

Bohunt Bulletin



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Focus of the Week

Welcome back! We hope you all had a lovely half term. We would like to start this week's bulletin highlighting some of our students' achievements from last half term of which we are extremely proud.

In the seven weeks since term started, 975 students of Bohunt Horsham have been recognised 1259 times for acts of kindness that go beyond our basic expectations and we took a look at what some of those moments of recognition were for. Rachel and Emily in Year 11 were recognised for work they did in Science to support Year 7 students who are learning practical skills for the first time. Caoimhe in Year 7 was recognised for staying behind and helping her Art teacher to clear up after a particularly messy lesson, even though she'd already cleared up her own area. Madisen in Year 8 was recognised for helping other students in her group in Geography. Zach in Year 7 was recognised in Mandarin for helping his classmate who was struggling. Zach in Year 10 was recognised in Art for helping a student who didn't have everything he needed and lending him some of his own resources. Mawgan in Year 8 was recognised by an English teacher for holding the door open for her. Gray in Year 11 was recognised at lunchtime for saying thank you to the duty staff.

These are just a few examples of the hundreds of small ways in which our students are demonstrating that they are learning that they can make the world a better place through their own actions. They are building their maturity and starting to recognise the responsibility they have to the community around them. Of course, they don't always get it right. Making mistakes is a huge part of the learning process and we help them with that by building in reminders, consequences and support where a minority of students are struggling with developing the maturity they will need as they grow into adults and join the world around them.

To read the full headteacher's blog please visit <https://www.bohunthorsham.com/news-media/>



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Important Dates

November

- 6-10th - Year 8 DEAR week
- 6-17th - Year 11 Mocks Week 1
- 13-24th - Year 8 BET Assessment Fortnight
- 23rd - Year 10 Parent/Carer Consultation Evening
- 29th - **INSET DAY**

December

- 8th - Culture Tour
- 13th - Bohunt Christmas Lunch
- 14th - Year 11 Parent/Carer Consultation Evening
- 15th - **End of Term** early finish

Having reflected on this great start to the year we are continuing full steam ahead and the next big milestone on the horizon for the school, and specifically for Year 11, is the first set of mock exams starting on Monday 6th November. We are fully prepared to support students during this time and would urge you to talk to your child about how they are feeling regarding their preparation. Please also view the curriculum pages on our website for helpful revision tips.

Year 11s will shortly be attending independent careers guidance sessions, supported by West Sussex County Council. This is an important opportunity for our students to discuss their post-16 options including university and career pathways.

It's all go this week as we also welcome our very first prospective primary families to our Primary School Open Mornings, the first of which was a great success. We look forward to welcoming more families during the course of this week.

Culture Tours

Once again we would like to invite current families to come and see our school culture in action for themselves with our second program of 'Culture Tours'. These tours are an opportunity for our current families to take a tour of the school with Ms Ayling and get a sense of what it feels like in action. These tours are bookable by up to three families at a time and are running on 21st November and 8th December.

If you'd like to request a place on one of these tours please complete this short [Google form](#).

Bohunt Horsham Swim Team goes National!

Our year 8 Girls' Swimming team has qualified to compete at the National English Schools Finals this November.

Amy Langer, Sophia Beesley, Sophia Payne and Madeline Lewis will now travel to The Sandwell Aquatics Centre in Birmingham on Saturday 18th November to compete against the fastest schools in the country.

This is an exceptional achievement for these girls and for the school. Bohunt Horsham is about to go national!



Library

Bohunt Horsham library has a selection of books categorised as Young Adult. They are aimed at children in Year 9 and above.

These books are written for teenage children but may contain some more mature themes, including such topics as threats, violence, sexual references, strong language, discrimination, drugs, supernatural, horror, or imitable behaviour. They are labelled as YA (Young Adult)

We do not let students in Years 7 and 8 borrow those books because of the content; however, some students do ask to read them. If you are happy to let your child read the Young Adult books please give your consent below via the QR code/form.



If you filled in this form last year and wish to change your decision, please also fill in the form and your details will be updated.

Volunteers wanted for school admission appeals and independent review panels

West Sussex needs new independent panel members to hear school admission appeals. Your role is key in ensuring that parents feel they have had a fair and independent hearing and been given an opportunity to explain why they would like their child to attend their preferred school. This is an important role, making sure all school admission appeals are transparent, independent and impartial. Full training will be given by the Legal Services Team in early 2024 and all volunteers will be paid travel expenses.

If you are interested and would like more information, please email appealsadministrator@westsussex.gov.uk with your details and they will get in touch.



Achievements Breakfast

Every half term a group of students is rewarded, either for individual or collective efforts and last half term it was the top 30 Positive ERA point earners in Year 9. We had some pastries, juice, yoghurt, some had a little bit of healthy fruit and a celebration of a positive half term with them. This happens every half term with one group of students in each year group.

Huge congratulations to 7G who had the highest number of ERA points in Year 7! We measure our students' achievements in many different ways, in school and out. ERA points are awarded for so many different actions, not just academic achievement - for showing kindness and respect, amongst other things.



West Sussex Music are excited to announce our winter holiday activities programme - packed with exciting new music workshops for December! In Crawley, Worthing, Littlehampton, and Bognor Regis, we are offering Rap & Lyric Writing, Music Production & DJ-ing, and Rock and Pop Band to those aged 8-16.

All workshops include lunch, and we have a range of sign-up options available including free and paid places, as well as places discounted by 50%.

Please visit our website via the link below for more information and how to book.

[Holiday Activities - West Sussex Music](#)

Contacting the School - Reporting a child's absence for illness or an appointment



We thought it would be useful for us to clarify how to report your child's absence whether it be for illness or an appointment, as well as how to communicate with school.

Studybugs

Please only use Studybugs if you are reporting your child unwell all day. Please don't use this for reporting medical appointments; Studybugs feeds straight to SIMS so it will mark your child as absent for the whole day, even if the medical appointment is only for a short period of time. Also, please do not try to message us using Studybugs as the inbox is not constantly monitored and your message may get missed.

Absence line

You may also call us and leave a message on the absence line to report if your child is absent due to illness.

Email

If you wish to report that your child will be attending a medical appointment for part of the day please email enquiries@bohunthorsham.com. If you are able to send any supporting documentation about the appointment that would be really useful for our records. If you email your child's tutor or Achievement Coordinator the message may not reach the office.

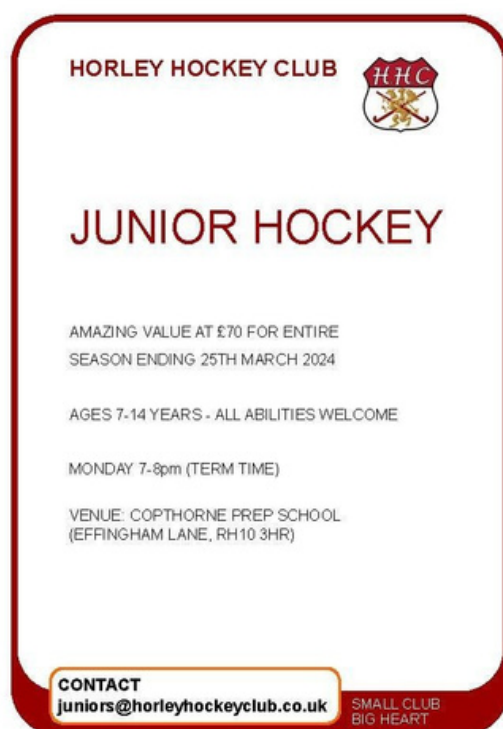
School Comms

You should only use School Comms to pay for things and top up lunch accounts. Please do not message us using this app as the inbox is only monitored intermittently and your message may get missed.

NHS Sussex Partnership run a variety of workshops for parents and carers.

Please see the link below to their website for more information

<https://www.sussexcamhs.nhs.uk/resources/resources-for-families-carers-and-professionals/parent-and-carer-workshops>



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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