

Dear Parents/Carers,

Good afternoon and welcome to our penultimate weekly bulletin of this half term.

I must start by congratulating the whole of Year 6 for their fantastic efforts in their mock SATs tests. They worked so hard and have shown wonderful progress from their October tests. Results and papers will be available after half term as the children build for the last few weeks before their national tests in May.

The weather this week has been so much more clement meaning walking and cycling to school has been more pleasant. However, I am concerned by the number of pupils who are not taking enough care when walking on pavements. We have revisited the importance of road safety in worship and ask that this discussion is reinforced at home.



Year 6 and 7 pupils competed in a cross country competition on Wednesday 31st January at Canford School. They all did extremely well and gave 100%!! A special mention to Sophie F who finished 3rd in her race, Lewie W came 9th, and Jacob H and Henry D finished 11th. Also, congratulations to the boys year 7 team for finishing 3rd overall. It was a very enjoyable afternoon for all of them.

Yesterday, the year 8 netball team competed in a tournament at Parkstone Grammar. They all played extremely well and never gave up. We had some tough teams in our particular group, so unfortunately didn't make it through to the semifinals. Well done to all of them.

Enact Solutions Year 8 Career Opportunities Event



Year 8's week got off to an entertaining & informative start, with a visit from the Enact Solutions Theatre Group (sponsored by Bournemouth University). Enact delivered a fast-paced and contemporary pitched play, aimed at raising the awareness of our older pupils regarding some of their possible, future career paths.

The drama highlighted some of the possible dilemmas facing a group of pupils in the process of choosing their respective GCSE options. Should they simply follow their friends' choices? Which options might lead to certain career opportunities? How important is it to select options that might lead to a fulfilling career in which the pupils already have an interest? All these questions were discussed and a range of career paths were explored.

On behalf of Year 8, I'd like to thank Enact Solutions for delivering such a terrific careers drama to our pupils and also recognise BU for sponsoring the event.

In Art, Year 7 have been learning to use watercolours in the style of British Artist David Hockney. Here are students looking at the composition of a landscape, identifying the horizon line, vanishing points and one point perspective.

As always, weekly images are uploaded to the @emmanuelmiddleschoolart INSTA account.



We wish you all a great weekend and look forward to seeing everyone again on Monday morning.

Mr Rob Christopher and Mr Alister Barker.