

Bohunt Bulletin



Message from our Communications Officer

Firstly, I would like to say I am extremely excited to join Bohunt Horsham within this new role of Communications Officer.

Supporting the school in further enhancing their communications culture is one of my key objectives for this year, and ensuring families are kept up to date on student learning along with key dates and events are top of my agenda.

With this being the first year with all 5 year groups. Along with the opening of the Primary and Nursery schools, there are definitely exciting times ahead.

I look forward to meeting some of you at the "Welcome to..." events which will be held later in the term but in the meantime please do not hesitate to contact me at comms@bohunthorsham.com should you have any questions or concerns.

Focus of the Week

This week whilst we are preparing for visitors (Open Evening followed by Open Mornings last year saw over 1500 visitors to our school) we also turn our attention to the wider student experience.

Last weekend, our Silver Duke of Edinburgh students took to the downs with an intrepid team of staff and student volunteers to test their orienteering and survival skills. We also launch our clubs timetable this week with assemblies from Ms Davies to ensure that students are aware of what's on offer this term. You can see further details about clubs below.

Planning is underway to launch ERA week 2024, including the year 11 post exam expedition, and we will write to all families with the details this half term.

We're also seeking the services of an independent careers advisor to add to the capacity already provided by Miss Simons in school.

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Important Dates

September

- 20th - Open Evening for Sept 2024 Year 7 Intake
- 26-29th - Open Mornings for Sept 2024 Year 7 Intake
- 22th - INSET Day

October

- 9-20th - BET Assessment Fortnight for Year 10
- 23-27th - HALF TERM

Our first cohort of students will be making post 16 applications this year and supporting them in choosing courses or learning pathways is a vital part of the year 11 experience.



Below you can find a list of local post 16 open events:

The Weald School Open Evening - Thursday 21 September 5.00-8.00pm

Farlington Sixth Form Experience Day: Thursday, 5th October 2023

Crawley College Saturday 4 November 2023, 10am-1pm / Tuesday 12 March 2024, 4.30-7pm

Brinsbury College - Saturday 14 October 2023, 10am-1pm

Collyers College - 8 & 9 November (timings TBC)

1 Fully Participate

Co-curricular clubs

Our focus in assemblies this week is to impart the importance of participation, not just within the classroom but outside of it. Our co-curricular programme is an incredibly impactful aspect of our wider curricula, offering our students opportunities to develop a range of skills, to learn about the wider world and to truly be a part of something, whether that be a sports team, music ensemble, or a movement that changes the world around them. We offer a wide range of clubs and activities in school and these will be fully operational from Monday 25th September but many clubs will be open to students from today (Monday 18 September). For the most part, students do not need to sign up to clubs, but to turn up and register.

All of our clubs, with the exception of Wednesday after school clubs, run from 3.30 - 4.20pm. Students are still able to stay after school for other clubs that are run by external providers on Wednesday afternoons and may also attend Homework Club,

Please see [here](#) our clubs timetable for Autumn 2023-24, a copy of which will be found on our website from next week. Please note that there may be some changes prior to clubs starting next Monday.

Instrumental lessons

We encourage our students to take instrumental lessons here at Bohunt Horsham and offer a wider variety of instruments and skills to learn, from DJing to piano lessons, LAMDA lessons to learning the drums!

For more information and links to teachers, please click [here](#).

For Year 7's: Exciting Opportunity for Year 7's - Free DJ Workshop!

Ready to unlock a world of creativity and confidence for your child that could shape their future in more ways than one? Going into the new school term, some spaces have opened up for our coveted DJ Lessons, and we're running some FREE workshops to offer all Year 7s the opportunity to come along and see if DJing is something they'd enjoy!

These workshops, delivered by one of our professional DJ tutors, are designed to provide students with hands-on experience on the decks and give them a taste of our curriculum. This is a fantastic opportunity for your child to explore the world of DJing and music in a fun and supportive environment.

Sign up now to secure your spot. To enrol, simply complete the form on the link [here](#).

Spaces are limited and will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis, so act fast!

We look forward to welcoming your child to one of our DJ workshops!

Sports Fixtures

Tuesday 26th September - Year 8 Girls' Football V Warden Park AWAY

Thursday 28th September - Year 11 Boys' Football V Warden Park AWAY

Year 7 Families:

On 28 September (between 2-8pm) you will have the opportunity to meet your child's form tutor and (if purchased through the portal) collect their iPad. An email will be sent in the coming days with details of how to book your 10 minute slot.

Lockers

If you wish for your child to be given a locker, please complete the google [form](#) and provide your child with a combination lock (not a key based lock). They will receive their locker allocation via their form tutor and should take care of their locker. At the end of the year, lockers should be emptied by the student for reassignment in September. Any lockers with locks remaining on them at the end of year will have their locks removed for cleaning and reallocation.

Forgotten Items

As we settle into the new term and students get back into the swing of school life we will revert to encouraging independence and responsibility. From 1 October the office will no longer make phone calls home regarding missing items or uploading money to school Gateway lunch accounts. Children are of course able to use their own phones to call home from the office if they wish. If a child has forgotten their PE kit, iPad or other equipment they may receive a C1 but we will talk to them about this and help them to be more organised and independent in the future. Any items that are delivered to reception must be collected by the student. Our receptionist is not able to personally deliver items. Please can we ask families to check their child's Gateway account regularly to make sure the account is topped up with funds. Thank you for your continued support.

Sickness & Diarrhoea

Ordinarily, as secondary age children we advise that following any sickness and diarrhoea symptoms, students can return to school once they feel well enough. However, as we have seen a slight increase in cases locally, as a precaution we ask that if your child has either of the above symptoms that they remain home for 48 hours. We will review the situation again in 2 weeks and let you know if we can revert back. Please continue to report the absence in the usual way via [studybugs](#).

Spotlight on Safeguarding

For parents and carers:

Drug sense is offering a parent/carer workshop.

The presentation will be an update for parents/carers on the current drugs scene, update on county line activity, tips and advice on what to keep an eye out for in respect of suspected substance misuse.

This is at Bohunt Horsham Main School Hall.

27th September

6pm-7.30pm

To book your place, complete the form [here](#).

BETTER Times

Please find a link to the new issue of the Bohunt Education Trust magazine, BETTER Times – Issue 16, Autumn 2023:

<https://www.bohuntrust.co.uk/news-main/better-times/>

BET's latest magazine contains the latest news and views from our high achieving family of schools, including pieces from Bohunt Horsham.

Useful Links

Uniform Policy - <https://www.bohunthorsham.com/families/uniform>

Absence Procedure - please record absences via [Studybugs](#) If you haven't received a log in please contact the school reception.

Support the school via Easy fundraising. <https://easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/bohunthorsham>

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