



DUKE OF EDINBURGH EXPEDITION WEEKEND

Last weekend, the BHCS DofE Leaders set off on the practice expedition weekend with 25 Year 10 students in tow. After meeting at 7:30am (a little too early for a weekend!) we set off for the New Forest, and one by one the teams were dropped off at their locations. The task for the day was to walk and navigate across 15km of the New Forest – with only a map and compass to hand. For Miss Mercer and Mrs Charde's groups – this was made a little tougher as Mr Du-Heaume accidentally dropped us off on one another's starting points without knowing.



Despite the challenges, thousands of midges throughout the forest and a few lost compasses along the way, all groups found themselves back at the campsite by 4:30pm at the latest. The students and staff then set up camp for the night at Tile Barn campsite in Brockenhurst. Mr Du-Heaume ran a brilliant game of rounders and all students got involved.

Day two of the expedition started off a lot hotter than expected but with many more miserable Year 10s! It had been a cold night's sleep and many had struggled to have a solid rest – meaning there were some grumpy faces as we set off for another 10km walk. They soon cheered up, and throughout the day, the Leaders were all confident enough to leave their groups to find their way back to the end point on their own. And what a success it was – by 3:00pm (a BHCS DofE record!) all groups had safely arrived back. Well done to all – it was a brilliant weekend!

Miss V Mercer - DofE Leader



DANCE AMBASSADORS

The Dance Ambassadors have kicked off their 'get dance out there' project with a fantastic start by performing their first group performance piece in a recent whole school assembly. This is something that takes such courage and bravery - and something that so many find challenging.

I am incredibly proud to announce that all 12 performers did so with such confidence and expression; I have even been told that a few members of staff had a tear in their eye! The choreography told the story of a young girl, who was learning to cope with the 'stresses' that teenage life can bring. The dancers demonstrated how school life, family, exams and friendship breakdowns can lead to unwanted anxieties - however, through resilience and strength can be overcome.



Performing in front of the whole school

Already the Ambassadors have been discussing and planning their next project, which will involve other year groups and also showcasing their group performance to our primary feeder schools.

Mrs V Britton - Teacher of Dance





BLOOD BROTHERS

Last week, we were lucky to be able to take 165 KS4 students to the Mayflower Theatre in Southampton, to watch 'Blood Brothers'. This was fantastic last minute revision for Year 11 students, who will be writing their exam on 'Blood Brothers' in only two weeks time - and a wonderful opportunity for other students to see the text come to life outside the classroom.

This was the first time Year 9 students have been able to attend and I know that they thoroughly enjoyed the experience. The seats could not have been better, being right at the front, with a close view of the actors. Quite a few students did actually jump out of their seats in the final, intense scene!

We were exceptionally proud of all our students who attended the trip; their behaviour was impeccable and they really did represent the #Yellow Army proudly. We look forward to being able to offer this opportunity to more students next year. Thank you to all the staff who helped with covering lessons or supervising on the trip, it was a big undertaking! A particularly big thanks you to Ms Oakes who put so much time and effort into the organisation. We really appreciate it!

Mrs Gregson
Head of English



PE NEWS

The summer term has started with the weather on our side. Rounders and cricket are well under way with excellent attendance at both clubs. The Year 8 and 10 girls have started their league fixtures with both home and away games. There has been some stand out performances, as highlighted by players' player nominations. Also there have been some superb moments, not least when Scarlet and Ella in Year 7 have caught out Year 9's!

Our Year 11's have also been put through their paces leading up to their two GCSE PE papers, with walking talking mocks in both.

Miss Lambert
Head of PE



YEAR 11

Our Year 11 students will be able to use cash to purchase food and drinks from the school canteen from now until the end of their exams, enabling their ParentPay accounts to run down.

Mrs Cameron
Finance Office

Diary Dates - 2018

Friday, 25 May	End of Half Term
Monday, 4 June	Return from Half Term

