

Dear Parents and Carers,

In this week's bulletin you'll see stories and a selection of photographs from the events and activities that have taken place in the Academy over the past two weeks. These range from Pancake Races to a fabulous selection of World Book Day Costumes (watch out for Mr Thorne in his Snow White Dress!). We've had a week of success with a thumping 5-0 victory over some local rivals on the football pitch and a first and second place for Year 9 and 10 Learners at a Borough Rotary Club STEM challenge for Able and Gifted students.

Looking ahead, we are entering a critical stage of the Academy year for many Learners with Year 1 Phonics, Year 2 and Year 6 SAT and the GCSE/A-Level examinations all looming. As Acting Principal, I have every confidence in our team and know the right things are being done to prepare Learners for maximum success.

I know, like me, you will wish to thank our staff for their continued strength, determination and resilience. With this in mind, I'd like to share some words written by Deputy Head Girl Katie King. These words were shared with staff at our morning briefing on Monday 6th March, 2017:

"Before I start, I just have to say a massive thank you to you all on behalf of the students. It has been one of the toughest years for us, let alone for you all, and I strongly believe that if it were not for the incredible strength and hard work that you as staff have been putting in we would not be where we are today.

Through everything, you have consistently done whatever you can do to help us as students, and every single day you are making a massive difference to each and every one of our lives.

At the age we are, we spend a ridiculous amount of our time subconsciously looking for role models that are human, not just a picture on a screen of someone that 90% of the time is American and doesn't know about a place like Portland. You are these role models. I just want to say that we recognise how hard you are all working."

I couldn't agree more with Katie's words!

Yours truly,

Mr G Spracklen
Acting Principal



Global ROCK! 2017

Full story and Photos inside

UK Global Rock 2017 CHALLENGE

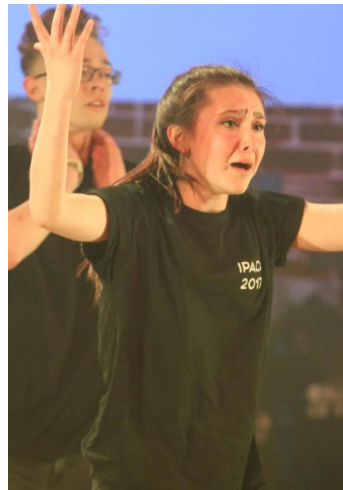
Report of Global Rock Challenge Show
By Martha Court Year11

It was an early start as we left for Bournemouth at 6.30am. On arrival we set up camp in our allotted space, putting out all our hair & make-up kit together with our costumes before we congregated in the main auditorium for the morning meeting. All competing students, staff and helpers gathered to listen to the Rock Challenge team who set expectations for the day and went through safety procedures. Then they led a warm-up, which consisted of jumping, Mexican waving, chanting, singing and doing energetic dances.

We all gathered at the front, dancing, singing, jumping, shouting and generally looking like we were participating in a 1990s rave. Then Mrs Williams went on stage to pick where in the show we were performing - last in the first half. That was ok; we were happy with that! Once we were thoroughly sweaty and puffed out, we went backstage to our changing area and began the task of preparing and getting ready for our rehearsal slot (ours was 3.40pm this year) and then for the evening performance. During this time, we watched other schools rehearse. Every school gets half an hour, where they can get two practices in. During this time, the students who are in charge of lighting/sound and video get to practice too. Rehearsals went really well. Then at 6.30pm the show started. There were five other schools performing before us, including three Premiere Schools.

Our performance was amazing! Everything went exactly as planned and we pulled off our best performance! Mrs Williams and Mrs Randell were really pleased with our performance and said how proud they were of us for achieving such a high standard of performance. At the end of the dance, a few of our dancers went on stage to answer judges' questions; we were then presented with the Student Leadership Award, an award that is given to just **one** school during the evening. This was to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of our Sixth Formers, and in particular; Cody and Matt, who choreographed the whole dance and put it all together. Mrs Williams said she had a "proud teacher moment". Then came the long wait until the end of the show, watching each dance group disappear off to the stage, then return elated once having performed - the atmosphere was electric!

We won awards for Excellence for Concept, Excellence for Soundtrack, Excellent Lighting, Excellent Video Performance, Excellence for Entertainment, Excellence for Set Design and Function, Excellence for Choreography, Excellence for





Drama, Excellence for Performance Skill, Excellence for Stage Use - 10 Awards in total - the most we have ever won. Plus, of course, we had already been given the Student Leadership Award, so that was 11 altogether!

And we came 3rd! overall. WOW!

Mrs Williams said she was really proud of the fact that we had come 3rd and that we had won so many awards, but what she was really proud of was the way we had worked and performed as a team. The months and months of rehearsals had really paid off, and the dedication from Cody and Matt was what had made our piece so "excellent".

A huge WELL DONE to all involved, students, teachers, parents and helpers and a huge **THANK YOU** to everybody who helped make it happen.





Celebration Success

Last Wednesday saw IPACA honour some of our highest achieving learners from across the Academy. The Celebration of Achievement Awards recognised over 60 learners across all Key Stages for achievement, progress and community spirit. The winners all received a trophy and certificate and the runners-up received a medal and certificate, presented to them by Luke Patience, British Olympic Sailor, Rev. Tim Gomm, representing the Board of Governors and Gary Spracklen, Acting Principal. Ahead of the Awards Ceremony Luke delivered an inspiring and rousing key-note speech, sharing with the

Learners and Parents/ Carers his challenges and successes which led him to represent Great Britain at the Olympics and other international competitions. We would like to take this opportunity to thank our friends at the Andrew Simpson Sailing Academy in helping us secure Luke for this event. Parents and carers also had the opportunity to see an Art and Design Technology showcase as part of the Awards Drinks Reception, listen to 'A Certain Tune', written by Joshua Ingleheart-Green, a choral showcase sung by Philippa Carter and Katie King and a film of IPACA's entry in the recent Global Rock Challenge.

Our winners and runners-up should, rightly, be proud of their achievements. They have worked hard, they have challenged and pushed themselves and this has been recognised by their teachers. No doubt they will go on to achieve great success in their lives - we hope they keep in touch with us to share their challenges and achievements.



Non-Uniform day to raise money for the Year 11 Prom

- **YOU MUST WEAR SOMETHING GREEN**
- **NON-UNIFORM DAY: Year 7 Above**
- **MINIMUM 50p DONATION**
- **HAVE FUN!**

FRIDAY 17 MARCH

Sports Round up

Team Handball



IPACA Team Handball made their debut in this year's School Games Area Tournament and put on a great display across the two under-15 and under-13 categories. Year 8 proved to be a team for the future showing real promise which saw them just miss out on 2nd place overall in the standings by 1 pt, having secured victories over St Mary's Middle School and drawing against Wey Valley. Year 9 were literally thrown straight in at the deep-end, competing in a category a year older than themselves. Brave performances all around saw them suffer narrow defeats to the outstanding Woodroffe and Budmouth Year 10 teams. Special mention must go to Year 8 pupil Harry Mathews-Codd, who not only captained his year 8 team superbly, but ended up playing 2 years higher than his own age category to help make up the year 9 team, who were a player short for the tournament.



Football Results

Year 10: COLFOX 1 IPACA 3

Year 11: IPACA 5 THS'B' 0

IPACA school football has cause to celebrate following two outstanding victories in the Dorset Schools Area Cup Quarter Finals from both year 10 and 11 teams. Year 10 took to the road to take on a strong Colfox team and found themselves 1-0 down at half-time. A resurgent second half not only brought the equaliser for the visitors but also another 2 goals as they ran out 1-3 victors. Year 11 refused to sit back against their northern rivals Thomas Hardye B, who found themselves at the wrong end of 5-0 thrashing. A bright start saw IPACA take an early lead within the first 2 minutes of the game and from here on in they didn't look back with wave after wave of attacks against their visitors who at times could not live up to the explosive style of football on show.

Year 10 have home advantage in their semi-final as they take on Beaminster next wednesday (15th March) kick off 3:30pm. Free tickets for all home supporters!

Year 11 will travel to Colfox for their semi-final on Wednesday 22nd March kick off 3pm.



IPACA Students take home Top Prize in Engineering Tournament



Eight students took part in the first all-day Rotary Club Technology Tournament yesterday, hosted at All Saints School. Students were tasked with working in teams to design and build a vehicle that would drive inside a pipeline, to clear blockage and debris.

Our two teams of students did an excellent job, working well as a team and building two successful solutions, after some clever designing and problem solving. During judging, one team, comprising Maisie Lawless, Jodie Smith, Rachel Drinkwater and Tyler Clarry, secured first place. The second team, of Ted Gray, Ollie Whyton, Liam Copperthwaite and Luke Southorn, who were given a more difficult challenge, to make their vehicle reverse out again, secured a second place with their remote control vehicle design. All students were extremely happy with their performance and came home wearing bigger smiles than the other three local schools! Well done to all!

Mr C Newman
Senior Lead Practitioner, STEM.

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Are there any Carpenters/ Handymen/Handywomen with the skills and tools to build some outdoor furniture using wooden pallets (that will be supplied) for our little children? Also if anyone is having a garden sort out and could donate some large plant pots we would be most grateful. Please contact Sarah at shoneybun@ipaca.org.uk

PTFA

Jess PTFA Chair

Thankyou to everybody who supported Books at Bedtime at both Campuses, a great time was had by all and we raised just over £88, which will be put towards improving outside play areas. Please could everybody who does any shopping on the internet, sign up to this website www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/ipacapta.



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Every time you shop online you will be raising funds for the PTFA at absolutely no cost to you! There are many large retailers and it's so easy to use, every penny counts.

Reminder:

Race Night on Saturday 20th May, 7.30pm at The Jubilee Hall, Easton. More details to follow in due course, but these events are brilliant fun and with your support could be a real money spinner. We are going to be using the money raised from this specifically to fund outside play equipment for the children.

Next PTFA meeting is Thursday 23rd March 2pm in the Race Restaurant, MH, all welcome.

Jess PTFA Chair

If you would like more information about the PTFA, or can offer help in any way, please follow our Facebook page or you are welcome to contact me directly at jessbeadjeweled@icloud.com



TOP TWEETS



After a busy Re-Start a Heart day back in October, our participants have finally received their certificates. Charlie got his certificates for CPR learnt at IPACA. Thank you Simon, Tom, Michelle and all at SWASfT and IPACA for your support



It's a new half-term and #IPACARadio is back with a new team! #IPACALearn



Great to celebrate good news for @TheJurassica Project today with KS1 Learners. Watch out for further information in the @Dorsetecho



WORLD *Book* Day



Diary Dates

Discovery

Thursday 16th March - Parent Forum MH
 Tuesday 21st - March 3.30 - 5.30 - Parents' Evening
 Thursday 23rd March 5.00 - 7.00 Parents' Evening
 Friday 24th March - Red Nose Day
 Friday 7th April - Easter Bonnet Parade
 Friday 7th April - Easter Break
 Friday 7th April - Easter Bingo
 Monday 24th April - Inset Day
 Tuesday 25th April - Return to School

Gateway & Pathway

Monday 13th March - Year 11 Curry and Communication
 5:30 OQ
 Thursday 16th March - Year 9 Parents' Evening
 Thursday 16th March - Parent Forum MH
 Wednesday 22nd March - Year 11 Mock Results Home
 Wednesday 22nd March - Year 11 Parents' Evening
 Friday 24th March - Red Nose Day
 Monday 27th March - Assessment Week: Year 1-Year 10
 Friday 7th April - Easter Break
 Monday 24th April - Inset Day
 Tuesday 25th April - Return to School

a message from our

Head Boy & Head Girl

Thomas Denning & Amy Kenderdine

As Head Boy and Head Girl, we can see the need for communication between the students and the staff in the School. At the moment, we do not have a School Council, although one will be set up next year, we understand that students may have complaints or issues then need to be heard.

There is now a suggestion box in the Library. Any complaints, issues, suggestions or concerns students may have, can be written on a piece of paper and put it the box. We can assure you that these papers won't be ignored, each week Thomas and I will look through the box and take any complaints or suggestions straight to Mr Spracklen.

We are also planning a meeting for one lunchtime

soon where Mr Spracklen and members of the Senior Leadership Team will be able to truthfully answer any questions anyone has about the school. It will be held in either the Theatre or the Sports Hall, and details of this event will be advertised nearer the time.

We would also like to remind all students in Years 7 to 11 that there will be a non-uniform day on the 17th of March. As this is St Patrick's Day we expect people to be wearing green if they can. This is to raise money for the Year 11 Prom.

Fundraising will be happening more and more and we would really appreciate it if everyone took part in the activities we organise, as one day it will be your turn to raise money for your own Prom!

We are also in the first stages of organising a trip to Thorpe Park for Year 11 after the exams, more details will be given out nearer the time.