

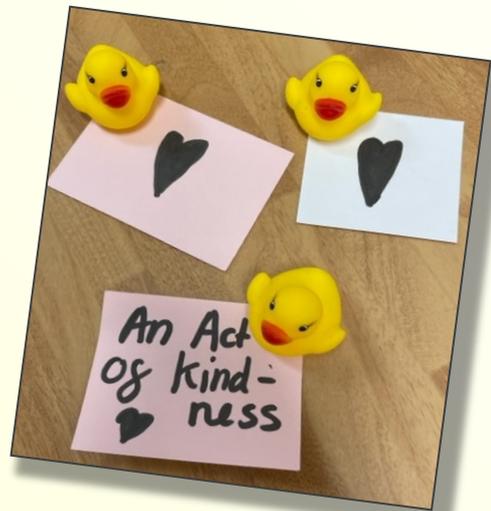
# Brighton Hill Community School

‘Making success inevitable’

## Newsletter

Spring Term  
18 March 2022

## Looking on the bright side



Staff at Brighton Hill Community School couldn't fail to smile when they arrived at work to find a whole 'yellow army' of little ducks awaiting them — complete with inspirational messages — thoughtfully provided by some of our students.

and ...

A BASINGSTOKE school has achieved record-breaking admission figures for the 2022 intake.

Brighton Hill Community School in Basingstoke received over 500 applications for its Year 7 intake, with 255 pupils getting admissions and 58 placed in waiting list.

This is the highest number of admission figures for the school in its history.

Headmaster Chris Edwards said: "We couldn't be more delighted that, particularly during these difficult times, our community are turning to us at Brighton Hill Community School as the best option to educate their children."

... we had more to celebrate with the news of our record-breaking admission numbers for this coming September!



## Celebrating National Careers Week 2022 #NCW2022

We had a fantastic week of independent student careers challenges across this year's National Careers Week 2022. If you missed our brilliant students introducing the challenges you can re-watch the video via [this link](#).

### STUDENT INDEPENDENT CHALLENGES

**Monday:** Visit the 'Corridor of Careers' and research at least one apprenticeship opportunity and one subject pathway (what career can a subject you study lead you to?). Use the BHCS Careers Programme Road Map to understand the careers programme opportunities in your current year group.



**Tuesday:** Click on the National Careers Week 2022 banner on the school's homepage and watch at least one 'high performance podcast' and take a trip to the virtual careers fair! You can also access these via your school 'Learning Zone' (VLE) home page.



**Wednesday:** Log into your Unifrog account and complete at least one task independently!



**Thursday:** Ask a teacher about their career pathway, look out for the 'What does your career path look like?' posters displayed around the school.



**Friday:** Apply to become a 'Careers Champion': Are you passionate about careers? Can you be a force for positive change in our school? This new student ambassador programme to help further embed the careers programme into the fabric of our school could be for you! Go and see Mr Watkins or e-mail [dwatkins@brightonhill.hants.sch.uk](mailto:dwatkins@brightonhill.hants.sch.uk) to find out more (HINT: You'll need to show evidence of completing all this week's challenges as part of the application process!)



### PARENTS INVITED TO SET UP THEIR OWN UNIFROG ACCESS

To help support engagement with your child, we are giving you the chance to set up your own parent account that you can use to see what it is like to use 'Unifrog'.

Simply click this [link](#) and use the sign-up code BRHCparents, then complete the rest of the details to set up your account. It says 'student account sign up code' but we have agreed with 'Unifrog' to have this special parental option for you.

## CAREERS BREAKFASTS

Thank you to our parent volunteers who have been delivering insightful 'Careers Breakfasts' for our students. Back in the January Newsletter we put out a call for support and we were delighted to get such a supportive response.

### WHAT IS A 'CAREERS BREAKFAST'?

A 'Careers Breakfast' is a pilot careers project. Parent volunteers have been coming into school to discuss the industry in which they work and their current role, including the career pathway to that role. In an informal setting, students have had the opportunity to ask questions and explore more about the industry and role of each visitor. The feedback from our students has been superb and we've enjoyed hearing from a wide range of industries and job roles with more planned over the coming weeks.

Mr D Watkins  
Deputy Headteacher

## YEAR 9, 10 AND 11 SCHOOL PHOTOS

Tempest Photography are scheduled to come into school on Wednesday, 23 March 2022 and Friday, 25 March 2022 to take photos of the following year groups:

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2022:  
Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2022:

Year 9 and 11 individual photographs  
Year 10 individual photographers

Please be reminded of the high standards that are expected regarding school uniform and student's appearance.

Mrs H Laney  
PA to Headteacher

## YEAR 8 and 9 SPANISH HOUSE EVENT

Students participated in a 'Translation Race', competing to translate a text from Spanish to English as accurately and quickly as possible. They then took part in a quiz to test their knowledge of Spanish culture.

Did you know that the Spanish introduced chocolate to Europe in the 16<sup>th</sup> Century?

Finally, we enjoyed some karaoke, with the team who sang the chorus of the Spanish song with the best pronunciation winning extra points. ¡Qué entretenido! Congratulations to Endeavour, the winning team, followed closely by Horizon.

Ms L McMillan  
Teacher of Spanish





## VOYAGER

Voyager once again have been absolutely smashing the events this half-term! Still leading the way strongly with 27,640 House Competition Points! We had a great time in Year 7 Tech last week and landed both 1st and 3rd place in Year 8 Badminton. As usual, Voyager are really showing pride in their team and confidently representing us at events and throughout the school — I'm so proud of everyone! Well done to Amber and Daniel for their victories in Badminton last week!

Miss Malone  
Head of Voyager



## ENDEAVOUR

This newsletter I wanted to dedicate to our ambassador Tom Daley. Tom has raised an incredible amount of money which will be announced on the 18 March on BBC1 for this years Red Nose Day Appeal to support families across the UK.

He endeavoured daily challenges of:

- Day 1: Rowing 6 miles, cycling 60 miles
- Day 2: Swam 1000 meters and cycled again 63 miles
- Day 3: Cycled 130 miles
- Day 4: Ran 30 miles

And so my message to you is: What can you do this Red nose day? What can you do every day to show kindness towards other, especially to those that may be in need?

Miss J Marsh  
Head of Endeavour



"If you can, please donate what you can to Red Nose Day because it would make a world of difference to so many families all across the country"



## HORIZON

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Horizon House has really started making up ground on the other houses now and the gap is narrowing every week it seems. I've never believed in jinxes so I feel confident in saying that the comeback is well and truly

on! Through the miserable February days, I still saw so much enthusiasm and passion for our House which was wonderful to see!

A special 'Well Done' to all those who came to support the competitions out in the wet and cold - you are a credit to your house! Thank you to everyone who came down to support their House showing their fabulous team spirit.

Mr W Firth  
Head of Horizon

### UPCOMING HOUSE EVENTS;

FRIDAY, 25 March:  
Year 7—Mixed Badminton  
Year 10—MFL (French)

THURSDAY, 31 March:  
Year 8—Photography

FRIDAY, 1 April  
Year 8—Maths



## PIONEER

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Another fabulous month for our extraordinary Pioneers! With a particularly brilliant start from our Year 7 competing in basketball and teaming up with Year 8 for French!

A particularly big shout out to all of the Year 7's who showed up for Drama and still had smiles on their faces - even though the house competition wasn't able to go ahead.

Year 9 have been continually demonstrating their commitment with fierce competitions in Spanish and Badminton! Not only have our Brighton Hill Pioneer's been demonstrating our four cornerstones but our wonderful House Ambassador, Greta Thunberg, has been continually working towards her goal of reducing climate change and raising awareness of causes important to her, even protesting outside the Russian embassy to #StandWithUkraine! She has stood up for what she believes is right and refuses to give up her worthy cause!



SHOWING SUPPORT FOR UKRAINE

Miss G Arundale  
Head of Pioneer

## MATHS NEWS

On Wednesday 2 and Thursday 3 February, 40 students in Years 9, 10 and 11 sat the UK Maths Trust Intermediate Challenge paper. The Intermediate Mathematical Challenge is a 60-minute, multiple-choice Challenge. It encourages mathematical reasoning, precision of thought, and fluency in using basic mathematical techniques to solve interesting problems.

The problems on the Intermediate Mathematical Challenge are designed to make students think. Most are accessible, yet still challenge those with more experience. To recognise the highest performers in the Challenge, the top-scoring 50% of participants are awarded Bronze, Silver and Gold certificates in the ratio 3:2:1.

Our brilliant students achieved 17 Bronze, 5 Silver and 2 Gold Certificates. We are delighted with our results and want to congratulate all students who took part, especially Joshua B and Finley G in Year 11 who achieved joint Best in School, Hayden B who achieved Best in Year 10 and Nayra L who achieved Best in Year 9. Josh and Finley in Year 11 and Nayra and Charlie in Year 9 have been invited to complete a follow on round which took place on 17 March.

Well Done everyone who took part!

For Years 7 and 8 the junior challenge is taking place on the 27/28 April. Let your Maths teacher know if you are interested!

Here is a taster question from last year's paper:

9. Each cell in the crossnumber below contains a single non-zero digit. The answer to each clue is a two-digit number.

Clues

ACROSS

1. A square

3. An odd square

DOWN

1. A square

2. A square

|   |     |
|---|-----|
| 1 | 2   |
| 3 | $x$ |

What is the value of  $x$ ?

A 1

B 3

C 5

D 7

E 9

(Solution is E)

Miss T Duemke  
Teacher of Maths

## NEWS FROM THE PE DEPARTMENT

### YEAR 10 FOOTBALL TEAM

Year 10 boys football recently won their district cup semi-final with a win 6-1 over Costello (goal scorers - Archie P, Kyle B, Josh C, Patrik I, Charlie B and Will C). However, the game was cut short due to an injury to one of Costello's players and I wanted to take this opportunity to give a special mention to our injured players: Jamie B, Harry B, Sulayman C and Ben P. From us at BHCS, we wish all five young men a speedy recovery and hope to see you on the pitch again soon. Upcoming fixtures: Hampshire Cup semi-final (H) and District Cup Final (Winklebury).

### YEAR 9/10 FOOTBALL CLUB

Year 9/10 Football Club is growing each week largely due the passion and commitment of Allen M who is pushing / persuading anyone and everyone to come along. Also a special mention to the Year 10 girls who make an appearance each week.

*Mr Slack*

### CROSS COUNTRY

Ava S, Mia S, and Loki C deserve huge congratulations; they have all qualified for the Southeast Cross Country Championship!! Ethan H and Liam T put in a strong performance, narrowly missing out on a spot. Louis A's incredible 400m sprint finish put him within five places of qualifying. Jasmine W and Phoebe H gained valuable positions that meant the Basingstoke District U13 girls won overall.

### BADMINTON

It's fantastic to see our badminton numbers return to the mid-30s. Many students have enjoyed attempting a new sport or improving their skills in preparation for House Badminton. There are some truly good players on the rise and Ethan H, Mathew T, and Jacob S-B deserve special attention for their tremendous commitment to growth. Every week, the Year 10 students have been outstanding, and it is a thrill to watch them compete against one another. On Friday, March 11th, we held a Year 8 House Badminton competition, demonstrating the sport's growing popularity. We had mixed doubles matches on all of the courts, with people on the side-lines cheering them on.

### YEAR 7 FOOTBALL

After a delay due to restrictions, the Year 7 Football team is extremely close to resuming their matches. The students are competing for a spot on the squad while also encouraging each other's development. Choosing a 13-player team from a pool of 30 individuals will be extremely difficult. Next year, we plan to form a second team. Oscar P-E and Oliver F deserves a huge pat on the back for showing up and giving it his all every week. They learn from his mistakes, which requires a great deal of resilience and maturity. Mr. Colmer deserves a tremendous thank you; without his help, the Year 7 Football team would not be as successful as it is.

*Mr Freemantle*

### DODGEBALL

Dodgeball continues to grow and we love to welcome new faces every week! Everyone is welcome at dodgeball club - so if you fancy getting your own back at Miss Richardson or Mr Bearpark, come along on Thursdays after school!  
Player of the week - Andrew C in year 7! *Miss Richardson*

### TABLE TENNIS

A busy couple of weeks of table tennis with many enthusiastic players in attendance. Newcomer Amileigh T who showed great enthusiasm working on her serving skills with great success and Rhys M who doesn't miss a session, always up to take on a challenge!  
*Ms Rogers*



### YEAR 7 NETBALL

The year 7 Netball team got their competitive season off in winning form. They secured a strong victory against The Hurst, making their intent for the league title clear. Evelyn B was voted players' player of the match.

### INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March saw a whole school celebration of International Women's Day. The ladies (and gents) in PE were keen to #breakthebias by celebrating amazing sportswomen who have overcome adversity to achieve amazing things in sport.



### SUMMER IS NEARLY HERE!

### SPORTS DAY

Our annual Sports Day has been confirmed as Tuesday, 5 July. This is sure to be a fantastic festival and celebration across the whole day.

### CRICKET

T20 cricket is back! On the 25 May we will be offering 16 female students in years 7-9 the opportunity to attend a cricket development afternoon at Farnborough School. On 9 June we will be offering the opportunity for our students to attend an events fixture at the Ageas Bowl.  
*Miss Lambert*

### **GYM CLUB**

In KS4 Gym Club we have seen some amazing collaboration between Caitlin T and Imogen J – they have been motivating each other to hit their fitness goals and showing amazing commitment!

*Miss Jones*

### **VOLLEYBALL**

Unfortunately, due to exams we haven't been able to play much Volleyball. However, we have got our first ever fixture on the 22 March at Bishops Challoner, so keep an eye out in our next newsletter to see how we got on. All PE updates can be found @BHCSPE.

*Mr McCulley*

### **YEAR 11 BOYS HAVE THEIR CAMPAIGN ENDED AT THE VYNE**

It has been a brilliant season for the Year 11 boys football team, who have continually shown commitment, courage and no shortage of quality. To end their school football careers on a high, they were dreaming of a District Cup final. However, before that they had to overcome The Vyne which proved to be one step too far. It was a game of two halves, with Brighton Hill Community School taking a deserved early lead - which could have been plenty more were it not for the early heroics of The Vyne's goalkeeper. As the game continued though, the home team came more and more into it, and hit back with two quick goals before half time. The second half proved to be one way traffic as the home team extended their lead. In the end, the boys had no complaints as they were beaten by the better team.

It has been a privilege to be a manager to these young men throughout their final year, and I'm sure many will go on to play at a good standard in the future.

*Mr Beeching*



This is our Year 9 Jewellery project.

Our students have worked hard to achieve this level of work. I am so proud of them!

**Mrs W Iemwimangsa**  
Teacher of Technology