

17th June 2024

Bohunt Bulletin



Focus of the week

Update from Ms Ayling



We still have a few exams this week, but last Wednesday, we formally said goodbye to our year 11s during our Leavers' Assembly. It was wonderful to reflect on the past five years and see how far we have all come. We'd also like to thank everyone who attended our Founding Families' BBQ on Friday. The weather held off, and we were extremely touched by the lovely sentiments shared by the community.

Currently, we are finalising the plans for ERA Week next Wednesday to Friday. We have been issuing final arrangement letters over the past few days, and if you have not received yours, they will be with you shortly. ERA Week is a huge event in the Bohunt Horsham calendar and in fact is an event across all Bohunt Education Trust schools, as you can imagine it takes an immense amount of organising. ERA Week 2024 is set to be a fantastic three days of living our ethos with our students heading out on all sorts of amazing adventures, including day trips to London, watersports, Bushcraft, UK residentials, theme park celebrations and college visits, and our French residential in Normandy. We look forward to sharing updates and pictures on our social media channels, particularly our X/Twitter page @BohuntH and hearing about our students' experiences when they return.

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Important Dates

JUNE

- 19 June - Year 9 vaccinations
- 20 June - Year 8+9 Carnegie Book Awards Trip - London
- 21 June - The Reluctant Dragon: Drama Club Performance
- **25 June - BET INSET Day, school closed to students**
- 26-28 June - ERA Week for Years 7-10
- 28 June - Year 11 Prom

JULY

- **1 July - REWARDS DAY ERA POINTS CUT OFF DATE**
- 3 July - Year 6 into 7 Transition Day
- 4 July - Year 10 Geography field trip
- 8 July - Bohunt Horsham Summer Concert
- 9 July - Transition Evening - rescheduled from 4th.
- 10 July - KS3 Sports Day (Years 7 & 8)
- 10 July - A Monster Calls Student Lead Production Night 1
- 11 July - A Monster Calls Student Lead Production Night 2
- 12 July - KS4 Sports Day (Years 9 & 10)
- 18 July - Rewards Day
- **19 July - End of summer term, school closes at 1.45**
- 24-26 July - Year 6 Summer Experience



INSET Dates

We know some families like to plan ahead therefore you can now find our term and INSET dates on the school calendar and website.

<https://www.bohunthorsham.com/families/term-dates/>

Reminder of term dates for the rest of this year.

INSET Day
Tuesday 25th June 2024

Term ends
Friday 19th July 2024 at 1:40

INSET Day
Monday 22nd July 2024

INSET Day
Tuesday 23rd July 2024



Game-Changer of the Week

This week's game-changer is Alexa, nominated by Mr Wright. Through consistency of effort, asking the right questions and taking an interest in how our world was made, reflection on exam structure and requisite subject knowledge, Alexa wowed us in her recent BET assessment.



Bohunt Horsham - General Election

With the forthcoming General Election fast approaching, we will be using it as an opportunity to educate our children and give them an understanding of how politics in our country works. We will be holding our own Bohunt Education Trust Parallel Election which will be launched to all students via tutor time this week.

In the lead up to the election date ALL students will have an opportunity to learn about how a general election works, who their local candidates are and what the different parties are promising in their manifestos.

On the 4th July, Polling Day, ALL students across the 9 Trust schools will have an opportunity to vote for their local constituency candidates using replica ballot papers.

On the 4th July, Schools send the overall votes for each local candidate to our BET central team so that they may collate the results.

On the 5th July, schools can announce the results of their own constituency (and compare to the actual results for their constituency if declared) AND the Bohunt Education Trust Parallel General Election.

Pastoral update

Mrs Jones - Assistant Headteacher, Wellbeing



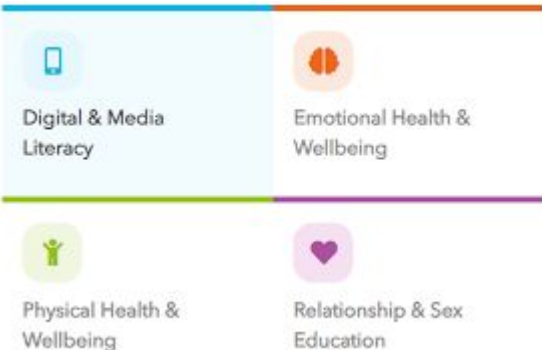
During the KS3 sports day (10th July) KS4 (Years 9 and 10) will be taking part in a personal development drop down day.

During the KS4 sports day (12th July) KS3 (Years 7 and 8) will be taking part in a personal development drop down day.

What is PD?

We teach PD through tutor time and follow the model from WSCC's education for safeguarding framework. Form tutors deliver the lessons during tutor time every week. In addition to this, we have held 2-3 'drop down days' every year to give students more opportunity to reflect and 'go deeper' for certain subjects.

Within this are four cornerstones:



For these days, the following topics will be covered for each year group.

Year 7: Financial education, hate crime & mental health & tolerance

Year 8: Financial education, hate crime & mental health & tolerance

Year 9: Peer pressure, vaping & contraception

Year 10: Sextortion (advised and recommended by WSCC), vaping, drugs and alcohol & misogyny

Your child's attendance on these days is essential so that they are able to access the important information around these subjects

Primary Update

Update from Mrs Wright, Director of Primary



Mrs. Wright has been visiting our new Duckling class in various early years settings over the past few weeks. She has been enjoying her time talking to the children and learning about their favourite toys and activities. It has also been wonderful for her to visit 12 different early years settings and experience the different environments where our Ducklings spend their time.



Communities Spotlight

There are lots of exciting things coming up over the next few weeks including the results from the logo competition, the announcement of each Community song, the students getting the opportunity to vote for their Community charity, a mini-Olympics charity event and a non-uniform day! Please keep your eyes peeled for more information.



There are so many students already taking part in Rewards Day. Please remember that the deadline for ERA's for Reward's Day is the **1st of July**. Any students who have their silver, gold or platinum badge by this point will take part in at least part of the day. We are also running a Communities competition whereby the Community with the best attendance for the last half term will get a treat on Reward's Day, regardless of their badge status!

Medical Appointments

Please can we remind you that should your child require a medical appointment during school hours, these are to be emailed into enquiries@bohunthorsham.com and not via Studybugs. Studybugs becomes very busy with daily absences and as a result, messages can be missed, especially if they are appointments at short notice.

High School Musical 2025 - Auditions

Oh yes, East High is coming to Bohunt Horsham! We're getting our heads ahead of the game (all puns intended) for next year's school production and will be auditioning this side of summer. Students will be able to access all the information they need regarding the upcoming auditions here: <https://sites.google.com/bohunthorsham.com/hsm25> (students will need to be logged into their Bohunt account in order to access the site).

1st July - Year 7, 3:30-5pm, Main School Hall

2nd July - Years 8/9, 3:30-5pm, Main School Hall

The cast will be announced in the same week with rehearsals starting on Tuesdays and Thursdays in the last 2 weeks of school. We'll also be keeping a small handful of places for our new starters joining who will have the opportunity to audition in September.

The production runs Tuesday 4th February to Friday 7th February 2025.



Useful Links

Bookings are open for Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) summer provision

Families who are accessing benefits related Free School Meals (FSM) can now make their bookings for the summer HAF programme, using our [online booking system](#).

Children who are in receipt of benefits related FSM can access up to 16 sessions this summer, free of charge, and each session includes a nutritious meal. We have over 60 providers delivering across West Sussex this summer, providing a wide range of enriching activities.

Support the school by singing up to Easy fundraising.
<https://easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/bohunthorsham>

Shop your favourite brands and donate to school whenever you buy with them!



ParentGuide is putting on a series of free webinars before the summer break to benefit parents/carers of current Yr 9, 10, and 11 students.

Details of each event can be found by clicking on the event link where there will also be the opportunity to register for a ticket.

As with all of our ParentGuide webinars, they will last approximately 45 minutes and attendees will be given the opportunity to ask questions at the end.

If parents can't attend the events live, then as long as they have registered for a ticket, they will be emailed a link to the replay as soon as the event has finished.

Stepping up to Yr 12. 7-8pm, Thurs 20th June (For parents/carers of current yr 11 students)

<https://events.parentguidetoeducation.com/stepping-up-to-yl2>

Navigating yr 11. 7-8pm, Thurs 27th June (For parents/carers of current yr 10 students)

<https://events.parentguidetoeducation.com/navigating-yl1>

Navigating GCSE. 7-8pm, Thurs 4th July (For parents/carers of current yr 9 students)

<https://events.parentguidetoeducation.com/navigating-gcses>



Your child's mental health and wellbeing: June 2024



Fresh starts and change

Have you ever started laughing because someone else's laughter was so infectious? As humans we are very connected to others and this makes our feelings contagious. It is natural for you to be worried about new challenges your children are facing, but try to only share these feelings with other adults and not your child.

As we come into the summer term many of our children will be facing change. Some will be starting new schools or colleges, whilst others will be changing classes, or starting a new phase of their education. These tips can also be used when you are supporting a child with any new experiences (such as school residential or exams).

Feelings are contagious



Creating positive expectations

Whilst we want our children to see that everyone has to deal with a full range of emotions, in the case of big changes we should aim to keep our focus positive. Talk to your child about what the exciting new things they will try, share with them your own positive stories about starting a new school, trying new things, or making new friends. Set them up to approach this change with excitement.



Share excitement and positivity

Keep a balance

When children are worried about something they need two key things from the adults around them: Empathy and confidence. You can hear and respect your child's worries whilst also expressing that you are confident that they can cope and will overcome them. This clip from Inside Out is a beautiful example of empathetic listening: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1685WM5R6aM>

Empathy and confidence



Have a script When we want to express empathy and confidence we could say something like:

"This is going to be a big change for you, and I can see that you are worried, but you know what, you've coped with changes before, do you remember when you did...I know that you can do this, and I am excited for all the new things you are going to do".

What to say

"We become the story we tell ourselves." If we believe ourselves to be anxious we are more likely to experience anxiety, if we tell ourselves we are going to fail, then there is a higher chance that we will fail.

Move away from labelling a child as "anxious" or saying that they "have anxiety". Instead use much less emotive phrases such as "you are feeling worried about this" or "you have having some anxious feelings at the moment". This describes the feelings rather than the child and frames them as temporary.

Try not to say



Recorded webinars for parents and carers

Our colleagues in Norfolk and Suffolk have produced a large number of recorded webinars for parents. These include several which are relevant to children who experience worries and anxious feelings.

<https://www.nft.nhs.uk/parent-workshops/>



Norfolk and Suffolk NHS Foundation Trust

Jabari Jumps
A brilliant book for younger children about facing your fears and giving things a go.



This is an exciting opportunity for Year 10 students (both current Weald students and students from other schools) to hear from Year 12 students about their experiences of subjects and Sixth Form life.



Prefect talks at 5.30 & 6.30pm



Chat with current students



Visit the Sixth Form space



CONTACT US
01403 787283



VISIT OUR WEBSITE
www.theweald.org.uk/sixthform



West Sussex Music are excited to announce our Summer Holiday Activities- packed with exciting musical workshops led by working musicians, for the Summer Holidays!

We are offering Rap & Lyric Writing in Bognor Regis: 24 - 26 July, Pop Choir in Littlehampton: 29 - 31 July, Rock & Pop Band in Worthing: 24 - 26 July, and DJ & Music Production in Crawley: 29 - 31 July!

All workshops include lunch, and participants will receive a digital badge at the end of the workshops, which are a great way for young people to build their portfolios and CVs with many transferable skills, that they will have built through the workshops.

Due to high demand and limited places, please book early to avoid disappointment, places are first come, first served. You can find out more about these workshops and book a place [here](#). We have a range of sign-up options available including free, paid, and places discounted by 50%.