

The Blandford School

Student Bulletin

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Corsica, The Young Enterprise Company at The Blandford School, took part in the Dorset competition on Wednesday 4 May, competing against a number of Dorset schools. They were interviewed by judges, had to do a pitch for their product and had a trade stand. Corsica achieved the Sustainability Award for their product, a hydroponics kit to grow herbs made from recyclable and biodegradable material.

Well done to Team Corsica!



Congratulations to ex student Amy Gower who has recently gained a PhD at Reading University, reading Modern History. TBS are very proud of her!



We are extremely grateful to AFC Bournemouth Community Sports Trust who work closely with TBS and this week donated three mountain bikes from the football club. We are planning to use these as rewards for three lucky students later in the year. Watch this space! Many thanks to AFC Bournemouth!



Community fundraising gives £1400 of books to The Blandford School

Thanks to the fundraising efforts of school supporter and local entrepreneur, Gillian Rodwell, we have recently purchased £1,400 of books for tutor-time reading and our school library. Gillian started a Community Book Pledge last year, promising to match any donations with an additional 60% of free Usborne Books. A Just Giving page was set up, local businesses approached and the response was superb with donations totalling £900.

Sincere thanks to each of the businesses for their support: Aurora Gems, Colin Close, Debbie's Barbers, Kernon & Keller, Iracraft and The Sapling Gift Shop. Thanks also go to ex-student, Alan Giles for responding to our newsletter appeal. We were able to combine the £900 of donations from the Book Pledge with funds raised by our 'Friends of The Blandford School Library' group and a donation from the Blandford Secondary School Foundation to reach the final total of £1,400, after Usborne had added their 60%.



Friends of TBS Library

We are incredibly grateful to all parents who have supported our library in recent years, including 'Rebekah's Kitchen' who hosted a fundraising event for us just before lockdown. Whether it's purchasing a cake at events, such as the fireworks night, or purchasing a book from our Christmas wish list, all support helps us to keep the library stock fresh and appealing in these times of austerity.

As we enter a new exciting chapter at TBS Library, welcoming our new librarian, Elaine Pitman, we continue to look for ways to promote reading amongst our students, to make the library as attractive to our students as possible, whilst meeting the needs of our ever-expanding sixth-form. Currently, we are looking to reorganise the library. We would like to create a separate study space for the sixth-form and open up a 'relaxed and engaging' space for students who come to read in English lessons or at break and lunchtime. To do this, we will need to purchase furniture to fit the space we plan to create in our 'relaxed' area. If any parents think they might be able to help with this or if any parents would like to join our 'Friends of TBS Library' group, please email Literacy Coordinator, Anna Hayball: ahayball@blandfordschool.org.uk



The PE Faculty recently took over 40 students on an athletics trip to Yeovil and were very proud of their impeccable behaviour. Congratulations go to the following students in particular who have been selected for the County finals at King's Park in a few weeks time:

Izzy F– 1500m; Constance C– Triple Jump; Keira F – Discus; Ben C– 800m; Will H – Triple Jump; Charlie C – 200m; Toby B – 200m/400m; Harrison J – 800m; Correy An – Shot Put; Bobby S – 3000m; Jay D – 1500m and Tom F – 3000m

Swansea Swimming Gala

Freddie B recently competed in the Swansea Swimming Gala and did amazingly well, achieving 2 South West Regional medals which is a massive achievement!



Following on from this, Freddie has qualified to swim at this years Swim England National Championships in August. To qualify you have to be one of the top ranked swimmers in England during a specific qualifying period. Freddie is currently ranked 2nd in the 100 Breaststroke, 4th in the 200 Breaststroke and 10th in the 50 Breaststroke, so that's a fantastic achievement for him!

Freddie trains up to 8 times a week for Poole Swimming Club and gets up at 4 am, four times a week to attend training in Bournemouth before school showing true dedication.

Massive congratulations to Freddie what an amazing achievement, we are all very proud of him!

Milton Abbas Emily Faulkner Trust

The Trust makes a limited number of modest grants to assist students about to undertake University or Vocational courses. Those eligible are students or former students (under the age of 24) of the Blandford School or those primarily resident in North Dorset.

Anyone wishing to apply this year must submit their application no later than the 21st July 2022.

For further information and an application form, apply to The Secretary, MAEF, Blanchards Bailey LLP, Bunbury House, Stour Park, Blandford Forum, Dorset, DT11 9LQ or e-mail val.dear@blanchardsbailey.co.uk

For an application form please contact office@blandfordschool.org.uk



Ex TBS Student Rory Shafford returned to school last week to run a workshop for our Year 13 Performing Arts students. Rory is currently touring with the Book of Mormon. Rory left TBS to train at the Urdang Academy before beginning his professional career. Rory kindly gave up his time on a week's break from touring to come into school and meet with our Year 13 Performing Arts students. He spent time talking to them about their next steps, answering questions about auditions, working in a musical, touring and how to deal with pressure and rejections. Following this the students had a practical dance workshop with Rory.

The students said "having the opportunity to work with an ex student who has gone on to have success in the industry, was incredibly inspiring, as it gave us an insight into opportunities we could have one day".

We are very grateful to Rory and look forward to seeing what is next for him!



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