

### Dates for your Diary

**Monday 6th  
January**

Start of the new term.

**Thursday 23rd  
January**

Y10 Parents' Evening  
5pm - 7.30pm  
in The Hall

**Tuesday 28th  
January**

Y9 Parents' Options  
Briefing 7pm - 8pm  
in The Hall

**Thursday 6th  
February**

Y9 Parents' Evening  
including Options  
5pm - 7.30pm  
in The Hall

The Teenage Cancer trust is delighted to announce that the new Teenage Cancer unit at Southampton has welcomed its first patients. The unique ten bed ward will be a home from home for young cancer patients during their treatment. The Trust would like to thank everyone at The Blandford School for their support in raising money for such a worthwhile cause.



All the Staff and Students here at The Blandford School would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas.



Y9 Food students were given the task to make a selection of evenly sized cakes that all had to be decorated exactly the same. The results were some of the wonderful cakes you can see pictured here.

This year the TBS Staff Pantomime raised £203.23, which will be donated to the Blandford Youth Trust

### Year 13 Economics students take part in national competition

On Friday 22nd November four Year 13 Economics students travelled to Exeter to take part in the prestigious national competition, Target 2. This involved the four students making a 15 minute presentation to employees from the Bank of England. They had to explain how they would seek to control inflation in the UK, justifying their decisions and looking at the potential impact on the wider economy. The team were then questioned for a further 15 minutes regarding their decisions. This year we were up against seven other schools from the South West, for the one qualification place. Unfortunately our team were shaded out by a team from the Truro School in Cornwall. All four team members performed extremely well. The team were Bibek Gurung (Captain), Elias Mead, Laurence Manning and Olivia Mackenzie. Special mention must go to Olivia Mackenzie who replaced an unwell team mate the evening before and had just one day to learn her part of the presentation. The team performed particularly well in the questioning part of the presentation and received very positive feedback from the judging panel.



Having left The Blandford School Sixth Form last summer to study English at the University of Exeter, Adam Turnbull has been putting his journalistic skills to good use. He has written several articles for student newspaper 'The Tab', but the latest interview, we are sure you will



agree, was probably the most exciting, as you can see from Adam pictured here with X-factor's Louis Walsh and finalist Luke Friend.



Y9 have been studying World War One and their homework task was to research and then make a model of the trenches in a shoe box. Here are a few of their wonderful creations.



## Sixth Form Travel & Tourism

Twenty -eight students who are studying Travel and Tourism in the Sixth Form welcomed Carole Fullalove to the school on 28th November. Carole, a travel agent with extensive experience in the tourism industry was able to give the



students a valuable insight into the numerous aspects of her role. Drawing on the knowledge she has gained in working for a large organisation in Bournemouth, Carole explained how the UK travel industry has developed since the 1950's, when travel was a much less common experience. This visit relates directly to the next unit of study for the year 12 students and will support them directly with their assignments.



## Sixth Form students learn new skills and support their local community, thanks to the NCS project.

As a result of the annual autumn National Citizenship Service project, a group of sixth form students, including myself, were given the chance to support and fundraise for local organisation Youth Aid. After weeks of planning and preparation, we hosted a charity night on Sunday 1st December at Bryanston club, featuring a three course meal, entertainment and a raffle competition, allowing us to raise £750 for the organization and securing their future for an additional month. The National Citizenship Service Project itself runs each year in the summer and autumn, and gives students aged 16+ the chance to give something back to their local community, as well as get involved in a variety of activities such as water sports and mountain biking. This not only makes NCS the perfect holiday package for those who want something to do in the summer holiday or autumn half term, but the social action section of the course will look great when searching for a career in later life. Better still, the experience is absolutely free, with a small deposit being returned on completion making the entire opportunity impossible to pass on. If you are interested in taking part in the NCS project to support charities in need visit [www.ncsyes.co.uk](http://www.ncsyes.co.uk) By Daniel Bryant (Sixth Form Student)



## Sporting News & Results

### SMASH AND GRAB FOR TBS BADMINTON SQUADS

#### Rugby Victory

On Thursday 28th November the under-16s rugby team secured a dramatic late victory against Clayesmore. A try scored by Jacob Goddard (year 10), returning a kick from the halfway line was converted by Dan Banyard to secure the game 14-12. Clayesmore scored early in the first half but Corey Potts went over early in the second, converted again by Dan Banyard. Late on, a tired TBS defence allowed the Clayesmore centre to slip through five tackles to put the visitors back into the lead only to watch the TBS left-wing score under the posts after a 50 metre run in what was the last play of the game.

On Tuesday 3rd December The Blandford School took along four U14 teams to the North Dorset Badminton Competition at Shaftesbury School. The performances of all 4 teams were outstanding. Our Boys and Girls A Teams both won their respective competitions with our B teams finishing in Runners-up position. Our Boys A Team did not drop a match all tournament, with many of our teams made up of Year 7 and 8 students, playing against teams much older than them. A week later on 9th December we took our U16 teams to also play in the Tournament. Both B teams came 4th in their competition, whilst the girls A team came second. Our Boys A team won their tournament, beating Gillingham A team in the final 5-0. We wish all our teams the best of luck in the County Finals at Bournemouth, where for the 4th year running we are the majority representation from the North of the County. Also could we add a huge thank you to Sid Steele their coach who has worked so hard with all of our teams.

**TBS Gymnastic Team** TBS Gymnastic Team entered The Dorset Schools Tumbling Competition on 25th November. Twenty year 7's and 8's took part. The Mixed Team came 4th narrowly missing a Bronze medal and the Girls



Team came a very respectable 5th. Well done to all the girls and boys that took part. It was a very nerve wracking competition in front of a huge audience and all involved performed to the best of their ability. "I'm very proud of each of them" Miss Cooper.



# Can you help?



Would you like to help us with our  
**Work Related Learning Week**  
**23<sup>rd</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> June 2014?**

We are looking to provide our **Year 10 students** with:

- an insight into the World of Work;
- an opportunity to develop employability skills;
- careers talks/workshops;
- visits to local employers;
- an experience of a job interview;
- an understanding of possible progression routes post-16 and post-18.

Can you help us with any of the above?

**If you feel you can offer us a workshop, careers talk, an industrial visit or are prepared to conduct mock interviews, please contact either:**

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