

30th September 2024

Bohunt Bulletin



Focus of the week

Spotlight on Attendance

Update from Mrs Jones

Attendance Focus for the Academic Year

This academic year, we are placing a strong emphasis on student attendance. We understand that some students may face challenges that make it difficult to attend school regularly, whether it's related to friendships, mental health, wellbeing, transport issues, or other factors. If your child is struggling with attendance for any reason, we encourage you to reach out to us. We are here to provide support and work with you to ensure your child feels comfortable, happy, and ready to engage in their learning. Together, we can help your child have the best possible experience at school.

Our target is for every student to achieve at least **96% attendance**. While 95% may seem impressive, it actually amounts to nine full days of missed school across the year, which can significantly impact a student's progress. Each day of school is vital for academic success and for building important social and life skills.

96% attendance still equates to **seven days of absence** over the year, a figure that often surprises students when they learn about it. Your support in helping your child meet this goal is invaluable, and we greatly appreciate your commitment to their education.

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Year 11 parent/carer consultation

10th October 4pm-7.30pm

This is a virtual event to meet your child's teachers before their first round of mock exams. Booking opens 30th September at 4pm and closes on 10th October. Please use [this link](#) to log in.

Please note that there are appointments to book with Ms Simons (our careers lead) for you to discuss future options for your child. These appointments are limited. Please email dsimons@bohunthorsham.com if your query could be resolved via email

Looking ahead

If your child is in **Year 9** this year, we have organised an even more informative and curriculum-focused Welcome to GCSE event to be held on **22 October from 5.30 -7.30pm** when you'll hear briefly about how GCSE assessment works. You will then be free to spend time in different curriculum areas looking at examples of GCSE work and finding out from our curriculum leads and older students exactly how you can help your child to be successful as they move through their GCSE course.

If your child is in **Year 10**, we will be opening up specific interactive and targeted smaller group workshops for families to support you in understanding what they need to do next to ensure academic success; these will be based on the results of their first round of Year 10 BET assessments and will be held on **Tuesday 14 January between 4 -7pm**

If your child is in **Year 8**, we will be inviting you to our annual Options Launch event which will be held on **Thursday 23 January from 4.30 - 6.30pm**.

Autumn webinars by Same Boat Parents

If you find you are regularly worrying about your teens you can join these free [autumn webinars](#) and get the tools you need to feel more in control. Jonno Wood of [Same Boat Parents](#) will give you his most effective skills from 10 years of helping teens others have been unable to.

The topics:

- Managing Screen Time - Wednesday October 2nd at 9pm
- Feeling in control - Wednesday October 16th at 8pm
- Supporting with exam stress - Tuesday October 22nd at 8pm



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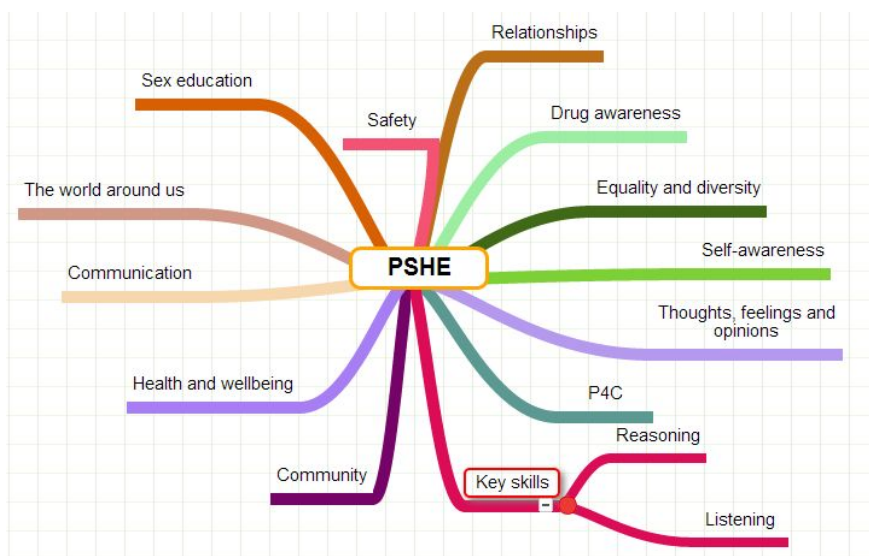
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Personal Development Drop Down Day - 9th October 2024

As part of our Personal Development curriculum, students will be taking part in our first 'PD Drop Down Day' of the year on **Wednesday 9th October**. This day is an opportunity for students in each year group to experience a slightly different day from their usual school timetable. Each year group has a specifically tailored timetable to follow which includes sessions as a tutor group as well as talks from external speakers that cover some of the topics on our personal development curriculum. This drop down day will see year groups participate in workshops on the following topic areas;

- Year 7: Little Lifesavers, violence prevention and healthy relationships
- Year 8: Violence prevention and healthy relationships
- Year 9: Violence prevention, vaping, drugs and alcohol
- Year 10: Vaping, drugs and alcohol and managing finances
- Year 11: Vaping, drugs and alcohol and exam revision workshops

After half term, all students will have personal development sessions within their tutor time each week. We have developed our curriculum following a model from West Sussex County Council.



SPOOKY WRITING COMPETITION

Do you love a good scare? Or maybe you have a knack for creating spooky designs? This October, we challenge you to dive into the eerie spirit of Halloween with our **Halloween Writing & Art Competition**

Write a hair-raising **SHORT STORY** that will send shivers down our spines. Let your imagination run wild and show us your scariest tales! If designing is more your vibe create a hauntingly beautiful **BOOK COVER** that captures the spooky essence of Halloween. Your artwork should be fit for a bestseller in the horror section!

Deadline: Monday 14th October

All entries to be labelled with full name and tutor group and emailed to HOC@bohunthorsham.com or handed in to Ms Leung in the Library.

First Prize: £15 Book Token + chocolate

Runner up: £10 Book token + chocolate

All entrants will get chocolate.

Blazer Flashes

We are excited to announce a slight but meaningful change to our school uniform, which will take effect in the coming weeks. In an effort to foster a greater sense of community and unity among our students, we will be introducing blazer flashes that correspond with the colour representing each student's Community. This new addition to the uniform will be phased in over the next few weeks. The Heads of Community will meet with a tutor group at a time and we will iron the flashers onto students' blazers during tutor time (staff will do this). As they are iron-on, they can be removed if needed (for example, if you would like to give the blazer to someone else).

KS3 Spooky Halloween Ball

There are still a few tickets left for the KS3 Spooky Halloween Ball. Payment deadline has been extended to Thursday 3rd of October and can be found on Gateway. Please check your payments history if you are unsure whether or not you've already bought a ticket. Hurry whilst there are still tickets!



Additional Open Morning

Saturday 5th October 9am-11am

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Please arrive from 08:45. Limited parking will be available in our main car park but we encourage families to walk or use public transport where possible. You will receive a short presentation in our main hall before embarking on a tour of each curriculum area.

Young Minds - Hello Yellow



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Bohunt Horsham will be participating in Hello Yellow to support YoungMinds on Thursday, 10 October (World Mental Health Day). We encourage everyone to wear a 'hint' of yellow with their regular school uniform. This could be an accessory, a yellow top under their blazer, a badge, or a headband. Thank you for your support!

There are days when all of us struggle with how we are feeling. Things can get tough, and it can be difficult to know how to cope. For many young people, when this happens, they don't always get the help they need when they need it. They don't know where to turn, who to talk to, or even if anyone else feels the same. No young person should feel alone with their mental health. Together, we can change this. Students can take part by wearing a hint of yellow to school. We'd also like to ask parents and carers to consider donating to help YoungMinds keep fighting for young people's mental health. Our suggested donation is £2 which can be donated on our JustGiving page:

[Bount Horsham Hello Yellow JustGiving Page](#)

YoungMinds has resources for families to find help and advice, if you're ever concerned about a child or young person – you can find this on their website: www.youngminds.org.uk/parent. If you have any questions, please let us know.

Upcoming Dates

OCTOBER

- 5 October Additional Open Morning for Year 6 families
- 18 October School photographs - Reception, Years 7, 9 and 11
- 17 October Halloween Spooky Ball
- 22 October Year 9 Welcome to GCSEs event, 5.30-7.30pm
- 25 October Duckling class Halloween Party, 1.30-3.00pm
Flu vaccinations
- 28 October - 1 November **Half Term**