

Brighton Hill Community School

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13 May 2022

Newsletter



SKI TRIP 2022 - LES DEUX-ALPES

On Friday, 8th April 126 intrepid members of the #yellowarmy set off on what would prove to be a remarkable week in the French Alps. Just getting to this point was challenging enough, with multiple Covid complications, ferry company issues and regular rooming issues in the hotel itself.

However, once we were underway, we quickly forgot about all the issues and became very excited about the prospects of a week in the snow. The journey flew by thanks to a combination of films, Mr Beeching's outstanding jokes, some karaoke and extraordinary quiz knowledge. Once we reached our resort it was clear our week was going to be nothing short of spectacular, with fresh snow and bright sunshine.

Throughout our week we were treated to the most wonderful weather and the students thrived being out of their normal comfort zone, many of whom were on their first ski trip. The students all achieved a huge amount and every single one of them overcame some form of personal barrier to participate or complete a specific run.

Every afternoon it was heart-warming to hear the stories from all of the students about how they had achieved something that they didn't think possible. Throughout the week the students made remarkable progress and by the end of the week they were all up at the top of the glacier, skiing at 3,600m altitude, which they should all be very proud of. As is part of the fun with skiing, most students fell over from time to time, but were always quick to bounce back up with a smile on their faces and carry on.



Additionally, the students had a full suite of evening activities, with awards evenings, 10 pin bowling, quiz nights and restaurant visits all on the schedule.

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SKI TRIP 2022 - LES DEUX-ALPES



*All that fresh air and exercise made
Mr Du-heaume very hungry!*

As always, these trips really bring out the best in people, and it was wonderful to see how our students embodied all of our cornerstones on a daily basis. The courage they showed was exceptional, they continually collaborated with others, were relentlessly kind to each other throughout the week and were committed to their own improvement and completing the ski runs that their ski instructors took them on. As has become tradition now, the instructors were staggered at the kindness and maturity on show from our students and everyone we came into contact with was full of praise for our students.



The staff on the trip also deserve a special mention, as the 13 staff members who gave up a week of their holiday to come away with over 100 school students, created an amazing atmosphere for the students to thrive on the trip.



Overall, it was an incredible experience and one will that live long in the memory.

Roll on the 2023 ski trip!!

**Mr P Beeching
Assistant Headteacher**

CAREERS

ORNER



POST-16 CHOICES ADVANCED NOTIFICATION 'DATE FOR THE DIARY'

Open evenings at Peter Symonds College are available for Year 10 students on Wednesday, 6th and Thursday, 7th July 2022 from 5:30 - 8:30pm on both evenings at Peter Symonds College, Owens Road, Winchester SO22 6RX.

The evenings are a great opportunity for students to gain an insight into college life and start considering their possible course choices. Further evenings are planned to run later in the year on Wednesday, 19th October and Thursday, 20th October at the same times.

Visit www.psc.ac.uk/ppen to book your place!

Free Park & Ride - make use of the free park and ride service (you will not have to pay for the parking) running to and from the college from South Winchester Park & Ride (just off the M3 at Junction 11, SO21 2FG) from 5:15pm. The buses will be providing a shuttle service during the evening with the last bus leaving the campus at 8:45pm.

Park & Stride - using one of the city centre car parks and walking to the campus. Click [here](#) for more information on city centre parking.

Travel by Train - the campus is a short walk from Winchester train station.

Mr D Watkins
Deputy Headteacher

MAKE THE FUTURE YOURS MAGAZINE

Parents and students can [subscribe for free](#) to 'Make the future yours!' Alternatively you can access the latest edition via 'Option 9' on both the '[Parent Zone](#)' or the '[Student Zone](#)' of our [BHCS Careers & Enterprise webpages](#).

'Make the Future Yours!' is full of information and advice to help students choose the right career. There are articles, case studies and tips, covering apprenticeships, part-time study, life skills and much more.

The magazine aims to be an informative, impartial resource for anyone looking for inspiration or advice on future career and work-related choices.

Mr D Watkins
Deputy Headteacher

WHAT IS LMI AND HOW CAN IT HELP ME?

LMI - Labour Market Information - is information collected by governments and councils about employers, industries and patterns of work. Whilst they might sound like an exercise in number-crunching, all that data can help you and your child plan their future steps.

Labour Market Information provides the knowledge and understanding of how the labour market functions and is crucial for making sense of changing economic circumstances. It can also help when thinking about what the future might hold, so can support career decision making.

LMI can tell us which industries are growing and declining, about how industries and job roles vary across the country as well as more locally. You can review our recent LMI presentation delivered at the Year 8 Guided Choices Evening [here](#) to find out more about LMI nationally and locally.

Mr D Watkins
Deputy Headteacher

Future Skills Centre Open Event: Monday 16 May 2022 4.30pm - 7.30pm

Careers in Construction

Visit the Open Evening to explore everything the Future Skills Centre (FSC) has to offer. During this event, you will be able to:

- ◆ Discover their wide range of specialist construction courses
- ◆ Hear from Future Skills Centre Manager, Steve Gilder
- ◆ Explore the £3.8million facility including their state-of-the-art workshops and classrooms
- ◆ Ask their expert tutors any questions you may have and meet current students to talk about what life is like at the FSC

Part of the Whitehill and Bordon Regeneration project, this event is open to students, parents, employers, local residents and anyone who would like to learn more about how the FSC is changing lives in Bordon. Parents and guardians are welcome to attend the event but will only need to register a ticket for the student / school leaver attending. If you have accessibility requirements you can email: events@bcot.ac.uk

The FSC is part of Basingstoke College of Technology and located at 2 Hudson Road, Bordon GU35 0GX.

Mr D Watkins
Deputy Headteacher



NEWS FROM VOYAGER



Update from our Year 8 tutor rep: 'Well done Voyager who continue to lead the House Cup in the closing stages of the school year. We continue to lead the way in house points with half of the top ten students on the leader board for house points, being Voyagers. Not only that, but we are also leading the way in inter-house competitions showing a great sense of teamwork and determination. We are truly the best house!!' - Edward

Miss Malone: Thanks Edward! I couldn't agree more! We have had a blast at House Events and gathering stamps in lessons to remain at the top! Last week we had so much sunshine and I think it encouraged our team to continue to shine, too!

We played Rounders on Friday, it was a challenge as it was a busy one but through teamwork, Voyager got another well-deserved win. Being the Head of Voyager is easy when you have students as committed as ours! Now just to keep this up until the end of the year. So proud of you all!



Miss E Malone
Head of Voyager



PIONEERING

What a great start to Term 3! The Sun is shining and our wonderful Pioneer's are out supporting their team! A huge 'Well Done' to our Year 8 Pioneer's for enjoying the glorious summer sun with a fierce game of rounders!

As a team let's bring it home with a massive final push so we can relive the glory of last year! Continue to rack up those house points in lesson and around school by demonstrating our four cornerstones: kindness, collaboration, courage, and commitment as we know *kindness always wins!*



Miss Arundale
Head of Pioneer



ON THE HORIZON

As we enter the final term of the first year in our new House system, it's been wonderful to see the enthusiasm of students still shining through. Horizon might be last in the standings (for now), but that hasn't affected the students who have turned up to House events whatever the weather. To anyone who has gone to events throughout the year, a massive well done to you!

I still firmly believe the comeback is on!

Mr Firth
Head of Horizon

NEWS FROM THE MATHS DEPARTMENT

On Wednesday, 27 and Thursday, 28 April, 44 students in Years 7 and 8 sat the UK Maths Trust Junior Challenge paper.

The Junior 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 Junior 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 18 Bronze, 6 Silver and 5 Gold Certificates.

We are delighted with our results and want to congratulate all students that took part, especially Bea H in Year 8 who achieved Best in School and Avaneesh K who achieved Best in Year 7.

Well Done to everyone who took part!

Here's a taster question:

7. Kiwi fruit contain roughly two and a half times as much vitamin C as the same weight of oranges. What weight of kiwi fruit contains approximately the same amount of vitamin C as 1 kg of oranges?
- A 100 g B 200 g C 250 g D 400 g E 550 g

Answer: D

Miss Duemke
Teacher of Maths

TUTOR READING PROGRAMME

This half-term, our tutor reading programme continues with our students looking at texts and extracts with the themes of 'Life in a Different Time', 'The Impact of Time' and 'Fear of the Unknown'.

Years 7 and 8

Years 7 and 8 will be looking at texts with the common thread of 'Life in a Different Time'

Great Expectations by Charles Dickens
The Secret Garden by Frances Hodgson Burnett

Year 9

Our Year 9 students will be reading and understanding texts relating to 'The Impact of Time'

Hound of the Baskervilles by Arthur Conan Doyle
The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde by Robert Louis Stevenson

Years 10 and 11

Our Key Stage 4 year groups will be embarking on texts covering the topic of 'Fear of the Unknown'

Oliver Twist by Charles Dickens
Little Women by Louisa May Alcott

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'll be touching on this term!

Mrs Hallum Barnard
Assistant Headteacher

Dance Ambassadors

Mrs Britton would like to say a huge congratulations to the following Year 9 students, who successfully auditioned to become GCSE Dance Ambassadors.:

Abi T	Bella J	Molly L	Loren M
Millie T	Aimee S	Amelia D	Maria P

Mrs Britton looks forward to working with these students to promote Dance in and around the school.

Mrs Britton
Teacher of Dance

PE NEWS

YEAR 10 DISTRICT FINAL (report written by Kyle B)

The Yellow Army began the game slowly which enabled The Vyne to catch us on the break midway through the first half, when their left winger cut inside and bent a terrific shot around the keeper. The Vyne continued to apply pressure on our back three and were winning the midfield battle. Late in the half Charlie P pulled off an unbelievable save to prevent us going 2 - nil down. During halftime Mr Slack gave us a reality check and forced us to up our game and challenged us to score within the first 5 minutes of the second half. To which we duly obliged by applying immense pressure on The Vyne back line and it allowed Kyan S to tap in a deflected shot. From this point onward the The Vyne tired and we showed great courage and commitment, which enabled us to push on for a win with Josh C capitalising on a mis-timed header with 15 minutes remaining. The boys demonstrated fantastic game management and collaboration to get their hands on the cup! The Year 10's play Robert May's in the Hampshire cup final at Aldershot Town on the 19 May - 7:30 kick off.

YEAR 7 FOOTBALL

What a season it has been for Year 7 football! The boys won 5 - 1 against The Hurst. It was a slow start from the boys and went 1 - 0 down. They really picked it up and showed an outstanding amount determination and brought it to 3 - 1 within 10 minutes. Huge congratulations to Jake R who was our MOTM. Special mention to Fin N - his defensive awareness and positioning easily prevented 5 or 6 goals. We now go into the semi-finals where we will play against Costello.

Mr Freemantle

TABLE TENNIS

Table Tennis is back, only this time on a Tuesday! It would be great to see students come along and participate whilst gaining stamps for attendance. Tuesday, 17 May looks set for a challenge; how long can you keep a rally going? Bring a friend, have some fun and see who can set the record! Prizes will be available.

Ms Rogers

MORNING GYM

Morning gym is on! It's an excellent start to the day to get a workout in first thing - start your day off on a positive! Get yourself along and feel amazing for the rest of the day. An extra stamp is available to all attendees for the rest of this half term!!

ATHLETICS

We will be exploring a different event every week - I look forward to seeing you try your hand at a host of track and field events! I will give an extra 2 stamps for every attendee who brings a friend next week!

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MISS RICHARDSON

YEAR 7 NETBALL

Basingstoke and Deane league champions! Our Year 7 netball team became the league champions before Easter with an unbeaten record. The team now head to the County finals in Southampton on June 9.



PE NEWS



**This will be taking place on
Tuesday, 5 July.**

**It is going to be bigger and better
than ever!**

**We will be launching in lessons
and tutor groups soon...**

GIRLS CRICKET

Coach Neil from Hampshire Cricket is in weekly delivering cricket club to the girls after school. It is great fun! It is open to students who are complete beginners through to those that have lots of experience. On Tuesday, 17 and Thursday, 19th July the challenges I am running will earn some bonus prizes:

Three extra stamps if you attend!
Most runs scored batting wins chocolate of their choice!

CURRICULUM

The weather has been kind to PE so far this term. We have absolutely loved being able to have our students back on our glorious field participating in our summer sports season.

Athletics in Key Stage 3 is in full swing with us looking ahead to the district Year 7 and 8 events taking place after half term on June 21 and 22.

Miss Lambert

ROUNDERS

Year 9 and 10 will be taking on local schools in the Basingstoke district to be crowned the rounders champions.

Rounders club is for all years every Tuesday.

Miss Paterson



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)