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BRONZE DUKE OF EDINBURGH

We are thrilled to bring you an exciting update on the recent Duke of Edinburgh expedition that took place just before half-term.

This expedition showcased the remarkable dedication, perseverance, and camaraderie of the participating students. Against the backdrop of glorious sunshine, these young adventurers embarked on a challenging journey, walking an impressive 13 kilometres each day. We are proud to announce that every single student succeeded in qualifying for their well-deserved Duke of Edinburgh award (once they have completed the other sections).

From the moment the expedition commenced, the enthusiasm and determination of the students was palpable. The stunning weather only added to the already uplifting atmosphere, creating an ideal environment for exploration and personal growth. As the groups ventured through picturesque landscapes, their spirits soared, spurred on by the warmth of the sun and the prospect of overcoming challenges.

Evenings brought well-deserved leisure and recreation, fostering bonds and friendships among the students. The sound of laughter and friendly banter echoed through the campsites as water fights erupted, volleyball matches unfolded, frisbees flew, and footballs were kicked around. It was heartwarming to witness the students embracing not only the adventure but also the opportunity to connect with one another in a meaningful way.





One of the most remarkable aspects of this expedition was the positive impression the students made on members of the public they encountered along the way. Passersby were genuinely impressed by the friendliness and respect exhibited by these young adventurers. Their polite demeanour, willingness to assist others, and genuine interest in their surroundings left a lasting impact on both locals and fellow hikers. The students embodied the true spirit of the Duke of Edinburgh award, demonstrating not only physical endurance but also the importance of community and teamwork.

It is worth noting that the assessors present during the expedition were quick to offer their compliments. They praised the participants for their pleasant attitudes, exemplary behaviour, and unwavering enthusiasm. These words of recognition are a testament to the students' dedication and their embodiment of the Duke of Edinburgh ethos. The assessors recognized the passion and commitment exhibited by each group, which undoubtedly contributed to the remarkable success achieved by all.

As we reflect on this unforgettable expedition, we commend the students for their outstanding achievements. They have demonstrated the qualities of resilience, teamwork, and personal growth that the Duke of Edinburgh award aims to cultivate. The memories forged during this adventure will undoubtedly stay with them for a lifetime, and the lessons learned will serve as a foundation for their future endeavours.

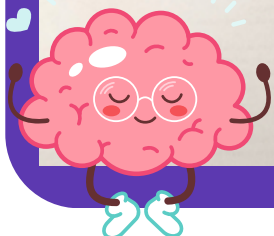
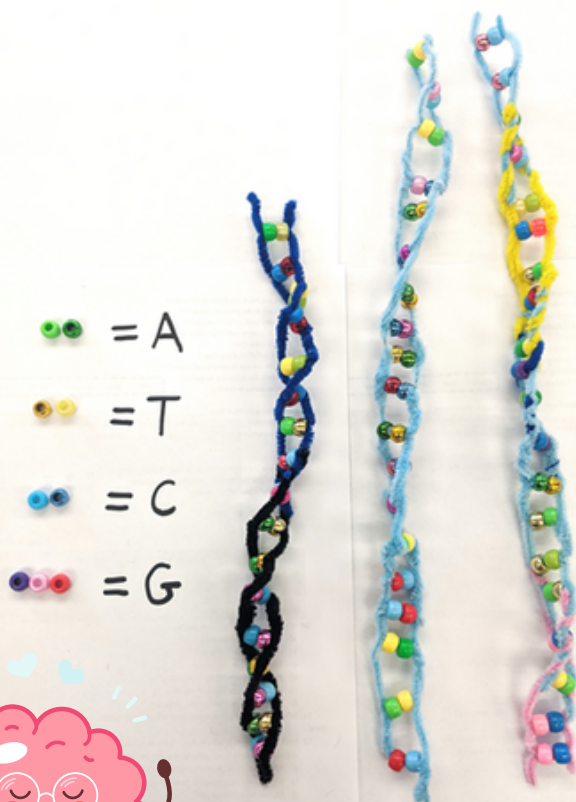
We extend our heartfelt congratulations to all the participants for their impressive accomplishments, and we would also like to express our gratitude to the assessors, organisers, and supporters who made this expedition possible. It is through their dedication that these young individuals were able to embark on this transformative journey.

KEY DATES

- Monday 12 June - Friday 16 June - Y12 Work Experience Week
- Monday 12 June - Thursday 15 June - The I Can and I am Bus - Year 8
- Wednesday 14 June - Paris Trip Parent Information Evening 5pm
- Thursday 15 June - Y10 Subject Evening
- Thursday 15 June - Y9 HPV vaccinations

BFS SCIENCE

Before half-term, Year 8 learned about the structure of DNA in science and made these great models of DNA. They even made sure to match up the base pairs correctly!



Y10 HOLFORD RIVER

Year 10 Geography students had a fantastic day collecting data from the River Holford. Great day and sunny weather!



MISS JONES



BFS ENGLISH

MR GOWEN



YEAR 8 POETRY SLAM



The English Department were delighted with the fantastic and charismatic performances delivered in our Year 8 poetry slam this week. Students have been working hard over the past term to create their own poems, having been inspired by a range of diverse and contemporary poetry in class.

After all performing their own pieces in the classroom, some of the strongest performers took to the Tumps to bravely share their own poetry in front of the whole year group. Poems captured a variety of tones, with subjects as diverse as football, the magic of language, gaming, everyday racism, and what the future might hold.

Tough deliberation followed to decide on our winners, a huge congratulations to:

Emily R - Best written poem

Sonny S - Poem with the most powerful message

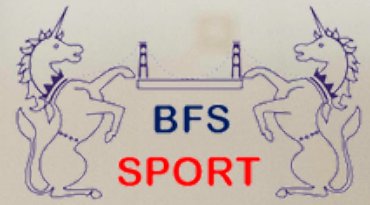
Henry D - Best performance

Several members of staff and the student body have praised Year 8 for performing with such confidence. The respect and encouragement all students showed to performers was wonderful to see - they were a credit to BFS.





BFS SPORT



MRS BALLARD

YEAR 9 ROUNDERS



Our Year 9 rounders team played against Oasis Brightstowe yesterday. The first innings finished 8.5 - 3.5 to us, with only one of our batters out. During the second innings, we scored a huge 11 rounders from 18 balls against 5.5 from Oasis. The final score was BFS 19.5 - OAB 9.5. Batting player of the match went to Jemimah and fielder of the match went to Imogen. Well done team.

They face St Bede's next week in their final group stage match. A win will secure a 100% unbeaten record and finishing top of the group going into the knock-out stages.

250 HOUSE POINTS BREAKFAST

This morning, we celebrated our hard-working students who reached over 250 House Points. They spent time with Mrs King and their Year Leader and enjoyed a well-earned celebratory breakfast. Well done!



FRIENDS OF BFS (FOBFS)

A huge thank you to all the parents who attended our AGM on Wednesday 7 June. It was great to hear lots of new ideas. We are pleased to announce our new Chair will be Mel Hacker. We are also delighted to have several new committee members to share the load. We will share full details of the new FOBFS Committee next week.

We are also pleased to launch ticket sales for our Quiz on Friday 30 June. Having sought feedback via our Facebook page, we are running the Quiz with snacks and our usual bar - but not a full meal. This event is for parents, friends & school staff. £6 per person plus booking fee. Teams can be up to 8. [Click here for the booking link.](#)

Look forward to seeing you there!
Thanks for supporting FOBFS.

THIS WEEK IN ART Y12 PHOTOGRAPHY



We are seeing some great work happening in the Photography Department from our Year 12 A Level Photography students. Well done to all!

MRS KINNERSLEY

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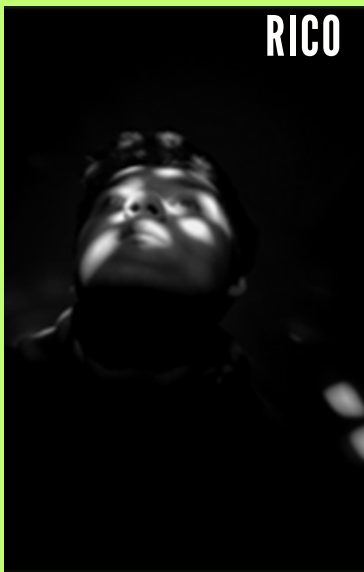
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