



## Headteacher Update

Dear Parents/Carers

As the academic year races by the children are enjoying numerous events and opportunities as we also prepare to say farewell to children in year 8 and make plans for the new school year. In this newsletter we hope to begin to share plans for September

whilst also sharing the children's achievements from the last half term along with important reminders for our families. Please take the time to share this newsletter as a family and to discuss life at AMS with your child.

**Year Teams 2026 – 2027** – On **Page 2** of our newsletter you will find details of our **year teams for 2026 – 2027**. Children in **years 5, 6 and 7** will spend time with their **new tutors as part of transfer day on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June**. We will also look forward to welcoming new children from First Schools to AMS for their full transfer day, as our Year 8 children have the opportunity to visit their Upper School. We wish them all the very best as they prepare for their next adventures.

**Staffing Updates** – I am delighted to share the exciting news that **Mr Smith** has been **appointed as Deputy Headteacher at Corfe Hills School** from September. Mr Smith has made a fantastic contribution to our school since his appointment in January 2022 and will be missed by children and staff as he takes this exciting next career opportunity. We will be **advertising for our new Deputy Headteacher** early in the new school year to enable a new post holder to join us in January. I am sure that you will join me in wishing Mr Smith all the very best for the future as we thank him for his hard work and dedication over the past 4 years, a time when our school has gone from strength to strength. I am also **excited to share the news that Miss Parkin**, who currently teachers at Merley First School, will join our Year 5 team for the new academic year. This is an exciting opportunity to develop further our collaboration with our first school colleagues whilst also ensuring the best possible start in Year 5 for our children. Miss Parkin will join us for Transfer Day and new intake evening later this month. As you will know we have operated a joint premises team alongside colleagues from Queen Elizabeth's School for the past couple of years. Whilst we will continue to enjoy strong links with QES moving forward I am **pleased to announce that Mr Whitbread has been appointed as our Site Manager from September**. Mr Whitbread already knows our school well and this is an exciting opportunity for our school. And finally we will be **saying goodbye to Mr Cummings** at the end of the school year. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Cummings for his professionalism and hard work throughout his time with us.

**Open Evening 2026** – We are looking forward to welcoming families to our **Open evening on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October between 5:30pm and 7:30pm**. Please do save and share the date with family and friends.

**School uniform and strong attendance at school** – Thank you for your continued support to ensure that our children **attend school regularly wearing our full school uniform**. Whilst the vast majority of children have excellent attendance and arrive wearing the correct uniform each day **some children are not maintaining our expected standard**. Please **ensure that your child is maximising their attendance** at school to ensure that they are well placed for the demands of the new school year.

**Platinum School Sports Mark** – I am delighted to share that we have once again achieved platinum status for the Schools Games award as a result of the outstanding opportunities provided for our children.

And finally a reminder that the **final day of term is Wednesday 22nd July 2026** and the **children return to school on Thursday 3rd September 2026**.

Kind regards

Mr M. Legge – Headteacher



In this newsletter you can find: Key dates and term dates, links to policies along with updates on news and events from the school year so far.



**Our School Values - Apsire@AMS**  
 Academic Excellence All Inclusive  
 Responsible Individuals

### Allenbourn Middle School Year Teams 2026 - 2027



#### Senior Leadership Team:

M. Legge - Headteacher  
 Deputy Headteacher - *To be appointed for January 2027*  
 Mrs S. Prout - Lead Practitioner  
 Miss S. Chadwick - Lead Practitioner  
 Mrs L. Burley - SEND Lead

Year 5	
5W	Mr R. Wright (Year Leader)
5J	Mrs J. Judge
5M	Mr C. Miller
5P	Miss C. Parkin
5B	Mr O. Balmer

Year 6	
6S	Mr A. Stroud (Year Leader)
6L	Mr G. Lowry
6R	Mrs C. Randall/Mrs E. Raccagni
6Z	Mrs S. Hazell/Mrs S. Darragh
6G	Mrs E. Giles

Year 7	
7D	Mr C. Daw (Year Leader)
7P	Mr M. Pressling
7J	Mrs C. James/Mrs K. Moskova
7W	Mr G. Williams

Year 8	
8H	Mr C. Hickson (Year Leader)
8T	Mr R. Trim
8Z	Mr M. Hazell
8R	Miss H. Rushent

#### Did you know? Summer Events coming soon ...

- Summer Soiree Music Event - Thursday Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2026
- Rights Respecting Schools - Charity Event - Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2026
- Year 8 Leavers Event - Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2026



**Did you know?** Year 8 will take part in their **enrichment week in the week of 26<sup>th</sup> April 2027**. Children will have the opportunity to take part in our **London residential visit** or to sign up for a number of school based activities. Planning is well underway and we hope to share further details to enable families to secure a place before the end of term.



### Our School Values – Apsire@AMS

Our school's values underpin much of the work that we do in school and we regularly discuss these with the children making links to their learning journey with us at Allenbourn Middle. Our aim is to focus upon the three key areas of: **Academic Excellence**, **All Inclusive** and **Responsible Individuals** as we **aspire together @AMS**.

**01 Academic Excellence**  
Seeking new knowledge and skills. Learning to problem solve, make decisions and be courageous.

**02 All Inclusive**  
Valuing diversity, tolerance and the views of others. Growing in self belief in a nurturing environment.

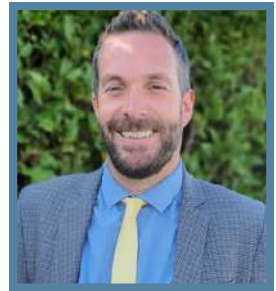
**03 Responsible Individuals**  
Developing value and responsibility within our community. Understanding the importance of keeping healthy and safe.



**Did you know?** We are being assessed as a RRS Gold school on Friday 19th June 2026

### Child Protection

Our **Designated Safeguarding Lead** with responsibility for Child Protection is:  
**Mr L. Smith** (pictured right)



The Academy Committee member with responsibility for Child Protection is:  
**Mr K. Jess.**

Our Designated Teacher with responsibility for Looked after Children is:  
**Mr L. Smith.**

Our Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads with responsibility for Child Protection are:

**Mr M. Legge**, **Mrs P. Skipp** (pictured), **Mr R. Wright**, **Mr A. Stroud**, **Mr C. Daw**, **Mr C. Hickson** and **Mrs Burley.**



### Did you know?

You can view our term dates and training days for 2026 –2027 on our school website. **Children return to school on Thursday 3rd September 2026** and the academic year ends for children on **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2027**



# ALLENBOURN MIDDLE SCHOOL

## OPEN EVENING

Thurs 1st October

### Ofsted 2025

Inspectors report that pupils have "exceptionally positive attitudes towards their learning".

Judged to be "outstanding" for personal development and for behaviour and attitudes making it one of the strongest Middle Schools regionally and nationally.

**Academic Excellence**  
**Responsible Individuals**

**All Inclusive**



5:30pm  
-  
7:30pm

### Headteacher Presentations

5:35pm and 6:35pm

Tour our school, meet our pupils and staff and discover our exciting curriculum in our inclusive and welcoming environment.

Take the opportunity to arrange a tour during the school day.



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Contact us: 01202 886738 office@allenbournmiddle.org



## Sports Report



### QES Hockey Project for Year 7 and 8 Girls

It was fantastic to take Year 7 and 8 girls to Queen Elizabeth's School to take part in an exciting hockey event. The project was specifically designed to give girls the opportunity to use the astro facilities, receive some high-quality training, and then put their skills into practice in a festival of matches.

With the aim of inspiring the girls to take up hockey when they move on to QES, or even consider joining a local club, the event certainly provided a valuable and memorable experience. There was some real talent on display, and it would be wonderful to see many of them continue their hockey journey in the future. Well done to all who took part.

### Dorset Track and Field Cup at Salisbury

We travelled to Salisbury with our KS3 boys' and girls' teams to take part in the Dorset round of this event. Although it was a team event, several special mentions must be made. The girls' relay team of Lexi, Lottie, Edith and Gwen won their race in fantastic style; Will stormed to victory in the 100m; and Year 7 pupils Osian and Eliza both impressed in the high jump, with Osian achieving a new PB of 1.47m.

Louie produced a brilliant run in the 200m, crossing the line in first place. Maisie and Eliza also scored an outstanding number of points for the team, achieving 40 and 44 points respectively. Every performance contributed to the team's overall success, resulting in both the boys' and girls' teams coming 3rd in the whole of Dorset.

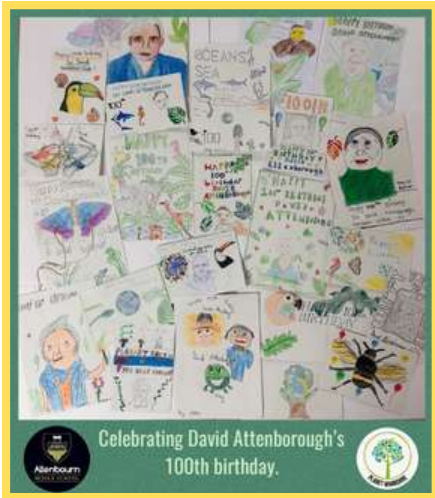


**Did you know?** Our After winning the National Playoffs last weekend, Wimborne Town JPL travelled to the University of Warwick to play in the National Finals on Saturday and won. Sam, Jacob and Harry are all in Year 6. Harry was also awarded player of the tournament.



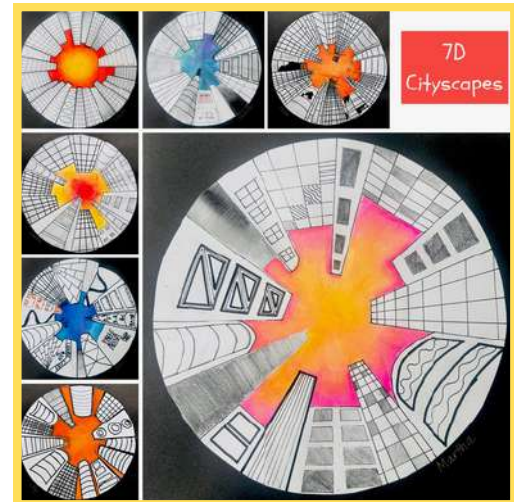


**Year 6** have created these **beautiful patterned birds inspired by the work of Mark Hearld**. Through this project, they explored warm and cool colours while developing their painting skills. We are so proud of their creativity and the wonderful detail they have included in their artwork!



### David Attenborough 100th Birthday Card - Winner!

Congratulations to Samuel and Rex who were successful in the recent Birthday Card competition held by the Mayor. They each received a book token.



A huge **well done to Year 7** – Your **mixed media cityscapes** are absolutely incredible, bursting with creativity, colour, and imagination. We're excited to announce that a selection of the artwork is being showcased at Wimborne Library throughout June!

## The Essential AMS Pupil Equipment List

Please ensure that your child attends school with the correct equipment each day.

Below is a quick reminder of the items that they need for each day:

- A handwriting pen with blue ink (including a spare),
- a pencil case, a pencil, a pencil sharpener,
- a clear plastic 30cm ruler, an eraser, a glue stick,
- a board pen, a set of colouring pencils,
- a purple, pink and green biro and a highlighter.



You can purchase essential equipment packs via the Arbor shop for £4.00



**Relationships and Sex Education** – Children have been completing RSE lessons this term in their P.S.H.E lessons. Letters were sent shortly before the Easter break and a link to our policy and these letters can be found below.

[Allenbourn Middle School RSE Policy](#)

[RSE letters – Summer 2026](#)

## Attendance Matters and reporting your child's absence

### [Allenbourn Middle School – Website Attendance page link](#)

Our whole school attendance figures continue to improve steadily and pupils' attendance at Allenbourn Middle is above the National averages. Thank you to all of our families for your ongoing support. We remain keen to see further required improvement. It is **vitaly important that children are in school as often as possible.**

We ask for your support **ensuring that your child attends school everyday** unless there is a very clear reason for absence. Please review the link on our school website on how to report your child's absence.



### **The Big Ask @AMS** – Pupil Survey

- **9 out of 10** children report that they feel safe when at school
- **9 out of 10** children have **attended a club** whilst at AMS
- **1 in 3** children have **learnt a musical instrument**
- **9 out of 10** children would **recommend their school to a friend** moving to
- the area

### **Did you know? Our Eco Team are working hard to secure the Eco Award**

**ACTION REQUIRED** – From 1<sup>st</sup> Sept 2026, the Government is expanding access to Free School Meals to all children and young people from households receiving Universal Credit. **Click here to apply** . More information can be found on our school website by clicking **here**.



**Our Shoe Shop** – Shoes borrowed by 9:00am – Leave your trainers in the numbered shoe box – Returned at 3:10pm – Clean and cared for – 20p per day after 2 week loan – **Compulsory**

### **Did you know? E-Praise – Attendance Points – Every week!**

Each week children with **100% attendance** will be awarded **25 bonus points** to spend on **E-Praise rewards**. That is an **extra 250 points** for every 10 weeks with **100% attendance** at school. Every lesson the children attend earns them a point to spend on E-Praise.



### Did you Know?

Children can use our **Pupil Worry Button** that can be found on our school website (see above). This provides all of our children with the opportunity to share a concern with a Designated Safeguarding Lead to enable staff to best support your child. Children in Years 5 and 6 also have a Worry Monster in their classroom that they can add notes to for their teacher. The children are regularly reminded about this in our whole school assemblies.

### Important Mobile phone reminder:

Pupils are required to **turn their mobile phone off as they enter our school each day** and these **must be handed in** and **secured in their class phone box** for the day. Any pupil found with their mobile phone turned on or in their possession during the school day will be issued with an after school detention.

### Behaviour Expectations @AMS

We continue to **teach our children how to conduct themselves** as they grow to be articulate and responsible young people. We value our partnership with home and all of our families' support to ensure that we work together to reinforce our behaviour expectations. This will ensure that our school is the very best environment for our children to learn and grow in. Please take time to review these expectations with your child from time to time. A link to our behaviour procedures is available below (and on our school website) for you to review together.

[AMS Behaviour Guidance](#)  
[Trust Behaviour Policy](#)



Expectations	At All Times	In Classrooms	Playground	Lunchtime	Toilet
<b>We are here to learn</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Focus on the learning</li> <li>Be prepared for your next lesson</li> <li>Put your equipment away safely as it is ready to use again when needed</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Arrive on time for lessons</li> <li>Enter rooms quietly</li> <li>Have the necessary equipment</li> <li>Leave the room tidy</li> <li>Respond appropriately to adult instructions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Keep to your specified area</li> <li>Play obediently and follow adult instructions</li> <li>Respond to signals that social time has ended</li> <li>Return to lessons quickly and quietly</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Walk to tables</li> <li>Stay seated at tables while eating</li> <li>Share quality and respectfully</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Visit only at break times where possible</li> <li>Spent as much time in the classroom as possible</li> </ul>
<b>We are respectful and polite</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Show courtesy to all. Be aware of your surroundings</li> <li>Offer help where you can</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Respond to questions politely</li> <li>Use appropriate voice register</li> <li>Use inclusive and non-discriminatory language</li> <li>Raise your hand for attention</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Space to everyone safely and fairly</li> <li>Be inclusive and non-discriminatory language</li> <li>Be welcoming</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Follow adult directions</li> <li>Wait for your turn</li> <li>Learn your space tidy and clean</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Put rubbish in bins. Flush the toilet.</li> <li>Respect the privacy of others.</li> <li>Do not damage the facilities.</li> </ul>
<b>We make the right choices</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wash a table</li> <li>Share your food</li> <li>Alcohol regularly</li> <li>No punches</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Look at who is speaking</li> <li>Do not distract others</li> <li>Respond appropriately to feedback</li> <li>Attempt all tasks to the best of your ability</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Play fairly</li> <li>Be tolerant of others</li> <li>Participate game rules</li> <li>Enjoy your sport time</li> <li>Take the opportunity to be physically active</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use appropriate voice volume</li> <li>Do not shout</li> <li>Check you have what you need before sitting down</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Go flush, wash and leave</li> <li>Return to class promptly</li> </ul>

### Did you know?

You can now make a voluntary donation to school funds when you visit the shop in the Arbor App. There is no expectation or any family to make a donation. All contributions will be used to support trips and visits across the school year.



**Residential Visit to Buddens Farm** – Children in **Year 5** will receive information very shortly on how to secure their place on our **residential visit to Buddens Farm in the Summer of 2027** to take part in **outdoor and adventurous activities whilst sleeping under canvas**. This change to our residential visit offer at Key Stage 2 has been made in response to feedback from the children.



**Did You Know?** We will be sending **school report cards home on Friday 10th July**. For our children in **Year 6** their **SATs results** will be provided with this report card.



We're incredibly proud to share that Jess, Year 7, who has been part of her netball team at Dorset All Stars Netball Club for the past 3 years, achieved amazing success at a recent competition. The team were invited by the Leeds Rhinos to take part in the Challenge Netball Weekender at Butlins, alongside Leeds Rhinos Netball stars Niamh and Bella. The team headed off for the tournament and went on to play 8 matches – winning every single game and becoming the U12 Champions! A huge congratulations to Jess and her teammates on this fantastic achievement.

### The Big Ask @AMS – Pupil Survey Results

- **9 out of 10** children report that they **feel safe when at school**
- **92%** of children agree that **routines and expectations** in place help everyone to know how to behave at AMS
- **87%** of children report that their school provides **opportunities for them to learn about how to look after their emotional and mental health** (*with 10% neither agreeing or disagreeing*)
- **95%** report that our **school encourages** them to **respect people from other backgrounds and to treat everyone equally**
- **9 out of 10** children **know our three school values**
- **95%** of our children know that **our school is a Rights Respecting School** and **understand why this is important**
- **95%** of children report that they **know who they would speak to if they needed help**

### THE BIG ASK @AMS PUPIL SURVEY



**Did You Know?** We will be full in **Year 5** for **September 2026**. Places are filling across our other year groups and families can still tour for places in **Years 6, 7 and 8**.



**IMPORTANT:** Please ensure that children do not bring nut or sesame seed based products into school. This includes Nutella spread. Please also ensure that children have a healthy snack for break time each day and remind them of the importance of reducing packaging and keeping our school tidy.

### Pupil Safety and Conduct in our Community

We regularly talk with the children about the importance of travelling to and from school safely. Please discuss the following with your children regularly to ensure their safety.

- **Behaviour should be of a high standard at all times.**
- Pupils should not use mobile phones whilst walking to school, particularly when crossing roads.
- Pupils must remain on pavements at all times and walk with care and consideration for others.
- Pupils using scooters or bikes should take care around other road users and those on pavements.
- **Helmets should be worn on bicycles and scooters.**

**E-Praise Reward Shop** – It has been fantastic to see our children making such great use of the **E-Praise App to spend their House Points**. Please log in alongside your child (They know how to do this) to chat about the information they can see and to encourage them to use their House Points this term. Last term children used these points to earn non uniform days, to attend workshops or to visit Costa Coffee.



### Spring Term Attendance – We were in the Top 25% Nationally at Key Stage 2

We've been recognised by FFT Education as being in the top 25% of schools nationally in their National School Attendance Awards (Spring 25/26).

This award celebrates the hard work and dedication of our staff, pupils, parents and carers in achieving excellent attendance.



### Use of our school car park

Please can parents ensure that they drive with real care and park responsibly in designated bays when using our school car park. Cars must not obstruct the bus parking area at the start or end of each day. Our car park operates a one way system and we expect all families to support this at all times.



**Peripatetic Music lessons** Many children benefit from peripatetic music lessons through the school year. These are offered to all children across a variety of instruments. Please speak with Mrs Moskova or click on the following link [CLICK HERE](#) if you would like more details.

### Arriving at school each day – Your support is needed.

**Allenbourn Middle School opens at 8:30am**, with registration taking place for all pupils at 8:40am. Whilst we are keen to encourage excellent punctuality, can we please ask for your support in ensuring your child **does not arrive at school too early in the morning**. Duty staff are not in place until 8:30am when the school officially opens. **Prior to 8:30am the playground and other external facilities are not monitored by staff**. Should you require morning child care, our breakfast club provision starts from 7.45am and is currently able to be booked on Arbor.

### Extra Time @ AMS – Book now for Summer 2026!

Extra-time @AMS continues to go from strength to strength and it is great to see this additional provision being used by more and more of our families.

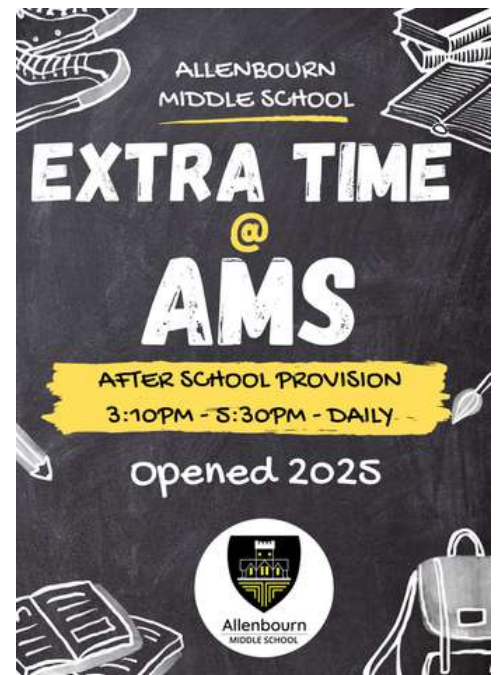
**Mrs Fielder leads our programme of activities** and we are keen to see more families making use of this provision.

Extra-time@AMS runs between 3:10pm and 5:30pm, Monday to Friday during term time, excluding training days. Children do not have to attend every evening and families may wish to attend for one or two evenings each week.

Each evening children will have the opportunity to complete homework and learning tasks whilst also attending other school clubs and interventions. Children will have a snack and drink break together at approximately 4:15pm.

Children will then complete games and arts and crafts until collection. **Places cost £8 per session.**

Places can be booked on Arbor 24hours in advance or by contacting the school office for last minute bookings.



### IMPORTANT: Essential uniform reminders School Uniform at AMS

- **Children are not permitted to wear branded trainers to school.** This change was made for September 2023.
- Skirts must be pleated and should be no more than two or three centimetres above the knee.
- Children are not permitted to wear make-up or jewellery to school.



## Key Dates

### Summer Term 2026

Sports Days

Transfer Day

Year 4 Parent Transfer Evening

Year 5 Ancient Technology Centre Trips

Summer Soiree Music Event

Report Card 3 sent home

Year 8 Leavers Event

Last day of Summer Term

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> and

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2026

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2026

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2026

8<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> July 2026

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2026

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2026

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July – 6:30pm

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2026

### Summer Term 2026

Staff Training Day

Staff Training Day

Children Return to school

Open Evening

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September**

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2026



You can find our term dates for 2025 – 2026 and 2026 – 2027 on our school website by following this link: [Term Dates](#)

### Did you know?

Over the **Summer break** we hope to **replace the steps to our sports pavilion, repaint some key areas of school including the library** whilst also **replacing the lighting** in this important area of our school.

It is our aim to **install an outside play shed** for children to make use of at break and lunchtime.

### Careers @ AMS

Careers is fast becoming a driving force in curriculum delivery and an end target for all. **If you feel that you could spare 20 minutes to come and talk to Year 7 & 8 about your career**, please could you contact Mr Pressling at **[mpressling@allenbournmiddle.org](mailto:mpressling@allenbournmiddle.org)** in the first instance. It doesn't matter what you do for a living, you could inspire a child to consider a career they have never thought of.

