

Brighton Hill Community School

'Making success inevitable'

Autumn Term
20 September 2022

Newsletter

CHARITY CRICKET MATCH

We welcome Year 7 and Year 8 parents and students to our first charity fundraiser of the year in aid of the Pakistani climate disaster.

Pakistan is facing unprecedented rainfall, resulting in floods displacing upward of 30 million people. In order to raise funds, we are holding a staff cricket match on Friday 30th September 3:30 - 5:30pm out on the school field. Mrs Hamid has a lot of experience watching cricket but does she have what it takes to be the next Moeen Ali? There's only one way to find out!

Come on down and bring a blanket, snacks, camp chairs, etc and share in our lovely community atmosphere! Will you be #teamduheume or #teamslack?

Parents should use the community gate by Quilter Road and make their way to the field via the side of the sports hall (watch out for the building work!)

Mrs Shaheem-Hamid
Teacher of Science



WELCOME TO OUR NEW YEAR 7'S

It's been a magnificent first two weeks for our new Year 7 starters at BHCS! Year 7 have thrown themselves wholeheartedly into life at Brighton Hill Community School, and continue to impress me each and every day.

Whilst the transition period can be a tough one, our wonderful new Year 7 cohort have shown true maturity and have been busy getting to grips with secondary school life.

I really enjoyed meeting so many parents and carers at the Year 7 Information Evening, and am very much looking forward to getting to know not only your children, but also yourselves as parents, and working collaboratively to ensure the best outcomes for your child.

Miss K Richardson
Head of Year 7



HORIZON

What's on the Horizon?

Here we go for another wonderful year of being in Horizon! We ended up narrowly bottom of the standings in the House Cup table last year, but the enthusiasm I have seen from students already has given me no doubt that we won't be there again come July. It has been amazing to see the new Year 7 students proudly wearing their House colours and to hear their excitement at being in Horizon and I'm sure that excitement is going to carry us to a win - I've already started drafting my victory speech.

We have so many House events coming up over the next month, kicking off with Year 11 Football in the first week. I've had a glance at the squad and I'm looking forward to seeing some glorious football out on the pitch (hopefully it doesn't rain!) We then have events for every single year group over the next few weeks and I know that we're going to get off to such a strong start that Horizon will be top of the leader board by the end of the month!

Mr W Firth
Head of Horizon



PIONEER

Pioneer - *kindness always wins*

Welcome back to our first update of the new year! After an incredibly close match last year we were hugely successful in winning Sports Day and

second place for the overall cup! As we dive into the new start, we have seen the incredible support from our fabulous Pioneer's with a fierce competition at Year 11 football. A huge congratulations to all who came to support their team!

We also say a huge welcome to our new Pioneers in Year 7. Seeing you walk around the school with your Pioneer ties has brought huge pride to our community! I can't wait to see all of you at our brilliant house events this half term with events in Maths, Photography, English, Tech, Football, Art, Science, and Chess!

This year we have a new House Captain, Harry CW and welcome back our student council members Cerys S and Lyra W! However, very excitingly we have two spaces on our student team, for a Year 7 and a Year 9 student council member. So, if you think that you are committed, courageous, collaborative, and kind please speak to your tutor about applying to become a student council member!

' Hello, I'm Harry and this year's House Captain for Pioneer. If you have any questions, please come up to me and I will help in any way I can. I can't wait for this year!'
- Harry CW House Captain

Miss Arundale
Head of Pioneer

				
Year 7	Lyra W	Harry CW	Cerys S	Year 9



ENDEAVOUR

Endeavour Update

Welcome back Endeavour and what a start to the year it has been!

Well done to both Year 11 boys and girls for your legendary football wins during our House Cup events after school. As Head of Endeavour nothing makes me prouder than seeing you collaborating with kindness! I hope you enjoyed well deserved handmade chocolate brownies as a personal thanks from me (Miss Marsh).



Thank you to every tutor group within Endeavour for voting on your which charity you, as students, would like to support this academic year - Endeavour will be supporting: MacMillian Cancer Support. Keep your eyes on the look out for some very exciting fundraisers coming your way!

Please remember to check planners for your House Cup Events which are already written in for you, give something new a go.

Let's carry on this year the way we finished last: giving 100%, attending much loved House Events on Fridays and being awesome!
Remember: Success Supposes Endeavour.

Miss J Marsh
Head of Endeavour

Voyager

Voyager have made a wonderful start to the new academic year after very proudly winning the House Cup last year.



VOYAGER

We are so excited for our upcoming House Events and look forward to competing with the other Houses. We have chosen to support Barnardo's this year as our House Charity - so do keep a look out for fundraising events soon!

We also welcome our new Voyagers in Year 7 and the amazing Miss Roberts and Mr Nicholson to our team! I look forward to sharing some more news soon!

Miss Malone
Head of Voyager



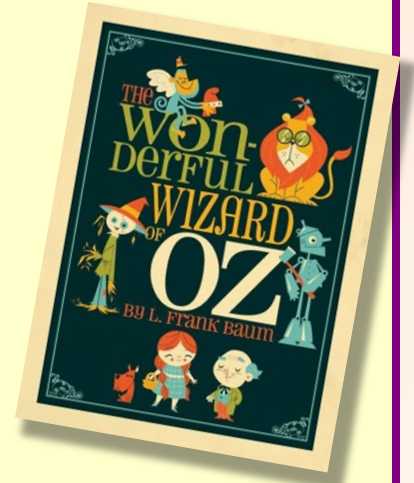
TUTOR READING PROGRAMME

This half-term, our tutor reading programme begins with our students looking at texts and extracts with the common overarching theme of Literary Traditions.

YEAR 7:

Year 7 will be looking at texts with the common thread of 'Fantasy'.

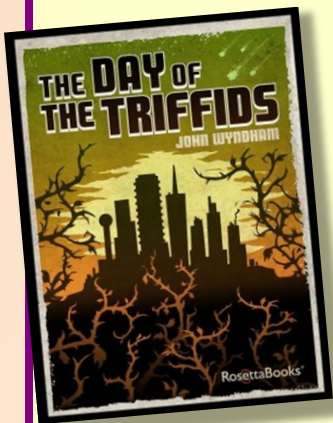
Alice in Wonderland
Peter Pan
The Wizard of Oz



YEAR 8:

Year 8 will be looking at texts with the common thread of 'Shipwrecks'.

Lord of the Flies
Coral Island
Treasure Island



YEAR 9:

Our Year 9 students will be reading and understanding texts relating to 'Dystopia'.

Ship Breaker
Day of the Triffids
Noughts and Crosses

YEAR 10:

Our Year 10 students will be exploring texts relating to 'American Literary Heritage – Challenging Discrimination'

To Kill a Mockingbird
Of Mice and Men
Roll of Thunder, Hear my Cry

Year 11:

Our Year 11 students will be exploring texts relating to 'Women of the 19th Century'

Pride and Prejudice
Orlando
Little Women



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 C Jones - Teacher of English



VACANCIES AT BHCS . . .

CONSIDERING A ROLE IN SUPPORTING STUDENTS WITHIN OUR SCHOOL?

We currently have three opportunities:

1. FACULTY LEARNING SUPPORT - GRADE B (£14,299 - £14,542)

Desirable:

Experience of working within an educational setting; practice of leading small group and 1:1 intervention sessions.

Experience as a Teaching Assistant.

Working hours are 32 hours 45 mins per week, Monday – Friday during term time.

For full details and an application form, please visit our website: www.brightonhill.hants.sch.uk or telephone Jo Levett on 01256 362523. Applications should be emailed to:

jlevett@brightonhill.hants.sch.uk please note CVs will not be accepted.

2. SPECIALIST LEARNING SUPPORT - GRADE C (£14,585 - £15,361)

Desirable:

Experience of working within an educational setting; practice of leading small group and 1:1 intervention sessions.

Some experience of supporting students with a specific / specialist area of need.

Experience as a Teaching Assistant.

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3. HIGHER LEVEL TEACHING ASSISTANT- LEVEL 1 (£16,488 - £18,530)

Successful candidate:

Experience of working as a TA/HLTA, with a relevant professional qualification, and knowledge and skills to support students with varied special educational needs and disabilities.

The role will:

Complement the professional role of the teacher by supporting teaching and learning, contribute to and implement curriculum programs for EHC, SEND and lower attaining students.

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Closing date for applications: 25th September 2022

We are committed to safeguarding children and promoting the welfare of students and expect all staff to share this commitment. The successful candidates will be subject to DBS Disclosure and other employment checks.





SPORTING AWARDS & ACHIEVEMENTS 2021 / 2022

21/22 Sporting Achievements

- Double District Cup winners and double District Cup finalists for football
- Reaching the 5th round of the boys National Cup and reaching the 3rd round of the girls National Cup for football
- 2nd year running of reaching the Hampshire Cup finals for football
- District winners and County Cup finalists for Netball
- Triple cricket District winners across all year groups
- Southeast Cross Country Championship finalists
- Multi-event County Athletics Championship winners





PE Extra Curricular Clubs Autumn Term

W/C Monday 12th September-Thursday 15th December



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
AM All years 7:40 - 8:10	Cricket - Sports Hall - JFE	NCFE Zone 11 - SL (HT2)	Girls Cricket - CPN	GCSE Zone 11 - CPN (HT2)	Cricket - Sports Hall - PBG
Lunchtime Year 7 & 8 - 12:50 - 13:20			Gym - Fitness Suite - KRN	Gym - Fitness Suite - JFE	
After School - 15:00 - 16:10	Boxercise - Community Hall - KRN	Badminton - Sports Hall - KRN/JFE	Staff Meetings	Girls Football - BSC/Field - MBT/CBS	House Events - See extra-curricular board - All Staff
	Handball - BSC - ZBN	KS4 Netball - Courts - CPN		Table Tennis - Community Hall - SL & GRS	KS4 Volleyball - Sports Hall - SMY
	KS3 Netball - Courts - CPN	KS4 Gym - Fitness Suite - ZBN		Gym - Fitness Suite - ZBN	Rugby - Field - Basingstoke Rugby Club (23rd September)
	Couch to 5k - Field - EVL (HT2)	Year 7 Football Fixtures - JFE/PCR		Boys Football - Field/BSC - JFE/RSC/PCR/RNS/MFR	
	Basketball - Sports Hall - RSC	Year 8 Football Fixtures - JFE/PCR		KS3 Volleyball - Sports Hall - SMY	
	Hockey - BSC - Basingstoke Hockey Club (26th September)	Year 9 Football Fixtures - DDH		Year 11/Year 10 Netball Fixtures - CPN	
	Girls Football Fixtures	Year 10 Football Fixtures - RSC		Year 9 Netball Fixtures - CPN (HT2)	
		Year 11 Football Fixtures - RSC		Year 7/8 Netball Fixtures - CPN (HT3)	
		Cross Country fixtures - JFE			

IBM and PwC Career Information Events for students and parents of Year 10 & 11

Join the organisation's events to learn more about opportunities

- ♦ Hear from current apprentices
- ♦ Learn more about the organisation and company culture
- ♦ Discover apprenticeship opportunities
- ♦ PLUS a Q&A session, where you'll be able to ask questions directly to their recruitment teams

IBM Apprenticeships

12 October 2022 at 6.30-7.15pm
(for students in years 10 & 11 - parents are welcome to join)

[Book your place today](#)

PwC Women in STEM

19 October 2022 at 6.30-7.15pm
(for parents and students who identify as female in Years 10 & 11)

[Book your place today](#)

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Insight Webinars with IBM & PwC

Register today!



Welcome back from the BHCS Careers Team!

We're delighted to be back for the new academic year. We will be delivering the highest level of careers provision this year to continue to meet our BHCS Careers Vision Statement.

The Brighton Hill Community School careers provision vision is to firmly embed a comprehensive careers programme within the curriculum, rooted in the Gatsby 8 Benchmarks.



The provision will recognise the needs of each individual student in our care, enriching and empowering them to access the next stage of their education, while being aspirational in these Post-16 choices, providing a pathway towards well informed career decisions which will change their lives for the better.

As a result, students will be happy, responsible citizens, prepared for the challenges they may face in life, who will continue to be aspirational in their life and career choices and so make positive contributions to society.

Remember you can review the BHCS Careers Programme Road map on the BHCS Careers & Enterprise Homepage [here](#). The roadmap gives you an overview of the core careers activities experienced by each student across the five years they are in our care.

Further to parent feedback we're thrilled to be running a Careers Programme overview to give you a deeper insight into what we offer, as part of our all new 'Parent Collaboration' series of events. This will be on 2 November at 6:00pm; look out for the e-mail invitation to this virtual event nearer the time and make it a date in your diary!

Finally, more excellent news, BHCS are to be accredited as an *EM3 Careers & Enterprise 'Trailblazer in Careers'* school! The accreditation recognises the successful completion of the CDI's (Career Development Institute) course in 'Careers Leadership' which adds to the already embedded strategic careers work we do with the Careers & Enterprise Company. Here's to a fantastic year ahead!



Mr D Watkins
Deputy Headteacher

OPEN DAYS FOR POST-16 CHOICES

This time of year sees many colleges and 6th forms opening their doors for Year 10 & 11 students to visit and find out more about the post-16 courses available to them. Post-16 is the term used to describe education routes for students once they leave secondary school. We'll continue to flag these events in our newsletter as we receive notification from the various institutions. We also promote these dates directly to our students both in assemblies and via poster displays.

BCOT Open Event: 10 October from 4:30pm - find out more by clicking <https://www.bcot.ac.uk/news-and-events/events/>

QMC Open Events: 5 & 6 October from 5:00pm find out more by clicking <https://www.qmc.ac.uk/admissions/open-events/>

Sparsholt Open Day: 8 October from 10:00am find out more by clicking here <https://www.sparsholt.ac.uk/ucs-opendays/>

Mr D Watkins - Deputy Headteacher

MEDIC MENTORS

Is your child an aspiring medical student and currently in Year 10 or 11?

Here's another opportunity beyond those offered as part of the BHCS Careers Programme. All interested Year 10 & 11 students are eligible to attend a FREE LIVE VIRTUAL Get into Medicine Conference on:

- Sunday 25 September 10:00am – 3:00pm
- Saturday 1 October 10:00am – 3:00pm

Once students have attended, they will be awarded with a certificate from the Presidents at Medic Mentor to acknowledge that they are a student who has gone one step further than others. The Get into Medicine conference is a significant turning point for budding 'Medic Mentor' students. It will unlock exclusive opportunities such as scholarships and prizes, as well as help them to make a highly competitive application. Students can register using this link:

<https://airtable.com/shr66li3bqG3ZpkPM>

Please note that all students must be accompanied by a parent / guardian for safeguarding purposes. Medic Mentors offer a range of opportunities across medicine, dentistry and veterinary careers to find out more visit:

<https://medicmentor.co.uk/get-into-conferences/>

ALLIED HEALTHCARE MENTOR

There's more for students in Year 10 and 11! What about this fantastic NHS Virtual Work Experience Programme commencing on Sunday 2 October. Please do talk to your child about this if you think they might be inspired! You can find out more and students can register using the link below; please be aware there is a cost of £10 for each session a student registers for discounted to £45 if all five sessions are booked as a bundle:

<https://alliedhealthmentor.org/product/live-virtual-work-experience-programme/>

Once they've registered, students will be e-mailed links to their virtual work experience portals. Attending students receive a Work Experience Certificate!

If you decide to support your child in participating, remember to encourage them to give permission to share their successes with BHCS. Allied Healthcare will then also forward us copies of student certificates so we can celebrate their success in school too!

Mr D Watkins
Deputy Headteacher



EPA News

What an awesome couple of weeks we have had in Art! Year 7, 9 and 10 have worked extremely hard on their baselines of which will be graded for their first assessment. Year 8 have been creating the most wonderful mono prints and our GCSE groups have been continuing with their individual projects - which they have worked on so brilliantly over the holidays. I wanted to give a special mention to our KS3 Art Club which began again last week, creating batik pieces in respect of our late Queen Elizabeth II, this will be on display in the Art Department so come on down and see them!



KS3 Dance Club has started with high energy!! Many enthusiastic Year 8s came along and loved learning a new, high impact piece of choreography to a very popular song!!! They also worked together to create parts of the next section.

If you would like to learn something new, or even help with the creation of a routine, come along to KS3 Dance Club, every Monday in the Community Hall. This is open to all Year 7s and 8s, no prior experience necessary. See Mrs Britton for more details.



Music clubs have started with a bang. Orchestra have been deciding on which song they will be learning for the Christmas Carol Concert in December; Steel Pans are already halfway through a song that is being learnt for Open Evening and Band workshop have got even more members! (Ms Earwood is considering investing in some noise cancelling headphones for Tuesday afternoons!)



Year 9 and 10 photographers have made a fantastic start to the year! Year 9 getting to grips with using the DSLR cameras and embarking on their first photo safari. Year 10 have been creating photomontages in the style of David Hockney. Both encouraging students to think outside the box and challenge what the viewer is seeing.

(Photo by Ruby F Year 9)



InvestIN - Working across a range of industries

InvestIN provides the opportunity for 12 – 18-year-olds to learn from industry leading professionals. Their weekend work experience days guide young people in choosing and succeeding in their dream career and so maximise their potential. To find out more about these weekend opportunities that do have a cost associated to them visit <https://investin.org/>.

Mr D Watkins
Deputy Headteacher



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**WEEKEND CAREER EXPERIENCES
FOR AGES 12-18**

NOVEMBER - DECEMBER 2022



Open Evening

Monday 3rd October 6:00pm to 8:00pm*

Open Mornings
Arrive for 9:00am tour,
presentation from Mr Edwards
at 9:30am, usually finished
by 10:15am.

Available mornings:
Thursday 22nd September
Thursday 29th September
Thursday 6th October
Monday 10th October
Tuesday 11th October

**Please contact the school to
book your Open Morning visit**
Reception 01256 350606
reception@brightonhill.hants.sch.uk
www.brightonhill.hants.sch.uk

*Please note there is no need to
book for the Open Evening.

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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)

