



## Notes from the Editor:

Dear all,

Welcome back to the Student Newsletter. It's great to be putting together a newsletter again after the lovely summer holiday, I hope you all had a wonderful break. Now we are back it seems that we've all settled straight into the routines, and almost instantly adjusted to working hard, doing homework and setting high standards. I'm glad to be back.

-Joshua John Ford, Year 10.

## Most Improved School:

Most improved school  
in Weymouth and  
Portland



As you all know the Academy is now the most improved school (Secondary) in the local area. We are all really proud of the achievements of the Year 11 students, who last summer came back to school in August to celebrate excellent GCSE results. It just shows that with hard work, determination and teamwork between students, parents and staff great things can be achieved. We're looking forward to building on the successes of last year to make the Academy an even more exciting, high achieving and interesting place to learn.

## Inside Story:



This week we interviewed Miss Board.

**Favorite Food:** Avocado and Hummus

**Favorite Year at School:** Year 9 - We had some really good teachers that year.

**Favorite Drink:** Peppermint Tea

**Favorite Colour:** Rose Gold.

**Favorite Holiday:** Turkey, as it was just a really fun holiday.

**Most Important Thing in Life:** To live every minute and love every minute.

**3 Words to describe the students:** Incredible, inspiring, individual.

**How many languages do you speak:** 2, English and the language of Programming.

**What will the school be like in 2 years:** Undefeatable/Simply the Best!

**Favorite Song:** I want you back by Hain.

Next week we will interview Miss Cornell.

If you would like to see a question asked in the future, please send us your ideas, if you wish to send us your questions [click here](#).

## Student Leaders act as tour guides:



This September the Year 11 senior student leaders have had a busy schedule. They meet each Friday morning at 8am and have a weekly agenda that covers items from upcoming public events to the distribution of Golden Ties and initiatives like the gym equipment records. Their contribution to public events, like the Year 7 'Meet the Tutor' evening or the recent 'Open Evening' give them chances to practice their public speaking, people management and leadership skills, as well as an opportunity to show parents all the great things about the Academy from a student point of view. The leaders also play an important role in inspiring younger students, and during the 'Open Evening' a number of senior leaders took apprentice Year 10 students along on their tours as a training exercise.

## Enrichment begins:



An exciting development this term has been all different enrichment activities that students have been able to sign up to do after school. Over 350 places were filled on activities like trampolining, forest club, textiles and art club, mountain biking, knitting, singing, first aid, drama, dance, weather station club, and indoor hockey to name a few. Throughout the Academy after school there is laughter and challenge, as students take full advantage of the extra fun experiences that are available.



## Hegarty Maths Help:



If you need any help with your Hegarty Maths homework be sure to check out the surgery that Ms Bain and Mr Sleight run during each Tuesday and Thursday break times. Anyone can go, and it is held in the space at the end of the History and Geography corridor.

## Year 7 Apprenticeship



This September Year 7 students began their career in secondary education by completing a series of workshops and talks about key aspects of the Academy and how students can maximise their success. The apprenticeship scheme, preparing all Year 7s' for the challenges and opportunities at the Academy, also gave them the opportunity to meet a broad collection of the Academy's staff. Students learned about Rewards, Behaviour Expectations, Enrichment Opportunities, Knowledge Organiser Techniques, Assessment and Ranking, the Library, and the accelerated reading scheme amongst many other things.



The Apprenticeship period was finished off with a celebration of 'shout outs' for outstanding Year 7 students who had been particularly well organised, alert and ready for the new demands of Year 7.

## Gym Equipment Records:



Each Wednesday lunchtime the Year 11 senior student leaders officiate the setting and breaking of records on the gym equipment. This has turned the second half of the lunch hour on Wednesdays in to a hive of ambitious activity, as competing students put their strength and endurance against each other. The current 'pull up' record is 22, and the 'Dips' record stands at 11. The records are shown on the monitors around the Academy making those with the record a proper champion.



## Race for Life:



Over the next two weeks all students, where possible, from Year 1 to Year 10 will take part in a cross country run, in and around the Academy grounds, and by doing so will raise funds for the charity, Cancer Research UK. The run is part of a national programme of fundraising activities where people from all backgrounds and abilities run a few miles to support the work done by this charity. Our runs will form part of an inter Faculty competition, where prizes will be won and everyone who completes their run will receive a medal. The P.E. department will inform students when their run is and the Academy asks that parents/carers provide their child with a £1 entry contribution, where possible, which will then be donated to Cancer Research UK.

## Year 7 and 9 Atlantic Footballers:



Already this term our brave football teams have taken on two different schools. The Year 9 team played Budmouth on a really windy afternoon in mid September, and recently the Year 7's took on High Cliff. We've battled hard on

each of the occasions, and although we did not win this has not dimmed the enthusiasm of the players, all of whom are ready for their next games.



## Primary Heroes

Last week saw children from primary receiving a number of rewards. Our Heroes of the Week were working hard in lessons with some even supporting other children with their learning.

Louis (Y4) and Oliver (Y6) received our first bronze reading badges of the year for passing 250,000 words read since the beginning of September - what an achievement!



A number of students took part in a summer reading challenge and received their award for participating in a great event.



## Beat the Street Weymouth and Portland

Some of you might have heard the name, some of you might have seen the posters, some of you might even have seen the boxes around Portland but from Wednesday 3rd October, Weymouth and Portland are being turned into a giant game to encourage people to get out and exercise. Each child in the primary phase will be given a key fob which they can tap at different locations throughout Weymouth and Portland to earn points for the Academy. There are even prizes at stake so keep an eye out for those boxes! Anyone can take part - even parents! Just pop into your local library or visit the Beat the Street website.



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