



Notes from the Editor:

Dear all,

Welcome back to the Student Newsletter. This week we have some exciting articles for you read. For example, we have two teacher 'Inside Stories'. Also, last week all students (7-10) received their reports about how they did in their Unit 3 assessments and what grades they got. This will be our final edition until after the summer holidays, so I would just like to say, I hope you all have a very enjoyable summer!

-Joshua John Ford, Year 9.

Editor gets a birthday tie:



Inside Story One: This week we interviewed Mrs Bain.

Favourite Food?: **Chicken Panang - Thai Curry**

Favourite year at School?: **Year 11, I was a hard working student, I enjoyed the exams and liked the independence.**

Favourite Drink?: **A hot cup of tea, lots of milk and no sugar.**

Favourite pet?: **Our cat, called Amber. She has three legs and is ginger.**

Favourite colour?: **Blue; Ocean blue.**

Favourite holiday destination?: **Noosa in Australia. It was a stunning place to visit. We hired a kayak and paddled off for days on end, exploring beautiful beaches and camping by moonlight.**

What is the most important thing in life?: **My children.**

Three words that sum up the students at Atlantic?: **Amazing, caring and genuine.**

What will the Academy be like in 2 years time?: **The best school in the whole of Dorset.**

How many languages do you speak?: **One, English**

Uniform Swap Days:

If parents would like to swap 'like for like' pieces of uniform, they can begin the process by adding the details of the pieces of uniform they want to swap to the spreadsheet link below.

<https://goo.gl/forms/B8O5kUu4hm7B1Kir1>

Parents can swap uniform at the Academy on the following days:

- Tuesday 31st July: Between 10am - 2pm.
- 21st August: Between 10am - 2pm

Nearly 300 Year 5 students from St George's, Wyke Regis and Holy Trinity visit the Academy, and take part in Forensic Science Investigations:



Over the past two weeks we have been visited by nearly 300 Year 5 students, and their teachers, from three local primary schools. Our Year 10 student leaders acted as mentors during each of the three separate visits, whilst the Year 5's got a taste of REAL science in the Academy's laboratories. The investigation involved using chromatography and fingerprint recognition techniques to solve a fictitious murder mystery.



The Year 5's had a brilliant time, and are coming back for further taster sessions in September.





Atlantic's Fishing Trip:



On Thursday 28th June students from Atlantic Academy, Portland were invited for an evening's fishing at the Harbour Bridge lakes near Chickerell, by the Dorchester and District Angling Society. Graham Howard, from the Society, welcomed the eager young anglers and after a brief safety talk the students were soon fishing under the hot evening sun. Many members of the Dorchester Angling Society were on hand to guide the students through the methods of pole and feeder fishing. Kira Morrison (13) said, "the instructors were really great, they showed us how to fish and were really patient". Students caught Carp, Roach, Rudd and Bream and were soon discussing who had caught the biggest!



Graham Howard the junior secretary of the DDAS, who arranged the trip, said "it is really great to see young people out fishing. The average age of the members of our club is increasing and this initiative will help create interest amongst a new generation of young people".

Mr McConnell from Atlantic Academy the trip said, "this has been a fantastic evening, I would like to thank all the members of the DDAS for arranging all the tackle and bait, and giving up their free time".

The Dorchester and District Angling Society would like to run more events with schools and are planning to run junior events during the summer holidays. For more information please contact the DDAS, the details are on their website.



Year 10 Students visit the YOI:



As part of ongoing partnership work in the community the Academy organised for a small group of Year 10 students to visit the Young Offenders Institute on Portland, to see the work of local professionals in the custodial and security sector. The visit was in the afternoon of the, 6th of July and involved students having a tour of the facility, receiving a free lunch, and taking part in a 'question and answer' session with a group of prison officers and an inmate. On reflection our students said that they found the visit 'a real eye opener, and an intense experience'. They were surprised by the fact that some prisoners had televisions in their cells, but also noted that the cells were extremely plain and uncomfortable. Students were taken with the range of training activities that are available to prisoners, and thought that the prison officers did an amazing job.

Year 6 Induction Day:



On Tuesday the 10th of July all the Year 6 students intending to come to Atlantic in September had their induction day.



The Year 6's got a real feel for the Academy and it's expectations.



They met some of the teachers they will work with in the autumn and through their lessons in English, Maths, Science and History they had an excellent preparation for September.

Dorset Youth Council meets at Atlantic:



Last Thursday the Secondary Student Council met with organisers of the Dorset Youth Council to work through ideas about training and career opportunities for young people in Dorset.



This was unique experience for all concerned because Atlantic was

chosen as the only Academy or Secondary School in Dorset to test some of the work the Youth Council have been doing on 'future careers options and choices' for young people in Dorset. The Student Council received pizza from Dominoes in return for their valuable time.

Do you have a story that you want people to hear? To let us know email:

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"All Secure Storage are pleased to be working in conjunction with the Atlantic Academy to support the students and to encourage a development of skills and experience that can be gained through their involvement with the newsletter."

Donna Emery, Estate Manager

Student Newsletter Competitions.



The first competition this week is to draw an artist's impression of what the new housing development at the old Underhill School site will look like when it is finished. Above are some photos to inspire you. Pencil or painted entries will be accepted. Please attach a photo of your entry to the link below.

The second competition is to calculate the carbon footprint that the redevelopment has left. 3,000 tons of demolition material, which is 150 lorry loads were removed from the site. The mileage is 30 miles per load.

Submit your calculation using the link below.

<https://goo.gl/forms/b3PLgGyhpxapAnj1>

Closing date for all entries is 4th September 2018.

Inside Story Two: This week our second staff interview is with Mr. Jarvis.

Favourite Food?: **Steak - Rare.**

Favourite year at School? **Year 10, there was not so much pressure as in Year 11. My football team got to the County Cup final.**

Favourite Drink?: **San Miguel beer.**

Favourite pet?: **My dog, who is named after a character from the James Bond novels.**

Favourite colour?: **Blue.**

Favourite holiday destination?:

Thailand, because of the the incredible mixture of culture and wonderful beaches.

What is the most important thing in life?: **Love and football.**

Three words that sum up the students at Atlantic?: **Inspirational, motivated and cool.**

What will the Academy be like in 2 years time?: **Outstanding.**

How many languages do you speak?: **One, English.**



After school on Thursday the Academy hosted its summer fete organised by the PTFA. Along with an ice cream van and a vast array of raffle prizes there were lots of stalls and fun games to play. The Academy is fortunate to have such an active and enthusiastic PTFA, who work hard to raise valuable funds. Reportly Thursday's fete has raised over £1000. Of course the fete would not be the same without students and visitors

taking part, and of course staff volunteering to have sponges thrown at them.



Crystal Trophies go to Top Students for Self Worth, Engagement and Purpose:



In recognition of the huge efforts that students have made throughout the year the Academy is awarding three prestigious Crystal Trophies. The crystals are a recognition of the key values of self worth, engagement and purpose that underlie the ethos of the Academy. The crystals are to be awarded to three students who have worked in a uniquely curious and determined way since September.

Atlantic students enjoy the sunshine and sea during a windsurfing session in the harbour:



Over the weekend many Atlantic students took advantage of a special deal on windsurfing lessons. As you can see they learned lots and had a brilliant time. It just goes to show that people should always take opportunities that are given to them.



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Escaping the Storm

Dr Marie Stopes

July 2018

Jane McKell - Artistic Director



If you would like to get involved in any of the events that Mrs McKell mentioned during assemblies this past week, email Mr Dawson; adawson@atlantic-aspirations.org

- 1st Escaping the Storm event is - Learn to make a podcast on Saturday 4th August

Rewards Trip to the harbour breakwater:



Last Thursday, as a reward for 100% attendance and having the most positive points in Unit 3, twenty students went on a boat trip out to the harbour breakwater. This trip was sponsored by the National Sailing Academy, and was a fantastic experience for all involved.

Year 5 & 6 perform:



On Tuesday, after lots of rehearsals, and practise at home, students from Years 5 & 6 performed 'Alice in Wonderland' to a theatre packed full of parents and visitors. The play was accompanied by music and singing, and ended with a finale involving many of the audience singing too. The parents all said they thoroughly enjoyed the performance, and look forward to seeing what students do next year.

Years 9 & 10 - Careers Event:



Choosing a career path can be a complex task, however things were made a little easier last week when Year 9 and 10 students met with employers from both the private and public sector. Students were able to ask questions and find out exactly what a working day is like in a whole variety of employment areas. Students reported that it was an extremely useful and informative experience.