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Dear founding families,

What an amazing first term it has been for us all; as you will see in the Chronicle the accomplishments of our students have ranged across all academic areas and we have begun to make a name for ourselves locally, competing in sports fixtures and participating in educational and cultural events in many different ways. We don't just recognise these academic achievements in the newsletter; we will give out nine trophies at our end of term assembly this week, three trophies for each faculty area; STEM, Communications and Arts and Culture. These trophies recognise students in each faculty whose academic pursuits this term have shown them to be remarkable by being the absolute best in that area, to be consistently brilliant over time or to have been better - to have made an improvement over time. Our students are hardworking and determined and I am really looking forward to being able to recognise the first nine students ever to receive an award in the Head of Faculty prize giving on Friday.

In addition to this academic success, many of our students have made huge strides personally too. We have several young people in year seven who came to us this year having had a difficult experience of school previously for a range of different reasons. Watching these students begin to thrive, to find friendships and build confidence over the last three months has been the most exciting and positive part of an overwhelmingly positive first term. I know from experience that this is just the first step on a much bigger journey for these students and that there may well be knock backs on the way but I am already so proud of the progress they have made.

Our first term has focused on the first part of our ethos: enjoyment. As a team, the staff, students and you - our parent community - have all worked extremely hard to ensure that our students made the transition from primary to secondary positively and that they feel happy in school. Inevitably, in these last couple of weeks, there are a lot of tired faces and our students are a little less resilient as a result of this tiredness but it really has been a term full of smiles and friendship. Next term, we focus on the second part of our ethos, respect. As relationships (and hormones) grow we will support our students in making good decisions, in showing tolerance for each other and the world around them and in working out what they have to contribute to making the world, here at Bohunt Horsham and beyond, a better place.

In our recent monitoring visit from the Department for Education, our Parent Reference Group were lauded as an innovative way to work as a community with our stakeholders and I am really pleased to say that our first, 'You Said, We Did' post will go live on our website,

detailing the feedback we had from the PRG and what we were able to do or change as a consequence. I look forward to working with this group further as the school continues to grow. The DfE were very positive about what we have achieved here in just one term and praised our students as, 'resilient, confident and independent.' They also described the quality of education here at Bohunt Horsham as 'extremely strong.'

Thank you once more for your unfailing support of us this term. I wish you all a peaceful and restful break over Christmas and look forward to welcoming students back to school on Tuesday 7th January. Happy New Year to you all.

Ms Ayling



Arts and Culture

by Ms Davies



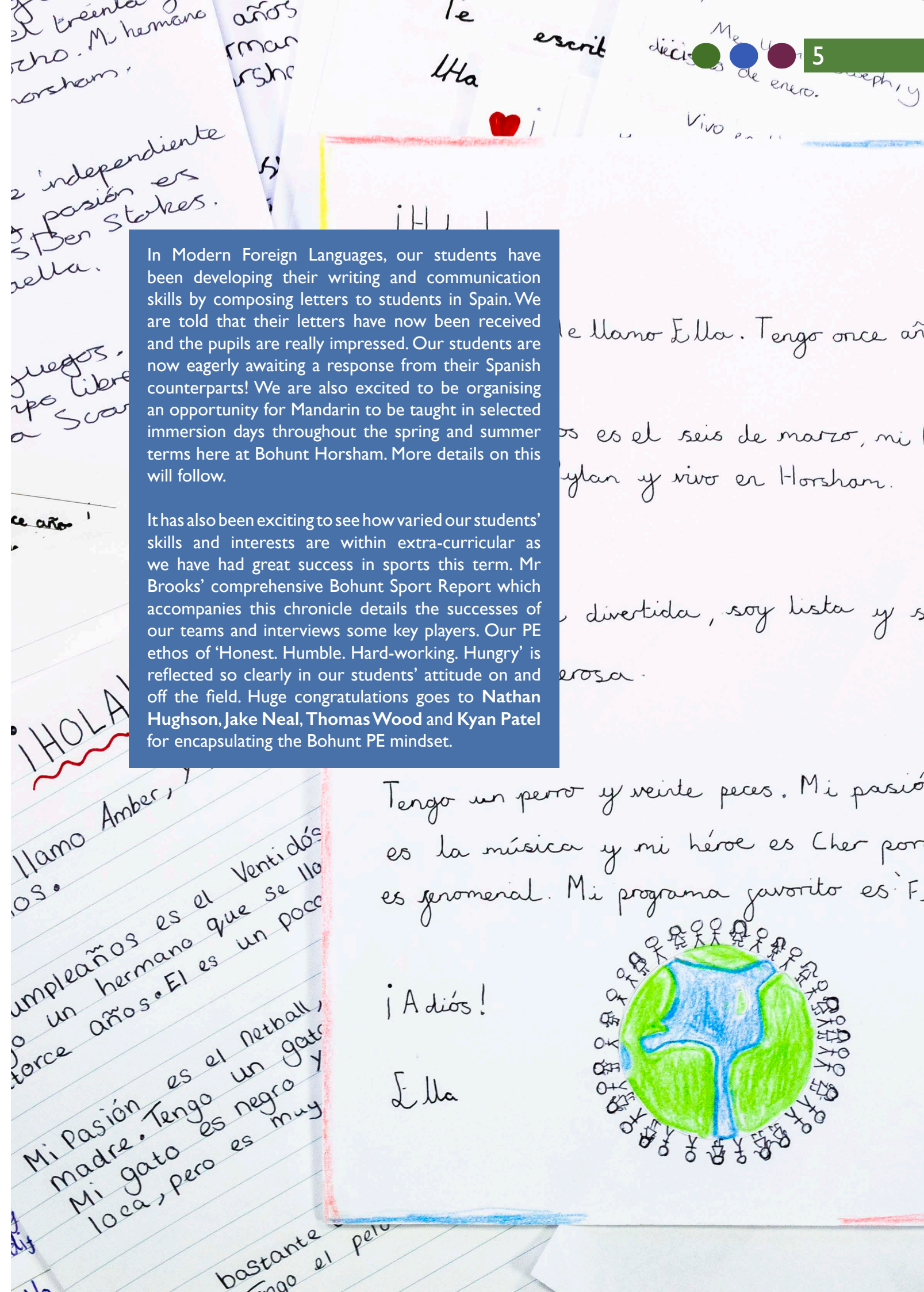
What a fantastic and busy end to our first term here at Bohunt Horsham! This half term started with a whole school trip to Bohunt Worthing to watch a matinee performance of their school production of 'Oliver!'. Our pupils were exemplar audience members and thoroughly enjoyed watching this theatrical performance; an experience for some of them which was their first. Bohunt Worthing truly inspired our students and we were inundated with questions on what school production we were going to put on! Watch this space!

Later that month, twenty of our students were involved in the Horsham Year of Culture 'Dragons' performance at St. Mary's Church on the 21st November. A large multi-schools choir and orchestral players performed together in what was a magical evening of top quality musicianship. Once again, our pupils dedicated their time to rehearse in and out of school and they represented Bohunt Horsham with excellence.

Our artistic students have also been busy this half term as they have had the opportunity to compete in two school competitions. Our first was won by **Tilly Bridger-Stille** who painted a beautiful Christmas card design. This fantastic design has been used in one of our official Bohunt Horsham Christmas cards. Additionally, Bohunt Horsham students were asked exclusively to compete in a Horsham Magistrates Court art competition. Winning pieces of art were to be displayed in the witness support areas of the court which can sometimes support vulnerable individuals of all ages. The judges were so impressed with the quality of work that all pieces have been chosen to be displayed. Students were then given a tour of the Magistrates Court where they learnt about the roles of the solicitors, magistrates and the importance of witness support volunteers.

In Modern Foreign Languages, our students have been developing their writing and communication skills by composing letters to students in Spain. We are told that their letters have now been received and the pupils are really impressed. Our students are now eagerly awaiting a response from their Spanish counterparts! We are also excited to be organising an opportunity for Mandarin to be taught in selected immersion days throughout the spring and summer terms here at Bohunt Horsham. More details on this will follow.

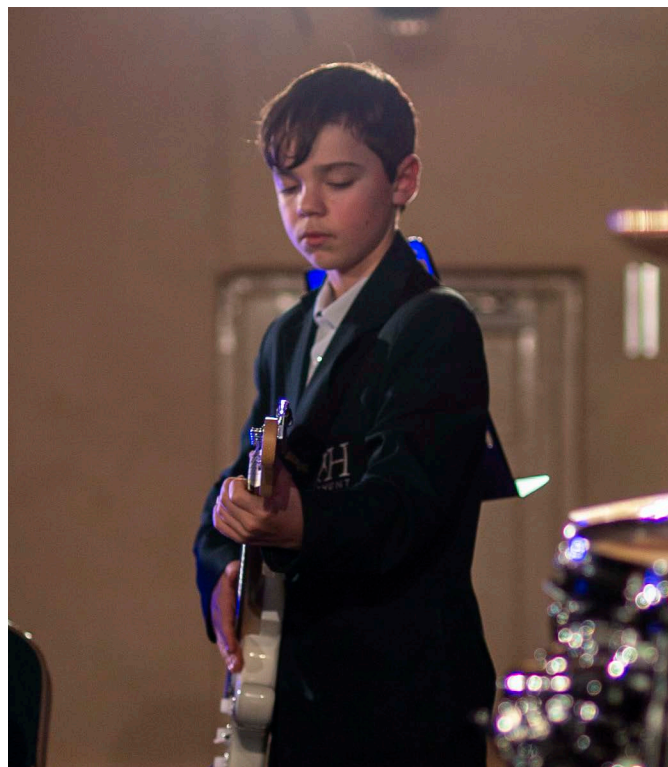
It has also been exciting to see how varied our students' skills and interests are within extra-curricular as we have had great success in sports this term. Mr Brooks' comprehensive Bohunt Sport Report which accompanies this chronicle details the successes of our teams and interviews some key players. Our PE ethos of 'Honest. Humble. Hard-working. Hungry' is reflected so clearly in our students' attitude on and off the field. Huge congratulations goes to **Nathan Hughson, Jake Neal, Thomas Wood and Kyan Patel** for encapsulating the Bohunt PE mindset.



December saw our whole school perform in our inaugural Winter Concert which was held at The Drill Hall in Horsham. Not only did our founding students show the maturity and professionalism to showcase their talents in solo and group performances, but they also demonstrated incredible teamwork and confidence by performing in tutor groups in front of all families and peers. Some real showstopping pieces included that of **Amira Laroussi** and **Faith-Marie Jones** with a dance and vocal duo, as well as **Emilia Raciti** showcasing her fantastic vocal capacity. Our Drama Club got all audience members laughing with their comical interpretation of a Winter Zoo and our comperes, **Atanas Filchev** and **Leila Haddadin**, were a seamless double act who were not only confident but led the show expertly.

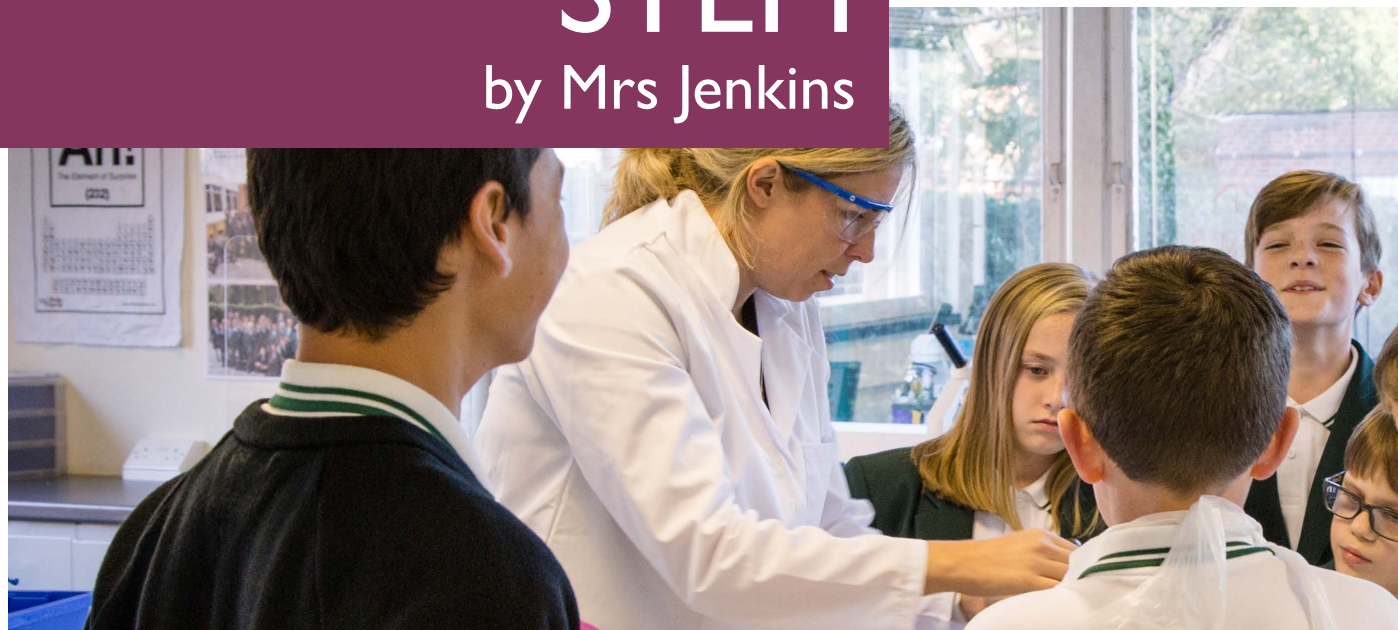
Many thanks to all of our founding families for your continued support and a huge congratulations to Arts and Culture team and our hardworking students for an exceptional first term!





STEM

by Mrs Jenkins



We've been reaching out this term as a STEM department. It was an absolute delight to take 35 students to the University of Surrey. The students were immersed in university life from practical sessions with plasma balls and balloons, lectures on the science behind science fiction, a tour around campus to crack a code that helped us find ET and, of course, lunch at the university canteen!

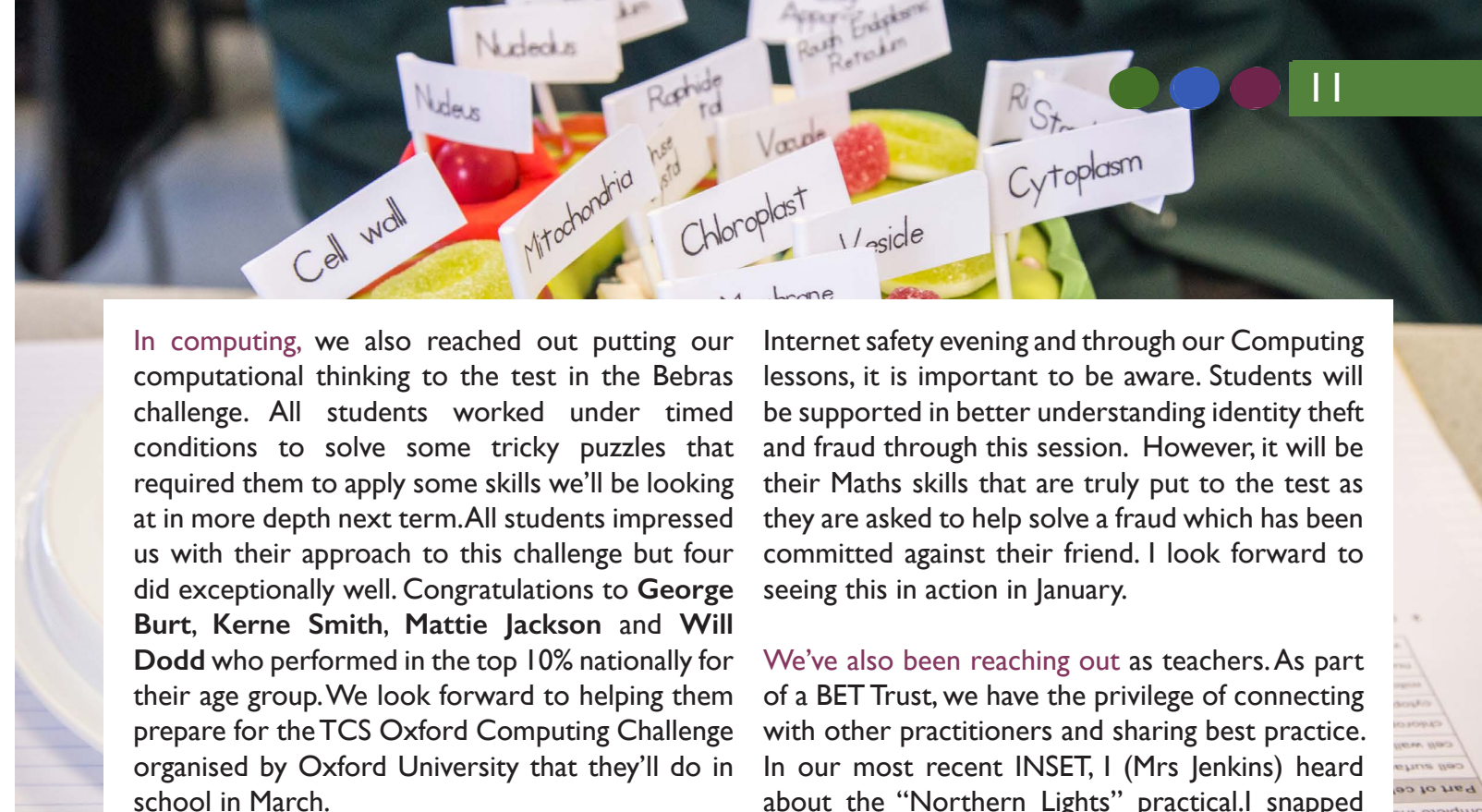
They were surveyed at the end about their experience and I was delighted to receive the following feedback:

97% said they had a better understanding of the differences between school and university and 82% had a better understanding of the types of careers a degree in Physics can lead to.

79% said that what they learnt would help them in Science lessons at school and 82% agreed that they understood about the different pathways available to them in the future.

85% said the day helped them think about going to university in the future, 82% knew more about the choices open to them and 82% knew where to find information about Higher Education

We've got another trip going out in January "Microorganisms, Monsters and Infection Control" which I look forward to reporting on in our next issue.



In computing, we also reached out putting our computational thinking to the test in the Bebras challenge. All students worked under timed conditions to solve some tricky puzzles that required them to apply some skills we'll be looking at in more depth next term. All students impressed us with their approach to this challenge but four did exceptionally well. Congratulations to **George Burt, Kerne Smith, Mattie Jackson and Will Dodd** who performed in the top 10% nationally for their age group. We look forward to helping them prepare for the TCS Oxford Computing Challenge organised by Oxford University that they'll do in school in March.

Maths is also looking at reaching out; Mrs Jones has booked in a workshop for all students next term entitled "Fraud Scene Investigators". Fraud is something we hope that our students or families will never be exposed to but as discussed in the

Internet safety evening and through our Computing lessons, it is important to be aware. Students will be supported in better understanding identity theft and fraud through this session. However, it will be their Maths skills that are truly put to the test as they are asked to help solve a fraud which has been committed against their friend. I look forward to seeing this in action in January.

We've also been reaching out as teachers. As part of a BET Trust, we have the privilege of connecting with other practitioners and sharing best practice. In our most recent INSET, I (Mrs Jenkins) heard about the "Northern Lights" practical. I snapped a picture and sent it to Mr Clarke who quickly prepared the chemicals ready to show the students. It was the perfect introduction to chemical change, a conical flask of green flames, truly Hogwarts style chemistry.



Unfortunately however, we will be saying goodbye to Mr Clarke at the end of term. It has been an absolute pleasure having him in Science and Art lessons. I'm sure all the students will tell you about the amazing practicals, demonstrations and the support he has given to bring Science to life. His Art club is also a place of zen and creativity, it's always a pleasure to stick my head in there on a Wednesday afternoon. Mr Clarke has been given a brilliant opportunity to work at the cutting edge of science and being part of the design of new products. It may well be that we therefore benefit from his expertise in a different way in the future. We will truly miss him but are also looking forward to the future.



Christmas Card Competition Winner

Tilly Bridger-Stille



Sport Report

by Mr Brooks



HONEST

HUMBLE

HARD
WORKING

HUNGRY

Physical Education Awards

Bohunt sports value four characteristics and each half term we award a student in each category whose contribution has shone.

HONEST: Nathan Hughson

Nathan has picked up a new hobby in PE – refereeing. He now has his own whistle and has officiated lacrosse games this term and has been honest and non-biased. All the pupils who have been refereed by him say that he has been a very good one to have!

HUMBLE: Jake Neal

Jake has picked up rugby this term alongside his passion for motocross. He has starred in all of the rugby victories this term, scoring tries in many of them. He works hard quietly to improve and is humble in both victory and defeat.

HARDWORKING: Thomas Wood

Thomas is an exceptional athlete who has not only already represented the school in football and rugby but captained school teams. He works hard to improve all the time and has come to ask multiple times how he can work to improve his skills in PE, his clubs and on the competitive pitch. He's also applied to be a Sports Leader.

HUNGRY: Kyan Patel

Kyan started rugby in September at Horsham RFC and has worked exceptionally hard training twice on Tuesdays and playing games at the weekend too, alongside playing football. He has excelled in his development, has the hunger to improve and is an exceptional athlete to have at Bohunt Horsham.

5 Minutes with a Netballer

Hattie Betchley

Why is sport important to young people?

Because if you don't do sport you will get mentally enclosed and we need to stretch our muscles and live a healthy lifestyle.

Why is sport important to you?

I'm trying to keep on top of my flexibility so that I can stay mobile and continue to do sports.

What is your favourite thing about sports at Bohunt?

We do a different range of sports and work on lots of different techniques. We've played rugby, lacrosse, netball and football in our first term.

What is your best sporting memory?

My first equestrian competition for Bohunt on my pony. I felt honoured to represent my school doing something I love.



Sport Leaders

Thomas Wood, Ellis McSharry, Will Dodd, George Burt, Ella Tyler, Oscar Swatton, Emily Sturt, Tilly Bridger-Stillie, Mattie Jackson, Harrison Jones, Seb Lewis and Alfie Knight.

Club of the Term Award

Bohunt U12 Boys Rugby

Bohunt U12 Rugby have been on the rampage this term with victories against Christ's Hospital, The Burgess Hill Academy, Imberhorne School (x2), Burgess Hill Catholic School and Tanbridge House School.

The team have bought a physical edge to their defence with shining performances from **Elliot Peate** and **Cameron Murray**, putting in high numbers of tackles in each game. The team have also been running riot in attack with **Ben Grantham-Hill**, **Jake Neal** and **George Burt** all running in a number of tries across all the fixtures.

Will Dodd, **Seb Lewis** and **Oscar Strutt** have been key contributors in the success of the team this term. **Ryan Allen** also put in some colossal tackles against an U13 team with some physical year 8s. Other star performers include **Ellis McSharry** and **Harrison Jones**.

The development team, largely comprised of players who have not played before, competed in their first game and were narrowly defeated 5-4 by Imberhorne's A Team. The star performers in this game were Captain **Ed Glanville** who led by example, **Blake Lambert** tackled his heart out and earned a spot in the A team later in the term, **Ben Clifford** who ran well and tackled hard and is pushing for an A team spot and **Riley Tossell** who was a handful for opposition with strong running and tackling.



5 Minutes with a Rugby Player

Kyan Patel – Bohunt Horsham & Horsham RFC

Why did you start to play Rugby?

Because I did it in PE and I really enjoyed it. I spoke to Ben Grantham-Hill because his dad is the coach at Horsham Rugby Club and I went up there.

What do you most enjoy about sport at Bohunt Horsham?

We do a variety of sports – I've never played lacrosse before and it's really good fun. I never played rugby before either. There are loads of fixtures too!

What is your favourite sporting memory?

Getting the Clubman Award from my football team. I got the award for going to watch and support the team and train with the team even if I didn't get selected. I had never won an award like that before and it made me feel proud of myself.

Who is your favourite sportsman and why?

Sergio Aguero – he got told he was in the B team at school and he'd never be a good footballer. He never gave up and just carried on and now he is one of the greatest players and goal-scorers in history.





Girls Sport

The girls have taken on some tough opponents this half term with fixtures against Imberhorne School, Warden Park School and the Burgess Hill Academy.

Imberhorne School visited from East Grinstead with a strong squad, their top two teams out of six. The games were competitive from the off with **Connie Wiffen** and **Hattie Betchley** leading the offensive charging into the opposition territory. Despite numerous attacks, Imberhorne were faster in transition and set off a few successful lightning quick counter attacks. **Amber Francis** and **Abi Morrison** showed exceptional fighting spirit to claw back points. Unfortunately, Imberhorne prevailed with their squad depth bringing on fresh legs regularly and outmanoeuvring us.

The Burgess Hill Academy were next up with the girls facing a stiff challenge to play three games against three of their teams back to back. **Ella Tyler** led the way, scoring some exceptional shots for the team and linking play in attack brilliantly. **Kacy Kenyon** was ruling the midfield, not afraid to contest for loose balls or passes at every opportunity. After three games, Bohunt left with three victories which made for a happy bus ride home!

Last up was Warden Park School, district/county champions for many years. Their pedigree showed through immediately with slick attacks and some great positional play causing trouble for the Bohunt defence. Unfortunately, Bohunt were unable to come away with the win to end the term.

5 Minutes with a Sports Leader

Thomas Wood 7CBR

What made you want to be a sports leader at Bohunt?

Because I love sport and I thought the school could benefit from me helping as I've taken part in sport my whole life. I think there is a sport for everyone out there and I think everyone should have the opportunity to do sport.

What is your greatest sporting achievement?

Being selected as one of the best 1000m in Sussex for my Athletics club, I got to compete at K2 in Crawley.

Why is it important young people participate in sports?

Because it is a great way to stay fit, stay healthy and if you make a big breakthrough in sports like getting selected for a team, or to represent the school, or win a match it makes you feel really good about yourself. The world needs sports, it wouldn't be as exciting without it!

Which pupil would you say is your 'sportsman/woman of the term' and why?

I think someone that has done really well in sports this term is Robin Rakovkzsky who has only started playing sports at Bohunt; he's been at all our football lessons and he tries his best all the time. He hasn't let his physique hold him back from trying as hard as he can which makes me really admire him because he never stops trying whatever happens in football; he also managed to get selected for the C team.



Football



Bohunt UI2 Football had an ABC team fixture vs Warden Park School.

The A team match was a hotly contested affair with attacks early on from both teams. A fantastic finish by a Warden Park player saw them go 1-0 up with a second fast break resulting in the score being 2-0 shortly after. Our team rallied and started to play some exceptional Football. The woodwork was against Bohunt with the team striking the post/bar four times before the break but in the second half Bohunt continued to dominate with inspirational captain **Alfie Knight** scoring a stunning free kick from halfway. This spurred the players on with **Max Dives**, **Alfie Knight** and **Will Dodd** dominating the midfield only to be denied four goals by the excellent Warden Park goalkeeper. **Emily Sturt** and **Ryan Allen** were composed at the back in defence and no more goals were scored by Warden Park. The final result was Warden Park 2-1 Bohunt.

The B team played a strong Warden Park B team who created lots of opportunities to score. **Charlie Petryszyn** had an excellent performance in goal, keeping constant attacks at bay with some fine saves. **Dylan Howe** and **Thomas Wood** led the fightback with **Dylan** creating some excellent attacking opportunities and **Thomas** showing brilliant footwork to beat players and leave defenders in his wake. Unfortunately, Warden Park were too strong and overcame a spirited Bohunt Team.

Our C team traded goal for goal with **Hayden Andrew** netting twice, once from halfway. **Theo Mabiza** drove the team forwards with fine strength and speed whilst **Kyle Huddlestone** was brilliant in goal. The team had never played together before and found their feet quickly. Everyone played exceptionally well and are looking forward to their next fixture after a well-deserved Christmas break!



Communications

by Miss Evans



The Communications Faculty have been on an extreme learning odyssey this term. In History we have been returning back to medieval times to investigate the death of Thomas Becket. The castle project really captured the imagination of all students, I have some spectacular examples of motte and bailey castles, alongside the Solent Fort, LEGO castles, Minecraft castles and even a cake castle. One student even decided to dress as a castle, along with a side village.

In Geography we have been learning how to read contours, helping Bear Grylls climb mountains. Students have been creating contoured hills and sketching out cross sections. English lessons have been a whirlwind of the Odyssey with discussions around whether Odysseus was a truly epic hero. We have been grappling with the skills of rhetoric and continuing our fortnightly writing challenge with some truly stunning results. The British Museum is currently showing an exhibition about the city of Troy. If anyone is up in London over the holiday, I think it would be a great opportunity to extend knowledge about the Greek myths. If London is too far, I would recommend the online blog for more information:

<https://blog.britishmuseum.org/the-myth-of-the-trojan-war/>

During our dedicated Library Lesson, students have been reading at a ferocious rate. Mrs May, our magical Librarian, has introduced the "Reading Cloud" for students to use to review books, to get recommendations and to create their own online library. We also have students who have achieved their bronze and silver awards. This is an independent project to encourage a wider choice of reading and involves picking books from different genres and creating a response to the books. Students have made movie trailers and diary entries with some excellent creative skills on show!

Next term is also shaping up to be a great one starting with "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe" trip to the Bridge Theatre on the 22nd of January. Seeing a live production will be such a treat and I would encourage all students to take up this enriching opportunity. We will also be launching a Lexia homework from January. Lexia Power Up is a cross trust computer programme specifically tailored to students' grammar, comprehension and word needs. We use it during Lexia lessons and have seen some real examples of progress in the skills of students. We will be asking students to complete 30 minutes every fortnight at home. This will also give you the opportunity to see this impressive programme in action.

We also have some goodbyes to say in the Communications Faculty. Sadly our amazing Miss Dean will be leaving us at Christmas. She has been offered a once in a lifetime opportunity to work in Radio at the BBC. Since the summer, Miss Dean has worked so hard to ensure every child has settled in at Bohunt Horsham. Her gentle manner, expertise and dedication to her work will be greatly missed along with her cheeky smile and brilliant teaching. Alongside the students, I will miss her terribly but I wish her all the best for the future. I am sure we will be tuning in to hear this "gamechanger". This means that, starting in January, we have Miss Richardson. Miss Richardson is an expert in debating and is really excited to be joining the Bohunt Horsham family.





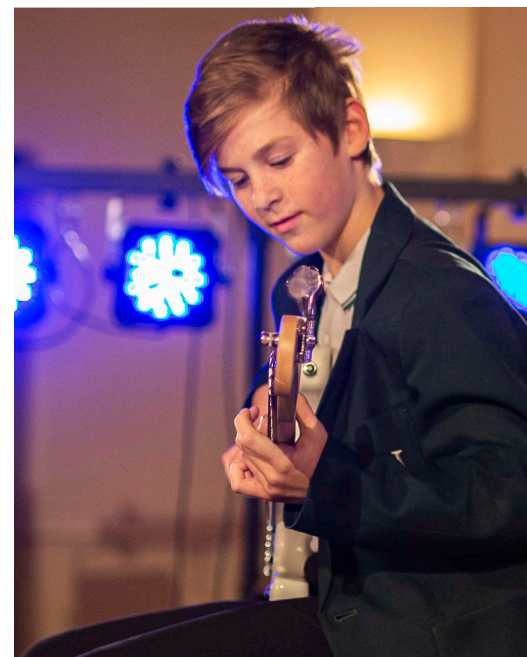
Wellbeing

by Mrs Jones & Mrs Dean



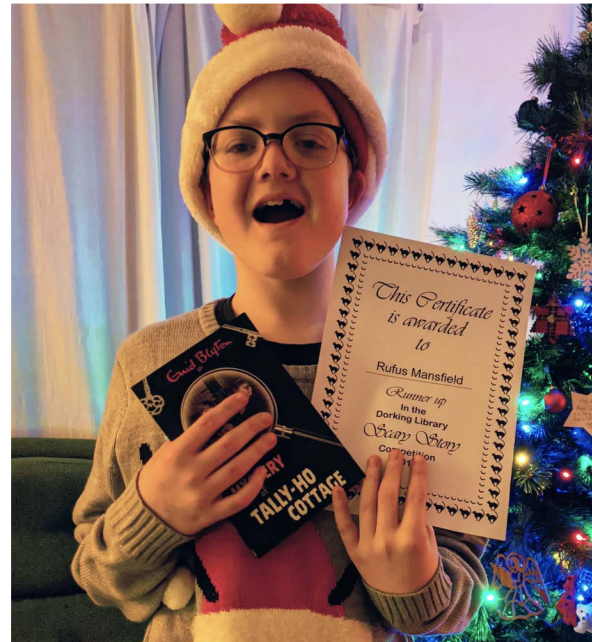
In light of the General Election in PSRE lessons, we have been running a Bohunt Election. Students have created their own parties and manifestos, including the Transform, Vision, Progress and Tomorrow parties.

Bohunt Horsham girls had their first pyjama party on Friday 15th November. Nearly all the girls attended in order to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Charity and also to have fun! The girls arrived and played hide and seek. The pizza then arrived, followed by a cookie decorating competition, dancing, movies and a bake sale. This was a fantastic opportunity for our girls to mix and make new connections with each other. We can't wait for the next one!



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Student highlights



Nightcreeps

by Rufus Mansfield

The book I read gets more and more enticing. The fog gets closer and closer, over the hills it rolls soon to engulf even me. The book was eating away at my brain, my vision was fading till all I could see was the green of the forest floor. I awoke to find a hut over the hill I had seen. I knew I wasn't alone, a new tribe had arose and I was a prisoner. I hopped up and bolted in the total opposite direction but I fell because my hands were tied to one another. I just felt defeat and heard the voices in my head of my master saying about killing me and swearing at me. I rummaged in my pocket which I must say is hard with your hands tied together. I still found a blade-like tool to cut myself free and I almost stabbed myself (I am not trained with knives).

The trees were laid on purpose over the misty moor, the bracken thick and wiry like a wall of no return, but I had tried before getting over the misty moor.

The pages flick and the wind whirls all around me. I knew not to go back over the wall or else it would be another failure; I didn't like failure, nor did my master. He would whip me if I didn't get the crystals to make eternal life. The potion was brewing but trouble lurked round every corner. I was never safe - the night crawls swiftly over, releasing all the night terrors and things that go bump in the night.

I heard the calls of distress from round the corner and there it was - a Mimique. It mimics anything nearby and uses its distress call to attract a herd. Then it stings them one by one paralysing them to eat later. I walked back and found a Quarken which eats the inners of a mammal and stuffs them to make them look very realistic. The Quarken wasn't moving so I ran at it and grabbed its tail, which did I mention turns anything's inners into slushy goo. I stung the Mimique and as it stung me back— I felt drowsy and I couldn't move. In the morning I woke and the paralysis had worn off but I was surrounded by stone scorpions which, as in their name, turns you to stone with one sting. I moved very carefully but still they awoke and started stinging me.

I was turning to granite...

Rufus entered a creepy story writing competition in October at Dorking Library and has won a runners up prize. His story will be published in a book in the library.



Our students collected food items for our school collection for the Salvation Army.



We brought a bit of festive cheer to the members of Lavinia House (Age UK) with some carol singing and mince pies!



We've welcomed **Jess Guy** as the second member of the Bohunt Equestrian team.



Freya Thompson and **Mattie Jackson** took part in the West Sussex Winter Concert at Midhurst Rother College as part of the Young Voices Choir.



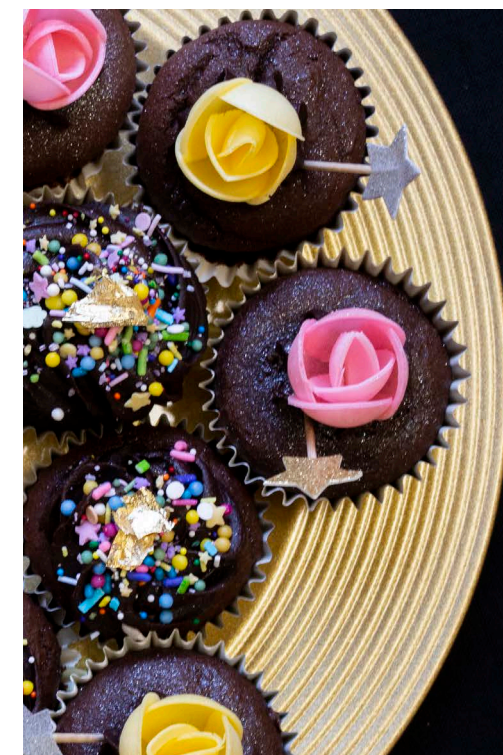
Our festive mufti day was a great success with a whole school Christmas dinner, bake sale and our first ever 'Great Bohunt Bake Off'. Through a combination of cake sales, raffle tickets, donations and ticket sales, we raised in excess of £600 for Save the Children.



The 2019 Great Bohunt Bake Off winning entry was a joint effort by the class of 7EUS, as voted for by the students.



by **Isaac Christensen 7EEV**



by **Charlie Petryszyn 7CBR**



by **Calvin Wraith-Carter & Harrison Stevens 7CJE**



Important Dates

for your diary

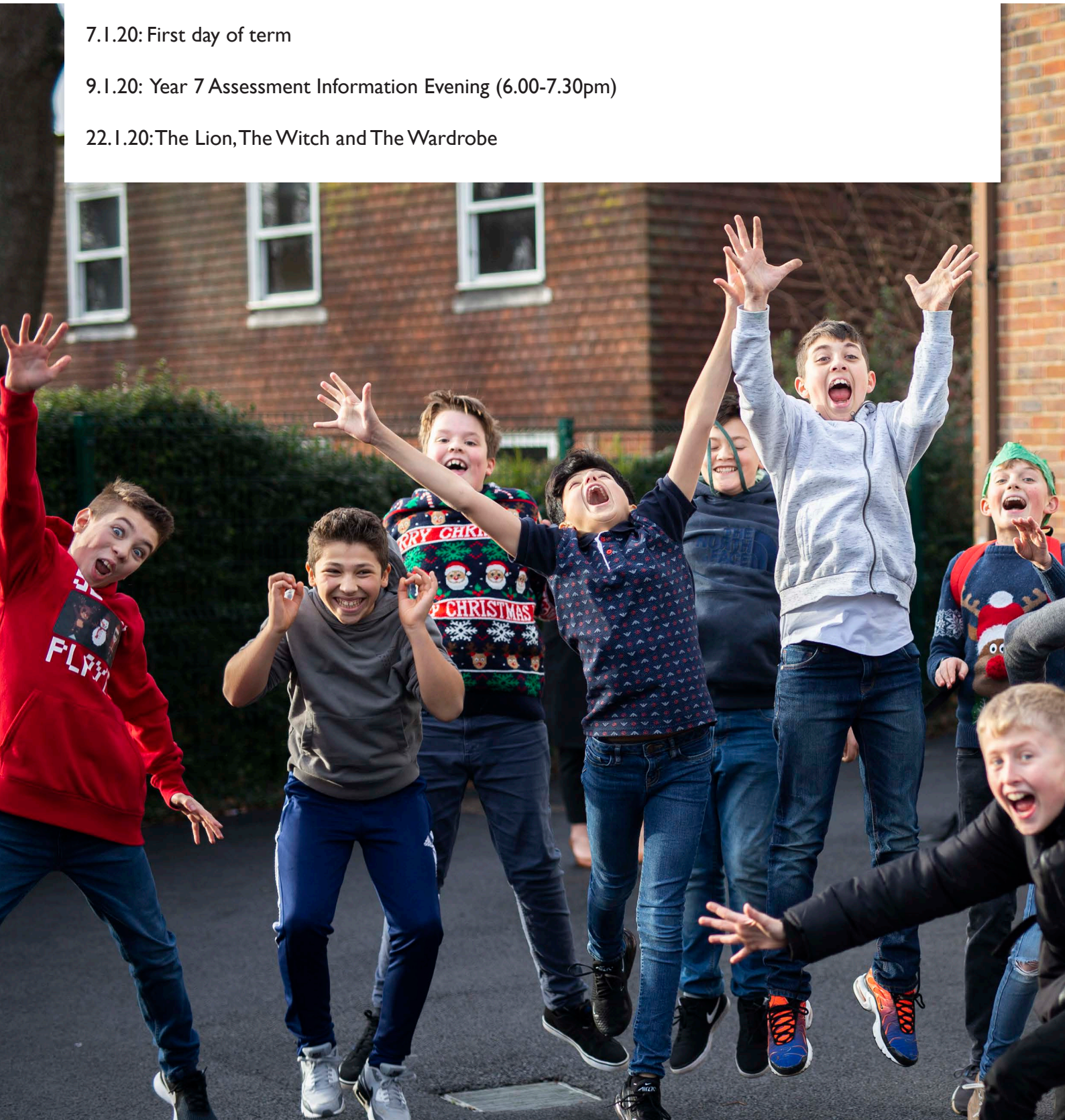
Upcoming dates for your diary.

6.1.20: INSET Day

7.1.20: First day of term

9.1.20: Year 7 Assessment Information Evening (6.00-7.30pm)

22.1.20: The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe





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