

# Brighton Hill Community School

'Making success inevitable'

Autumn Term  
13 December 2021

## Newsletter

### End of Term

As we come to the end of another challenging term, the Governing Body want to express our sincere thanks to all the staff for their hard work and resilience. The continued enthusiasm and spirit they embody cannot be underestimated and, together with the excellent attitude of the students, this ensures that the #yellowarmy remains strong as we enter 2022.

The Governors have continued to meet remotely throughout the term with the school leadership team to receive updates for a range of topics including safeguarding and finance. Over the next term we are looking forward to meeting the Heads of Faculties to discuss their curriculum, focus and targets for the remainder of the academic year.



We wish all staff, students, parents and carers a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Mrs Stephanie Block  
Parent Governor



### Thank You

On Friday, 19th November students came to school wearing their House colours (for a small donation) to support of Children in Need.

We raised a wonderful **£963.10!**

Well done everyone!





### HOUSE CUP OVERVIEW—THE SPACE RACE

It has been a fantastic first term in the new House Cup. The participation rates across every year group in House events have been quite breath-taking. With the current standings being so close, it is all to play for in the next two terms.

The truly inspiring thing about the House Cup so far, has not just been the quantity and variety of students taking part, but also the numbers of student helpers, supporters and staff that have come to watch. It really has been a community feel every Friday afternoon.

**Mr P Beeching**  
Assistant Headteacher

## Endeavour Newsletter

A massive 'Well Done' to the following students with the highest House Points:

**Bella D - 96 Points**

**Olivia C - 92 Points**

**Jasmine W - 89 Points**

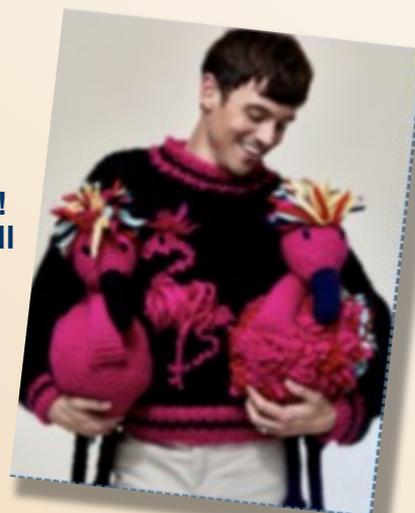
#### HOUSE CUP POINTS

1st	2nd	3rd	4th
			
<b>PIONEER</b>	<b>VOYAGER</b>	<b>ENDEAVOUR</b>	<b>HORIZON</b>
7855	7440	6583	6454

### Daley Endeavour

Endeavour's ambassador Tom Daley has been a busy bee! I stumbled across a FANTASTIC Instagram account with all of Daley's knitted amazing creations! If you would like to give them a go search: @madewithlovebytomdaley Not only does Tom show resounding commitment to his craft but also kindness by giving these out to family members and even selling them via an online shop and donating the proceeds to charity.

*So I speak to you, fellow endeavour: What can you do to help someone else today?*



## YEAR 7

Year 7s have been busy this term showing collaboration, especially in the art department – although this might be because this is where your Head of House is located! I love, love, love your **Endeavour** creations!



## YEAR 8

Year 8s have been donating and creating presents for Basingstoke's wider community through the charity: Spotlight shoe box appeal. I have been **AMAZED** by your generosity and kindness towards each other.

*To the left you can see my lovely tutor group 8EV1.*

## YEAR 9

My year 9s are also showing house spirit by creating individual responses to their houses and space missions. Endeavour have started creating a 3d form (as big as me!) and a news report (with a screenshot to the right). I am so excited to your final outcomes!



## YEAR 10 & 11

Every Friday BHCS provides opportunities to collect house points for Endeavour! This term year 10 and 11 have been working their socks off with upcoming PPEs and mock exams.



A fantastic way to run off some nerves is to attend these events run by our awesome staff members at BHCS.

*You can see our Endeavour boys (left) absolutely smashing basketball and the girls (above) giving their all and focussing on their football match.*

**I LOVE** seeing my Team Endeavour every Friday showing our cornerstones:  
Kindness, Collaboration, Courage and Commitment.  
Success Supposes Endeavour.

Miss J Marsh  
Head of Endeavour

# Pioneer Newsletter



**What a wonderful first term for our brilliant Pioneers! Every week we have shown up with unrelenting enthusiasm and passion for our House, especially our outstanding Year 9 boys!**

**It feels like December has absolutely whizzed past with a variety of competitions from Photography to Rugby! A special well done to all those who came to support the competitions out in the wet and cold - you have truly shown that absolutely nothing can dampen Pioneer's commitment! Well done to everyone who came down to support their House showing their fabulous team spirit!**



**Miss G Arundale  
Head of Pioneer**

## **FREE EVENT FOR PARENTS: DECEMBER 15, 7:30-8:30PM - VIRTUAL ONLINE EVENT**

**Into Games & Creative Assembly present Parents' night - an evening of learning to inform parents about what career paths are in the games industry, what their child's journey into their first games role could look like, and an introduction to some free resources to get them started. Featuring a talk from Andy Robertson - Author of Taming Gaming and creator of the Family Video Game Database, and a panel discussion with some of the team at Creative Assembly, Parents' Night will help you to:**

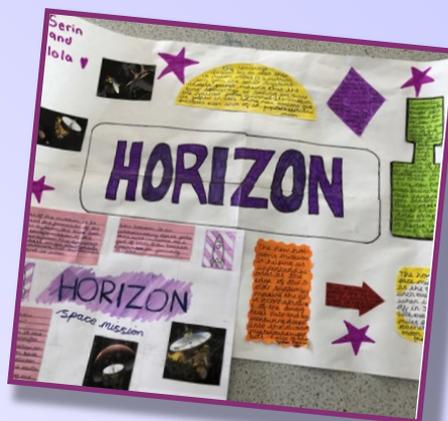
- **Discover what games are helping children to unleash their creativity and build their own virtual experiences**
- **Find out the truth behind some common games industry myths**
- **Learn about what resources are available to help kickstart your child's journey into making games**

**These details are also on the Eventbrite page where parents can sign up to the event, which can be found [here](#).**

**Mr D Watkins  
Deputy Headteacher**

# Horizon Newsletter

The Christmas holidays are just over the horizon (sorry, couldn't resist the pun) and it's been wonderful to see so many students getting involved with the House system. Every Friday students have been out in their numbers, and I couldn't be more proud of the Horizon students who have been there week in, week out, supporting our House and earning points for us.



A special mention also goes to 9Hz1 and 9Hz2 who have produced incredible projects about our space mission namesake. A massive well done to all involved!

And finally, a quick word on the standings, in who has won the most House Cup Points for Horizon.

1. Katie G - 64 points
2. Alfie B - 63 points
3. Ayden C - 60 points
4. Aaron G - 59 points
5. Kaiya C - 56 points

Amazing work by everyone! I hope you all have a great Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Mr Firth  
Head of Horizon

# Voyager Newsletter

Voyager house continue to thrive and improve as we approach the Christmas break. Everyone in the house has been really supportive of each other and always helping each other out. With a brilliant performance from Year 8 girls in the rugby, Year 9 photography and Year 8 rugby, Voyager have been leading the way in the House events – it's fantastic to see everyone supporting their House. We continue to succeed in the Century scores, and we're close to regaining the lead in the House cup. Another amazing month from Voyager house!

Edward has already said it so well, this term has made me such a proud Head of House. Voyager are absolutely smashing it! We end this week with FIVE house events and I'm so looking forward to it! Then, onto next term for more games, competitions, and excitement!

Miss Malone  
Head of Voyager

## BHCS SPORTS NEWS

### YEAR 10 FOOTBALL

Unfortunately, the Year 10 Football team were eliminated from the National Cup after a 3-1 loss to Greater Marlow. The team were missing a number of key players and the result was probably fair on the day. On the other hand, with a full-strength squad, the boys advanced to the last eight of the Hampshire Cup with a 6-0 victory over Calthorpe Park. Jamie B (2), Harry B, Sulayman C, Charlie B, and Aleks K scored goals. Next up will be the semi-final of the District Cup.

#1 – Charlie B – He gives 100% every game and he improves every game.

*Mr Slack -Teacher of PE*

### YEAR 11 FOOTBALL TEAM

The Year 11 football team have had a very successful half-term as they have won both of the fixtures played. The first fixture was against Lord Wandsworth School, who fielded a strong group of U16 players. Despite the challenges they posed in the game, Brighton Hill played exceptionally well to win the game 3-0 with a special mention reserved for Josh in the centre of midfield, who dictated the tempo of the game and remained calm when under pressure. Our second fixture of the half term was against Everest in the District Cup quarter final. The game had to be significantly truncated due to the fading light as the boys played 25-minute halves. Despite the shortened duration of the game, BHCS imposed themselves from the first whistle and were deserved 4-1 winners to march on into the semi-finals, which will be played against The Vyne after Christmas. In his forward role, Harry was superb throughout the game and scored two very well taken goals.

The team are an absolute pleasure to manage, with an enjoyable tradition developing that doughnuts are brought in after every win - if that isn't an incentive to keep performing well then I don't know what is! The boys continue to be a credit to the school whenever they put on the yellow kit, and it will be a fitting end to their school football career if they can reach the District final.

#1 - Harry W - For his excellent commitment to training and matches and his faultless displays in defence.

*Mr Beeching - Assistant Headteacher*

### GIRLS' FOOTBALL

Our girls' football club is still going strong, with our Year 7s going undefeated in the indoor 5-a-side qualifiers. They were scheduled to compete against three other schools in the finals on December 7, but this had to be postponed until after Christmas. We took 14 students to the Madjeski Stadium recently to watch Reading Women defeat Brighton Women 2-0 in the Barclays Women's Super League.

#1 – Neve M – For her quality performance during the tournament.

### GIRLS' RUGBY

We have had a fantastic first few weeks of girls' rugby! Our club has grown rapidly and we made our first club trip on Saturday, December 4th, to watch Harlequins Women at the Stoop Stadium in Twickenham.

#1 – Katy L – For her commitment to the team and training sessions. She progresses more and more every week.

*Miss Paterson - Teacher of PE*

### **YEAR 8 FOOTBALL**

Our Year 8 team has had a very successful term of football, progressing in the Hampshire Cup after two difficult games. Unfortunately, we were eliminated from the National Cup after a hard-fought game against a superior Bath side. Charlie B and Charlie C delivered standout performances.

#1 - Ewan M – Mr Reliable. He is really solid all round and always chooses the right option!

### **YEAR 7 RUGBY**

The Year 7 rugby team is growing in strength after a slow start and a lack of numbers. The club culminated in a joint training session with Everest School. Notable contributions have come from the Year 10 boys: Woody C and, in particular, Will O, who have been tireless in their coaching of the students.

*Mr Du-Heaume - Head of Year 7*

### **VOLLEY BALL**

This half-term, the volleyball players have continued to improve their individual ball skills as well as their ability to dig and set the ball. We have started looking at game situations and developing attacks, and some impressive hits have been demonstrated! All students have demonstrated a significant improvement in their skills, with a special mention going to the Year 9 girls, who are forming a strong team.

#1 - Ellie L - For her amazing volleying skills displayed every week.

*Mr McCulley – Teacher of PE*

### **TABLE TENNIS**

Another half-term of high-quality skills demonstrated by students eager to improve their table tennis skills. They are a wonderful group of students who encourage and compete with one another. After Christmas, we hope to continue the success of our table tennis club. #1 - Matthew B – He is very enthusiastic and passionate about table tennis. He has attended table tennis club every week.

*Miss Lambert - Head of PE*

### **YEAR 7 FOOTBALL**

I am extremely impressed and proud of the Year 7 students who attend football training. Despite the fact that we do not have many games and that some students do not make the team due to the large number of students who attend, they still show up every week, full of energy and eager to compete for a spot on the team. It was incredible to witness their support for the boys who competed in the indoor 5-a-side tournament. We entered two teams, A and B, in the Year 7 District indoor 5-a-side tournament, which was held at Brighton Hill. This was the qualifiers for the finals a week later, which the A team won. Unfortunately, we were not as successful this time, but we still finished third.

#1 – Finlay N: for his incredible performance at the indoor 5-a-side finals and he continues to get better every week. He is becoming an incredible player and valuable member of our team.

### **BADMINTON**

Our badminton players have had an uneventful couple of weeks because we have hosted a lot of sporting events at Brighton Hill, which meant that Badminton had to be cancelled. However, we resumed badminton last week and are gradually returning to the incredible numbers we had last half-term. If you want to improve your skills or try a new exciting sport while being surrounded by a welcoming group of students, badminton club is the place to be!

#1 – Yasmin R: for her excellent commitment to badminton and her exceptional display of skills. I have never seen a Year 8 student challenge two Year 11 students at the same time to a game.

*Mr Freemantle - Teacher of PE*

## MEDICAL MAVERICKS CAREERS WORKSHOPS



Year 7 and 8 students enjoyed fantastic career focussed workshops delivered by the Medical Mavericks team on Friday, 10 December.

Year 7 students were introduced to a range of equipment used in the Sports Science industry to measure the performance of elite sports people. Students had a great time in the 'Challenge the Champions' workshop testing out their speed, reflexes, agility, strength, power, balance and flexibility to get an insight into what it could be like to work as a sports scientist.

Year 8 students experienced the 'Careers in Healthcare' workshop. There are over 350 different job roles in healthcare and in these workshops, students were able to gain an insight into a diverse range of specialisms from phlebotomy to cardiology and keyhole surgery to ultrasound, by using a range of medical equipment.

In Key Stage 4, students will get further exposure to careers in the healthcare industry when they get the opportunity to enrol in the Medical Mavericks Academy! The NHS is one of Basingstoke's largest employers, so we are keen to support students in understanding the range of roles that are available to them.



**Mr Watkins**  
Deputy Headteacher (Careers Lead)



## 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.

Dylan B  
Amy W  
Kate B

Chloe H  
Abi R  
Owen B  
Josiah F

George S  
Bajit B  
Arne E  
Luke M

Oliver W  
Abbie R  
Asher F

Mr J Freemantle  
Teacher of PE



## WHAT'S IN THE BOX? - WINNER ANNOUNCEMENT!

Who came the closest to guessing what was in the box?

It was Jessica E in Year 10 – well done! Please come and claim your chocolate digestives and marshmallows.

Mrs Burchell  
Librarian

## UNIFROG NATIONAL ACCLAIM FOR YEAR 11

This term witnessed the launch of our blended learning year plans initiative in association with Unifrog. We have started with Year 11 and are already seeing tremendous outcomes with Brighton Hill Community School being ranked 4th in the UK across all Unifrog partner schools for Year 11 completion rates. Given we are in competition with schools that have been using the system for several years, this is an incredible outcome and shows our students' commitment to planning their next steps in education and careers.

Unifrog brings all the available information about careers and post-16 choices into one single, impartial, user-friendly online platform that is designed to help students make the best choices to support their future education and career aspirations. The platform therefore also supports our school's commitment to effectively meeting The Gatsby 8 Benchmarks as part of our Careers Programme.

The blended learning year plans will see all year groups across the academic year have dedicated tutor time to complete allocated tasks ranging from initial interests and personality type quizzes, subject & careers library treasure hunts, to post-16 shortlists and application intentions to CV and personal statement writing.

We look forward now to taking top spot in the UK completion rankings as all our year groups embark on the journey over the coming terms!

Mr D. Watkins - Deputy Headteacher (Careers Lead)



## PPE EXAM SCHEDULE 5<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY – 21<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY 2022

All the information specific to the January PPE timetable for the 2022 exams is available here. The exam schedule must be adhered to by all candidates. We are very much looking forward to the class of 2022 engaging fully in the PPEs. We also must make them mindful of the importance of the PPEs. As you are aware, the past two years have resulted in Teacher Assessed Grades, and although the government are confident that Year 11 will get to complete a full series of GCSE exams in the summer, we are preparing for the very small possibility that TAGs are needed. Students therefore need to be aware that the assessments in this PPE series will be used for TAG evidence if the GCSE Summer exam series does not run.

**Good luck and do your very best Class of 2022!**

Exam Date	Subject	Paper	Time	Duration
05/01/2022	Separate Science	Biology	10:35am	1hr 45m
05/01/2022	Combined Science	Biology	10.35am	1hr 15m
05/01/2022	History	Paper 1	13.10pm	60 minutes
06/01/2022	Separate Science	Chemistry	08.30am	1hr 45m
06/01/2022	Combined Science	Chemistry	08.30am	1hr 15m
06/01/2022	Maths	Paper 1	10:50am	1hr 45m
07/01/2022	Maths	Paper2	08.40am	1hr 45m
07/01/2022	Spanish/French		11.10am	1hr 45m
10/01/2022	English Lit		08.40am	1hr 45m
10/01/2022	Geography	Paper 1	12.50pm	60 minutes
11/01/2022	Food & Nutrition		08.40am	1hr 45m
11/01/2022	English Lang		12.50pm	1hr 45m
12/01/2022	External IT Examination	RO12	13.00pm	1hr 45m
13/01/2022	Separate Science	Physics	08.40am	1hr 45m
13/01/2022	Combined Science	Physics	08.40am	1hr15m
14/01/2022	Business		10.35am	1hr 45m
17/01/2022	History	Paper 2	08.40am	60 minutes
17/01/2022	Media		12.50pm	1hr 30m
18/01/2022	Drama		08.35am	1hr 45m
18/01/2022	Geography	Paper 2	11.10am	60 minutes
19/01/2022	Dance		08.40am	1hr 45m
19/01/2022	RS		12.50pm	1hr 45m
20/01/2022	PE		08.40am	1hr 45m
21/01/2022	Music		10.35am	1hr 45m
21/01/2022	D & T		12.50pm	1hr 45m

**Mrs M Harding—Exams Officer**

## Safeguarding

Please support our safeguarding culture by contacting us on [safeguarding@brightonhill.hants.sch.uk](mailto:safeguarding@brightonhill.hants.sch.uk) if you have any concerns about the safety of a child.

Mr G Wilkinson – Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)

*School will be closed for an Inset Day on Tuesday, 4th January.*

*We will welcome our students back in the New Year on Wednesday, 5th January!*