

Summer 2026 at On Track Advance



A Message from the Headteacher

Another year has come to an end, and I can hardly believe that our original students - our OGs - are preparing to leave us. It feels like only yesterday they joined us, and it has been a privilege to watch them grow into the remarkable young people they are today.

On Track Advance continues to go from strength to strength. This year, our students have worked incredibly hard to achieve BTEC qualifications across a range of subject areas, Functional Skills qualifications, and we now eagerly await this summer's GCSE results.

While academic achievement is important, what makes me most proud is the personal growth demonstrated by our young people. They have faced challenges head-on, shown resilience in difficult circumstances, and achieved success in so many ways beyond the classroom. Their determination, confidence, and maturity have developed enormously, and it has been inspiring to witness.

This year has been full of exciting milestones and memorable firsts. We successfully launched our Duke of Edinburgh Award programme, including a camp-out experience that created lasting memories.

We celebrated two students receiving Outstanding Achievement recognition from an examination board, and we were delighted to see our first student achieve the Gold ASDAN Personal Development award.

There have been moments of laughter, moments of tears, and plenty of hard work along the way, but every challenge has been worthwhile when we see our young people thriving and reaching their potential.

As our leavers move on to the next stage of their journey, I would like to wish each and every one of them the very best for the future. Be proud of everything you have achieved, continue to believe in yourselves, and remember that you will always be part of the On Track family.

Good luck, and thank you for being such an important part of our story.

Jo ☺



Our Term at a Glance

This year, the GCSE Citizenship students have studied the English legal system and have focussed their Active Citizenship study on the youth justice system in Wiltshire and in the national context. To enhance their studies they visited Shepton Mallet Prison in March and have had meetings with the Wiltshire YOT team and with a magistrate who works in the youth justice system in South East London.

This year, English students visited Bath Theatre to see a production of Bram Stoker's 'Dracula' and also visited The Frankenstein Museum in Bath. Both of these activities enhanced their appreciation of literature and for students studying The Gothic genre in GCSE Literature it gave them a greater insight into the background of two key Gothic texts,



We thoroughly enjoyed taking part in an exciting magnet fishing session. During the activity, we used magnets to search waterways for hidden objects and helped remove litter and metal waste from the environment. The session encouraged teamwork, problem-solving, and curiosity as we discovered a variety of interesting items. It was a fun and engaging experience that allowed us to develop new skills, work together, and take pride in contributing positively to the local community.

We thoroughly enjoyed taking part in a creative workshop with artist Nicola, who introduced us to the beautiful art of silk painting. During the session, Nicola demonstrated different techniques and guided us through the process of creating our own unique designs on silk. The experience allowed us to develop our creativity, experiment with colour and patterns.



Besides their amazing academic achievements, our students have had a big impact on their local community - this has involved students volunteering at our local Storehouse foodbank and delivering food to local people. They have also contributed to the local environment by doing regular litter picking.



Congrats Marc on his first year as our exams officer. We appreciate everything you have done this year to ensure a smooth and successful exams season.



Our Term at a Glance

The first D of E Expedition

On the 1st and 2nd July, students from Advance undertook our first ever D of E expedition. Team 'Advance Pioneers' spent a character building six hours journeying through the Wiltshire countryside and attempting art activities en route.

Once on the beautiful Jubilee Woods campsite, having selected the furthest possible point from staff, students helped each other to pitch their tents. The rest of the evening was spent cooking some impressive three course meals on camping stoves, exploring the area and building a campfire.

Day 2 was a team building activity day on the extensive campsite, successfully completed by all with good humour intact, despite some quite draining hot weather.

We are so proud of each of our students who accepted this challenge. Each of them gained something positive from the experience, whether it was finding a cosy home in their tent (yes Bill, I'm referring to you), relishing the peace of being in the great outdoors, or discovering their inner leader.

Of course, the expedition is just one part of the D of E programme. Since January, students have been engaged in all sorts of activities for their volunteering, physical and skills sections. Our building has been a hive of activity for months, reverberating with the sounds and scents of table tennis, sewing machines, baking and a cookery course, to name a few.

Several students have earnt sectional certificates for successfully completing individual activities. Special congratulations go to Mathew and Bill who have achieved their full Bronze Award. The first of many we hope.



Congratulations to those who took exams this year! The Result Day for GCSE exams is August 20th 2026, between 10:00 and 12:00

We say goodbye this year to Nicola and Rory. Both are leaving us after achieving so much with the students whilst they were here.



Well done everyone for your hard work this term and thank you to all our parents/carers for your continued support.

2026-2027 Diary

Winter

3rd Sept - 21st Oct

HT: 22nd - 30th Oct

3rd Nov - 18th Dec

Spring

4th Jan- 12th Feb

HT: 15th - 19th Feb

22nd Feb - 25th March

Summer

12th April - 28th May

HT: 31st May - 4th June

7th June - 23rd July

Inset Days 2026/27

1st & 2nd Sept

2nd Nov

28th Jan

12th April