

# THE BLANDFORD SCHOOL

## Newsletter OCTOBER 2013

Dates for your  
Diary

**Monday 28th  
October -**

**Friday 1st  
November**

Half Term

**Thursday 14th  
November**

Y11 Parents' Evening  
5pm - 7.30pm  
in The Hall

**Thursday 21st  
November**

Sixth Form Open  
Evening 7pm - 8pm  
in The Hall

**Thursday 28th  
November**

Y7 Parents' Evening  
5pm - 7.30pm  
in The Hall

**Thursday 5th  
December**

Parent Forum  
Meeting 7pm - 8pm in  
The Stour Room.

Welcome to our new monthly newsletter. Each month we would like to keep you informed of any exciting things our students and staff have been up to. We will also keep you up-to-date with any sporting news and make sure you know about any events coming up.

### An apple a day.....

Students here at The Blandford School who purchase an apple from The Hub may well be eating an apple grown in the School's very own orchard. The Orchard was originally planted a long time ago by a former middle school teacher, and contains many ancient varieties of Dorset apple which were identified by an expert from Kew Gardens. Since then Ann and Tony Taylor have been managing the maintenance on a monthly basis with a very small number of volunteers, who have occasionally attended monthly work parties. They would welcome the help of any other locals, especially students or parents from the school, who would like to get involved and then have a share in the apples.



### Y12 at Carey Camp

A group of our Year 12 students spent 3 days at Carey Camp in Wareham Forest completing a Community Sports Leader Level 2 course. During the course they learnt about planning, organisation

and fitness, safety, competition and leadership. They now have to do 10 hours volunteering in community sports clubs in order to complete the award.

"They were amazing, it was a pleasure to work with such enthusiastic and dedicated young people" Mrs Bailey.



### A trip for our budding doctors.

Thirteen A Level Students visited Poole Hospital on Friday 4th October. They were lucky enough to be shown around both the Nuclear Medicine and Radiotherapy and Physical Measurement Department, as well as being able to talk to staff who demonstrated some of the work they do in the MRI, CT and Ultrasound Departments. The students found it very interesting, especially as they were given the opportunity to have a go at using some of the equipment.



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## Bethesda Visit 2013

Back in 2007 a link was established with a school in Southern India, when Ken Reynolds and Mrs Smith took three year 11 students to the Bethesda Project in Tamil Nadu. Bethesda is run by an ex TBS student Sarah Devaraj and her husband Simon. The project includes the school, school boarding house, an orphanage and small church. Over half term Ken Reynolds is returning to India to further develop the link with the school and see how Bethesda and TBS can work together and learn from each other. The School Parliament has voted to hold a charity non uniform day next term in support of our friends in India. We aim to provide an education for a number of children who live in poverty in the local area.



### Students meet a real life explorer

On Friday 13th September, Dr Bill Hanlon gave an illustrated talk to year 8 and 9 about his life as an explorer and medical pioneer. He had an interesting story to tell, being a polar explorer and having climbed the highest summits on every continent including Everest. Dr Hanlon challenged the students to be ambitious and to set themselves a big challenge, as he had done with his conquest of Everest. It was clear from the lively Q & A session at the end of the talk that Dr Hanlon's adventures had inspired a good number of our students.



### Climbing Club

This term TBS has started a climbing club, they meet every Wednesday in the sports hall, where students from a range of year groups use our own purpose built climbing wall. We are very grateful to the Friends of the Blandford School for funding the equipment needed to start this activity. We have some naturally talented climbers among those who have attended so far and look forward to seeing their skills developing over the coming weeks.



## Sporting News & Results

### Daily Mail Cup

On Thursday 3rd October The Blandford School 1st XV beat Milton Abbey 17-12 in the first round of the Daily Mail National Cup. In a tense game Blandford fell behind in the first half, conceding 2 soft tries, they fought back well and scored just before half time to make the score 12-7 going into the break. In the second half with the wind behind them Blandford dominated but struggled to score points, they took the lead with a converted try mid way through the second half and sealed the victory with a penalty later in the half.  
Tries: R Boardwell (1) P Taylor (1)  
Conversions: J Mariner (2) Penalties: J Mariner (1). Team then went on to play in the 2nd Round against St Peter's School in Bournemouth, this was a close game all the way through and was tied up until the last minute when the opposition scored a breakaway try, resulting in the final score being 26-19 to St Peter's School. Although we are now out of the Daily Mail Cup, we are very proud of how well the team played, and we look forward to hearing about their future games.



### U16 County Finals

Our U16 Netball squad were a real credit to themselves and the School, when they played in the County Finals on Tuesday 8th October. They had done incredibly well to get there, and finished 5th out of 8, beating Bryanston School along the way. They battled really hard and had some close games, only losing to Poole Grammar by one goal. Well done to all the girls who played, it was a real squad performance.



### Netball

Year 9 won 24-9 against Sturminster Newton

Year 8 Won 14-11 against Sturminster Newton

U16 Squad won 29-6 against Poole High School

### Rugby

Sixth Form won 29 - 7 against Poole High School

### Ragtags

Just to let all parents know that Ragtags now has in stock, in all sizes, the new training top. They also continue to be able to help with all aspects of the school uniform.

