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WELCOME TO OUR

Quarterly Newsletter



This newsletter contains:

Latest projects, workshops,
outings, and much more.

I hope you enjoy it!

Summer at EBFT

It's been a busy summer at EBFT!

We've hosted a range of short summer camps, including Multi Sports, cooking and menu planning sessions, and creative workshops exploring Climate Change through Art.

You can see what our campers have been up to on EBFT-TV and our social media channels.

Ahead of the new school year, we've also run several taster transition days to help new starters settle in, with a few more planned for early September.

Meanwhile, our team has been hard at work maintaining our building, the Farewell, and equipment –all ready for a fresh start in September!



Keith Courtney Receives Municipal Award

EBFT founder Keith Courtney has been awarded the Municipal Insignia of Value and Altruism by the Municipality of São Brás de Alportel, recognising his outstanding service to the community and support for local youth and volunteer firefighters.



Doors Always Open for EBFT Alumni

This year, EBFT launched Easter and Summer Camps to stay connected through the holidays and build on skills and learning from the year.

These sessions are open to all current and former EBFT attendees—because once you're part of EBFT, you're always part of the family!

We were thrilled to welcome back Ethan Grant, an early participant from our ACT days, and Ben Floyd from Cardinal Langley RC High School, who shared his talent by teaching guitar at camp this summer.

Looking ahead, we're launching a Returners Group—offering mentoring and support for personal, academic, and career goals. School release will be arranged for those still in education to attend weekly sessions alongside peers from other schools.



Supporting the Albany Family Fun Day

EBFT was proud to support the Albany Family Fun Day at the rugby club in aid of Springhill Hospice. The event was packed with fun for all ages — from stalls, raffles and a BBQ to mini rugby, inflatables and a charity football match. It was fantastic to see so many families, friends and community members come together to support such a worthwhile cause



Autumn at EBFT

The first half term of the academic year has been full of energy, learning and new connections at EBFT. All our groups have spent time getting to know one another and forming new friendships while taking part in a wide range of activities both on-site and out in the local countryside.

Students have been developing photography skills at The Farewell, learning how to capture landscapes and moments that reflect their experiences. They've also taken part in essential First Aid training delivered by the Greater Manchester Fire & Rescue Service, gaining valuable knowledge and confidence in how to respond in emergencies. Meanwhile, our teams and learners have been putting their horticultural skills into practice at the RRUFC allotment—preparing, planting and maintaining the space in hopes of producing a Christmas crop later this term!

“In addition to learner activities, EBFT has been strengthening local partnerships and raising awareness of the work we do. We were delighted to host the new Head of the Local Council, along with a local councillor, who visited to learn more about our work and see first-hand the impact EBFT has across the community.

We also welcomed Rochdale MBC and a range of local providers to The Farewell for a meeting focused on new developments, legislation and opportunities for collaboration—a great chance to share ideas and build on the positive relationships we've developed over the years.

A real highlight before the half term break was our Yearbook Presentation, where we were joined by alumni, parents, guardians and partner schools to celebrate the successes of our learners and the continued growth of the EBFT community.

It was wonderful to reconnect with so many familiar faces and share the achievements of both current and former students!

Who supports us

EBFT operations are supported and funded through the generosity and social awareness of Albany Products.



We would like to express our sincere gratitude to all our partners for their support, trust, and collaboration throughout this journey.

The success of our work is the result of combined efforts, and we are confident that together we will continue to achieve great results.

Thank you for believing in our Association and for being part of this story of achievements.

We look forward to continuing to strengthen our partnership and reaching new horizons.



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