthwaite and Izzy Ellis, received the Blandford Museum Award for Volunteering.

The Young Curators project run by the museum has proved very successful with its work study programme; work has also been undertaken on collections management, exhibition panels and the revision and writing of historical and explanatory booklets. During the year we work with students through a work-study programme the

schools run, but the museum is open to projects involving students and young people at any time of the year.

Working at the Museum has proved very popular with students over the last few years, but in order to continue to support these young people more adult volunteers are urgently needed to supervise and work with them. If you have an interest or background in education and are able to give a few hours please contact the museum director Sylvia Hixson Andrews through the museum.



# MESSAGE FROM DORSET COUNTY COUNCIL: FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Due to the national roll out of Universal Credits, protection has been put in place for eligible children to continue to receive free school meals. We would appreciate your help to communicate this information to parents.

All children who receive free school meals will remain eligible until at least 31 March 2022. This also applies to any new children who are approved before this date. From 31 March 2022, any child receiving free school meals will remain eligible until they have graduated from that school phase (e.g. a child in reception on 31 March 2022 would remain eligible until they finished Primary School in 2028)

This means that between now and 31 March 2022, parents do not need to contact Dorset County Council to cancel free school meals, even if they feel that their child is no longer eligible.

More information about this and eligibility for free school meals can be found on [Dorsetforyou](https://www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/).

## FORMER STUDENT PROFILE: TOM OLIVER

Tom Oliver was a student of The Blandford School from 2008 to 2014, leaving us after successfully completing A Levels in Economics, Psychology, PE and Business Studies. Tom took the knowledge he learned from the majority of these subjects to focus on his career - now working as an estate agent for local business Forum Sales & Lettings. "I think economics is the one that helps me most during my work now, most things come down to supply and demand which is something I learnt very early on during my A Levels. Psychology definitely helps a lot for the job too."

Tom's initial plans were to go to University to study Economics, but a change of heart during A Levels saw Tom see the benefit in earning early. Tom decided to train as an estate agent, working for an agency in Sherborne to complete his training before moving to Forum Sales & Lettings 2 and a half years ago.

An avid footballer, Tom played for the school during every school year and now plays locally for AFC Blandford in the Dorset Premier League. Tom also finds himself incredibly busy during the summer holidays - with his father owning The Great Dorset Steam Fair. Tom takes a couple of weeks from his job at Forum Sales & Lettings to work the site at the Steam Fair, ensuring he stays a part of the family business.

Forum Sales & Lettings have been running as a business in Blandford for 12 years, beginning as a lettings agency before moving into the sales business 5 years ago. Both of the businesses' owners; Ashley and Malcolm, studied at The Blandford School.

Forum Sales & Lettings would like to offer a special promotion to parents of The Blandford School students. If you are interested in buying or selling a property with Forum Sales & Lettings - quote 'Blandford School' when speaking to an agent and the school will receive a £100 donation from the business.

## PARKING NOTICE: SHARP & MAPLE TREE CLOSE

Please can be politely ask parents not to use Sharp or Maple Tree Close as drop-off or collection points as this is causing difficulties to the residents. Sharp & Maple Tree Close are part of the Estate next to The Milldown. Thank you in advance for your co-operation.

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Blandford Town Museum

# Art at the Museum 2018

Date	Artist
April	<b>Ros Joyce</b> Rosaleen (Ross) has been interested in painting and drawing from about the age of 15 and has therefore been painting for 60 years. Ross's subjects are broad and varied – any subject which catches her interest may be taken up, from boats to boots, from flowers to landscape and from portrait to still-life which are her two favourite subjects.
May (start of)	<b>Jim Boyt</b> Jim is a founder member of Blandford Art Society, and remembers how it started 31 years ago in The Chestnut Club. He is largely self-taught, although he has attended evening classes and Society workshops. He works in most media: oil, pastel, acrylic, and watercolour, and also produces fine wood-engravings, all of which he has exhibited with BAS over the years. His favoured subjects tend to be landscapes and portraits, and his packed sketchbooks are wonderful examples of detailed, tonal work.
May (end of)	<b>(DAW) Blandford School Year 10</b> Students' work
Jun (start of)	<b>(DAW) Blandford School Year 10</b> Students' work
Jun (end of)	<b>From the Archives</b> Images from the museum's archives, many on view for the first time.



**THE BLANDFORD SCHOOL**

**SUMMER ART EXHIBITION**  
Friday 29th June 5-8.30pm The Blandford School Hall

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