

Bohunt Bulletin



Focus of the Week

Following an incredibly wet and windy but successful Open Evening, this week we continue to welcome prospective families to a series of Open Mornings taking place over the next two weeks.

Having so many visitors in school is a lovely way to see our school community through a different lens. At last week's open evening, three year seven students, who have only been with us for three weeks, were confident and assured enough to stand up on stage in front of three packed audiences and share their experiences of moving from primary school to Bohunt Horsham.

So many of the visitors commented on how they, and the well over 100 students who came back to school for the evening to help out, were the best ambassadors for the school. Here's a picture of a nervous Serena, Evie and Toby delivering their speech. We estimate that they spoke to almost 900 people across the course of the evening, we were so proud of them.



If you'd like to come and take a look at what it feels like to be a Bohunt Horsham student, our Culture Tours, which we piloted last year are returning later this term. These are an opportunity for parents and carers of current students to come and walk the school with me and see what it really feels like to learn as a Bohunt Horsham student. The tours will start after half term and places will be limited and will need to be booked in advance. More details to follow when booking opens up.

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Important Dates

September

- 26-29th - Open Mornings for Sept 2024 Year 7 Intake
- 27th - Drug Sense Workshop
- 28th - Year 7 Meet the Tutor and Ipad collection.

October

- 5th 6pm - Welcome to... Year 11
- 9-20th - BET Assessment Fortnight for Year 10
- 10th 6pm - Welcome to... Year 9
- 11th 6pm - Welcome to... Year 7
- 17th 6pm - Welcome to... Year 8
- 19th 6pm - Welcome to... Year 10
- 23-27th - **HALF TERM**

Drug Sense Workshop



For Year 9-11 parents and carers, there is still time to sign up for the Drug Sense workshop on Wednesday evening. This workshop accompanies the presentation your children will also be receiving on Wednesday. The workshop is your opportunity to hear similar information to support your child and be able to look out for any signs of concern. The use of drugs and the exploitation of young people in Horsham is a growing issue and so the more information you have the greater the chance you have of helping your child make the right decisions.

There are plenty of spaces left on the workshop so please book using this [LINK](#)

Welcome To... Events

As part of our increased focus on improving communications across the school community we would like to invite parents and carers to one of our Welcome To... events taking place in October. Each event is aimed to be year group focussed, giving you an opportunity to hear from the heads of year regarding key activities and expectations for the year ahead.

The evenings will be held in person, here in school, each event starts at 6pm and last approximately 1 hour. The dates for each year group can be found below and a separate email will be issued shortly with a link to register for your year group.

Year 7 - Wednesday 11th October

Year 8 - Tuesday 17th October

Year 9 - Tuesday 10th October

Year 10 - Thursday 19th October

Year 11 - Thursday 5th October

Year 7 Meet the Tutor and iPad Collection

Bookings are still open for Year 7 parents and carers to meet with your child's form tutor on Thursday 28th September 2023, 2pm-8pm. Appointments are 10 minute in duration and will take place in the Main School Hall. Afterwards you will be able to collect an iPad, if you have ordered one.

Book using this [LINK](#).

Year 8 Girls Swimming Team

Our Year 8 Girls Swimming Team won both of their events at the Sussex Secondary Schools Gala yesterday. We are now facing a wait to see if our times are quick enough to go to the National finals in Birmingham! Expect results by mid-October.



Sports Fixtures

Tuesday 26th September 3:45pm - Year 8 Girls' Football V Warden Park AWAY

Please Note:

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



Clubs

Attached to this bulletin you will also find a reminder of all the co-curricular clubs currently scheduled. We already have had over 120 students attend clubs in the last week but there are still plenty of spaces for more!

Please see the calendar attached to this bulletin for an updated schedule of clubs available.

Arundel Cricket Club Trip

Today a small group of students in year 8 had the opportunity to visit Arundel Cricket Club Foundation today and learn some brilliant skills in beautiful surroundings.



Lost Property

We emptied the lost property on INSET day. Everything that was named will be returned to its owner. Please have a look at the photos below. We have an unprecedented volume of lost property so early in the term including a large number of very expensive coats as well as a lot of branded school uniform. If you spot your child's belongings in the photos, please ask them to come and collect their item from lost property.



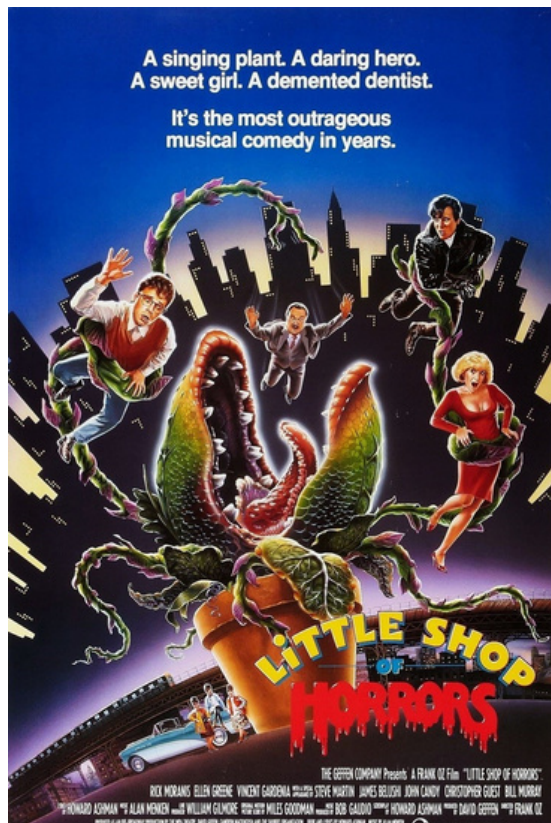
Safer roads and crossings

We have received a worrying increase in reports along with dash cam footage from families and the community of students having near misses on the roads in and around the school. We received at least five last week from people who saw children crossing the roundabout rather than using the bridge, and also some reports of children behaving in a really unsafe manner. One incident very nearly resulted in an accident and the person who rang the school was extremely shaken.

Please can we ask you to remind your children that they must not cross the roundabout but should be using the bridge.

If you see any incidents, unsafe parking, or problems in the local area, please log them via the following link as it may help us to improve safety in the roads around the school.

<https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/make-an-enquiry-or-report-a-problem-with-a-road-or-pavement/>



Bohunt Horsham's next School Musical!

We are thrilled to announce that our next school musical will be 'Little Shop of Horrors'.

Auditions will be this week for years 7-10 held after school in the main school hall. No sign up is required and audition materials are learnt on the day. Your child must sing and act in the audition.

Unfortunately year 11s will not be able to participate in this musical, which is often the case, due to GCSE coursework deadlines and the lead up to final examinations.

YEAR 7 AND 8 AUDITIONS - Tuesday 26th September: 3.30-4.30

YEAR 9 AND 10 AUDITIONS - Friday 29th September: 3.30-4.30

Voice in a Million [VIAM] - YEAR 7 AND 8 MASS CHOIR OPPORTUNITY

Our Year 7 and Year 8 students have been offered a wonderful opportunity to perform as a mass choir with other schools locally and nationally at The OVO Arena, Wembley on Wednesday 24th March 2024.

A letter with more information will be sent to all parents and carers this week. It is vital that an expression of interest payment is made to secure your child's place for this event. No audition is required and more information on Voice in a Million can be found at <https://voiceinamillion.com/>

Disability Benefits Seminar

We have been approached by Citizen Advice to share with parents and carers about SEND webinars which Citizen Advice will be holding.



These are free online webinars on disability benefits to help parents and carers of children and young people with SEND. These will help people to apply successfully for Disability Living Allowance (DLA) for those under 16 and Personal Independence Allowance (PIP) for people 16 and over.

The aim of these webinars is to help parents and carers learn more about eligibility for these benefits and to have the opportunity to learn more about how to fill the applications out for themselves, as well as gain awareness about the other benefits available.

These webinars are in group session format, of no more than 20 people per session and take place on Zoom. They offer a range of different dates and times, and you can book your place on the [Citizen Advice website](#). Please also see attached a flyer with a QR code link to webinars which you can share to parents and carers.



**It's big, it's free, it's action packed and it's
coming back on Tuesday 17th October!
What Next Sussex 2023**

West Sussex, Brighton & Hove Careers Hub are delighted to confirm that the What Next Sussex free, online event is back for 2023 with lots of brand-new content and expert advice and guidance to support learners to take their next steps post-16.

What Next Sussex 2023 will be taking place on Tuesday, 17th October. Two broadcasts are available between 1:30-3:00pm and 6:00-7:30pm for students and their parents/carers.

A valuable opportunity for Year 11 students to meet lots of employers, chat with careers experts and colleges, sixth forms, universities, and training & apprenticeship providers.

90 minutes of impartial careers guidance that can be accessed from school during classroom lessons or evening sessions with parents/carers. There's everything you need in one place.

This event is targeted at Year 11 students (and their parents/carers) but students in Year 10 and 12 will also find it beneficial. Please share the attached online postcard in your school communications to parents/carers.

To register your interest and find out more, click here: [What Next Sussex - Get Career Confident](#)

Closer to the event, we will send you a further email containing all you need to know to help you and your students get the most out of What Next Sussex 2023.

What Next Sussex is designed to support schools in Gatsby Benchmark 7 and to help meet Provider Access Legislation requirements.

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many apps which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about WHATSAPP

AGE RESTRICTION
16+
In UK and Europe; rest of the world 13+

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?
With more than two billion active users exchanging texts, photos, videos and documents, as well as making voice and video calls, WhatsApp is the world's most popular messaging service. Its end-to-end encryption only allows messages to be viewed by the sender and any recipients; not even WhatsApp itself can read them. This privacy issue has been in the spotlight recently, as the UK's Online Safety Bill proposes to end such encryption on private messaging. WhatsApp is unwilling to do so and has reportedly considered withdrawing its service in the UK should this legislation go ahead.

EVOLVING SCAMS
WhatsApp's popularity makes it a lucrative hunting ground for scammers. Recent examples include posing as the target's child, requesting a money transfer because of a spurious 'emergency'. Plus a scam where fraudsters trigger a verification message by attempting to log in to your account, then (posing as WhatsApp) call or text to ask you to repeat the code back to them, giving them access.

CONTACT FROM STRANGERS
To start a chat, someone only needs the mobile number of the WhatsApp user that they want to message. If your child has ever given their number out to someone they don't know, that person could then contact them via WhatsApp. It's also possible that your child might be added to a group chat (by one of their friends, for example) containing other people that they don't know.

FAKE NEWS
WhatsApp's connectivity and ease of use allows news to be shared rapidly – whether it's true or not. To combat the spread of misinformation, messages forwarded more than five times on the app now display a 'Forwarded many times' label and a double arrow icon. This makes users aware that the message they've just received is far from an original – and might not be entirely factual, either.

'VIEW ONCE' CONTENT
The facility to send images or messages that can only be viewed once has led to some WhatsApp users sharing inappropriate images or abusive texts, knowing that the recipient can't re-open them later to use as evidence of misconduct. People used to be able to screenshot this 'disappearing' content – but a recently added WhatsApp feature now blocks this, citing increased privacy.

CHAT LOCK
Another new option allows users to store certain messages or chats in a separate 'locked chats' folder, saved behind a passcode, fingerprint or face ID authentication. The risk here is that this function creates the potential for young people to hide conversations and content that they suspect their parents wouldn't approve of (such as age-inappropriate material).

VISIBLE LOCATION
WhatsApp's 'live location' feature lets users share their current whereabouts, which can be helpful for friends meeting up or parents checking that their child's safely on the way home, for example. However, anyone in your child's contacts list or in a mutual group chat can also track their location – potentially letting strangers identify a child's home address or journeys that they make regularly.

Advice for Parents & Carers ...TYPING...

EMPHASISE CAUTION
Encourage your child to treat unexpected messages with caution: get them to consider, for example, whether the message sounds like something a friend or relative would really send them. Make sure they know never to share personal details over WhatsApp, and to be wary of clicking on any links in messages. Setting up two-step verification adds a further layer of protection to their WhatsApp account.

THINKING BEFORE SHARING
Help your child to understand why it's important to stop and think before posting or forwarding something on WhatsApp. It's easy – and all too common – for content to then be shared more widely (even publicly on social media). Encourage your child to consider how an ill-judged message might damage their reputation or upset a friend who sent something to them in confidence.

ADJUST THE SETTINGS
It's wise to change your child's WhatsApp settings (go to 'Privacy', then 'Groups') to specify which of their contacts can add them to group chats without needing approval; you can give permission to 'My contacts' or 'Except...'. Additionally, if your child needs to use 'live location', emphasise that they should enable this function for only as long as they need – and then turn it off.

CHAT ABOUT PRIVACY
Some parents like to check in with their child about how they're using WhatsApp, explaining that it will help to keep them safe. If you spot a 'Locked Chats' folder, you might want to talk about the sort of chats that are in there, who they're with and why your child wants to keep them hidden. Also, if your child has sent any 'view once' content, you could discuss their reasons for using this feature.

Meet Our Expert
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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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