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Dear Bohunt Horsham Families

Celebrating the end of another school year and preparing for the start of a new one

This afternoon, in our end of term Celebration Assembly, we will come together as a community to reflect on the year and recognise the achievements of many of our students. At the start of the assembly, as always we will look at some of the highlights of the past term and in drawing those highlights together for the school I was struck by the amazing achievements of students both in and outside school this year. Alongside our biggest summer of sports in school to date, we've also got some truly amazing sporting accomplishments across our student community this term. For example, Glenn in Year 8 won the South East Regional Trampolining Championship, Ben in Year 9, alongside his team, won silver in a National Water Polo Championship and Bodyn in Year 8 won the Sussex Swimming Championship. We will look back on this brilliant achievements alongside those of planetarium and museum experiences, world culture day, inspirational speakers in school, careers and post-16 experiences, survival camping and surviving the Big Camp, kayaking, a French adventure, our first field trips, sports day, French translation bees, book awards and the BET cup. It's no wonder we're all exhausted!

Hellos and farewells at the end of term:

In September 2023, 240 new students and their families will join our community, alongside at least nineteen new colleagues across a range of roles. Our new teaching colleagues will be Miss Martin as our Year 7 Achievement Coordinator, Miss Vincent as Curriculum Lead for Languages, Mr Barry and Ms Fisher in English, Mr Hirtle in Geography, Mrs Brown in Learning Support, Mrs D'Allesandro as a lunchtime supervisor, Mrs Adams, Mrs Henderson, Miss Trueman and Mrs Hodges as SEND Learning Coaches, Miss May in Maths, Miss Smith and Mrs Hancock in Science, Miss Dunkley in Dance & PE, Mr McLaren in Maths, Miss Adams in Art, Mr Farwig as DT Technician (who joined us in our last week of term) and Ms Hawkins as our new Finance Officer. There have also been a couple of changes within our current staff team – Mrs Jackson will be stepping in as Inclusion Manager, covering for Mrs Richardson-Ball while she is on maternity leave, and Ms Andrews moves from Student Support to become a Pastoral Support Assistant. Miss Simons will also be leaving Student Support but to start her teacher training journey with us here at Bohunt Horsham so there will be no goodbyes for these members of staff. In addition to these new colleagues, we also welcome Ms Wright, the new Primary Director for Bohunt Education Trust, who will be based at Bohunt Horsham and spearheading the opening of our primary phase in September 2024. We do say goodbye this term to a few colleagues who are on to new adventures in their careers: Miss Larouci and Mr Harper in student support, Mrs Whiteley in the Art department and Mr Polin and Mrs Nower who are two of our technicians.

The start of term for each year group:

For all new **Year 7** students joining us in September, there are two days of induction before lessons start. On those two days, Tuesday 5 and Wednesday 6 September, students will stay in their tutor groups, staff members (usually their form tutor) will walk them from place to place to help them get used to moving around the school and navigating our room numbering system.

Year 11 students also start on Tuesday 5 September and will have a day of workshops in school based on preparation for this vital, last year of school.

Students in **years 8, 9 and 10** start on Wednesday 6 September and all students will then learn about the new one way system, how to queue for and use the new catering facility and a refresh of our in and outside lesson behaviour expectations.

For all students, lessons begin on Thursday 7 September so that is the first day on which students will need any kit or specialist information.

Our term dates for the school year are on our website, [here](#).

Uniform and Equipment:

As always, I ask that families please take the time to look at our uniform and equipment expectations in good time for the start of the new school year. We will have an even more robust approach to uniform issues in the autumn term and so it is vitally important that your child has everything they need to be ready for a positive start to term. We aim for high standards in all aspects of school life and we want our students to take pride in their school uniform. Uniform is an important part of a school's identity. It reinforces who we are as a community and helps allow students to feel pride in their school. It also helps prepare students for life after school where many will have to dress smartly for work.

In the last term, we have had a number of interpretations of what is and is not acceptable uniform and we believe it is time to clarify our expectations for September, both for existing students and those joining us in September. The uniform policy is available on the website for further reference, but please see the additional reminders below:

- Skirts – standard black skirt, pleated with school badge. To be worn with the shirt or polo shirt tucked in and the band at the top visible
- Trousers – black plain regular fit, not tight fitting or 'skinny'
- Socks – black or white
- Shoes – black polishable leather or simulated leather
- No boots, canvas shoes or trainer style shoes are permitted, including branded sports shoes, including (but not limited to) Nike, Adidas, Reebok, Converse, Stan Smiths and Vans

Make-up, false eyelashes, false nails or nail varnish (other than nude colours) must not be worn for school. Items of jewellery which are not in line with the policy will be confiscated. If ears are already

pierced, only one small, plain gold or silver-coloured stud may be worn in each ear lobe. No other body-piercing is allowed, eg: nose studs, tongue studs or other ear piercings. Hair should be natural in style and colour. Heads must not be shaved – as a guide, a number two cut is the shortest permitted.

We will be enforcing the uniform policy when we return after summer, with zero tolerance of infringements. From the first day back, staff will check the uniform of all students at the gate in the morning. Any students not in the correct uniform will get a CI. Further infringements will incur further sanctions. If you have any questions about the guidance, please do not hesitate to contact the school or refer to the uniform policy on the [website](#). If you are unsure whether a piece of uniform is acceptable, please consult the school before buying. If there are any extenuating circumstances, which mean you are unable to meet the uniform requirements by Tuesday 5 September, please email: asktheheadteacher@bohunthorsham.com.

We appreciate your support in ensuring all students are treated equally and trust the guidance above makes things clearer for everyone.

Reflections:

Reflecting on your feedback this term has meant we acknowledge that there have been times this year where our home school communication hasn't worked at its best. We have a range of plans to improve this for the new academic year including (but not limited to) a 'Welcome to...' evening for families in each of the five year groups and the recruitment of a new post in school. We are currently seeking a Communications Officer to join our team and make home school communication a smoother and more proactive process for us and for you. If you're keen to help, please share the advertisement with your networks and support us to find the absolute best person for the role.

<https://www.tes.com/jobs/vacancy/communications-officer-west-sussex-1897073>

It has been my privilege to lead this school for another year; ours is the most talented and caring team of staff I have ever worked with and the student community has consistently impressed and amazed us this year with the things that they have achieved. Next year brings some huge milestones for us as a school community and as we use this summer to prepare ourselves for a big year at Bohunt Horsham, I thank you for the kind emails, cards and gifts you've shared with staff at the end of term. Your words of appreciation mean a huge amount to us and will resonate with staff throughout the year to come.

I wish you all a positive, enjoyable and hopefully sunny summer and I look forward to seeing you all in the new academic year.

Yours faithfully

Ms Georgette Ayling
Headteacher

Some information families may find useful for support/opportunities over the summer:

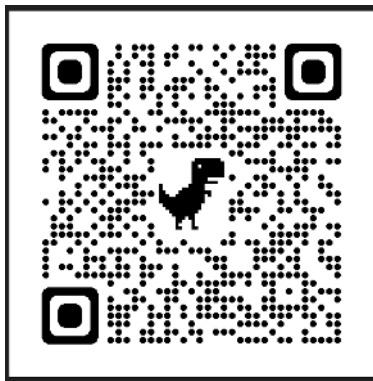
Summer Reading Challenge 2023

Welcome to our Summer Reading Challenge 2023.

To while away the long summer days, why don't you take up this challenge and read as many books as you can to earn ERAs and a certificate!

All details are on the attached link to a google form for you to fill in.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1DI8eXexDXIjnMoPemgy-y3ZICtfHx6mZVaiWvazyb_8/edit



To access books over the holidays, your local library will be open, and can provide you with up to date choices as well as ebooks and audiobooks.

Horsham Library:

<https://arena.westsussex.gov.uk/-/horsham-library#/?location=Horsham%20Library>

Crawley Library:

<https://arena.westsussex.gov.uk/-/crawley-library#/>

Recommended Reads:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1jVTABKgyCQjHOUDJpazquAXiBZqonsbHffFjqkQoaVA/edit>

Scholastic books for £1

https://shop.scholastic.co.uk/search/search?breadcrumb%5B%5D=product_group_id&search%5Bdisable_guided_search%5D=true&search%5Bproduct_group_id%5D=1937

HAD Summer Celebration Day

Join UKHarvest and a host of West Sussex HAF providers for a FREE jam-packed day of fun in Crawley.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/haf-summer-celebration-day-tickets-677358877637>

Ensuring everyone has a wonderful day filled with family fun in Crawley, UKHarvest is hosting a FREE HAF Summer event on 19th August 2023. **Designed specifically for those receiving Benefit Related Free School Meals, this is an amazing chance for young people, aged 4 - 16, to travel on an exciting journey, exploring and discovering a range of amazing opportunities available across West Sussex this summer and beyond.** From cooking demos to arts, crafts and sports, there's something for everyone to experience.

Further information relating to summer activities and opportunities is attached to this classcharts announcement.