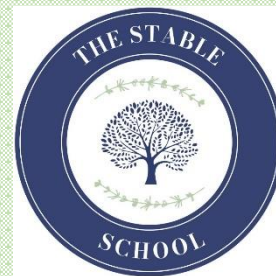


FUTURES NEWSLETTER

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What's happened this term?

AFC Bournemouth Post-16 Football Education Programme

The Year 10's and 11's welcomed an informative visit from Gary Hall, who runs the AFC Bournemouth's Post-16 Football Programme. The programme is open to males and females between 16 – 19 yrs. For boys it is based at The Grange School in Christchurch and the girls at Brockenhurst College. It is a full-time post-16 course that combines academic studies with football development for sport enthusiasts.

Students study for a 2-year NCFE Level 3 Extended Diploma in Sport and Physical Activity which is the equivalent to three A-levels so keeps post-18 higher education options open. The Diploma is coursework based with no exam at the end, but it does require a level of academic ability (entry criteria is Grade 4 English & Maths GCSE with some flexibility) so the students can manage the theory and coursework at the required level successfully.

For further information please email Gary on: gary.hall@afcb.co.uk and information can be viewed on the website here: <https://www.afcb.co.uk/community-sports-trust/college-programme>.

Many thanks to Gary for providing us with this interesting talk of a great post-16 option for some of our students to consider.



SEND Skills and Transitions Fair

Our Year 9, 10 and 11 students went to Merley House in May to visit the Skills & Transitions Careers Fair. We met local employers and post-16 providers and it was a great opportunity to ask questions and start to explore future options in a quiet and calm environment. We also secured lots of freebies including pens, notebooks and other goodies!

Discover Your Future: Skills and Transitions Fair

An inclusive and interactive event for students in Years 9 - 14 across BCP and Dorset who do not attend a mainstream school / who hold an Education Health Care Plan in a mainstream school

Thursday 9th May | 09.30 - 17.00 | Merley House, Poole BH21 3AA



More Visits to Bournemouth University!

We have a great relationship with the school liaison team at Bournemouth University and are lucky to take part in lots of their events. This term the Year 9's visited in two groups to have a tour of the campus as an early introduction to higher education and the Year 9's and Year 10's visited the wonderful **Festival of Design and Engineering**. This is an annual event where the final year engineering students showcase their innovations and prototypes for their final year projects.

We saw some amazing ideas and enjoyed chatting to the uni students



All the projects can be viewed here:

<https://fodt.bournemouth.ac.uk/student-projects/>

Workplace Experiences

Our Year 10 students recently went on a trio of workplace visits to explore different industries in our local area. These visits were a great chance to see first-hand a variety of different workplace environments, to tour the businesses, see different job roles in action and have question and answer sessions with members of staff. Here's a summary of our visits:

TWO RIVERS MEET LEISURE CENTRE – LEISURE INDUSTRY

We had a thorough tour along with a question-and-answer session with the duty manager, we learnt what job roles are on offer in the daily running of the centre and we discussed the direction the leisure and fitness industry is heading in the future. We found out that spinning is currently the most popular class at the centre and how a Council run centre balances profit with offering services to the local community.

NFF PRECISION – ENGINEERING INDUSTRY

Managing Director Paul gave us a great motivational talk on careers within engineering, inspiring the next generation. We all enjoyed the tour and seeing the components they make from metal for the defence and aviation industries. We learnt about the future growth of 3D printing and got to handle a 3D printed hand! We also learnt that some skills such as welding are becoming in such short supply those craftspeople will soon be earning more than the MD! Paul ensured that we left feeling as though a career in engineering is well worth considering and how routes into the industry can be through either college or apprenticeships. Thank you for our goody bags!



HOBURNE HOLIDAYS – TOURISM INDUSTRY

An interesting insight into the varied roles at a busy, large holiday park including those behind the scenes such as finance and marketing. We met staff member Kamron, who had come through the apprenticeship route and even won a national apprentice of the year award! He was inspirational as had come from a challenging start to life through the care system but against the odds, with his passion, resilience and support, now worked in his dream land management role at Hoburne Bashley.



Post-16 Destinations

Our Yr. 11 leavers transition on to a wide range of post-16 settings and are supported and guided through this process.

Below is a list showing the range of settings that students have progressed on to over the last 3 years. This is not an exhaustive list of options but a starting point. Some are mainstream post-16 options and some specialists SEND providers that will be discussed with the student's local authority case officers:

Brockenhurst College (A-levels and vocational courses) - <https://www.brock.ac.uk/>

Bournemouth & Poole College – <https://www.thecollege.co.uk/college/>

Sparsholt College – <https://www.sparsholt.ac.uk/>

Millie College – <https://www.livabilitymilliecollege.org.uk/>

CHI Project – <https://linwood.bournemouth.sch.uk/chi/>

Summerwood – <https://linwood.bournemouth.sch.uk/summerwood/>

The Lion Works – <https://www.thelionworksschool.org/>

Aspire Training – <https://www.aspiretrainingteam.co.uk/>

Apprenticeship (mechanics through provider Paragon Skills) - <https://paragonskills.co.uk/>

Aurora Boveridge – <https://www.theauroragroup.co.uk/services/colleges/boveridge-college>

