

# Brighton Hill Community School

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Spring Term  
14 February 2022

# Newsletter



## HOUSE DANCE COMPETITION

On Monday, 31<sup>st</sup> January, four Year 10 Dance Ambassadors lead a highly successful House Dance competition for Year 7 and 8 students.

They choreographed a new routine for participating students to learn, which was so well received. The atmosphere was incredible, supported by the fact that the Dance Ambassadors acted as true role models for anyone considering taking GCSE Dance as an option.

Mrs Britton would like to say a huge well done to everyone who took part and an extra congratulations to the winning house.

The results are in - as follows:

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Voyager
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Horizon
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - Pioneer
- 4<sup>th</sup> - Endeavour

Mrs Vicki Britton  
Teacher of Dance / EPA



## BACKSTAGE CREW FOR ANNIE

Over 50 students applied to be part of our backstage crew which is amazing! Please can students check their e-mails as I have sent out details of the next round of the application process.

# Annie

Mrs C Espeseth  
Head of EPA

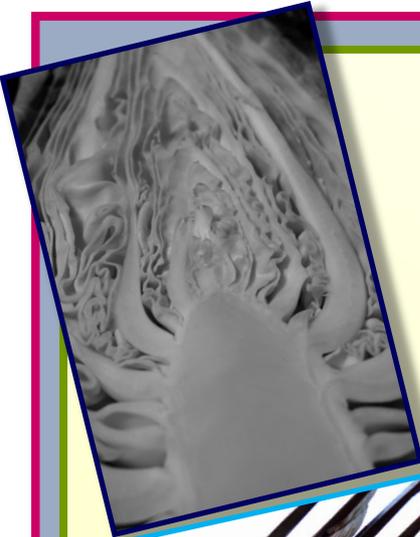


## PHOTOGRAPHY AMBASSADORS

We are proud to announce that eleven Year 9 students have been successful in becoming our first Photography Ambassadors. Huge congratulations to Ellie C, Ellie L, Heidi, Josh G, Josh S, Charlie, Jess, Iona, Faith, Millie and Will.

They have already been hired out for some great shoots and are busy behind the scenes planning some exciting extra-curricular sessions for Year 8. More details to follow soon.

Mrs C Espeseth—Head of EPA



**ENDEAVOUR**



**HORIZON**



**PIONEER**



**VOYAGER**

## YEAR 9 ART HOUSE CUP EVENT

This half term Year 9 showed our four 'cornerstones' at the recent Art House Cup event. Each house was given a set of instructions that they had to follow; the winners were those who followed the instructions closest. All participants showed fantastic commitment, collaboration, kindness, and courage.

Winners were Endeavour closely followed by Voyager. Well Done!

Mrs C Espeseth  
Head of EPA





## BHCS SUPPORTING NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK 2022

Miss Richardson (our indomitable Head of Year 10) supported by her esteemed band of Year 10 tutors, facilitated two highly informative apprenticeship events in support of National Apprenticeship Week 2022 for their #YellowArmy charges.

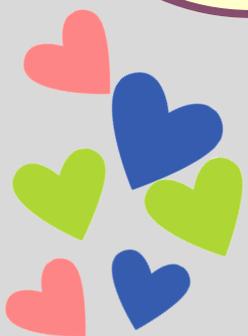
Apprenticeships are an option for any student transitioning from secondary education to Post-16 education. They can help individuals to develop the skills and knowledge required for a rewarding career, and businesses to develop a talented workforce that is equipped with future-ready skills. On an Apprenticeship, you are employed to do a real job while studying for a formal qualification.

We welcomed 'Aspire' who delivered an assembly on the nature of apprenticeships and the Post-16 opportunities available to students. This was followed later in the week by a 'Virtual Apprenticeship Theatre' where our Year 10 students had the opportunity to virtually meet live with apprentices from The British Army and Proctor & Gamble, as well as representatives from Thames Water who hosted and supported the event.

The range of opportunities to earn and learn range from Level 2 qualifications - equivalent to five GCSEs - to Level 6 equivalent (degree level). Indeed, some apprenticeship schemes end with academic degrees but with the benefit of no university fees!

You can use [this link](#) to browse apprenticeships, whether for general interest or ideas, through to making applications. You can also visit the '[Parent Zone](#)' of our school's '[Careers & Enterprise](#)' webpages, where Option 7 keeps you up to date with the latest information from '[Amazing Apprenticeships](#)'.

Mr. D. Watkins  
Deputy Headteacher



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**Meet Sadaqat: Apprentice at Cushman & Wakefield**  
Sadaqat works at Cushman & Wakefield and is completing a Chartered Surveyor Degree Apprenticeship. Sadaqat has been provided with a fantastic support network through his employer, giving him the opportunity to learn from colleagues. He loves and enjoys the work he does, having a positive impact, taking ownership and making a difference to diversity in the industry.

**Not ready for an apprenticeship?**  
You could consider a traineeship - this can help you to get work-ready and move straight into an apprenticeship. Traineeships are available for 16-24 year olds and are an opportunity to gain real work experience and acquire new job skills. Visit [Find a traineeship](#) online.

**Meet Adam: Apprentice at Pennine Labels**  
Adam recently achieved a distinction for his digital marketing apprenticeship and has gone on to make a real impact with his employers. Adam was keen to build on his passion for photography and was excited to be enrolled on his digital marketing apprenticeship with Pennine Labels. Working for a small company, he has been supported by the management and given lots of responsibility.

**Meet Jamie-Leigh: Former trainee and current apprentice**  
Jamie-Leigh completed a traineeship with The Roganda Group, and is now working as an apprentice in their marketing team. "It is such an amazing opportunity".

**Get the Jump!**  
Explore all your education and training choices by visiting the [Get the Jump website](#).

**Further Information**  
Our [apprenticeships.gov.uk](#) website has more information about apprenticeships and how to apply.



## HORIZON

### HORIZON NEWS

The days are getting slightly lighter now and the half-term holidays are just around the corner (or over the horizon, you might say). It's been great to see students from every house turning up to the House Cup Events in fairly miserable weather, so well done to everyone who attended!

In the last newsletter I mentioned the fantastic achievement of five students having reached the magical 100 House Cup Point milestone, so I want to say a massive 'Well Done' to the following students who have worked so hard to earn points over the last month as well:

Katie G 183 points  
Alfie B 141 points

Juliet B 160 points  
Aaron G 133 points

Avaneesh K 155 points  
Hollie T 109 points

Mr W Firth  
Head of Horizon



## PIONEER

### PIONEER NEWS



What a wonderful second term for our brilliant Pioneer's! Every week we have shown up with unrelenting enthusiasm and passion for our house! Throughout the cold and dreary January days, Pioneer House has triumphed working flat out to support our brilliant House!

A special 'Well Done' to all those that came to support the competitions out in the wet and cold, you have truly shown that absolutely nothing can dampen Pioneer's commitment! Thank you to everyone who came down to support their House showing their fabulous team spirit.

Miss Arundale  
Head of Pioneer





## ENDEAVOUR

### ENDEAVOUR NEWS

A massive well done to the following Students with the highest House Points:

Olivia C 336 points  
Jasmine W 308 points  
Bella D 276 points

Well done to the MIGHTY Endeavour for our triumphant win during the Art House Cup Competition - with your Head of House also being an art teacher you made her VERY proud!!

#### Upcoming House events:

*Friday 25 Feb:*  
Year 9 Mixed Badminton

*Friday 4 March:*  
Year 7 Technology  
Year 10 and 11 Science

#### DALEY UPDATE

Tom has been quietly working on his new branding this year 'Made with love'.

Creating patterns and knitted clothing and accessories for close family members and friends.

Tom unknowingly has been promoting BHCS's cornerstones: kindness and commitment.



Miss J Marsh  
Head of Endeavour



### YEAR 8 & 9 FRENCH HOUSE EVENT

Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> January saw the first Year 8 and Year 9 French House event of the year.

The students competed against each other in house teams to see who knew the most about France, French and their (sometimes funny) culture! Who knew that the average French person eats 500 snails a year or that in 1910 a French law forbid people kissing on train platforms!?

Voyager triumphed in the end showing a very impressive knowledge of all things French!

Mrs S Oates  
Teacher of French

### **YEAR 7 FOOTBALL**

The Year 7 football team progress continues, and with fixtures resumed after half-term, the team selection process begins. It will be difficult to make a decision with nearly 30 boys showing up every week and impressing in every session. We hope to add another team next year, giving us two Year 7 teams.

#1 student is Josh O, for his excellent commitment to the team and his performance in the 5-a-side Tournament.

### **BADMINTON**

After a slow start due to the delayed start of badminton club, we were back up to 35 students attending by this week. They are all trying to hone their skills in preparation for the upcoming House competitions.

#1 students are Katie B and Heidi H - they have attended every week and will continuously compete against each other right up till the final minute.

Mr Freemantle

### **GYM CLUB**

We have been working on our form for squats, bench, and deadlifts in KS4 gym club.

#1 student is Asher F for being the Dead Lifter of the half-term for reaching a PB of 105kg!

Miss Jones

### **DODGEBALL**

Dodgeball has proven a hit with the students - from Year 7 to Year 10. Students are enjoying getting to throw dodgeballs at Miss Richardson and Mr Bearpark!

#1 student is Shiona R - an unstoppable force to be reckoned with!

Miss Richardson

### **SKI FIT**

Ski fit got off to a cracking start with over 50 students at the first session - lots of aching legs but will be so worth it when we get on those slopes!

Mr Beeching

### **UK ATHLETICS TALK**

We had the pleasure of hearing Kate Bradley, Operations and Strategy Director at UK Athletics, speak. She shared an enlightening perspective on her professional development and current position. She informed students of all possible careers that they may not have been aware of. We had over 70 students attend the talk, and it was wonderful to have so many students come up to me and ask for more information about sports careers.

Mr Freemantle

### **GIRLS' CRICKET**

In conjunction with 'Chance to Shine' and Hampshire cricket, the taster sessions for girls' cricket are booked in ahead of the Easter holidays. Girls' cricket club then will launch on Tuesday, 26 April with the opportunity to then play in the girls or mixed Secondary Schools Cricket competitions in June / July. We will then be rounding this all up with at least one trip to the Ageas Bowl in the summer term.

Miss Lambert



### YEAR 10 FOOTBALL

On Tuesday, 1 February our Year 10s took on Horndean in the Hampshire Cup ' the Horndean team could have easily passed for an u18 side! Horndean took an early lead from a defensive error; the boys rallied themselves and battled back into the game and had a foothold in the game by half time. The boys came out strong in the second half and soon reaped the rewards of some sustained pressure with Patrik I grabbing a goal! The boys continued to push and with 10 minutes remaining, Josh C latched on to a through ball (and after a lucky deflection from the keeper) finished very calmly. The boys managed the last moments incredibly well and are now in their second semi-final of the year!

Mr Slack



### TABLE TENNIS

Table Tennis is still going strong with some excellent progress made in consistency of shots and confidence in attack.

#1 of the half term: Oscar M!

### YEAR 8 FOOTBALL

Year 8 march on with a strong 4-2 win against a resolute Horndean school in the County Cup.

Next up is away to Salesian school in the quarter finals.

Mr Du-heaume



## VOYAGER

### VOYAGER NEWS

**Update from Our Tutor Rep Edward:** Congratulations to the entire Voyager House as we have retaken the lead of the House Cup! This has been largely due to excellent commitment from everyone inside the house and a brilliant performance in the House Cup challenges: some highlights include 1st place in Year 8 & 9 French and Year 7 basketball and 2nd place in Year 11 maths. Students in Voyager House continue to be supportive of each other and celebrating their houses' success. Well done to everyone in Voyager House!



Thanks Edward! Couldn't agree more! What a fantastic half-term it has been. I can only repeat how proud I am of the best House! Voyager are always going above and beyond to show commitment and collaboration at House events. We've made so many memories and every week new friendships are forming at these events. My favourite moment this term has been seeing Year 8 and Year 9 come together at MFL events; they've really worked together and connected over their shared love for Team Voyager! Let's keep this going next term!

Miss Malone  
Head of Voyager



#### Inter House Competitions

Voyager : 950 points

Pioneer : 810 points

Endeavour : 750 points

Horizon : 510 points

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Mr G Wilkinson – Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)