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## BCOT FASHION VISIT

By Mrs Hinksman

Lecturers from Basingstoke College of Technology recently visited Cranbourne's Year 11 Textiles students to hold an exciting workshop.

The students were tasked with making their own half-sized mannequins out of a material they haven't used before that they could shape and mould. They then used the mannequins to display toile mock ups that they had designed.

The students were really focused and engaged in the session and they couldn't wait to take the mannequins home at the end! Some students even returned to textiles clinic to trace out their own block patterns so they could begin making products to fit the mannequins.

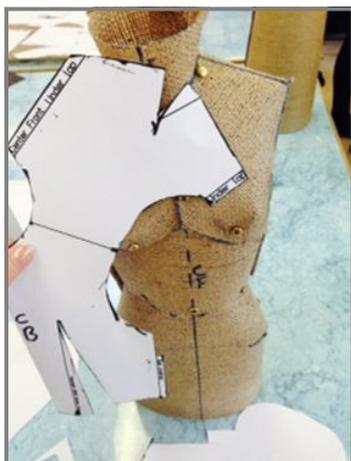
A huge thanks to BCOT for running the session and inspiring our students!

### Comments from the students who attended:

"I really enjoyed this session. It was creative and I learnt a lot about dart manipulation. I can't wait to start this course in September."

"Today has been a lot of fun. I'm going to display my mannequin in my room to inspire me to revise for Textiles!"

"This is the best workshop ever!"



Dear Parents/Carers,

As someone who, for as long as I can remember, has always derived immense pleasure from reading I am very keen that we continue to promote to all students the huge advantages of being competent and confident readers. For some years we have used the Accelerated Reader Scheme to encourage our students in Year 7 to spend time each day reading and all of Year 7 are expected to read regularly as part of their English homework. Last term we were delighted to appoint Ms Dixon to co-ordinate our Premium Reading Scheme for specific students. I am delighted that we have also introduced an exciting new initiative to enthruse some of our more reluctant readers to think again about the benefits of reading regularly.

The scheme involves students in Years 7 and 10 and provides a number of Year 7 students the opportunity to engage in one to one, weekly reading sessions with a Year 10 'Reading Mentor'. The initial group of Year 7s, who are taking part in this initiative, were selected on the basis of their standardised score in reading. Considerable research has been undertaken into the impact of peer reading schemes, both in this country and abroad. These demonstrate the many benefits for students taking part and the positive impact on the development of reading skills that result.

Over 20 Year 10 students are now proudly wearing their new 'Reading Mentor' badges. To qualify as a 'Reading Mentor' students had to take part in three specialist training sessions to develop the skills required to be a successful reading tutor. Students will now meet during PDL sessions to read together in the library. We shall be carefully monitoring the progress students make and I look forward to providing updates on the work in future newsletters.

It was very encouraging to see so many of you at Year 11 parents evening last week. Following on from this there is certainly a renewed focus within the year group who quite clearly are determined to do as well as they can. As a reminder from me, it is never too early to start revising and we are always delighted to see as many of them stay behind school as possible. Clinics run in several subjects, every night, and students are welcome to stay even if they have not been specifically invited! F7 is open every night and there is always a computer available for students to be working on their ICT controlled assessments! The more revision students put in early, the more marks they can achieve in their controlled assessments and the bigger their smile will be in August!

Finally, we look forward to seeing as many Year 10 parents as possible next Wednesday, 28th January. Supporting you son or daughter by attending their parents' evening really does make a difference!

Yours faithfully,

B Elkins  
Headteacher

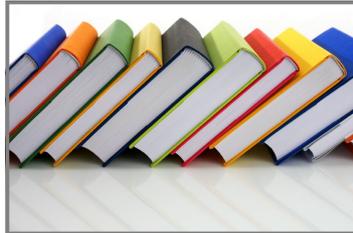
## YEAR 11 PARENTS EVENING

On Wednesday 14th January, the Year 11 Parents Evening took place. It was well attended with both parents and students keen and eager to find out what they needed to do in preparation for the summer series exams which are now fast approaching. During the evening parents also had the opportunity to speak with representatives from Basingstoke College of Technology, Queen Mary's College and the Basingstoke Consortium regarding the future. Many parents seemed to leave the evening happy with the conversations they had with staff and now have a clearer understanding of what the students need to do between now and their exams in the summer term.

Mrs D Absalom, Progress Manager Year 11

## SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

March 6th is World Book Day and to celebrate, Mrs Cooper will be holding a book fair in the school library. It will be open from Monday 2nd until Friday 6th March and books can be purchased at break time, lunch and after school. If your child has a World Book Day £1 voucher, they are able to use this towards their purchase.



Parents can buy vouchers directly from the Scholastic website for their children to use at the fair. Find out more by visiting the website below:

<http://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/parents>

## WEAR A SWEATER, MAKE IT BETTER

On Friday 16th January, CBCE's Student Council organised a non-uniform day that both staff and students took part in. So far over a fantastic £1317.82 has been raised in aid of Save the Children and Young Carers. Thank you to everyone who has made a donation!

## YEAR 7 NETBALL

On Thursday 16th January, the Year 7 Netball team travelled to Aldworth for their first fixture of the year! With Sydney Lund and Anna Heath co-captaining the team, they used their knowledge and experience to get the girls off to a good start with a thorough warm up and team talk. The girls played exceptionally well throughout - fighting for the ball, being patient



when working it through the court and being confident in their shooting. They ended up winning the game 7-2 overall! Well done to Anna who received Player of the Match from Aldworth School and Zoe Ryan who received it from CBEC. Well done Anna, Sydney, Mya, Zoe, Jasmine, Kirsty and Mofe!

## CLOTHES SHOW LIVE TRIP

Textiles students enjoyed spending a recent Day 10 at The Clothes Show Live. They had the opportunity to see the award winning fashion show, speak to university graduates and enjoy being immersed in the industry. The students raved about the trip and many have already put the deposit down for next year. Some have now also decided to go on and do Textiles for GCSE or at college!

### Comments from the students:

"I had a really good time and felt really inspired to go on and do Textiles at college." - Isla

"I saw a university fashion show and lecturer talk about the course they offer. It looked really exciting and I can't believe one day I would be able to do that!" - Caitlin

## Catch Up Calendar

What's on in the weeks ahead!

### January 2015

- **Wednesday 28th:** Year 10 Parents Evening
- **Friday 30th:** INSET DAY

### February 2015

- **Friday 6th:** Intermediate Maths Challenge
- **Wednesday 11th:** Year 8 Parents Evening
- **Monday 16th - Friday 20th:** HALF TERM

### March 2015

- **Monday 2nd:** BCOT Open Evening, 4-7pm
- **Wednesday 4th:** Year 9 Options Evening



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