


As we approach the end of our first year at Millhams Street, we have been reflecting on the year and how we have moved forward as a school. The new building has allowed teaching in small classes across the year groups and given the students in KS3 and 4 a base in their own room. It has also been lovely to be welcomed into the community and for the students to be able to volunteer in the play group held at the church. The weekly trip to the library has further engaged our students into their local community and helped them to understand the services that the library has available.

We had our first full year group out on work experience which has allowed students to find out more about the world of work. Additionally, students have had various college and university trips to encourage them time to think about their next steps.

Another first this year, was our first residential and Duke of Edinburgh trip. Five students completed the DofE award and were fantastic on the expedition to Brownsea Island. They truly showed all the skills required to complete the award and were excellent ambassadors of the school. We are all proud of their achievement, especially as it was the first school residential trip for some of them.



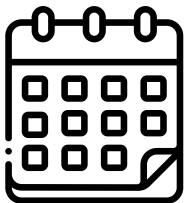
The school came together to celebrate the students who are leaving us in year 11 and 13 in the leaver's assembly. It is always sad to say goodbye to students who have been a part of our school family, but we are proud of the way that they conducted themselves in the exams and are looking forward to celebrating with them on results days. A special mention goes to Lottie, who completed her L3 extended BTEC in Health and Social care with three distinctions which is an amazing achievement, and we are very proud of her. We know she will do fantastically well in her Montessori course next year. Additionally, Eve, who equally had a fantastic result passing her L3 BTEC's and has been accepted on to her next course. We look forward to sharing more success stories as the results come in during August.

Along with students leaving, we are sad to say goodbye to Jen, our Art and Wellbeing teacher and Nadia, our A-Level English teacher. Both Jen and Nadia have been wonderful members of staff and will be missed. We wish them well with their new ventures. We look forward to introducing you to our new members of staff in September.



It has also been a real pleasure to welcome new students to our school across the year. It has been great getting to know them all and seeing friendships develop as they meet the other students. We will enjoy celebrating everyone's successes in the final week of term.

We will have two keeping in touch sessions if you feel your child would benefit from coming into the building prior to the September start which will be on the 13th August and 22nd August between 11am – 12noon. All students are welcome to pop in and tell us about their holidays and ask any questions they may have before the start of term.



Finally, I'd like to thank you, the parents/guardians and extended families for your support this year. We appreciate your time and attendance at the parent information evenings. The feedback that you give us helps to support the children at our school to the best of our ability, and the cards, well wishes and gifts from leavers and students at the end of the year are always very touching.

Have a safe and restful summer break. We are looking forward to hearing about your adventures in the holidays, wherever they may be.

~Rozanne Parsons

This term we have had the Wellbeing RNLI trip - students were given a tour of the RNLI college in Poole by the incredibly kind and knowledgeable volunteers and try their hands at operating and driving the state-of-the-art lifeboat simulator, which was so realistic that we felt as though we'd gotten our sea legs. We checked out their fleet of lifeboats and saw the swimming pool, where the crew experience all weather conditions as part of their training. As well as this students and staff took the train to and from Poole, and we were very lucky to have had such lovely weather.

A-Level students have been attending a pottery workshop with Maisie, artist and founder of The Touring Potter. They have worked on the wheel throwing bowls, slab building and coil pots. The creative juices have been flowing and a whale, Tardis and horse have been in construction. We look forward to getting the fired and colourful pieces back from the kiln soon.



This year's Art Exhibition was hosted on parents evening, it was wonderful to see students from all year groups displaying their work for parents to see. The hall was buzzing with activity and the students work on display was fantastic. We are incredibly proud of all they have achieved this year and how amazingly well the work presented.

The Wellbeing group celebrated the Y11 and Y13 leavers with a wellbeing Disco, where party hats, caterpillar cakes and pass the parcel were all on offer. Students had fun playing games and there was lots of laughter, we will miss our leavers!

~Jen
Art and Wellbeing



Our students have taken part in science experiments across the year including the year 10 and 11 students visiting the science labs at Twynham school. This is an opportunity that we will be continuing to offer. Year 10 will be taking part in a murder mystery day before the end of the year.

~Helena
Science



In life lessons the students baked cupcakes. The plan was to make something delicious and to learn the valuable lesson of washing up, drying up and putting away at the end. We had some very creative-coloured cakes and they all tasted fantastic. Verdict from the students was a big thumbs up!



~Briony
English and Life

Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award 2024



Our students who were participating in the Duke of Edinburgh Award Expedition raised money towards the trip by selling plants and sweets in Christchurch Market.

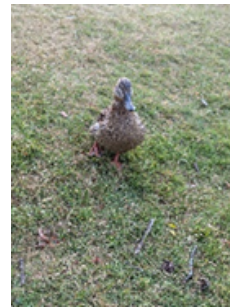
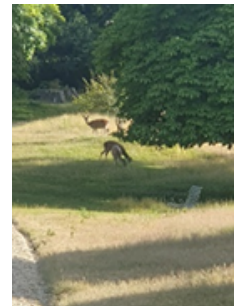


The trip to Brownsea Island was met with enthusiasm and a little bit of trepidation. However, as soon as we were on our way, all students settled and were excited to get across to Brownsea Island.



The first activity was to find our way to the campsite and set up camp.

We explored Brownsea Island looking out for wildlife. All students completed a 4.5 mile walk, exploring all what the Island had to offer.



Afternoon Walk

Distance	Elev Gain	Time
4.54 mi	666 ft	2h 21m



We were very lucky to see red squirrels, pheasants, rabbits, deer, peacocks, ducks, and chickens.



After our long activity, it was time for dinner. The students cooked a pasta meal for everyone and worked together to complete the chores of washing and cleaning up.



After a night's sleep in their tents, packing up and heading back to Poole. All the students (and staff) looked a little tired.

A good time was had by all and all are looking forward to completing their silver award next year!

CRLT Term Dates

End of Term: Friday 19th July at 12:10pm

Autumn Term
2 September -
20 December
2024

Monday 2nd September 2024	Staff Training Day – no pupils to attend
Tuesday 3rd September 2024	Staff Training Day – no pupils to attend
Wednesday 4th September 2024	All pupils to attend
Monday 28th October 2024 - Friday 1st November 2024	Half-Term Holiday
Monday 4th November 2024	Staff Training Day – no pupils to attend
Friday 20th December 2024	Last Day of Term
Monday 23rd December 2024 - Friday 3rd January 2025	Christmas Holiday

Spring Term
6 January -
4 April
2025

Monday 6th January 2025	First Day of Term Staff Training Day – no pupils to attend
Friday 14th February 2025	Staff Training Day – no pupils to attend
Monday 17th February 2025 - Friday 21st February 2025	Half-Term Holiday
Friday 4th April 2025	Last Day of Term
Monday 7th April 2025 - Monday 21st April '25	Easter Holiday

Summer Term
22 April -
18 July
2025

Tuesday 22nd April 2025	First Day of Term Staff Training Day – no pupils to attend
Monday 5th May 2025	May Day Bank Holiday
Monday 26th May 2025 – Friday 30th May 2025	Half-Term Holiday
Wednesday 2nd July 2025	Staff Training Day – no pupils to attend
Friday 18th July 2025	Last Day of Term
Monday 21st July – Friday 29th August 2025	Summer Holiday

Dates for your diary - Autumn Term

Wednesday 4th September

First day of term for students

Wednesday 11th September

Parent's Evening 3.30 – 5pm

Friday 11th October

Bournemouth Uni Trip 10am

Friday 25th October

Career's Fair / Year 11 Science Day

Monday 28th October – Friday 1st November

Half term

Monday 4th November

INSET Day

Wednesday 13th November

Parent's Evening 3.30 – 5pm

Friday 15th November

Sparsholt College

Friday 20th Dec

Last day of term

Summer Holiday Activities in BCP

Please see below activities and support for over the Summer holiday
Up in BCP activities are on a first come first served basis and bookable from 15th July.

Activities and events:

Follow *BCP Council Family Information* and *BCP Council Family Hubs* on Facebook

The Parks Foundation: Home - The Parks Foundation also on Facebook. The individual cafes have their own Facebook pages where they publicise their own events or you can view them on the Parks Foundation website. Also Kingfisher Barn Visitor Centre.

BCP Family Hubs: see timetables for individual Hubs as the offer varies. Activities and drop-ins for all ages including teens. Family hub timetables (bcpcouncil.gov.uk)

Up in BCP: Summer activities. No cost - £10 www.upinbcp.co.uk Summer Activities (upinbcp.co.uk)
Booking form is available on their website.

BCP Libraries:

Summer Reading Challenge: Summer Reading Challenge | BCP (bcpcouncil.gov.uk)

Presentation: SRC School Assembly Presentation (bcpcouncil.gov.uk)

Information: Summer Reading Challenge

What's on in Libraries: Libraries Whats On (bcpcouncil.gov.uk)

Family events: Family Events - Bournemouth

BCP Family Information Directory: Holiday Activities: Search Results (bcpcouncil.gov.uk)