

# Brighton Hill Community School

## 'Making success inevitable'

Summer Term  
17 June 2022

# Newsletter



## GOOD!

It seems like a very long time ago that Ofsted visited, back on 26 / 27 April, but we were absolutely delighted to be able to share the outcomes our whole school (and wider) community last week.

The headlines were that we remain a "Good" school overall, but were graded as "Outstanding" in three of the four categories overall: *(Personal Development, Behaviour & Attitudes and Leadership & Management)*.

It is hard for me to put into context how proud we are of this report, but apart from the 5% of schools nationally who achieved an outstanding grade overall, only six secondary schools in the country have achieved three Outstanding judgements in a report under the new framework, which began in 2019.

Less than 10% of secondary schools nationally have achieved "Outstanding" for *Behaviour and Attitudes OR Leadership and Management*, let alone both. All of this means that, in Ofsted terms, we are well within the top 10% of secondary schools in the country.

I hope that you have had the chance to read our report with pride; the opening line about our students being "*eager to explain what makes Brighton Hill such a special place*" moves me to tears every time I read it (and I have read it many, many times). I cannot overstate how wonderful the #YellowArmy legends were across the two days, just as they always are. The contribution of parents / carers to the ParentView questionnaire was hugely appreciated, with the inspectors taking the time to read some of the incredible comments to me, as well as assuring me that the student and parent questionnaire results were amongst the best they had ever seen at a secondary school.

Thanks to every single one of you who has shown such strong faith in us as a school; we hope you feel as proud as we do when reading this report about our BHCS! I'll leave you with my joint-favourite excerpt from the report: "*Lessons are calm and focused. When asking pupils about this, one simply explained, 'It's how we do it here.'*"

Chris Edwards - Headteacher

## MEET OUR ENTERPRISE ADVISOR



“Hi, my name’s Maxine Hart and I’m the Enterprise Advisor for your Brighton Hill Community School. That means I support Mr Watkins with the Careers part of the school's curriculum.

What qualifies me to do this? Well, I run a recruitment agency in Basingstoke and our role is to find staff for local companies. Therefore, we gather lots of information about what companies are looking for both in skill sets and culture fits.

One area where many companies are struggling at the moment is attracting people to work for them. Lots of students go on to university in other towns and don’t always come back to the local area – basically, other towns are nicking our talent!

By introducing Brighton Hill Community School students to local employers they can see a huge range of careers and opportunities right here in Basingstoke. Why am I doing this? Because I believe young people really are the future and it’s our job to support them in making the best possible choices for their own development.”

Maxine Hart

Mr. D. Watkins  
Deputy Headteacher

**DATES  
FOR YOUR  
DIARY**

## INSET DAYS 2022 / 2023

THURSDAY, 1 SEPTEMBER 2022

MONDAY, 31 OCTOBER 2022

FRIDAY, 25 NOVEMBER 2022

TUESDAY, 3 JANUARY 2023

FRIDAY, 3 MARCH 2023

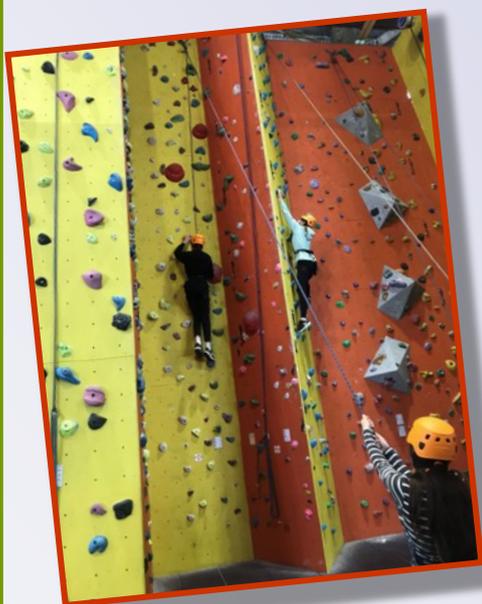
## Safeguarding

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

Mr G Wilkinson – Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)

## YEAR 9 CALSHOT TRIP

At the start of half term, 100 brave Year 9 students went to Calshot Activity Centre on the south coast to try and learn some new skills, and push themselves out of their comfort zone!



During the weekend, the students took part in a range of activities including kayaking, indoor rock climbing, cycling on a velodrome, skiing and lots more. As most of these were completely unfamiliar to the students, it took a lot of commitment to have a go, but all the students jumped head-first into the challenge.

We were lucky enough to have incredible weather for the whole weekend too, that meant we were able to spend the evenings out on the beach enjoying the view and skimming stones. Mr Banks also seized the opportunity to do some impromptu Geography lessons about the landscape too!



As well as time on the beach, every evening the students were able to relax doing a range of activities including board games, football / badminton and even watching the football final on Saturday night!



I'd like to say another huge well done to all the students who took part in the weekend - hopefully, it's one they will remember for a long time. Thank you also to the incredible staff who gave up their weekend to ensure the trip ran so smoothly.

**Mr Flowers**  
Humanities Teacher / Head of Year 9



## HORIZON

# H O R I Z O N

Here we are in the final term of what has felt a mammoth year but an incredibly rewarding one as Head of Horizon. I even worked out the maths and second place in the House standings is well within our reach! The gap has been wide at times and it speaks volumes about the character of Horizon students that we have worked so hard to chase down the other Houses. Everyone loves an underdog!

And key to my grand plan of a Horizon victory is Sports Day, which is just around the corner on Tuesday, 5 July. I'm so excited to see what Horizon can do this year, and we've just launched some really exciting competitions too - I'm hoping to see a whole sea of Horizon flags out on the field in the sunshine!

Mr W Firth  
Head of Horizon

# E N D E A V O U R



## ENDEAVOUR

Welcome back Endeavour to your last half term of the school year and what a brilliant one we have planned!

Firstly, I wanted to say a massive well done to the responses from students and tutor groups already offering help after the introduction of the Spotlight charity project. You have shown so much kindness already with food donations! Endeavour really are a special team.

Secondly, Sports day will take place from 8:45am until 3:00pm on Tuesday 5 July, with the overall winners crowned shortly before home time. Please show your Support; I am looking forward to being flooded with red flags, posters, banners, chants, dances and encouragement in preparation of this mighty, much awaited event. Deadline for these entries is: Monday 4 July. Most importantly – remember to bring them with you on the day.

Finally, get involved. This term we have an array of upcoming exciting House events, including: Photography, a double serving of Technology and not forgetting Drama.

See you on Fridays!

Miss Marsh  
Head of Endeavour

# VOYAGER



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Voyager have embraced the new term with confidence and calmness as we maintain first place. We have had fun outside playing rounders with Endeavour and will be at Year 9 Photography this week, too! We are in the process of reaching out to our newest and youngest Voyagers who will be joining us in September, so if you're a Year 6 reader, keep an eye out for a letter from me!

Voyager's student team had their final meeting of the year recently where we chatted about assemblies, Sports Day and ate breakfast together! It was a delightful morning!

Sports Day is not too far away now, and we are ready to compete, cheer and celebrate outside together! We are making flags and banners and we cannot wait to turn the field a shade of Voyager blue with our decorations on the day! It's going to be fantastic. We are still leading the way currently in inter-house competitions and House Cup Points so I'm super proud of all of you in Team Voyager!

Miss Malone  
Head of Voyager

## P.E NEWS

### TABLE TENNIS

Attendance for table tennis has remained steady with newcomers Shiona and Ellie showing sheer determination to learn the rules and improve their game play.

A tournament held on the 17 May saw many competitive sides come out. Matthew S was on a winner's streak after holding the longest rally with the head of Endeavour (Abi R) followed by the overall win of the tournament. Matthew hit the jackpot with the sweets but showed great sportsmanship by sharing his prize. We have more sweets and stamps up for grabs, so why not pop on by and enjoy a game of table tennis!

Ms Rogers

### YEAR 7 NETBALL

Year 7 girls' netball team represented Basingstoke recently in the county finals held in Southampton. This was a huge achievement on its own. The girls went on to win 50% of their games, finishing 3rd in their respective pool, and narrowly missing out on finals qualification. A huge success! Additionally, Abi T set the gold standard, by umpiring the tournament, with the organisers really impressed with us as a school for bringing our own student umpire!

Miss Paterson

### CRICKET TRIP

What a trip!! This week, 27 students went to watch Hampshire Hawks play against Essex Eagles in the T20 cricket at the Ageas Bowl.

The students were amazing and the highlights were seeing them become a fan of the Hampshire Hawks and joining in with the crowd's chants. Also, seeing them coming back with their bats or phone cases signed by the players; they were extremely pleased with themselves! It was a pleasure and thank you to Richard, Carla, Robbie and Pete for going that extra mile for the students!

Mr Freemantle

### CRICKET

The Year 9 / 10 cricket team managed to get their first win of the season with a convincing 37 run victory over The Vyne. Captain Adam G elected to bat first with the opening pair of Adam G and Reggie N. We lost an early wicket with Reggie N being caught out on the 3rd ball he faced. In came Thomas W who steadied the ship and allowed Adam G to start picking up the runs, which allowed him to get to 30 runs, including three 6's and having to retire. In came Jamie B who again went on the attack, hitting six 4's on his way, and having to retire at 30. Thomas W, Evan F, Joseph M-S, Stanley G and Oliver W made up the rest of the runs. We then came into attack with some fantastic bowling and although we didn't take many wickets, we limited The Vyne's ability to pick up runs. Notable mention to Reggie N (bowl) and Adan G (caught), who managed bowl and catch The Vyne's strongest batsman out after him only picking up 5 runs and the opening pair were limited to just 15 runs. Wicket takers Reggie N, Adam G, Jamie B, George S and Alexander W. Another special mention to Solomon L for his work in the field taking a couple of fantastic catches. Man of the Match: Jamie B – brilliant with the bat, ball and as wicket keeper.

Mr Slack

### CRICKET CLUB

Cricket club has been amazing this term with lots of frequent students attending hoping to secure their spot on the cricket team. So far across five fixtures we have only lost one game, and that was by 14 runs. The Year 7 / 8 team are into the semi-finals of the cup and hoping to bring home that trophy!

Mr Freemantle

### VOLLEYBALL

Volleyball continues to grow in popularity at Brighton Hill Community School with students taking advantage of our two outdoor nets. With moving to the outdoor courts, students have been learning some "beach" volleyball skills ready for their summer holidays!

Mr McCulley

# SPOTLIGHT

This term Endeavour, Horizon, Pioneer and Voyager are putting their competitive spirit into a special collective journey: Spotlight UK Food Hub

We are asking every tutor group that forms the united #YellowArmy to donate food to a very special cause helping to support our local community.

Between January and April this year alone Spotlight UK Food Bank has provided food for 2,396 people for seven days. This is incredible, and we want to help! Please bring long lasting food, for example: pasta, rice, biscuits, beans, tinned goods into your tutor areas. On the 30 June your Head of House will collect your boxes to take to the charity base. For each item of food donated your tutor will receive one House point. Not only could this help the overall House points and standing of your House, but most importantly it is going to help people in our community. Let's make a difference Brighton Hill Community School!

Many thanks

Miss Arundale, Mr Firth, Miss Malone and Miss Marsh



**U14's Girls Football RECRUITING NOW !!!**

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FA Hampshire Cup Competitive Football

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- 11-a-side
- Weekly Training on Wednesdays
- Matches on Saturdays
- Home Pitch: Dummer Cricket Centre
- Age Range: Year 8 & 9's (in Sept)

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