

Brighton Hill Community School

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Newsletter

Spring Term
8 April 2022

STUDENT COUNCIL UPDATE

Thank you to everyone who supported us with our rowing challenge; we raised over **£1,400** for the Ukrainian appeal. This only includes the money raised for the rowing, as the non-uniform money went towards Comic Relief. This money will be donated to the DEC Ukrainian Appeal and will go towards helping with the humanitarian crisis that has been unfolding there for the last six weeks. We are so proud to have helped in our small way, and to have galvanised the school community for this challenge.



We are also in the process of organising for a mural to be painted on the outside of one of the walls next to Humanities so students can see it on the way into school everyday. We will be raising money for this with bake sales around the school. Underneath the mural, we will be planting a wild garden as well. This will become a wonderful space for the students to enjoy as they walk past each day.



Finally, we will be putting recycling boxes in every classroom around school after the Easter holidays. These will only be used for paper and cardboard to start with, but we hope to expand this to plastic before the summer. There will be a Year 7 and 8 House competition to design the artwork that will go on the side of the recycling boxes. This represents a major undertaking by the Student Council, and we are proud to help the school become more sustainable.

Student Council Team

Non-Uniform Day – Children in Need

We raised a magnificent: **£789.31**

Well Done to everyone!

COMIC RELIEF



MFL NEWS

On Friday 1st April, the MFL Department welcomed Onatti Productions into the school to perform a play entirely in Spanish. Our Year 8 and 9 Spanish students enjoyed an entertaining and interactive performance of 'El Campamento', which was about two friends going to a campsite. Excitement soon turned to upset for the friends when they realised there was no food.....and no mobile reception!

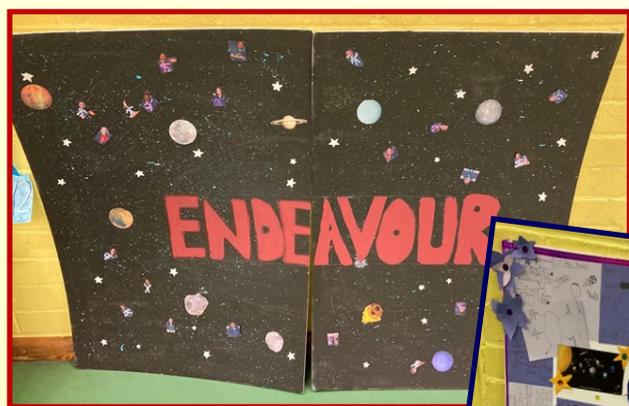
Our students were asked to join in to 'help out' the actors, putting on their best Spanish accents. A fun and enriching activity for our linguists, proving that you don't need to understand every word to appreciate a foreign language production.

Mrs S Oates
Teacher of French



Year 8 Tutor Projects

Year 8 did some amazing tutor projects. They were set the challenge of showing their pride in their tutor group and what being in their tutor group meant to them. They then presented these in assembly and did a marvellous job!



Miss V Mercer
Head of Year 8



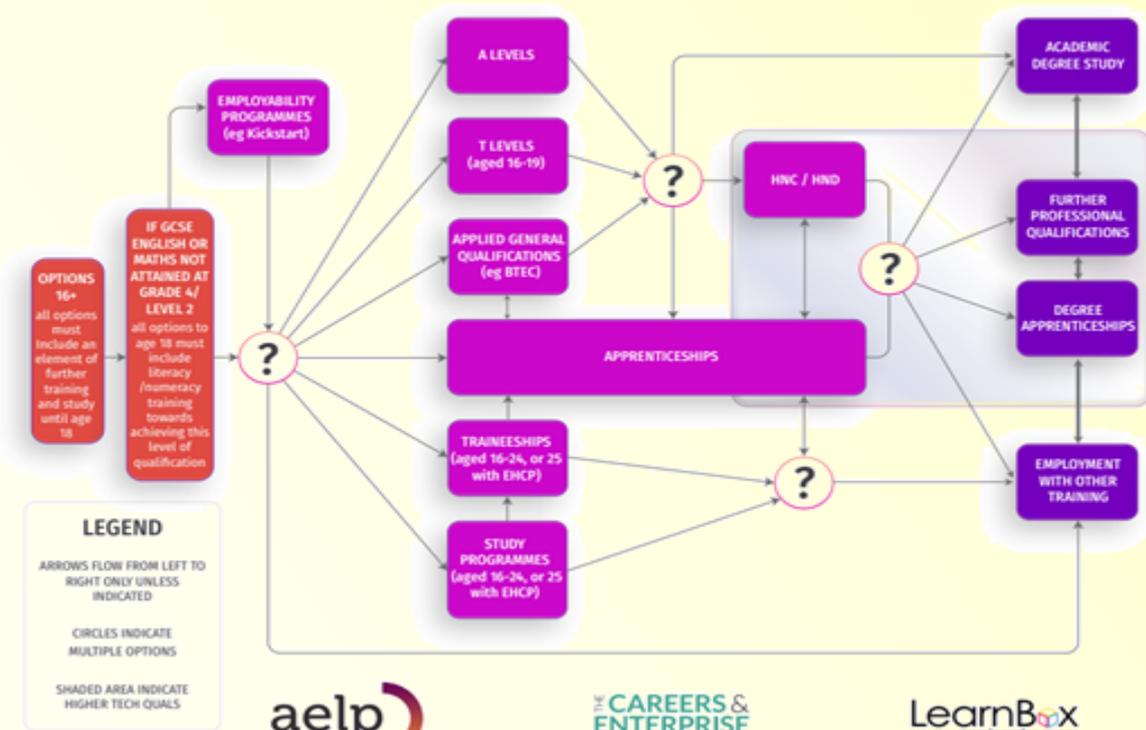
CAREERS: Post 16 OPTIONS



With our Year 8 students due to embark on their Guided Choices options for study across Key Stage 4 and our Year 10's starting to consider what life after Brighton Hill Community School might look like, we wanted to keep you informed of the different options students have when completing their Secondary School education.

Follow the arrows from left to right in the table below to explore the different opportunities your child will have after BHCS.

Options Map: Pathways for post 16 technical education



Some of the options above might be new to you or different to the opportunities you had when you left Secondary School, the table below gives some additional information on some of the newer options. We hope you found this information of benefit.

POST 16 PATHWAYS

Apprenticeships 20% off the job (classroom) 80% on the job Employed /paid	Traineeships 6 weeks plus with an employer / class Experience leads to apprenticeships	T Levels 80% off the job (classroom) 20% on the job Experience leads to App'ship / other	Applied Qualifications (BTECS +) Academic with practical skills, see college and examining body
Degree level Apprenticeships Supported by the employer. Paid.	'A' level : University or Apprenticeship, or Job (with training)	Technical / Vocational Qualifications (BTECS +) Industry related tasks, see college and examining body	Higher Technical Qualifications Level 4&5, flexible study See college and examining body



School
Vacancies
- Cleaners!

Salary: £9.60 per hour
Hours of Work: Morning Post: 5:00am to 7:00am,
Monday to Friday, 10 hours per week,
52 weeks per year

We are looking to appoint a committed and enthusiastic person to join our friendly and hardworking team of cleaners. The successful candidate will:

- ◆ Take pride in their work
- ◆ Have high standards of cleaning
- ◆ Be able to meet the physical demands of the job
- ◆ Be able to work individually and as part of a team

If you are interested in this post, please complete the application form shown on this website and return it to: jlevett@brightonhill.hants.sch.uk or contact Mrs Jo Levett, HR Officer on 01256 362523 for an application form. Please note CVs will not be accepted.
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**Brighton Hill Community School is looking
for Examination Invigilators**
what is an Examination Invigilator?

The role of an invigilator is a rewarding one. You get the opportunity to support students with one of their most memorable experiences. You will be responsible for the smooth, secure running of allocated exam sessions, working under the direction of the Examinations Officer. Duties will include timing of exams, distribution and collection of exam papers, assisting students with additional needs and ensuring Examination Board Regulations are adhered to at all times.

*What do I need, to to be an examination
Invigilator?*

*Good communication skills, an observant
eye and attention to detail are essential.
You will need to have a calm nature, and
work effectively in a busy environment.*

*The position would be ideally
suited to responsible and
committed individuals who are
available mainly during early
January, mid-May until the end
of June.*

*If you are interested in becoming an
Invigilator please contact the school
admin@brightonhill.hants.sch.uk with the
subject title: Examination Invigilator.*



School
Vacancies
- Invigilators

SEEKING DONATIONS OF PRE-OWNED SCHOOL UNIFORM ITEMS IN GOOD CONDITION

We are excited to be working towards launching a 'BHCS Pre-owned Uniform Sale' - aiming to help our families by providing uniform items at an affordable price, whilst enabling us to support a recycling culture within our school.

Our success depends on your donations and all funds raised from sales will be donated to charity.

Please drop pre-owned uniform items into Reception, marked for my attention.

Mrs Laney
PA to Headteacher

KEEPING HEALTHY AND SAFE DEEP LEARNING DAY

Years 7-10 enjoyed a range of activities throughout the day related to their wellbeing with topics as varied as first aid, body image, stereotypes in the media, bacteria, viruses and immunisation, managing anxiety, the dangers of tobacco, alcohol and drugs, safe relationships, contraception, STDs and HIV and self-examination.

Quotes from students include:

"It's really helpful to know what to look out for to see if someone is safe"

"It's really helpful to know which drugs are legal and not legal"

"I didn't realise you should examine yourself when you are younger, I thought it was just for older people"

"I found the anxiety exercises useful, so I know what to do if I start to feel anxious"

Mrs W Moore
Whole School Values Lead



Year 7 Computing – seriously geeking it!

Year 7's have been grappling with computer components this half term – hardware, software, storage devices, internal components, operating systems and networks. 7a3 managed to dodge the raindrops to create a home network showing what needs to be connected to what device to make the devices talk to each other and the internet. They even managed to achieve it without getting themselves tangled up with the cables!



Wendy Moore
Teacher of Business, IT & Computing
Second in Digital Technology & Communication Faculty

7b2 took a look at the inside of a computer to see if they could identify the main internal components and describe their function – it's not as easy as you think.

It's always good for students to get some hands on experience of the theory in Computing as well as the practical application of skills.





ENDEAVOUR

HAPPY EASTER ENDEAVOURS!

A massive well done to the following students for winning a yummy easter egg to snack on in preparation for the Easter break!



Firstly, well done to my year 7 boys Jacob S-B and Alfie E for most improved house points. Secondly to my ladies of the hour: Jasmine W, Olivia C and Bella D for attending a phenomenal amount of Friday house competitions! And finally to my Endeavour students who received prizes in the form of chocolate, for kind acts.

Below are our deserved nominees. I wanted to share the amazing generosity, kind and caring nature of our wonderful students at Brighton Hill Community School (especially in the best house Endeavour).

Amber W - 11A2 Zara N - 10Ev2 Cođie W 8Ev1
Kudzi M - 9ev1 Jayashree G - 7ev1

*chocolate
chocolate
chocolate!*



Left: Year 7 PE Badminton team showing yet another victory.
Right Maths Treasure Hunt puzzle



Miss J Marsh
Head of Endeavour



PIONEER

PIONEERING NEWS

Another term gone! Congratulations to all of our wonderful Pioneers for making it through the cold months of January, February and March as we welcome the brighter months of Spring!

Our students have done a brilliant job of representing our school values and should feel very proud. Indeed they have shown their commitment every Friday, building a team to tackle the House competitions from Drama to Badminton to Science, our Pioneers have shown up and done incredibly well! Let's bring the same attitude next term and have a brilliant end to the year!

Miss G Arundale
Head of Pioneer

WHAT'S ON THE HORIZON?

We've reached the end of another term and I couldn't be more proud of everyone in Horizon for continually showing our values every day. We've definitely started to close the gap on the Houses above us and I firmly believe that the comeback is well and truly on!

I had the joy of seeing two Horizon tutor groups on Deep Learning Day and it was wonderful to actually have a group together and see the enthusiasm for our House and some real determination to win House Cup Points for us.

Have a great Easter!

Mr W Firth
Head of Horizon



HORIZON



Over the next few months, the PE ambassadors will be doing some exciting activities. To begin with, they will be the first group of students to complete the new Sports Leaders course, which will provide them with a nationally recognised qualification. The coaching portion of the course will take place in primary schools, with a variety of activities focused for younger children. They will have the opportunity to gain significant coaching experience and begin putting theory into practise.

They were asked to assist with the Hampshire PE conference on 5 April, and another event in June which is currently branded as a 'Megafest'. Both will be fantastic chances for all our students. On Monday, 21st March they had a 'Careers Breakfast' with Simon, a physiotherapist from The Neuro Physio Service.

I can't put into words at how impressed I was with the PE Ambassadors so I will just quote the e-mail that was sent to Mr Edwards about the Ambassadors:

"I just wanted to email you to let you know how brilliant your sports leaders were at the PE Conference yesterday. They were excellent ambassadors for your school; they were smart, polite, listened to instructions and used their initiative when needed. They were a huge help and we will definitely be asking for their support next year as I don't know how we would have run the conference without them!"

As a reward we are taking the students to the Hampshire Hawks Schools Takeover on Thursday, 9th June 2022 at the Ageas Bowl. Well done to you all. What an excellent team of PE Ambassadors!

Mr J Freemantle
Teacher of PE

PE NEWS

YEAR 7 FOOTBALL

The Year 7 boys got off to an excellent start in the district league with an outstanding performance against Aldworth. They won 4-1 and George W got a hat-trick. Josh O and George W both got MOTM for their performance in the game and the leadership they showed. Special mention to George V who had about three players in his pocket!

YEAR 9 FOOTBALL

Year 9 boys started of their campaign with a brilliant 8-0 win. Callum M was an absolute rock at the back, Reggie N finished the game with a hat-trick, Matty H with a brace and Stan G, Evan F and an OG completed the scoring. The Year 9s next face Aldworth in the league.

Mr Slack

Year 10 Football

Year 10 boys have two cup finals coming up in the summer term. The boys have worked so hard to get to where they are, and this strength of character was showcased once again in the Hampshire Cup semi-final. The team led 1-0 for the majority of the game, however, they conceded an equaliser in the last few minutes of the game but then picked themselves up to win 3-1 in extra-time.

District cup final 28th April 2022, 4:00pm kick off at Winklebury. Hampshire cup final TBC.

GUIDED CHOICES INFORMATION EVENING

Many thanks to our Year 8 parents who attended the Guided Choices Information evening on Wednesday 6 April. The presentations from the evening and key documentation are available on our school website here: <http://www.brightonhill.hants.sch.uk/bh-section.php?id=36> (Curriculum>Guided Choices) and a timeline of the process is below. We look forward to seeing parents virtually for the online parents' evenings after Easter.

Guided Choices Process



Before Easter: Guided choices booklet, pathway letter and Triple Science recommendation (if applicable) in Tutor

6 April: Guided Choices Information Evening to discuss what subjects at KS4 involve.

27 April (A) and 4 May (B): Parents' evening to discuss progress in subjects and suitability for KS4 study

26 April - 6 May: Optional tutor appointments to discuss Guided Choices

13 May: Deadline for completion of online form. We will speak to you individually if, for any reason, you need to pick another course

Mrs Hallum Barnard
Assistant Headteacher

IMPORTANCE OF LEARNING LANGUAGES PRESENTATION FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF CARDIFF

On Thursday, 7 April, our Year 8 students were given a presentation from Anna Carrasco, of the University of Cardiff, on the importance of learning languages at GCSE and beyond. This presentation concluded our work this half-term on preparing students for their Guided Choices and helping them to understand the benefits that learning a language can have for them in terms of their employability skills and in life in general. The presentation was really interactive and helped students dispel common misconceptions such as the idea that learning a language isn't necessary as everyone speaks English. In fact, 70% of the world's population does not speak English!

Mrs Hallum Barnard
Assistant Headteacher



Why take
languages?

YEAR 9 VOLLEYBALL

Year 9 girls have taken part in the first ever volleyball fixture for Brighton Hill. Community School. We travelled over to Bishop Challoner (thank you Mr Slack for driving!) to take part in the historic event. After a short joint training session between the two schools, the teams took part in a friendly game that allowed all students to showcase their skills. Our team played some excellent volleyball with Heidi producing a great hit to win a point and Nayra serving an ace in the penultimate point!

Mr McCulley



CRICKET

The 21st, 22nd and 23rd March (the warmest week this year!) saw the Key Stage 3 girls receive their cricket taster lessons with Chance to Shine. Cricket Club begins on the first Tuesday back after Easter – 26th April – with lots of exciting events to follow throughout the summer term including:

- ◇ Leadership sessions through a Chance to Shine for girls in Key Stage 3 and 4
- ◇ Girls cricket afternoon at Farnborough Hill on Wednesday 25th May
- ◇ Hampshire Hawks Schools Takeover at the Ageas Bowl on the evening of Thursday 9th June
- ◇ U13 mixed cricket softball festival all day on Thursday 16th June
- ◇ U15 mixed cricket softball festival all day on Wednesday 6th July



GCSE PE CLIMBING

30 of our Year 10 GCSE PE students will have the opportunity to complete a day of climbing on 14th or 28th June as part of their GCSE practical element. This is an exciting development in our curriculum offer and we hope it will lead to an annual visit for our GCSE students for them to develop their self-confidence and resilience alongside their practical outcomes.

Miss Lambert
Head of PE

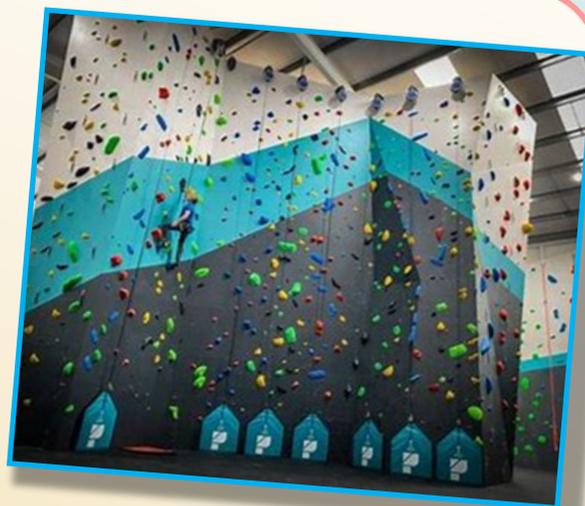


Table Tennis

Another spectacular few weeks of table tennis where both staff and students have shown dedication and skill. Shout out to Ollie S (Year 8) who fooled me with his skills and they were on point!!

Ms Rogers

U16 Basketball

Our first ever basketball fixture against Aldworth could not have been any better. It has been the highlight of my year so far and I couldn't have asked anymore from the boys involved. We won 29-26 and it was a fabulous 3-pointer in the five minutes overtime that secured the win. Well done to all the boys involved! Special mention to Ethan W for leading the team to their first victory!

Mr Freemantle

SPANISH SCREENING OF 'IN THE HEIGHTS'

Despite Covid scuppering our plans to take our Spanish students to the cinema to see 'In the Heights' last year, we were delighted to put on a screening of this musical which contains a mixture of both Spanish and English language, for our students on Thursday, 7 April after school!

Students really enjoyed this enrichment activity as we turned the Memrise Suite into a mini cinema, complete with popcorn and drinks!

Mrs Hallum Barnard
Assistant Headteacher

