Brighton Hill Community School

'Making success inevitable'

Spring Term
21 January 2022

Newsletter

Christmas Kindnesses



We had a shoe box collection;



Tutor groups donated to a local food bank;



Year 9 students made decorated baubles for St Michael's Hospice;



Christmas Jumper Day made £324 for our Ugandan charity ...



... and the staff here at BHCS made sure our students had a very festive arrival on the last day of term!

Tutor Reading Programme

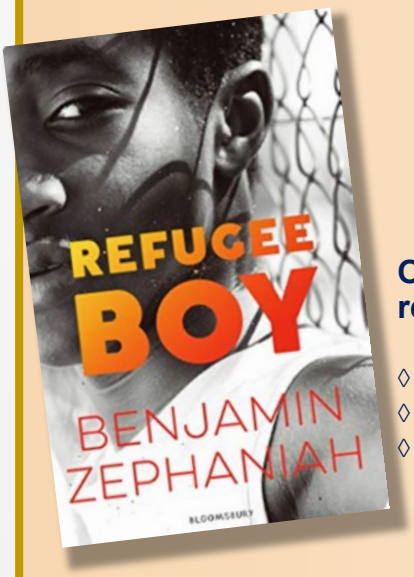
This half-term, our tutor reading programme continues with our students looking at texts and extracts with the common overarching theme of Identity.



Years 7 and 8

Years 7 and 8 will be looking at texts with the common thread of 'Outsiders'.

- **Why the Whales Came by Michael Morpurgo**
- **The Man Who Planted Trees by Jean Giono**
- **A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens**



Year 9

Our Year 9 students will be reading and understanding texts relating to 'Moving Place and Moving Home'.

- **Coming to England by Floella Benjamin**
- **Refugee Boy by Benjamin Zephaniah**
- **Zlata's Diary by Zlata Filipovic**



Years 10 and 11

Our Key Stage 4 year groups will be embarking on texts covering the topic of 'feeling different'.

- **Face by Benjamin Zephaniah**
- **The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night–time by Mark Haddon**
- **The Fifth Child by Doris Lessing**

In our tutor reading programme we read and discuss extracts from these books. If you would like to support your child's reading development and exploration of these topics, it would be wonderful if they could read the full version of any of the books listed above, that they will be touching on this term!

Mrs S Hallum Barnard
Assistant Headteacher

Exam season is upon us!



In order to offer further support for our students ahead of their exams, we have the following morning Zone sessions running:

- **Zone 10 NCFE starting Monday, 24th January as further preparation for the external exam on 9th March – 7:45am—8:15am in MU1**
- **Zone 11 Restarting Thursday, 3rd February weekly – 7:45am—8:15am in MU1**

Miss Lambert
Head of PE

Girls cricket development

Through Hampshire Cricket and the 'Chance to Shine' programme we will soon be launching girls cricket at Brighton Hill Community School which will include:

- **Taster sessions within PE lessons**
- **Extra-curricular Club delivered by one of the Hampshire Cricket coaches**
- **Leadership Training for students**
- **Skills festival opportunities to represent the school at the All Girls Festival in the summer term (U13 or U15)**
- **Supporting Primary Cricket competitions**

Watch out for more news soon!

Miss S Lambert
Head of PE



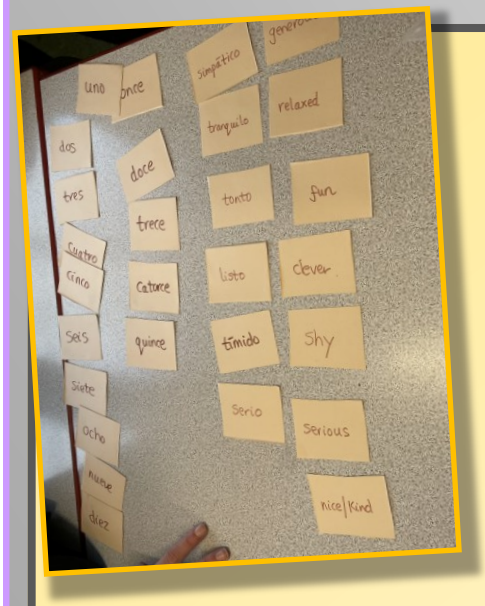
Year 11 House Maths - 10th January 2022

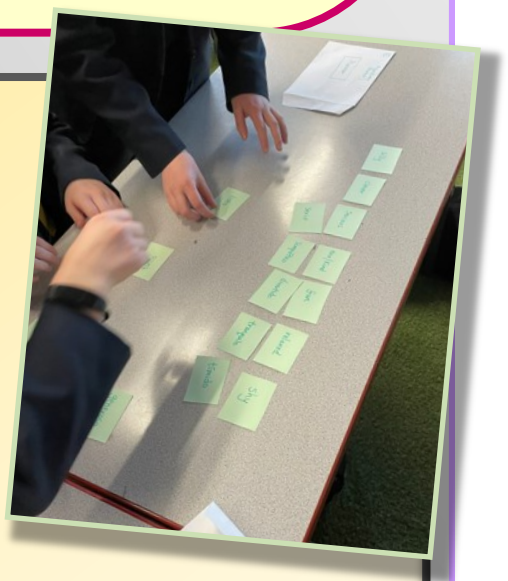
An Escape Room theme was the challenge for our Year 11 Maths House Event on Friday, 7 January. The objective was to work through five phases (in order), each consisting of various different logic puzzles including Sudoku, decoding, hidden messages and other fun tasks. All the houses were located in different rooms, with Voyager having an impressive seven participants attend, giving them a stronger chance of finishing in the fastest time.

It was in fact, the two girls from Horizon - Xanthe and Sofia, who absolutely smashed every phase without hesitation and completed the phases in just over 34 minutes. Voyager came in second after having difficulty with one puzzle in particular. Endeavour were third and Pioneer took fourth spot.

Every team made an incredible effort and the participation level was especially impressive to see since this event took place right in the middle of their PPEs! From the laughter and excitement witnessed, it was enjoyed by all (including the Maths faculty!) and probably a bit of relief after a busy week. Well done to every participant.

Mr Head-Riordan
Second in Maths





HOUSE COMPETITION SPANISH

On Friday, 14 January Year 7 students enjoyed competing in a Spanish after school quiz for their house event.

Congratulations to Endeavour - the winning team, followed by Pioneer, Horizon and Voyager.

Students took part in different activities involving knowledge of Spanish vocabulary and reading skills as well as questions about Spanish culture, while listening to Spanish pop music. ¡Qué divertido!

Ms L McMillan
Teacher of MFL



PIONEER

PIONEER NEWS





As we enter the cold month of January, I was blown away by our unbelievable Pioneers! Last Friday saw the first house competitions of 2022 and Year 11 came out in force for the maths competition, not letting anything (including their PPE's!) stop their passion for the house! Not only that but we have had two brilliant science competitions; one in December and one in January. Both of our teams made some sensational mechanical hands and demonstrated brilliant teamwork!



The year 7's then stepped up to the challenge with two house competitions running, one in basketball and one in Spanish and did stupendously!

Keep up the great work Pioneers!!!

Miss Arundale
Head of Pioneer

HORIZON

HORIZON NEWS

Happy New Year everyone! This will be the first full calendar year of our new House system, and I still have hope that Horizon will be top of the standings come July!

We have a load of House competitions happening every week now, including Mixed Badminton for Years 10 and 11, Art and Tech for Year 9 and Drama for Year 7 and I hope to see so many of our wonderful students there!

We also now have five students who have reached the incredible milestone of at least 100 House Cup Points so far this year. A massive congratulations to:

Ashton P 160 points
Wajina U 121 points
Gabriel LH 102 points
Ella G 101 points
Oliver F 100 points

There are a fair few people very close to 100 so I hope that by the next newsletter this list will be way longer!

Mr W Firth
Head of Horizon

ENDEAVOUR

ENDEAVOUR NEWS

HOUSE CUP POINTS

1st	2nd	3rd	4th
VOYAGER	PIONEER	ENDEAVOUR	HORIZON
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Welcome back my lovely Endeavours! I hope you have all had a fantastic Christmas term and are rested and ready for this term ahead, loaded with hundreds of house points to be awarded and earned! I am looking forward to all the upcoming events for all year groups across the term.

Calendar of events below:

Friday, 21 January
Year 8 & 8
MFL French

Friday, 28 January
Year 10 & 11
Mixed Badminton

Friday, 4 February
Year 9
Technology

Friday, 11 February
Year 9 MFL Spanish
Year 7 Drama

Miss J Marsh
Head of Endeavour

VOYAGER

VOYAGER NEWS

Voyager have been making such a great start to this term!

They have already managed some wins and the numbers of participants are at an all-time high! We are currently leading the way in both House Cup Points and Inter-house competitions. Upcoming tonight we have French and I look forward to joining Team Voyager for their relentlessly positive atmosphere and team spirit.

Last week, Year 7 played Basketball with such high attendance they had enough for multiple teams; we all feel such a pride in our team! It is a fantastic time to be in Voyager House!
Go Team!

Miss Malone
Head of Voyager



BHCS Careers Programme Road Map

As you know from previous articles, the BHCS 'Careers & Enterprise' pages of the school website carry a large range of information for students, parents / carers, staff and employers about our careers programme. We wanted to give parents and students an easier way to understand the programme and what to expect from it in the five years students spend in our care. To support this aim we have now launched 'The BHCS Careers Programme Road Map'. This is a poster that will be displayed in all tutor groups and available electronically here for students and parents to review and see what activities we have planned across the year for each year group, specific to achieving the Gatsby 8 Benchmarks (a framework adopted by Government to deliver improved careers provision in schools and colleges). In addition to these activities, we are also committed to delivering opportunities that arise across the year that support our Career Programme development strategy and Careers Vision:



The Brighton Hill Community School careers provision vision is to firmly embed a comprehensive careers programme within the curriculum, rooted in the Gatsby 8 Benchmarks. The provision will recognise the needs of each individual student in our care, enriching and empowering them to access the next stage of their education, while being aspirational in these Post-16 choices, providing a pathway towards well informed career decisions which will change their lives for the better. As a result, students will be responsible citizens, prepared for the challenges they may face in life, who will continue to be aspirational in their life and career choices and so make positive contributions to society.

Mr D Watkins
Deputy Headteacher



CALLING ALL PARENTS & CARERS!
Our Careers Programme Needs You!

We would love to hear from any parent / carer who would be interested in supporting our latest careers initiative, 'Careers Breakfasts'!

If you could spare 15 minutes in the morning between 08:30 and 08:45am to talk to a small, interested group of students about your job, industry sector and the career pathway you followed - such as the qualifications you needed, please complete this short questionnaire and we'll be in touch!

The Careers Breakfast would be an informal meeting with a maximum of 10 interested students initially, while we gauge impact from both parent / carer volunteers and students. You would only meet with students who have expressed an interest in the industry sector you work in. You would always have a member of school staff in support and if you enjoyed the experience and we had more students interested in hearing about your industry sector, we would aim to arrange additional sessions at your convenience. There would be no need for any formal presentation just an informal introduction and answering any questions our students might have. We look forward to hearing from you!

Mr D Watkins
Deputy Headteacher

PE PAGES



Year 11 Football

The Year 11 football team are looking forward to their semi-final against The Vyne, which is due to be played later this term. It would be a fantastic achievement if they can make it all the way to the final in their last year at school, but there is no doubt that they face a very hard fixture first. The boys have had an incredibly successful season so far, so the onus will be on them to continue with the momentum they have built up. The whole school is behind them as they look to end their school careers on a high.

Key Stage 3 Fitness Suite Club

The fitness suite continues to be open every Thursday after school throughout this term. It is an excellent opportunity for the students in Years 7 and 8 to try something new, burn off some extra energy they might have after a busy few days around school, and meet new people. The students who attend regularly thoroughly enjoy the opportunity and are healthier, both physically and mentally, for their weekly workout. *Mr Beeching*

Year 8 Football

Year 8 continue in the District and Hampshire County Cup, with their next games against Bishop Challoner and Horndean later this January. They have worked hard to get where they are now, good luck to the boys.

Year 7 Rugby

Year 7 continue to progress with their rugby skills and hopefully we can get a few fixtures in the calendar when the weather improves. Keep attending training on a Tuesday, newcomers welcome! *Mr Du-Heaume*

Volleyball

Volleyball continues to be very popular and last term the students' progress was amazing. Volleyball Club this half term will be continuing to develop our key skills in volleying, digging and hitting the ball. We will start to progress into match play situations and putting the individual skills into games. *Mr McCulley*

Year 7 Football

Year 7 football has started off where we left it last term with 25 - 30 students turning up every week battling for their space on the football team. Even the cold afternoons do not dampen their spirits. Due to restrictions we will not have any fixtures this half-term but after February we hope to get a couple of fixtures in before the summer term.

Badminton

We had an amazing time playing badminton last term. All the students who attend Badminton have worked incredibly hard to improve their skills. We hope to have more fixtures over the next couple of terms. Most importantly we have a Badminton House event for all year groups over the next couple of weeks. See the timetable below.

28 January	Year 10 / 11	Badminton (mixed)	
11 February	Year 9	Badminton (mixed)	
11 March	Year 8	Badminton (mixed)	
25 March	Year 7	Badminton (mixed)	*Mr Freemantle*

Year 8 Rugby

With the start of the new term comes new extra-curricular clubs. This term we will be running Year 8 boys rugby on a Tuesday. There was a huge demand for Year 8 rugby from students in lessons and we hope that students will enjoy some more rugby after school.

Year 9 / 10 Football

Year 9 / 10 boys football will continue on a Thursday. I am looking forward to seeing lots of you there.

Mr Slack

Ski Fit

Ski Fit now starting as of 25 January. If you are attending the ski trip, or just want to Improve your fitness in the new year, come along! All welcome!

Dodgeball

Dodgeball Club - brand new, up-and–running - all welcome! This is a great opportunity to work as a team and meet lots of new people you would not normally get a chance to speak to. You can improve your agility, balance, hand / eye co-ordination and strength.

Miss Richardson

Girls Football

Lots of exciting friendly fixtures coming soon! Our students will be playing a rotation of friendlies against Farnborough Hill, as well as participating in the KS3 and KS4 tournaments at QMC.

Miss Paterson

PE AMBASSADORS

Girls House Football

On the 19 November, Miss Paterson helped host a Year 10 / 11 Girls Football House Event. - all Houses were well represented. The afternoon began with a quick warm-up that included shot practise, passing, and tackling. To determine who would start, the players competed in a target practise game in which the first player to hit the crossbar received possession of the ball. Each half lasted 15 minutes, with a five minute intermission. Unfortunately, Endeavour / Horizon's team worked hard but only scored two goals. With 11 goals, the Pioneer / Voyager team won. Despite the fact that only a few of the girls had played football before, they all put their full effort in and remained determined.

There were no House Cup events on Friday, 26 November because it was an Inset day. However, on Friday, 3 December the PE Department ran a Year 9 Girls Netball and a Year 9 Boys Basketball game, both of which will compete for House Cup points.

By Abi R – 11A1 and Amy W - 9Vy1

Update from the Student Council

As a Student Council team, we continue to work alongside the Senior Leadership Team to improve the school in a number of different ways. Some of the projects that we are currently working on are listed below:

- **Create a wildflower garden where you will be able to admire the plants and wildlife in a colourful manner**
- **Children Mental Health Awareness Week**
- **Fundraising events such as bake sales to go towards charities**
- **Adding recycling boxes and bins in classrooms**
- **Adding more benches around the school**

We are excited to continue to see progress and ensure the student's voice is heard across the school.

The Student Council Team





Write a poem about something you feel passionately about. Find and use your voice on any subject to feel confident and empowered. From current affairs, religion and identity to love, loss and everything in between.

It's a chance to give an opinion, share a memory or dilemma, impart advice, or Indulge in writing about something you adore. You can choose any form of poetry - haikus, acrostics and odes to free verse or more.

Please collect the planning sheets and entry forms from the folder in the window outside L7 and return completed entries to the folder on the window outside L7 by 1st February 2022.

Prizes include £100 and a trophy!

Mrs Gregson
Head of English

Safeguarding

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

Mr G Wilkinson – Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)

Leaders in Careers

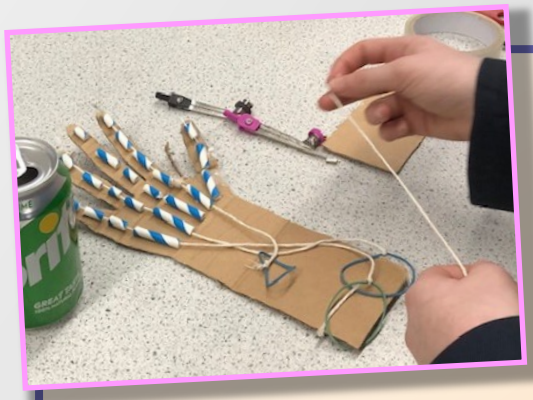
BHCS are proud to have been classified as a 'Leader in Careers' school for the current academic year by Enterprise M3 - our Careers Local Enterprise Partner (LEP).

To achieve this status the following criteria have been met:

- ◊ **Engaged Careers Leader developing a careers programme**
- ◊ **Engaged Careers Link Governor supporting the careers leader and the careers programme**
- ◊ **Have an engaged Headteacher who understands the importance of careers and how it can support the school development plan and be embedded in a whole school strategy**
- ◊ **Work with a business volunteer, otherwise known as an Enterprise Adviser, who can help them build a careers strategy, and open opportunities to engage with other businesses in the community**
- ◊ **Complete compass evaluations on a termly basis to develop, monitor, improve and report to key stakeholders**

This academic year we are working towards the 'Trailblazer in Careers' Classification, which is the highest criteria and requires completion of the Level 6 Qualification: Certificate in Careers Leadership which, as the school's 'Careers Lead', I am working towards!

Mr D Watkins
Deputy Headteacher



Year 8 Science House Event

On Friday 7th January 2022, we hosted the Year 8 Science House event. The aim was to build a prosthetic arm, thinking creatively as well as exploring the technology required to produce a moving model arm.



Voyager House had a particularly great representation - well done Voyager for showing such commitment! Whilst all teams were very impressive, the challenge was won by Endeavour House with a fantastic and well thought out design. Well done Endeavour!
A superb effort!



Miss V Mandizha
Head of Science