

News from Burford School

The DfE has recently published the finalised results for last summer's 'A' level results, including all state and private schools. Burford School has topped the rankings in West Oxfordshire at 17th place, Bartholomew 18th, Cokethorpe 22nd, Wood Green 23rd, Henry Box 26th, Chipping Norton 30th, Marlborough 34th, Kingham Hill 38th, Abingdon and Witney College 50th.



6th Form Open Evening

Our 6th Form Open Evening held in January was once again hailed as a huge success. Year 11 students from Burford and beyond learnt all about our 6th Form department and began the process of making decisions about their education next year. Following a talk from Mrs Haig and the 6th Form team, including the Head Boy and Head Girl, students and parents had the opportunity to tour the exhibition stands and talk to staff about their subjects. Following on from the Open Evening, we then held a Taster Day, when Year 11 students had the chance to experience a typical day in the 6th form. They took over the 6th form block for the day and attended a series of taster 'A' level and 'Btech' lessons. The whole day gave a realistic experience of 6th form life and made students much more aware of what to expect when they join Burford School 6th form in September.

Oxfordshire Book Award

The Oxfordshire Book Award began in 2007 as the West Oxfordshire Book Award with five secondary schools taking part. Following much press attention, the following year the Oxfordshire Book

Award was launched with three primary and 18 secondary schools taking part. Now in its 5th year, we currently have 28 primary and 22 secondary schools participating which culminate in an award ceremony held in Abingdon in October.

Winning authors who have attended include; Ally Kennen, Michael Rosen, Nick Sharratt, Rachel Ward, Michael Morpurgo, Axel Scheffler, Malorie Blackman, Patrick Ness, Nadia Shireen and Tony Ross. Students read and nominate books they would like to see shortlisted and then read and score each shortlisted book they would like to see win an award. This year the contenders are:

Best Picture Book

The Really, Really, Really Big Dinosaur Book - Richard Byrne; *Little Nelly's Big Book* - Pippa Goodhart and Andy Rowland; *A Bus Called Heaven* - Bob Graham.

Best Primary Book

Little Wonder - R.J. Palacio
Four Children and It - Jacqueline Wilson
The Abominables - Eva Ibbotson

Best Secondary Book

Butterfly Summer - Anne-Marie Conway;
Hero on a Bicycle - Shirley Hughes;
Hitler's Angel - William Osborne; *Mortal Chaos* - Matt Dickinson; *The One Dollar Horse* - Lauren St John; *BZRK* - Michael Grant.

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