

Bohunt Bulletin



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Focus of the week

Update from Ms Ayling



We hope everyone had a restful bank holiday weekend. Even though this week is a short one, it's definitely not quiet as we have some exciting events planned.

First and foremost, Thursday marks the official start of GCSE exams for our Year 11 students. We are extremely proud of each and every one of them and the effort they've put into preparing for their exams. We wish them all the best of luck.

After weeks of anticipation from students and staff alike, today is the launch of our Communities! The four Heads of Communities have worked extremely hard to bring our communities to life, and we were all excited to finally launch them to our students in our whole-school assembly this morning. The Communities have four pillars - compassion, unity, resilience and celebration - and the aim is to recreate the 'small school' feel as we grow to become an all through school. Each Community will have 300 secondary phase students and 105 primary phase students (eventually - it will only be seven from September!). We are starting with six year groups in each Community, but this will grow to 12 as we grow. We will have 25 members of staff in each Community - although I don't get that privilege as I have to remain impartial! Don't forget to follow us on our dedicated [Communities Instagram page](#)

On Wednesday, we have our annual sponsored walk, which is looking to be a fantastic event for our Year 7-10 students with the sun scheduled to shine. Homestart, the charity we're supporting this year, will also be visiting us to offer their support, encouragement and thanks for our fundraising efforts. There are a few things to remind your child about ahead of tomorrow's event.

1. Please prepare them for the weather on the day - we are expecting dry weather but they may need coats and they will be wearing PE kits.
2. Students will be able to have their lunch as normal when they get back to school, the canteen will be open as normal.
3. If your child suffers from hayfever please make sure they take an antihistamine tablet before they leave for the day as we will not be able to administer this on the walk.
4. If your child requires an inhaler they must have this with them on the day as we will not have enough spares on our walk.
5. If your child has an epipen, please make sure they have this with them on the day for the same reason as above.

There is still time to make a donation by visiting <https://justgiving.com/page/bohunt-may24-sponsoredwalk>.



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Important Dates

May

- 7th - Year 7 BET assessment fortnight
- 8th - Annual sponsored walk/ year 11 wellbeing day
- 18th - Bofest 24
- 20th - Year 9 DEAR week
- 23rd - Year 9 parent/carer consultation evening
- 27th - **HALF TERM**

June

- 3rd - Year 9, BET Assessment Fortnight
- 4th - Friends of Bohunt Meeting
- 12th - BET Book Award Author Visit
- 14th - Year 11 Founding Families BBQ
- 25th - **INSET DAY**
- 26th - 28th - ERA Week



This week's game-changer goes to Rocco in Year 9. Nominated by Mr Rutledge - Rocco has shown a real passion for GCSE PE this year. He has been a great ambassador for the subject and has demonstrated a commitment to his studies, whilst also competing for the school Rugby team. Rocco has gone above and beyond by taking on leadership responsibilities, most recently in his support of the primary school rugby festival this term. Thank you and well done!

Spotlight on the pastoral team



Nicole Jones, Assistant Headteacher, Wellbeing

Year 9 parent/carer consultation is on 23rd May. This is a virtual event and you will be able to book appointments from 4pm to 7.30pm with your child's teachers. Booking opens at 4pm on Thursday 9th May and will close at 12pm on 23rd May.

Year 11 wellbeing day: 8th May

Year 11 are not participating in the sponsored walk this year as they have their first GCSE exam on 9th May. Instead, we have organised a wellbeing day for them.

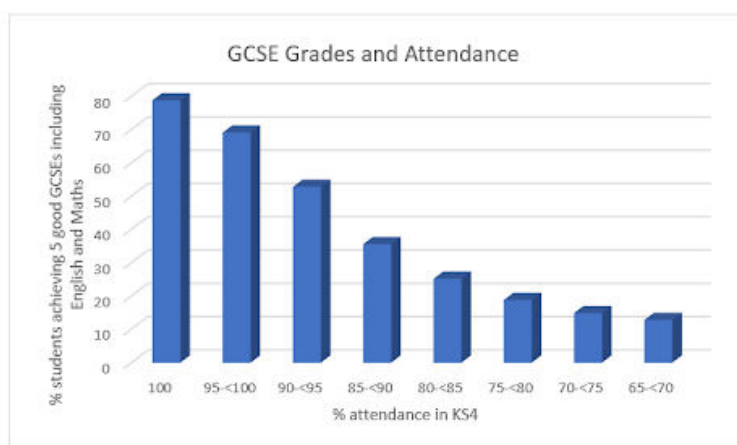
What will it entail?

- 8.30am-9.30am There is a presentation in the morning to support students in thinking about their first day of official, written exams. We will also cover where to find external support in the local area, for now and for when they leave us.
- 9.30am-11.00am there will be some open spaces for independent revision and some sports equipment available for students so that they can choose to revise or to play some sport
- 11am- an early lunch is provided
- 11.30am-1.35pm: Students can choose to watch a movie, continue with independent revision or play sport in the sports hall/dance studio

Throughout the day we have some of our pastoral team and our local youth worker available to check in with students 1-1 as needed.

Attendance Matters:

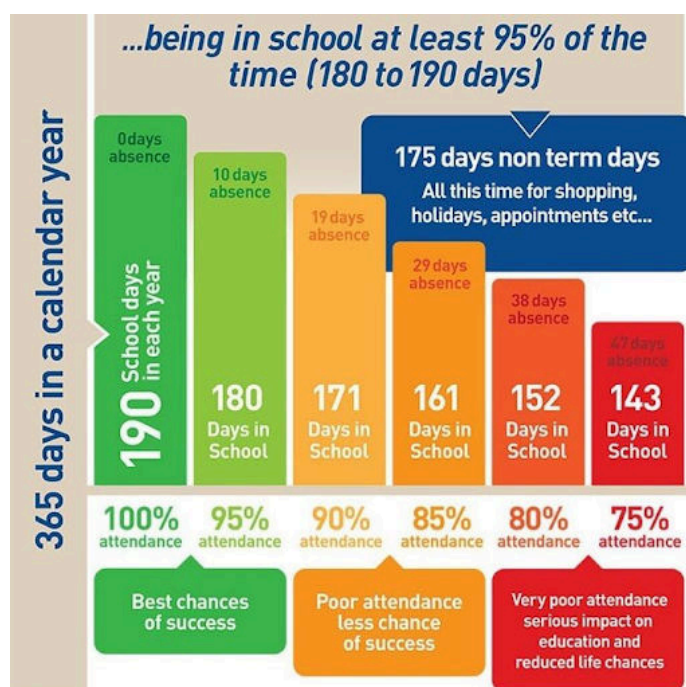
Attendance continues to be a priority for our school, under the umbrella of participation this year. All students should aim for their attendance to be above 96%. Research shows that the higher a student's attendance is, the more likely that they are able to achieve their potential in the GCSEs.



National data from 2013-14 school year (latest available)

Nationally, since 2020, student attendance in schools has been described as in 'crisis' because so many students are absent from school regularly.

If your child's attendance is below 90%, they are categorised by the department for education as 'persistently absent'. This is because 90% attendance is the same as having 1 day every 2 weeks off from school. This means that if your child's attendance is 90% or below, it is likely that we will have contacted you to make you aware.



How can you improve your child's attendance?

- Encouraging your child to come into school on the days that they have a cold or a headache. They can always come to the office and take paracetamol or we can give home a call if they deteriorate.
- Communicating with your child about their attendance. If they have some time off of school, what do they need to return positively?
- Speak to your child's tutor or Achievement Coordinator if they are struggling with something in school. We want to help

Attendance rewards:

- This term we have launched our 'attendance raffle'. Students will receive a raffle ticket from their form tutor if they were in school for 100% of the time in the previous week. They write their name on the ticket and put their ticket in the box, near reception.
- At the end of half term, we will draw the raffle and there will be lots of prizes to win!

Next term we will have a different attendance theme to win raffles tickets- if you have any suggestions then please let us know

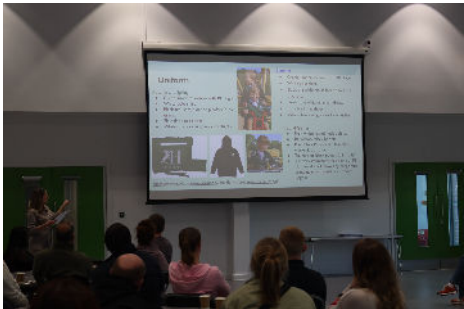
Mrs Jones





Lisa Wright, Director of Primary

Last Tuesday, we were excited to welcome our families who will be joining our Duckling class in September. Although their Facebook group has been active for several weeks, this was the first chance for all of us to meet and interact with each other. During the event, they also received their information packs and had a chance to sample the type of food on offer to their children at lunchtimes. We look forward to seeing them again at our next transition day in July.



Communities spotlight!

Miss May, Miss Dunkley, Miss Harrison and Mrs McEvansoneya

We are super excited this week as it is **LAUNCH WEEK!** On Tuesday the students will find out what Community they are in and everything about it. Then, on Friday they will take place in their first ever Community competition. We can't wait for you to hear all about it!

Get to know your Heads of Communities even better:
Can you match the Head of Community with their favourite colour and animal?
Could this be a hint?

Miss Dunkley	Miss Harrison	Mrs McEvansoneya	Miss Day

Our school festival is next week, Saturday 18th May! Come and join us between 12-4pm for an afternoon of music, games, food and fun as we celebrate our school and the wider community. This year we'll be supporting Horsham Foodbank, so please bring your pennies for the collection buckets and any dry goods you can spare to donate directly to their stall.

We're also looking for donations of the following:

- Bottles - for the bottle tombola.
- Uniform - clean and washed in good usable condition. We are especially keen on skirts and blazers.
- Books - in good condition.
- Cakes - for the cake stall.



Useful links

We are happy to share that after the successful prom fair we had a few weeks ago, Prom Dreams, the company that provided us with the fantastic range of outfits, has recently opened a new shop. They have extended an invitation to any of our students who are still searching for the perfect prom attire to visit their new store and have a look at their collection.

Opening next weekend - Saturday and Sunday 11/12th May, 10:30am - 2:30pm

No appointments needed!

(If you require an appointment for any reason please message Emma direct at prom_dreams@hotmail.com)

Shop Location:

Tylden House - Orchard Lodge

Dorking Road, Warnham, Horsham West Sussex, RH12 3NZ

FREE PARKING

Please follow on Facebook for more updates of other opening days <https://www.facebook.com/share/GjX3CLsCAYLbWhUG/?mibextid=K35XfP>

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>

