

# Brighton Hill Community School

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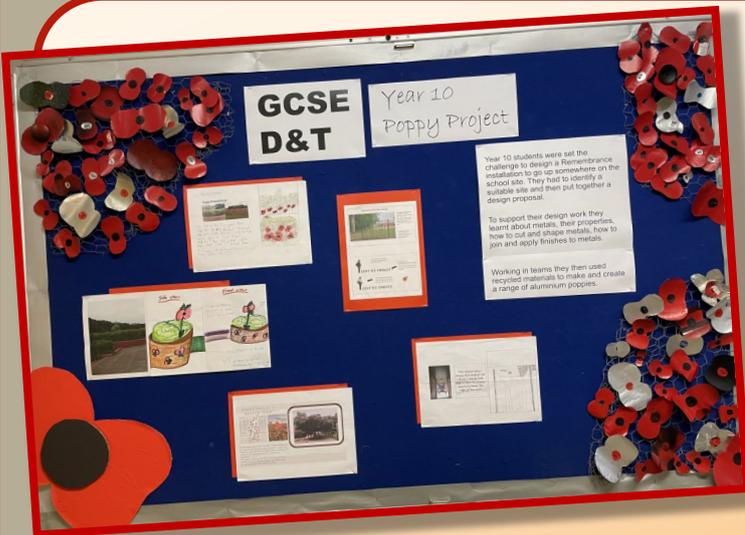
Autumn Term  
15 November 2021

## Newsletter

### MP VISITS SCHOOL

Local MP Maria Miller, paid a visit to Brighton Hill Community School on Friday, 5th November.

The MP met with our Student Council who thoroughly enjoyed the visit.



### Remembrance Display

Year 10 GCSE D&T students have been working on a metal work project and have put together designs for a Remembrance installation and made poppies from reclaimed aluminium. This is currently on display outside Mrs Hallum Barnard's office.

### New Staff

We are pleased to announce the arrival of our Food Specialist teacher—Mr Cook, who joined the team on Monday, 8 November. He is settling in well with all the classes and has loads of ideas for how to innovate the Food curriculum. So watch this space!

Mrs A Carson  
Head of Creative industries

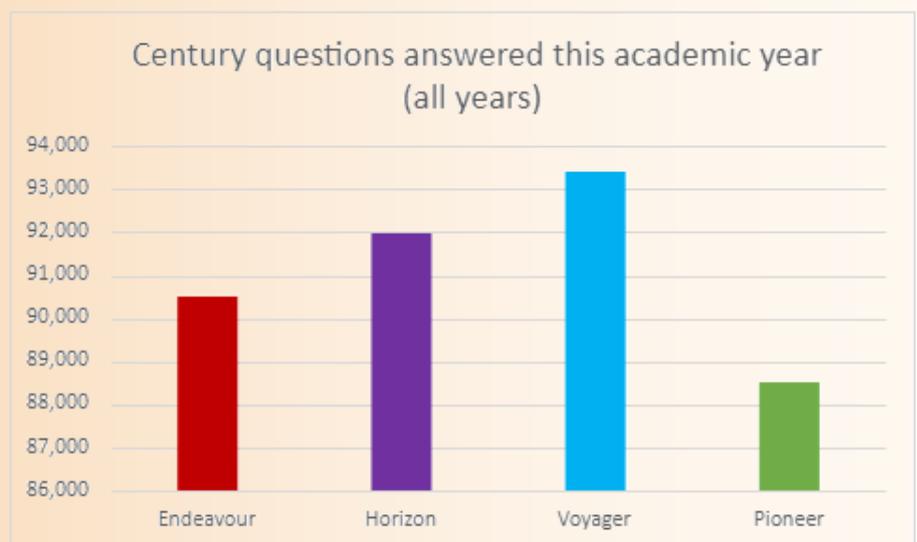
## VOYAGER in the lead ...



... The House Cup has now had over 350 students compete in Friday Afternoon House Cup events — which is a truly remarkable achievement. Pioneer, the early pacesetters, continue their strong start to the year in House events, but after the first half term's additional points for behaviour and attitude in lessons were added on, it is now Voyager who have stormed into the lead. This is quite a turnaround and one that Miss Malone will be absolutely delighted about — as will the whole of the Voyager team. It is all to play for as we head towards Christmas and the House events keep coming thick and fast.

The Century House Cup has been a huge success in recent weeks with the cohort answering a staggering 364,376 questions since the start of the year, with over 65% of them being answered in October (when we were only in school for three weeks!)

The runaway year group leaders are Year 9 who have answered over 100,000 questions. The winning House so far is Voyager, who are approaching 100,000 questions answered. Well done to all of our students, who are making such a difference to their own academic progress by completing so much outside of the classroom.



Mr P Beeching  
Assistant Headteacher



## VOYAGER

### VOYAGER UPDATE

Although I am super proud and grateful to be the Head of House for the current winning team, I'm not surprised by their progress. Every week, I feel so proud of my team and always knew they'd make themselves known as successful, kind and competitive Voyagers. From starting the year in third place, to absolutely smashing it by winning the last half term House Cup update, Voyagers are a team destined for success. This term we've drawn pictures, made roller-coasters, won football matches, gathered teams and grown together.

Every week on a Friday, there is a lovely celebratory atmosphere I love being a part of. Aside from our progress in house events, we have seen some amazing progress from our academic teamwork too. Voyagers are currently in the lead for House Cup Points AND Century learning, where they have answered almost 100,000 additional questions!

I'd like to also take a moment to mention two Voyagers I'm especially grateful to have in our team. Two students this term have been noticed for their kindness in the community around our school. We are so proud and lucky enough to have them in our House: Emilia in Year 9 and Madison in Year 8, who on separate occasions, stopped to help people in need in the local community showing so much bravery and kindness. Thank you so much, both of you!

Now, let's continue to go out there and show everyone what makes Voyager so super! Onto the new half term!

Miss Malone  
Head of Voyager

### HORIZON NEWS

As promised in the last Newsletter, Horizon was just giving everyone else a head start and we've now started flying up the table! The effort the students have been putting in has been incredible and it's wonderful to see them supporting our House and seeing their efforts pay off.

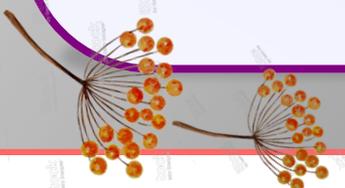
In Horizon we have six students with over 50 House Cup Points already — an Outstanding achievement! So a massive 'Well Done' to Alexander L, Maiya H, Aaron G, Ayden C, Katie G and Alfie B, with a whopping 348 points between them!

Let's keep going!

Mr W Firth  
Head of Horizon



## HORIZON





## PIONEER

### PIONEER UPDATE

Another fabulous month for our extraordinary Pioneers! With a particularly brilliant start from our Year 7 boys demonstrating great participation and courage teaming up with Horizon and Endeavour to be joint winners at the rugby last week!

Not only have our Brighton Hill Pioneers been demonstrating our four cornerstones but our wonderful House Ambassador, Greta Thunberg, has taken centre stage this month during the COP26 Climate Summit! She has stood up for what she believes is right and refuses to give up her worthy cause!

Miss Arundale  
Head of Pioneer



### NON-UNIFORM DAY

We will be having a non-uniform day on 19 November 2021 for Children in Need Day with fundraising going to help support local charities and projects which are providing essential frontline help to children and young people in communities throughout the UK. On the day, we would like all students to participate by wearing their own clothes with a voluntary £1 donation to the charity, which students can give to their tutor from Monday 15 to Friday 19 November.

We would like to use the non-uniform day as an opportunity to promote our house system by asking students to come, where possible, in the colour of their house. For reference, these are as follows:

Horizon - purple  
Pioneer - green

Endeavour - red  
Voyager - blue

From a safety point of view, we would ask that all students who have PE lessons on Friday 19 November ensure that they wear clothing suitable for physical exercise, including trainers.

Mrs Hallum Barnard  
Assistant Headteacher

## CAREERS IN ESPORTS: MORE THAN JUST GAMING

Enterprise M3 are hosting an Esports Parents' Information evening at Queen Mary's College (QMC), Basingstoke on Tuesday, 30th November 2021 between 6:00pm and 7:00pm. This event is exclusively for parents local to Basingstoke, with children currently in year 10 or 11.

Learn how Esports goes well beyond basic gaming, with over 100 different career paths - the world could be your child's oyster after leaving college. QMC have a brand new Esports suite with state-of-the-art technology, which is where they will be hosting the event.

Capacity is limited to 30 guests, so please note that only two family members are permitted to attend per registration. Register your place today via the following link: <http://tiny.cc/QMCEsportsevening>

Mr D Watkins  
Deputy Headteacher

## INGREDIENTS FOR PRACTICAL LESSONS

All practical lessons in Food Tech at KS3 and KS4 are set via TEAMS. If you know your child studies food at GCSE or is on a food rotation at KS3, it would be worth checking with them over the weekend so you have time to get the ingredients. We do ask that the students help with the weighing out and preparation of ingredients and would actively encourage this as part of the home learning. We also encourage our students to help with the washing up at home as this helps when they have to wash up at school. So, if you would like so extra help at home with the dishes, feel free to let your child know it's additional Home Learning from Mrs Carson!



### PP STUDENTS AND INGREDIENTS FOR COOKING

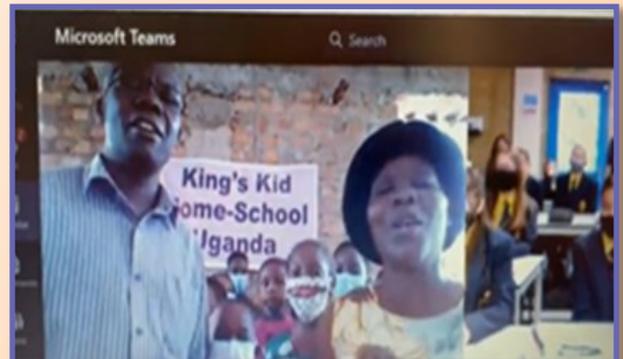
If your child is eligible for PP funding and the buying of ingredients for food practical lessons is proving to be difficult financially, please e-mail Mrs Carson ([acarson@brightonhil:l.hants.sch.uk](mailto:acarson@brightonhil:l.hants.sch.uk)) and I will contact you to discuss providing ingredients for practical food lessons.

Mrs A Carson  
Head of Creative Industries

## Deep Learning Day BHCS

Three times a year, Brighton Hill Community School have Deep Learning Days. These days are designed to teach us more about different areas of life around the topics of 'Respect and Equality', 'Keeping Healthy and Safe' and 'Careers'. We cover these topics in our My World lessons but having a day off from our normal timetables means we can learn about these topics in more depth. Years 7-10 participate in these days and have three sessions as well as their normal tutor sessions; in this article, we have perspectives from students from Years 7, 8 and 9 who tell us about the 'Respect and Tolerance' Deep learning Day we had in the Autumn Term.

**JEREMIE** from Year 7 said, "Deep Learning Day for Year 7 was intriguing. We learnt how women in the past fought for their rights and went as far as arson and putting bombs everywhere to attract attention and get what they want. These were the Suffragettes, the women that were violent. The other group was the Suffragists, who fought for their freedom peacefully. We also learnt about the association BHCS has with The King's Kids, a children's home in Uganda for children who don't have parents or can't be looked after. In our last session, we learnt how people with disabilities were treated back in the 1600s and how we have changed our attitudes since then. We even played some sports disabled people might play - seated volleyball, seated table tennis and blindfolded goalball."



**ZOE** from Year 8 said, "On Deep Learning Day we did all of our lessons off-timetable to learn about some important things that we will need to understand in life. We went around into different classrooms in our tutor groups and the topics that we learn about were: 'Black History Month', 'Barriers for People with Disabilities' and 'Gender Inequality Around the World'. I think that it's necessary to have a day in school when we can look at these topics as we learn essential matters that may affect us or others during the course of our lives."

**ANNA** from Year 9 said, "On Deep Learning Day, Year 9 were looking at three main topics – 'Discrimination in Sport', 'Sex Discrimination' and 'Human Rights: Refugees coming to the UK'. I think it was interesting to look at the plain reality of the kind of things that are happening in our everyday lives and what causes them. We are always encouraged to accept and respect everyone, no matter how different they are to us."



**JEREMIE, ZOE and ANNA** - Student Journalists @ BHCS  
Wendy Moore, Values Lead



#### **BADMINTON CLUB**

Brighton Hill hosted the Key Stage 4 Girls Badminton tournament, which was a huge success, with five schools from across Basingstoke attending. Our girls were outstanding and exemplified all of our cornerstones. It was incredible to see a group of students rally behind one another and celebrate their accomplishments. On Tuesday, November 16th, we will be hosting the Key Stage 3 Boys' tournament. The boys have put in a lot of practise time, and I am looking forward to seeing how they perform against other schools.

#### **YEAR 7 FOOTBALL**

After a disappointing but hard-fought loss in October, the boys have been working hard in preparation for the Year 7 District 5-a-side Football tournament, which will be held at Brighton Hill on 29 November. Every week, they continue to improve and impress me with how well they listen to and understand instructions. I am confident that we will do well in the 5-a-side tournament and bounce back from our loss.

Mr Freemantle

#### **VOLLEYBALL CLUB**

Brighton Hill Volleyball Club has returned with a bang this school year. Students from every single year group have attended the club this term, with an incredible 45 different students training! This term we have worked on the key skills in volleying and digging the ball. Students have made huge strides in ball control and the skill level is going through the roof. The commitment and courage that every player shown has been highlighted with the fun games at the end of the half term with students throwing themselves about the sports hall in an effort to win their team a point! If you would like to learn a new sport and push yourself then come along to volleyball club on a Thursday.



Mr McCulley

#### **YEAR 11 FOOTBALL**

The Year 11 football squad are eagerly anticipating their next two fixtures this half term, against Lord Wandsworth School, and against Everest in the third round of the Basingstoke Cup. The boys have been training each week, come rain, wind or shine (and the pressures that come with being in Year 11!) and are looking forward to these fixtures and hopefully the future rounds of the cup.

Mr Beeching

#### **TABLE TENNIS**

Table tennis is a new edition to the extra-curricular calendar this term. This has been a small but fabulous group of students keen to hone their skills and game play each week.

#### **BASKETBALL**

Monday lunchtime basketball is going strong with lots of keen BHCS students. We are hoping to be bringing in an external coach shortly to run an after school club so watch this space for the information on this.



### **GYM (UPPER SCHOOL)**

Tuesday gym has been a great opportunity for the fantastic Miss Jones to put some of the upper school students through their paces. The first week of 'leg day' was received with mixed feelings but the squats and deadlift technique improved and the weights on the bar crept up....and the DOMS the next day was evident!

*Miss Lambert*

### **GIRLS' FOOTBALL**

After an unfortunate defeat against Didcot, our girls' U14 National Cup Campaign comes to an end, however huge congratulations to the girls on making BHCS history and reaching round three of the tournament! We continue to train, with the Year 7 Indoor 5-A-side tournament in November, as well as preparing all squads for the 5-a-side weekly fixtures at QMC in the new year.

### **GIRLS' RUGBY**

We are really excited to launch girls' rugby for the 21/22 academic year! We hope that this year will be bigger and better than ever, with the anticipation of not only developing skills, but offering of additional enrichment to visit the local professional clubs!

*Miss Paterson*

### **FITNESS CLUB**

On Tuesdays after school we have started up a new Fitness Club where students and staff can come along and improve their level of fitness. I wanted to open this up to staff as I am a huge advocate for exercise, and I know how much of a positive impact exercise has on both physical and mental health. This half term is a notoriously tough one with the dark mornings setting in fast - why not try to beat back the sad with sweat? It will be mostly HIIT based, but I am open to your suggestions and preferences. All abilities are welcome.

*Miss Richardson*

### **YEAR 10 FOOTBALL**

We have started up the Year 10 Football on a Tuesday. With some important fixtures approaching, like the Hampshire and National Cup, some extra training has taken place to ensure the team is their best. If we win the National Cup we will progress onto the 5<sup>th</sup> round, this is an achievement that has been unmatched for over a decade at Brighton Hill.

*Mr Slack*

**A HUGE THANK YOU TO MR MCCULLEY, MISS BRIGHT, MISS JONES, AND MR COLMER.  
WITH YOUR HELP OUR EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUBS HAVE BEEN A HUGE SUCCESS!**

IF YOU WANT TO STAY UP-TO-DATE ON WHAT IS GOING ON IN THE PE DEPARTMENT OR WANT TO KNOW ANY RESULTS FROM THE FIXTURES, YOU CAN FOLLOW US ON TWITTER AT @BHCSPE.





## AMBASSADORS

I would like to extend a warm welcome to our new PE Ambassadors; you've already proven to be an invaluable asset to our PE department.

*Mr Freemantle*

Dylan B

Chloe H

George S

Oliver W

Amy W

Abi R

Baljit B

Abbie R

Katie B

Owen B

Arne E

Asher F

Josiah F

Luke M

### HOUSE CUP EVENTS

On Friday, 5 November our Head of Year 7 hosted a House Rugby Event. It was well-attended, with representatives from all Houses present. Before the games began, players were given coaching to ensure they understood all of the rules and skills. The Voyager and Horizon teams were pitted against an impressive Endeavour and Pioneer team. As the game began, the Voyager and Horizon teams quickly took a two-try lead. However, Endeavour and Pioneer rallied to 14 points apiece, and they won with a converted try near the end. Outstanding efforts from all students, with special thanks to the PE Ambassadors and Year 10 coaches for their assistance.

By Amy W. 9Vy1

### UPCOMING PE HOUSE EVENTS

**19 November:** Year 10 and 11 Boys' Basketball  
Year 9 Boys' Rugby  
Year 10 and 11 Girls' Football

**3 December:** Year 9 Boys' Basketball  
Year 9 Girls' Netball  
Year 8 mixed Basketball  
Year 8 mixed Netball



Mr J Freemantle, Teacher of PE