

Bohunt Bulletin



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Focus of the week

An update from Ms Ayling, Headteacher



As the spring term draws to a close I am struck by how quickly this year is flying past. We knew it would be an important one in our development, with our first Ofsted inspection complete, preparations for our first set of GCSE results well underway and our primary phase all set to open in just a few months' time; I suppose it is no wonder it is all going so fast.

In my last bulletin post of the term, I would like to highlight some of the small things that I love most about our school. For most of our students, this is the only secondary school they will attend and so they don't have the luxury of comparing its culture and atmosphere, or the environment and facilities to other schools. As a teacher of twenty years I often notice things that are very specific to this school. The first is a simple observation, as I walk around school during the day and encounter students, I will greet them and ask if they're OK. This is something I have always done but what I notice time and time again in this school is that students' responses are almost always to reply *and* to check if I am OK in return. It is something that seems so small at first but it is really a symptom of the relationships between students and staff here, students asking staff if they are OK is actually quite rare in secondary schools, it requires students to see staff members as people beyond their roles, it is a marker of a culture built on mutual respect and it is one of my favourite things about our culture.

The second thing I would like to share with you is the perception of visitors to our school. Our reception team, Mrs Lovett and Mrs Mansfield always take time to ask visitors how their time here has been. Last week we held our annual careers fair with lots of stalls from employers and post 16 education providers. All of the students in years 10 and 11 visited, talked with stallholders and learned more about some of the choices ahead of them after they leave us. As the stall holders left, Mrs Mansfield checked in with them to see how their experience had been, she shared with me that every single visitor had been impressed by our oldest students, here are some of their comments describing their interactions:

- 'lovely'
- 'wonderfully polite'
- 'a credit to us'
- 'such a pleasure to talk to'
- 'what a lovely bunch'
- 'delightful'

I was incredibly proud to hear that our students had made such a brilliant impression on visitors, they were mature and used the opportunity to its full advantage, a great sign of just how ready they are becoming to take the next step on their education journey.

I wish you all a positive and hopefully sunny Easter break.

Ms Ayling



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Important Dates

March

- **28th - END OF SPRING TERM - Finish 3:20pm**
- 29th - Good Friday

April

- 1st - Easter Monday
- **15th - FIRST DAY OF SUMMER TERM**
- 15th - Year 10 DEAR Week
- 16th - BET Book Awards
- 18th - Year 6 Welcome Event
- 22nd - Year 10 BET Assessment Fortnight
- 24th - Year 11 Prom Fair

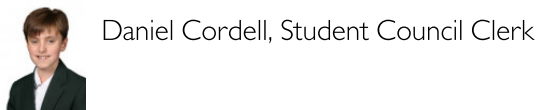


Game-changer of the week

This week's game-changer is **Jude Haddadin**, nominated by Ms Martin for being the first student this academic year to be awarded their platinum badge. Fantastic transition to Secondary, excellent attitude to learning and always looking out for others. A real game-changer!



A message from Bohunt Horsham's student council



Daniel Cordell, Student Council Clerk

We are Bohunt Horsham's student council. We would like to tell you about the student council, what we do, what we have done and how we have made you and your child's experience at school better.

First of all, our aim is to make the school a better place for everyone by combining a strong vision with perseverance to try our best for the School. We have 13 members, with ages ranging from 11 - 16, across many different year groups. We meet at least once a week and try to have the best impact on the school as possible.

What we have done:
These are just some of the things we have done to improve the school:

Helping keep the environment clean. If your child is in KS3, they would have participated in one tutor time session doing litter-picking. This will likely happen once or twice every term for your child's tutor group, and it is to raise awareness of our environmental problems, as it's everyone's responsibility. We realise that this is not the long-term solution to the litter problem, but we hope that this will reduce it.

More lunchtime clubs. Most days, there are at least three lunchtime clubs running. These clubs give opportunities for your young people to thrive in different ways, learning new skills that they wouldn't necessarily learn in the classroom. These clubs are all free and don't require sign-up in advance.

Recruitment. We had nearly 40 students apply to join the student council, and we whittled them down to recruit 7 new outstanding members - well done to everyone.

Reduced the canteen queue. We knew that this was a big problem, so we were suggesting ideas of building a new food place. This is why the snack shack was built.

Found quotes for bike racks. These will hopefully be installed soon.

Set up competitions, to raise awareness of issues. We have recently set up an anti-litter-picking poster competition to raise awareness - make sure your child enters!



We hope that you see that we are assisting the School in it's aim to be as successful and outstanding as possible and we know that we will continue to strive to make the School as enjoyable as possible for all of the students.

Primary update



Lisa Wright, Director of Primary

This week we have been developing further our milestone characteristics for the youngest community members joining in September. Early childhood development is fundamentally important for all children and it sets the steady foundations for a thriving future. Below are the milestones that are expected for children between 4 and 5 years in their first year of school. We have been very excitedly exploring the wealth of experiences and opportunities we can offer our Ducklings from September!

Domain of Development	Milestone Characteristics of the stage from 4 years old
Communication and speech	Uses more complex sentences (e.g. two clauses with 'and' in the middle - 'you will be the prince and I will be the princess' - or subordinate clauses - 'they go to sleep when it's bedtime') From 5 years: May be able to tell stories that stay on track Can answer simple questions about stories Recites nursery rhymes and sings songs
Physical	Can dress, eat and wash mostly independently holds pencils with correct grip Can brush hair Can walk along a straight line on the ground Draws more complex 'people'
Social and Emotional	Likes to initiate conversations with others Makes friends Has fewer arguments with other children Talks about likes and dislikes Uses lots of props in imaginative play Can take turns and share Shows anger through words and actions Comprehends danger May be bossy or show jealousy Is proud of their achievements Responds to reasoning Enjoys independence but still needs comfort and reassurance Is concerned about being disliked
Cognitive	Knows what is right and wrong Knows what it is to tell a lie Still has some difficulty separating reality and pretend play Basic grasp of numbers, colours, size and time Interest in life and death - deeper questions Understands routines Understands comparisons like 'bigger', 'faster' Can say name and address Understands words like 'in front of', 'behind', 'next to'

enjoy respect achieve

JAMF Rollout continues



Liam Harris, Assistant Headteacher, Teaching and Learning

After our successful rollout to 9A, we continue to rollout JAMF this week to students in 9B and 9C. Parents are already enjoying the increased control the JAMF Parent app gives them, with one parent stating that they welcomed the 'increased peace of mind' they have when young people are completing homework at home.

In preparation for the rollout to your child, please ensure that:

- The iPad has been backed up to iCloud. You can use the guide from Apple here: [How to back up with iCloud](#)
- The device is factory reset. You use the guide from Apple here: [How to erase all content and settings](#)

Students require their AppleID password and for screen time passwords to be removed for the JAMF profile to be installed.

You can find our JAMF Parent Guide, including frequently asked questions, here: [JAMF Parent Guide](#)

Communities spotlight!

Following our exciting announcement last week, the students have had their first tutor time teaser, which you can see below. What do you reckon it is showing?



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Spotlight on the pastoral team



Nicole Jones, Assistant Headteacher, Wellbeing

A reminder that all students should wear the correct uniform. Please take some time over Easter to check the fit and condition of your child's uniform so that they are appropriately prepared for next term.

What is the purpose of school uniform?

School uniform helps to ensure that all students are dressed in the same way and in a way that is appropriate for learning. School uniform is a social leveller. This means that students should also wear black school shoes and not trainers. It is far easier for families to financially access black school shoes than branded trainers and so we make a commitment to our community by enforcing black school shoes.



After Easter, all students' uniform will be checked each morning by their tutor. We will have spare uniform and school shoes for students to borrow if they do not have the correct uniform.

If finances are a barrier for your child to wear the correct uniform, please contact us and we will look into what support we can provide.

Sports fixtures and results

Our clubs timetable is being refreshed for the summer term. Please keep an eye open on the next bulletin for further details.

Date	Time	Fixture
Tuesday 26th March	3:00pm	Year 10 Football v Forest AWAY
Tuesday 26th March	3:30pm	Year 8 Netball Tournament AWAY

The year 10 Football team produced a fantastic performance last Tuesday, beating The Weald School 7-0. Player of the Match performance from Aaron Woodhams.

Bohunt Horsham Y8 Rugby came second to Warden Park last Tuesday

Last week we had our Year 9 netball end of season tournament, playing several matches against a variety of schools in the area. We have gained a lot of confidence this season and think that this really reflected in our final games. There were some stand-out performances voted for by the other schools from Bella, Rebecca and Chlo  . We had a mixture of results; wins, loses and draws. We can't wait to see the progress we are going to make next season.



Friends of Bohunt Horsham April meeting



FRIENDS OF BOHUNT HORSHAM APRIL MEETING

 Tuesday | 23 April, 2024
 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM
 Bohunt Horsham, Bailey Road

Join us for the next Friends of Bohunt Horsham parents forum. We will be joined by Accent Catering who will be providing information on the catering offering for summer 2024. We are also on the lookout for a chair person to lead future meetings.

To register your attendance please [click here](#)

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Did you know that 1 in 9 students have missed school in the UK because they can't afford to buy the period products they need? We want to make sure that Period Poverty never affects any of the students here at Bohunt Horsham.

Students can come to the office and help themselves to products from our new free vending box. They don't even have to ask us. The vending box will be in the third little medical room. They can also get period products from the vending box in Ms Jones's office if they prefer.

There are also QR codes in the toilets for if students would like to ask for whole packs of tampons, towels or period pants. They can scan the QR code and let us know what they need. We will then discreetly get these to them or they can collect them from the office.

As a school we're trying to beat period poverty - making sure each and every one of you get the products and support you deserve.

Thank you for helping us with our Period Equality.

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 request to read them. If you are happy to let your child read the Young Adult books please give your consent below via this [FORM](#).

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

Thank you.

Ms Leung
Learning Resources Coordinator.

Useful links

Getting to Know T Levels at Crawley College on Monday 22nd April - For more information and to book click [HERE](#)
Plumpton College Annual Open Day and Spring Fair on Saturday 11th May 2024 - To book click [HERE](#)

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

Absence Procedure - please record absences via [Studybugs](#)

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

