

Dates for your Diary

**Thursday 13th
November**

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

**Thursday 20th
November**

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

**Thursday 27th
November**

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



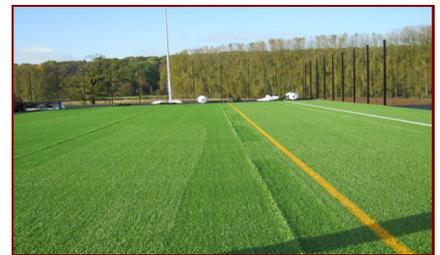
Computer generated image of how the new facility will look when completed.

New Artificial Pitch is taking shape

The exciting new project to build a state of the art floodlit artificial grass pitch is well under way. The new facility which will comprise of a Tiger Turf artificial pitch made of a sand and rubber filled 3rd generation synthetic sports surface is really starting to take shape, and it is great at last to start seeing some green after months of looking at mud. The project has been jointly funded by Dorset County Council and a grant from the Premier League & The FA Facilities

Fund and should make a huge difference to Grassroots sport in Blandford and the whole of North Dorset. Dorset County Council has also pledged further funding to update the existing Netball and Tennis Courts including the

installation of floodlighting. Watch this space for details of the Grand Opening due in 2015.



The first stage of laying the synthetic turf gets under way.



Rising Star.



At the beginning of October TBS Year 8 student Megan Breslin competed at the Equestrian Championships of Great Britain at the David Broome Event Centre, with her 7year old pony Milo. She entered six Preliminary level dressage tests over the three days,

having qualified at RAC Bovington in the 16 years and under category at the beginning of 2014. Each class had a maximum of 30 qualified riders from all over the UK. The exception was the dressage to music test which had no upper age limit, therefore Megan was also competing against adults so 13th place was a real achievement. In her other tests she was placed 11th twice, 8th and two 4ths. A really successful weekend, and a fitting end to a great year with her pony One in a Million (aka Milo) who has now gone to a new home. Megan is now focusing her efforts on her new young horse, Teddy, a 6 year old Irish sports horse, who she is aiming at affiliated dressage over the winter before the eventing season starts again in the spring. She has started her campaign to qualify for the Championships with him and hopes to head to Stoneleigh for the winter league finals early next year. Megan and Teddy are hoping they can make the GB Junior teams in the future.



English Faculty 'Hamlet' Theatre trip

Accompanied by Mr Gillett and Ms Brown, 16 Year 13 A Level English Language and Literature students were recently treated to a 65-minute version of The Watermill's 'Hamlet' at the Layard Theatre!!! The 3 actor-performance was a rollercoaster ride through Shakespeare's longest play which is a set text at A Level. As a concentration of the play's key events and speeches, the cast did a fantastic job, presenting Hamlet as a fitness-junkie press-upping and skipping his way through the play whilst his world unravelled around him. A particularly touching part of the performance was the text message conversation where Hamlet's bad love poetry pinged into Ophelia's inbox to her baseball capped delight! Aaaaah!

As ever, our students were a delight to take on a school trip.



Sporting News & Results

Rugby

Year 8 team narrowly lost to Gillingham 12-19, Sam Mullen, Josh Pitman, Mansoon Tamang and Sam Coughlan put in an excellent performance.

Year 7 Rugby beat Gryphon 30-25.

Year 11 Rugby lost to Canford 0-27, but the score line did not reflect the attitude and effort shown by the team. Excellent performance from Niko Zachary and Ollie Clark



Netball

The Year 10 team beat Shaftesbury 9-3, with Naomi Stone being voted players player of the match and Jess Storey stood out by playing well. Our 6th Formers also won against Shaftesbury 25-5, Becky Rowland received a special mention for playing well.

The Year 7 A Team beat Poole High School 7-3, while the B Team narrowly lost 2-1 but it was a very tight game and could have gone either way. Very well done to the girls on their first fixture for the Blandford School. Player of the match for the A team was Kaylee Lake and for the B team was Ashlin Douglas but well done to Tamsin Miller and Chloe Dunn who also played really well. The Year 9 Team also won against Poole High School 17-6, player's player was Jazz Miller

U19's won away at Purbeck School 24-8, and the Year 8 B team beat Purbeck 13-3

Football

Our U18 football team beat Gryphon 5-2, scorers were Jack Jones (3), George Stone and Joel Mariner.

House Cross Country

On Wednesday 15th October the school held the House Cross Country Race. It was incredibly close between 3 houses, and with 280 students taking part it was a fantastic achievement by all.

House Cross Country Results



Beaumont = 161



Montfort = 158



Lancaster = 157



Lacy = 89

U16 Netball Team – North Dorset Champions

On Thursday 2nd October our Under 16 Netball team travelled to St Mary's School in Shaftesbury for the North Dorset Tournament. Their opening game was against our neighbours Bryanston which they won 9 – 4. After that they faced The Gryphon and were able to win that game 11-3. The final game of the section was against Leweston which they won 10-7. Next they progressed to the semi-finals playing the hosts St Mary's. This proved to be a tight game but our girls were the eventual winners with a 14-9 win. In the final they faced Clayesmore who had impressed everyone with their strong defending. In the first few minutes Clayesmore took the lead by 2 goals but the TBS team were not phased by this and dug deep. They pulled the deficit back and came out victorious with a fantastic 10 – 7 win. This is such a brilliant result for a team that has been together for 5 years. It also shows what can be achieved through hard work, dedication and a desire to do well and improve. One of the girls commented 'we just wanted to win more than the other teams and were prepared to work hard to get it'. This meant that the next stage was the County Finals at Budmouth College on 7th October. The TBS girls had a fantastic start and won all but one of their games in their section and progressed to the semi finals. In the semi finals they came up against a very experienced Talbot Heath team. Despite being the better 'team' they were unable to progress to the final and ultimately the South West Regional tournament. There were tears at the end as this would have meant so much to our girls but they left with heads held high finishing 3rd in the County behind 2 teams that consist of regional and England U17 players. We are so proud of the team and look forward to hearing great things from them when they take part in the International Netball Tournament in Disneyland Paris in April 2015.



We must also congratulate three of our Year 8 girls who have been selected for the North Dorset Satellite Academy. This is the beginning of the county pathway and involves them having monthly coaching sessions at Bryanston as part of the North Dorset squad. They are Celine Collier, Georgie Bailey and Megan Breslin.