

Dear Parents/Carers,

Good afternoon and welcome to this week's parent bulletin.

Transfer day:

Today saw the start of the 2024 / 25 academic year with a very successful transfer day. It was an absolute pleasure to welcome our September starters from first schools and to give the pupils the chance to experience a day in their new year group, meet their new tutors and find out their class communities. The children had an extremely positive day.

For our current Year 8 of course this was their first day at Upper School. It seems incredible that for this cohort they first walked through our doors when schools reopened after the initial COVID pandemic and are already leaving us! We look forward to hearing all about their day when they are back in school on Monday and also remind them that with more than 3 weeks to go there is still a lot of learning to be done and that our standards and expectations are undiminished. In addition we have end of year assessments in Year 5 and 8 this coming week.

Dress for your Dream Job and Cake Sale

The monies raised were:

Mufti - £246.55

Cake Sale - £185.55

Thank you to everyone for their support with this.



Year 8 Activities Week

Our Year 8 pupils on Wednesday returned from a fun filled day at Paulton's Park. The calm, quiet atmosphere on the coach would suggest the children were tired from an exciting day enjoying multiple rides with their friends.

I'd like to take the opportunity to thank Mrs. Savage for all her hard work behind the scenes, scheduling, booking, and organising our fabulous events - she really has adopted the mantle of 'Year 8's Fairy Godmother!

Earlier in the week the children enjoyed a fantastic day out at Dorset Adventure Park. In the morning they (literally) threw themselves into negotiating an enormous mud obstacle course; whilst in the afternoon experienced the site's two idyllic lakes (complete with yet more inflatable obstacles). The greatest obstacle of all for them being a lively, full of fun Mr. Christopher!

Yesterday they enjoyed great day out at Tower Park, sliding down the flumes at Splashdown, before relaxing in front of a movie.

Our staff have taken numerous photographs of the various events that are used to compile a leavers' PowerPoint and 'video'. These are shown at the end of year celebration in the Verwood Hub, before being made available to the pupils at the end of the academic year.

I'll be sending an email to our Year 8 parents next week which will provide more information about our end of year events (which are in addition to the current Activity Week).



Bryanston Sports Festival

Last Wednesday a group of Year 5 and 6 pupils, along with some Year 8 Sports Leaders went to Bryanston School to take part in a sports festival. The activities played included cricket, orienteering, dance and Quidditch. All pupils thoroughly enjoyed it.



Gymnastic Reward

Last Thursday a group of pupils across all year groups took part in a well-deserved gymnastics reward. They had the opportunity to work in small groups to create a routine to show the rest of the group. Well done to all involved!



Art Reward Afternoon

A group of children spent their hard earned candle credits on the Art Tote Bag making activity - they had a great time and produced some fantastic work!

We wish everyone a great weekend and look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Monday.

Mr Rob Christopher and Mr Alister Barker