



## Notes from the Editor:

Dear all, this is the last edition of our Newsletter before half term, and I am sure everyone at the Academy is looking forward to the short break. I know I am. In this edition we have a lot of interesting content for you to read and enjoy, showing off the various events and moments that make up Academy life. See you all after the half term break.

-Joshua John Ford, Year 10.

**Inside Story:** This week we interviewed Mrs Hendrie

**Favorite Book:** To Kill a Mockingbird - Harper Lee.

**Favorite Food:** Sushi.

**Favorite Year at School:** Year 8; Because I made lots of new friends.

**Favorite Drink:** A traditional Cup of Tea, especially Yorkshire Tea Bags

**Favorite Pet:** My Cocker Spaniel, Toby

**Favorite Colour:** Black

**Favorite Holiday:** I went to Avorics in the French Alps, I loved Skiing!

**Most Important Thing in Life:** Family

**3 Words to describe the students:** Respectful, Compassionate, Supportive (of each other)

**How many languages do you speak:** 2, English and French (Not that well)

**What will the school be like in 2 years:**

In one word; Outstanding

**Paragraph about yourself:** I went into teaching late in my career, I started teaching at 29. I have worked on the Island for 14 years, I moved into Support Services in 2014, I taught Business Studies before that. I love working at Atlantic Academy. As you can imagine, I have seen many changes in nearly 20 years, and I believe we are extremely lucky to work with such amazing young people and a fantastic team of staff.

**Favorite Song:** Everlong by Foo Fighters.

Next week we will interview Miss Cornell as well as Mrs Greaves. 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](#).

## Knowledge Organiser Expertise:



Over the past two weeks all secondary students have attended an advanced workshop on how to use their Knowledge Organisers effectively. Students have found this really useful, and are now equipped with a full understanding of how to use the 'Read, cover, write, check', self quizzing method.

## Army Cadets - Drill Hall ,Monday Evenings :



On Wednesday last week the Academy was visited by Colonel Richard Taylor. The Colonel's visit was a follow up to a previous assembly that the Army Cadets held in the summer, and was once again aimed at encouraging students to take advantage of the high quality training, leadership and outdoor pursuit opportunities that the cadet force offers. Students can join up with the cadets at the Drill Hall, near Easton, on Monday evenings from

7-9pm.

## Dorset Blind Association:



Years 1 to 6 had a thoroughly engaging assembly this Wednesday when representatives from the Dorset Blind Association came to deliver an assembly and hold a 'Q and A' session. The assembly almost over ran as interested students asked question after question. We hear that there is a plan to invite the Association back to the Academy in June.

## Family Dining proves a brilliant success:

The advent of 'family dining' has proved to be a huge success as members of staff sit with younger students at lunchtime to recreate a family atmosphere around the lunch time table. On certain days parents will be invited to join in too.

## Year 6 Footballers beat Radipole:



The footballing season has started with our Academy teams facing a flurry of matches across the age ranges and with a variety of Dorset schools. Last week the Year 7 team took on Wey Valley school and accounted for themselves admirably. However, there was a stand out win for the Year 6 team, who beat Radipole Primary 5-4. We say, 'Well done to all our footballers this season, they have conducted themselves with bravery and determination, and as we know the more practise they get the better they will become'.

### Reception Class - 2018-19



The brand new reception classrooms opened earlier in September, and here are the proud students and staff.

### Race for Life:



The week before half term will see virtually all of the Academy's students

take part in cross country races during their PE lessons, as part of a national programme to raise funds for Cancer Research UK. The PE department has brilliantly set up a varied set of routes around the grounds of the Academy to accommodate the differing age groups and abilities, and students will donate £1 each as a contribution to the charity. In addition to raising funds for the charity the races are part of an inter-Faculty competition, and it will be intriguing to see which Faculty comes out on top.

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Donna Emery, Estate Manager

### Year 11 Geography Field Trip:



As part of their GCSE curriculum all Year 11 students studying Geography are required to do a field study on urban redevelopment. The field study requires that students collect evidence of the impact of the redevelopment on local people and businesses, and so last Wednesday 64 of our Year 11 students travelled to Dorchester to review the

impact of the work done on Brewery Quay. Students carried out interviews and environmental impact studies, and by the end of the session had plenty of first hand data to use in their reports.



### Students take part in a fundraising Gala Performance of 'Escaping the Storm' at Pennsylvania Castle:



After many hours of rehearsals a small group of interested and highly motivated students entertained the guests at Pennsylvania Castle last Tuesday evening.



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