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BOHUNT BULLETIN



Gamechanger of the Week Kyran 9A

Kyran is a Horsham Army Cadet. Last week he spent his weekend selling poppies and taking part in both the Remembrance parade and the services in the Carfax and church. He takes an immense amount of pride in his role; polishing his boots, ironing his uniform and speaking respectfully with members of the public. We are very proud of Kyran.

What's Inside

Focus of the Week

This week we are focusing on feedback, did you know that teachers can give feedback to students verbally on Showbie? So don't be alarmed if you hear our teachers' voices in your homes!

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FOCUS OF THE WEEK

What you really want to know...

We often publish frequently asked questions and they usually address things that families who are thinking of sending their child to our school might ask: the timings of the school day, questions about curriculum design, or similar. In a conversation with a parent recently, it occurred to me that our current families often ask us about the reasons behind our processes. In fact, this particular parent explained that she was keen to support the school, but didn't feel she understood why we do what we do. I hope it will be helpful if I can answer some of those questions here.



- 1. Why is uniform such a priority for you? What difference does it really make to my child's learning?** I believe in equity of opportunity and school uniforms create a level playing field among the student body, which reduces peer pressure and helps to prevent unkindness or even bullying. A school uniform can prevent unkindness based on appearance or economic background and encourage positive feelings of belonging in your community. Uniform is also about safety, with their blazers on, Bohunt Horsham students can immediately be recognised at a distance as a member of our school and anyone who is here that doesn't belong is immediately identifiable (this is part of the reason we insist on students removing their coats indoors and always wearing a blazer). Our uniform is an outward expression of pride in our school, wearing it correctly is a badge of honour, we are members of this community and we belong here, it is just one of the visible signs of the outstanding culture of behaviour that means our school is a safe place to work and learn.
- 2. Why does my child have to go to the office to contact home rather than using their mobile phone during the school day?** As recent government guidance tells us, 'One of the greatest challenges facing schools is the presence of mobile phones.' Our mobile phone rule is that phones must be switched off when students arrive at our gates in the morning and then can be switched on again when they leave at the end of the day. To support consistent enforcement of this rule, so that students can be fully present in school, focused on their lessons and on building successful friendships and maintaining their mental health, we ask that if family members need to contact students in an emergency they make contact with the school office who will pass a message on. Or that they wait until after the school day has ended so that the child isn't tempted to use their phone against school policy. If your child needs to contact you, we ask that they do that through the school office rather than directly through their mobile phone so that the school is aware of any issue that has arisen and can also offer support with resolving it.

If you have a question about our processes you would like answered here, please submit it via this email address: asktheheadteacher@bohunthorsham.com

Ms Ayling

Headteacher

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COMING UP IN SCHOOL

REMINDER

27th November

BET INSET Day - school closed to ALL students

Student Leadership Opportunities

Does your child have what it takes to be a leader? If so, we'd like to hear from them! This week students were given an assembly about some very exciting Community Leadership opportunities and we would love to have as many applicants as possible. The current opportunities available to all students are: Community Captain and Deputy Community Captain, and Sports Captain and Deputy Sports Captain of each Community. We are also looking for Student Council representatives. Students received an application form during tutor time and should send these to their Head of Community should they be interested.

Heads of Communities

hoc@bohunthorsham.com

Year 10 - ERA Week information evening

25th November 6-7pm (Main Hall)

A reminder that it is the information evening for Year 10 ERA week is next Monday. Please bring your child for a presentation on work experience week. This evening is key in helping to ensure that you have all of the information to support your child's experience.

All other year groups will receive communication regarding ERA week, including pathway allocations and information on payment options. Please look out for this and contact Mrs Jones if you have any concerns.

Mrs Jones

Assistant Headteacher

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COMING UP IN SCHOOL

Year 11 - Post 16 Options Evening

Tuesday 3rd December 6pm-7pm

All Year 11 students and their families are invited to our Post-16 Options Evening. Join us on December 3rd at 6pm for a brief presentation outlining the various pathways available after Year 11, including college, sixth form, apprenticeships, and more; this will be held in the Main Hall. After the talk, you'll have the opportunity to meet with representatives from the post 16 institutions and other providers to gather more information and explore your options. This event comes at the perfect time, as college application deadlines begin from mid-December. There will also be time for one-to-one conversations with staff to discuss your child's next steps and help ensure they are well-prepared for their future.

Mrs Jones

Assistant Headteacher

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King's College London

Medicine and Dentistry Lectures for Year 11 Students

Applications for King's College London Medicine and Dentistry Free Online Lecture Series are now open! If students are interested in becoming a doctor or dentist, this is an excellent opportunity to get a taste for it.

Over the course of the programme students will hear from a wide variety of speakers to help build their understanding of the opportunities and challenges of being a doctor and dentist, as well as guidance on the application process. Last year's lectures included the following:

- Medical and dental specialties: cardiology, oral surgery, renal transplant, and many more!
- Q&As each week with current medical and dental students.
- Support with the application process: UCAT, personal statements, and interviews.
- Q&A with admissions colleagues in the school of medicine at KCL, UCL, St George's, Queen Mary, Brunel, and Imperial.

Lectures will be held on **Tuesday evenings between 6:00 – 7:30pm**, the first one being held on Tuesday 4th February.

Applications will close on Friday 10th January. For more information and to apply, students should follow [this link](#).

Ms Simons

Careers Lead

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EVENTS

Christmas Market

Wednesday 11th December 4pm-7pm

Our #BOHOHO Christmas Market is taking place on Wednesday 11th December between 4.00pm and 7.00pm. Plans are coming on well and we are now asking families to donate bottles or chocolates (any sort of chocolate) for our tombolas. Nearer the time we will also be asking for cakes for the cake stall.

We would also really appreciate nearly new uniform. All the branded items such as blazers, jumpers, skirts and PE kit sell well. Please do not bring any trousers as we have plenty of these.

We are really excited and hoping to raise lots of money for our four charities, Olive Tree, Chestnut Tree House, Springboard and Young Epilepsy. Please bring donations to the school office at any time. Thank you.

Mrs Mansfield

Primary Receptionist

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Whole School Christmas Meal

Wednesday 18th December

We are excited to announce that our Christmas lunch will take place on Wednesday, 18th December, at a cost of £4. To sign up, please make payment via Gateway **by the 11th December deadline**. For children entitled to free school meals, the lunch is free, but you must complete the provided Google form to confirm if your child would like to participate:
<https://forms.gle/NfdDhEvKXQ8dwQF16>.

Please note that the **canteen will be closed for all other lunch options on this day**, so students not having the Christmas lunch will need to bring a packed lunch and any snacks they may want.

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EVENTS

Christmas Jumper Day

Wednesday 18th December

Alongside the annual Christmas lunch, we will also be taking part in Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day for the all-through school (primary and secondary). To make donating easier we've set up a JustGiving page. The suggested donation is £2 but give whatever you can afford - it's for a great cause (remember, you don't have to add the tip if you don't want to!) <https://christmas.savethechildren.org.uk/fundraising/CJD240017175>

We believe everyone should feel they can take part in the festivities, so if your child doesn't have a Christmas jumper and you are worried about money, we do have a small stock of brand new jumpers in different sizes which have been carefully chosen by our excellent pastoral team and we'd be happy to give your child a jumper so they can join in. Please email your child's form tutor or ask your child to talk to them directly, or to go to reception where we will discreetly take them into our fitting room and show them the options available.

We know times are tough, so please remember that £2 is only a suggested donation - if you can't donate, or you can spare less, that's fine too. Any amount - 10p, 20p, 50p - makes you an awesome fundraiser! This year, donating £2 could buy a packet of seeds for a family in Kenya to grow their own food, after drought has killed their crops. Or £6 could provide a pack of 12 water bottles, making all the difference for people in Gaza who are struggling to access drinkable water.

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NOTICES

Winter 2024 HAF bookings are now open

Families who are accessing benefits-related Free School Meals (FSM) can now make their bookings for the winter Holiday Activities and Food programme (HAF) Programme, using the [online booking system](#).

Children and young people who are in receipt of benefits-related FSM can access up to four sessions this winter **free of charge**, and each session includes a nutritious meal. There are providers delivering across West Sussex, offering a wide range of enriching activities. If you need a reminder of your HAF code please email enquiries@bohunthorsham.com to request this.

Ms Sharkey

Student Support Manager

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Bikes parked in front of the dance studio emergency doors

An increasing number of students are chaining their bikes to the emergency exit doors outside the dance studio. If your child cycles to school, please make sure they are aware that their bikes need to be parked and chained up in the designated areas.

There is abundant space available in the bike racks on the far end of the car park.

Going forward, we will need to cut/remove the chains of any bikes found on the dance studio doors as this poses a health and safety risk.

Ms Griffin

Operations Manager

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KEY DATES

November 2024	Fortnight of 11th November	Year 11 Mocks
	Fortnight of 25th November	Year 8 BET Assessments
	25th November	Year 10 ERA Week Information Evening, 6-7pm
	27th November	BET INSET Day - school closed to ALL students
December 2024	3rd December	Year 11 Post 16 Options Evening, 6-7pm
	12th December	Year 10 Parent/Carer Consultation
	13th December	Winter Concert, time TBC
	18th December	Whole School Christmas Meal Christmas Jumper Day
	19th December	Year 12 GCSE Certificate Collection
	20th December	Last day of term - students finish at 1:45pm
January 2025	6th January	INSET Day - school closed to ALL students
	7th January	First day of spring term for students

REMINDERS

Medication in School

If your child requires medication to be administered during the school day (which cannot be timed around school hours), this need to be stored in Reception office along with the appropriate form signed by a parent. Medication should be in its original packaging with the patient information leaflet included. Students are not permitted to carry any medication on them, apart from inhalers and auto-injectors.

Medical Help in School

Please be reminded that students should not be contacting parents and arranging to be collected from school during the school day. Please advise your child that if they start to feel unwell during the school day they should go to Reception, where they will receive medical assistance or, if required, we will contact home to arrange for them to be collected.

Illness

When your child is unwell you must inform the school on the first morning of absence and for safeguarding reasons please ensure absence is reported daily via **Studybugs**. We ask that absences are reported promptly before 08:30. If you are unable to use Studybugs for any reason you may leave a voicemail message on the school absence line 01403627430 option 1.

Medical appointments

If you are unable to obtain a medical/dental appointment outside of school hours, the appointment details are to be advised via email to enquiries@bohunthorsham.com. You should remind your child to come to reception independently at the correct time to sign out.

Lost Property

We have an ever increasing amount of lost property. All items of clothing (including shoes) should be clearly labelled with your child's name. If your child has misplaced any of their personal belongings they are welcome to come to check lost property outside reception before school, during breaks or after school to see if these have been handed in. Any valuable items will be kept at Reception. Items that are not collected by the end of term will be donated to charity or disposed of. Thank you.

Change of Address/Circumstances

Please notify us if there are any changes of address or circumstances by emailing enquiries@bohunthorsham.com

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