

Brighton Hill Community School 'Making success inevitable'

Autumn Term
14 October 2022

Newsletter



BUSHCAMP

The delayed Year 7 camp took place at Blenheim Palace woods in Oxfordshire, with over 190 of our students taking part.



Activities included shelter making, fire lighting, trap making, woodland games, first aid SOS and eating fish eyes.

The students were able to have a digital detox with no showers, electricity or running water!

It was a little colder than the 40 degree heat we would have originally faced back in July, but hopefully a wonderful and unique experience for all involved!



Mr D Du-heaume
Head of Transition &
Marketing





VOYAGER

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Voyager have made a fantastic start and continued to uphold high standards throughout this half term. We've even managed to get our place back from Endeavour in the lead! We've had a great time at our House events, we've created Hate Crime Awareness posters and worked successfully as a team all term so far! Voyagers continue to attend House events with high numbers, and so much drive. It's always great leading such a kind, successful and hardworking team of students! We have also started recruiting new tutor reps - welcome to the team Jake H (Year 9), Layla G (Year 11), Yosung and Hollie (Year 7) and Maia S-N (Year 10). These amazing Voyagers are joining our team of students reprising their roles from last year! I'm so looking forward to working with them. Finally, we are proud to announce we are going to be spending the year supporting our chosen charity: Barnardo's! Now over to Maia for some House cup news!

– Miss Malone, Head of Voyager

Voyager has thrived in all the house events that have taken place this academic year so far. All four cornerstones of our school ethos were bravely demonstrated through everyone's courage, commitment, collaboration and kindness. On the first Friday back from the summer holidays, the Year 11s played in a football match. There was a huge turnout and a special thank you goes to Kyle for organising the team. A week later, the Year 10 girls went against the other house groups in a football match. Voyager took a positive 3-1 win and the girls showed strength and passion throughout the game! The following week, the Year 9 photography event proved once again Voyager's commitment, with the highest attendance (12)! This helped in earning many more points for Voyager! Finally, last week, there were two convivial house events that took place: the Year 8 boys participated in a football match. They triumphantly took first place, adding yet more points for Voyager, contributing to the amazing overall total. A special congratulations to Jaden and Kyron for their admirable teamwork and dedication in the game and a big thank you to Charlie in Year 9, coming to support the Year 8 boys. Lastly, Voyager took part in the Year 9 art house event. It was great fun and it was lovely to see how well the Year 9 collaboratively worked together to solve the treasure hunt. Voyager also had the largest turnout out of all the houses, which was great to see. An additional thanks to Liana and Maddie for their leadership skills within the team and helping others to crack the clues. All these house events have had fabulous turnouts, and I cannot wait to see Voyager continue to thrive in the future house events! – Maia, Tutor Rep



ENDEAVOUR

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Endeavour have had an absolutely fantastic term! This is not a surprise because Endeavour really do go above and beyond to participate within the brilliant array of House Events on offer every Friday. I am so proud to see every week Endeavour students coming together to show our schools corner stones proudly. I am so incredibly humbled to be the Head of such a kind, supportive and thoughtful house.

RESULTS

- Year 8 Football – 4th place
- Year 8 Maths – 4th place
- Year 9 Art – 3rd place
- Year 9 Photography – 1st place
- Year 10 Art – 2nd place
- Year 11 Boys' football – 1st place



Miss Marsh
Head of Endeavour





PIONEER

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A massive 'Congratulations' to all of those who have come along to one of our brilliant House events this half term! We would love to see some more smiling Pioneer faces each week (remember it's worth 10 House Points and some wonderful memories for each attendee!)

And now for an update from our House Reps:

LYRA W YEAR 8: Hi! I'm Lyra, Pioneer's Year 8 representative. As a team, Pioneers strive to achieve the best results for ourselves and our house. We believe that if we work hard as a team, we can achieve anything, even winning the House Cup! Together we look forward to all of the challenges that may come our way and are excited for the coming years!

EVIE R YEAR 9: Hi! I'm Evie and I am the new Pioneer rep for Year 9. I want to make Pioneer House known throughout the school as the best house, and I know that we can achieve this!



CERYS S YEAR 10: Hello, I am Cerys and I represent Year 10 Pioneers. My goals are to get more of our Pioneer team involved with out-of-classroom activities, such as our Friday House competitions. I would also like to see us earn as many House Points as possible, that way we can be the best House simply by being our best selves and putting our best foot forward with our green planners and smiling faces!

HARRIE CW YEAR 11: Hi, I'm Harry and I am Pioneer's House Captain! If you need anything I am always here to talk. Go Pioneer!

Pioneer's House Charity!



St. Michael's leads the provision of the highest quality palliative care throughout North Hampshire, caring for over 500 patients.

St. Michael's Hospice (North Hampshire) enables anyone faced with a life-limiting illness, their families and carers, to attain the highest possible quality of life by providing a choice of specialist care and support.

Miss G Arundale
Head of Pioneer

HORIZON



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This has been my proudest month as Head of Horizon yet! We've had students at every single House Event, with 12 of our Year 11s, 11 of our Year 10s, and 15 Year 8s turning out for House Football - all more than any other House achieved! By the end of the first half-term last year, we had seen 43 students at house events, but we have smashed that already with 50 students already and two weeks still to go!

The wonderful commitment I'm seeing from students in Horizon is incredible and there isn't any doubting who the most improved House is. I don't think there were many occasions last year where Horizon got into double figures for attendance, so to have hit that marker on three occasions already is amazing.

I also want to give a big shout out to two people who have been embodiments of what it means to be in Horizon, never being afraid to step outside their comfort zone and showing outstanding courage and commitment. Firstly, our new House Captain, Ellis N, who has done a fantastic job of rallying our House and getting teams organised, and also Gabriel LH, who stormed to second place at both House Photography and House Art all on his own!

Mr Firth
Head of Horizon





Year 11 Revision

TIMETABLE

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
BEFORE SCHOOL	NONE	Science → 7:30 AM Health & Fitness → 7:40 AM	NONE	GCSE PE STARTS AT 7:40 AM	NONE
LUNCH	NONE	History & Geography TARGETED STUDENTS	NONE	Spanish	PM TUTOR FRENCH MBT WILL CONTACT STUDENTS AND STAFF
AFTER SCHOOL	Maths 11ASH (M7) 11APC (M8) 11ATD (M9) 11BRD (M3)	Maths → 11APB, 11BPB (MU1) English → START AFTER HALF TERM IT → UNTIL C/W IS COMPLETE Business → START AFTER HALF TERM Art → OPEN STUDIO	NONE	Maths → 11BCW (M6), 11AKB Food Tech → UNTIL 4:30 PM History & Geography → OPEN TO ALL B&T R.S	NONE

READING LISTS

Take a look at the links below regarding books lists for students who are looking for something new to read:

YEAR 7

<https://schoolreadinglist.co.uk/reading-lists-for-ks3-pupils/suggested-reading-list-for-year-7-pupils-ks2-age-11-12/>

YEAR 8

<https://schoolreadinglist.co.uk/reading-lists-for-ks3-pupils/suggested-reading-list-for-year-8-pupils-ks3-age-12-13/>

YEAR 9

<https://schoolreadinglist.co.uk/reading-lists-for-ks3-pupils/suggested-reading-list-for-year-9-pupils-ks3-age-13-14/>

YEAR 10

<https://schoolreadinglist.co.uk/reading-lists-for-ks4-school-pupils/suggested-reading-list-year-10-pupils-ks4-age-14-15/>

YEAR 11

<https://schoolreadinglist.co.uk/reading-lists-for-ks4-school-pupils/suggested-reading-list-year-11-pupils-ks4-age-15-16/>

Mrs S Gregson
Head of English





EUROPEAN DAY OF LANGUAGES!

The Foreign Languages department has been doing lots to celebrate European Day of Languages. There were language lessons with a difference - a German taster lesson, a language themed stone painting and a European Bake Off. Thank you to all the students who took part!

Miss Bright
Head of MFL



YEAR 7

Year 7 have really begun to find their feet at Brighton Hill Community School, and are showing record numbers at extra-curricular clubs! Extra-curricular clubs are an excellent way to make friends, gain confidence and a sense of belonging - especially when starting at a new school. If you are a Year 7 and haven't given extra-curricular a go - come along and try something out! There is plenty of choice and your teachers would love to see you there!

All Year 7 students have also benefitted from a Kooth workshop this month, learning about the following topics:

- ◆ What is mental health?
- ◆ Settling into secondary school
- ◆ Exploring helpful ways of coping and self-care
- ◆ Finding out where to go for additional help and support at Kooth!

Mental health and Well-Being is given high priority at BHCS, so we are pleased that our Year 7's have been able to access this awesome workshop from the digital mental health company Kooth, which we hope has helped with their transition to secondary school.

Miss Kayleigh Richardson - Head of Year 7

U N I F O R M D O N A T I O N

We are in the early stages of setting up a uniform donation scheme, to support our families on lower incomes with second hand school uniform. If you have any old Brighton Hill Community School uniform that you would like to donate to the school to support this scheme, please place it in a plastic bag, drop it to Reception and we will take it from there. We are aiming to build up a good stock of blazers, yellow shirts, ties and PE kit ready for September 2023.

Mr D Du-heaume
Head of Transition & Marketing

PE NEWS



BOXERCISE CLUB

Boxercise to music has started with a bang and hosted a range of students from Year 7 through to Year 11 - even staff come along to punch away the stresses and strains of the day! Boxercise is an amazing workout that doesn't feel like a workout - benefit from improved cardiovascular endurance, strength, co-ordination and reduced anxiety and stress by popping along on a Monday after school. Nathan R has gone above and beyond!

Miss K Richardson

BADMINTON CLUB

Badminton continues to be a very popular club for all our students. Year 7 have started strong, and Johan D has gone above and beyond, giving our Year 10s a run for their money! Some top-class players are in the making - come along for a very social club, open to all abilities.

Miss K Richardson

TABLE TENNIS

The club has restarted with fabulous attendance of over 25 each week. There is a great mix of beginners and club players showing the true inclusivity of sport at BHCS. We have pulled the tables into the glorious sunshine in the PE quad to give the students space to hone their skills. We had a brilliant tournament on Tuesday 11 October - our students' attitude and sportsmanship was exceptional! Both U16 teams reached the quarter finals and U13 were placed 6th.

Miss S Lambert

FOOTBALL

Year 8 have had a very strong start to the season. With a huge 5-1 win against Testbourne in the first round of the Hampshire Cup and another 2-0 win against Maiden Erleigh in the National Cup. The team are onto the third round of the National Cup and will play against a strong Farnham Heath side on Monday 17 of October.

We aim to win at least one cup this season after a close and unfortunate end to last year's season. The talent and skill of these students progress more and more; they are more than capable of bringing a title back to Brighton Hill Community School. Huge congratulations to Morgan R and Liam S for getting MoM in the two games played.

Football Club has begun strong again this year with some excellent performances in the trials. Two standout performers were able to get their first starts for the team because of their dedication to the team.

Mr J Freemantle



FOOTBALL

YEAR 11 have had a mixed start to the season with 5-1 win over Aldworth in the District Cup. It was a strong all-round performance with Charlie B MoM after leading the line incredibly well and bagging himself a hattrick. Sol C and Will C also got themselves on the score sheet. Special mention to Harry B who made his return from injury.

Unfortunately, they were knocked out of the National Cup on penalties after the game finished 1-1. We dominated the game but just couldn't take our chances, Aleks K with our goal.

YEAR 10 have only had one fixture this year and it was 3-2 defeat in the Hampshire Cup. We played last year's semi-finalists Brookfield, who started the game well and dominated possession, but we managed to take the lead with Stan G capitalising on a mistake from their defence. Brookfield pushed forward but we defended well and played on the counter. Halfway through the first they managed to breach our defence and level the scores. Shortly after half time we caught Brookfield on the break and went 2-1 up, however, Brookfield rallied once again and managed to get two quick goals going to 3-2 up. We pushed to the end creating some good chances, but it just wasn't to be. MoM Ollie W after making several fantastic saves.

Mr R Slack





MORNING CRICKET NETS START WITH A BANG!

It has been wonderful to see so many students arriving at school at 7.30am to enjoy playing cricket with their friends. Even after a few weeks, the improvement has been remarkable and if they can keep it up all winter, we will have some extremely competitive teams by the time the cricket season comes round in April.

CHARITY CRICKET DAY FOR THE PAKISTANI FLOOD APPEAL

On Friday 30 September, 35 Year 8 students took part in a cricket marathon to raise much needed funds for the families affected by the devastating floods in Pakistan. The students started their cricket event at 8.30am and matches continued throughout the day until 3:00pm. A number of students who took part had never played cricket before, and it was wonderful to see students taking their first ever wickets or scoring their first ever runs. The day was a fabulous event and one that the students will remember for a long time, with lots of smiling faces and laughter throughout. Clearly the charitable cause is an extremely important one, and it is great that we were able to do something to help those less fortunate than us.

After the students finished and had a well-deserved rest, the staff took up the mantle and played a very light-hearted but competitive game of indoor cricket. Each participant donated money to play, and it was once again great to see people of all experiences coming together for a worthy cause. After the game, the staff were treated to one of Mrs Williams' famous cricket teas, which was simply incredible. Congratulations to 'Team Du-Heaume' who took the accolade of being the 2022 BHCS staff cricket champions!



Mr P Beeching

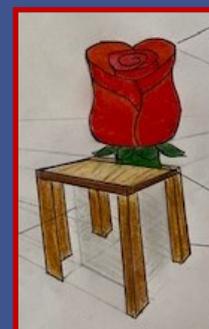
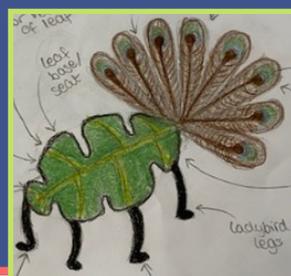
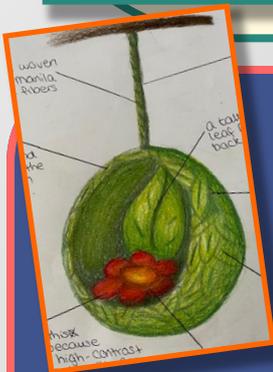


YEAR 8 BIOMIMICRY PROJECT

DESIGNING CHAIRS INSPIRED BY NATURE

WHAT LOVELY WORK THIS HALF TERM

Mrs W lemwigangsa





EPA NEWS



Ms Earwood is very excited to be able to announce that the annual Carol Concert which has been

cancelled the last few years due to Covid will be returning this year on:

Tuesday 13 December 2022 at All Saints Church

This will be a new experience for many of our students and all the ensembles are already working on music to perform for family and friends.

As usual we are hoping to get everyone into the festive season spirit with carols, music, dance, drama, warm drinks and our infamous raffle!

Drama is excited to bring back KS3 Drama Club this year which will be open to both Year 7 & 8 students to take part in drama activities and performances. We are assisted by our KS4 drama students who always bring a high level of enthusiasm and energy!

We would also like to say thank you to all of our fantastic performers who assisted at Open Evening last week showcasing the fantastic talent of the EPA department.



Mrs Britton would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who helped out with the dance display at Open Evening last week. You gave the theatre a real buzz and there were so many fantastic comments from prospective parents about the quality and energy you showed. I am very proud of every single one of you. For some, this was the first time dancing on a stage!

Dance Ambassadors

The Year 10 and 11 Dance Ambassadors are working exceptionally hard creating new group pieces for the upcoming Staff Strictly competition and putting early plans in place for the Christmas Carol Concert. Watch this space for those performances. It is great to see the different year groups working together to create some truly inspiring pieces.



The Art department has been incredibly busy this term! Year 7 have been studying Bridget Riley and creating their very own optical illusions using shape and tone.

Our Year 8s were introduced to Takadoi an artist who uses texture and needlepoint to incorporate circle pattern.

Year 9 have really been working really hard and showing beautiful colour blending!

Well done to our year 11s for attending Open Studios on Tuesday and Thursday to catch up on their studies – you are doing an awesome job. To see gorgeous work and updates scan the link below!

Follow the BHCS EPA Faculty Twitter (@BhcsEpa) for weekly updates on the KS3 club activities and House cup events!



BHCSART



This half term Year 9 photographers have been busy learning the different settings on the camera and how using them can create different effects. We had great fun learning about shutter speed using pin wheels and will now be using this knowledge to learn about light painting.

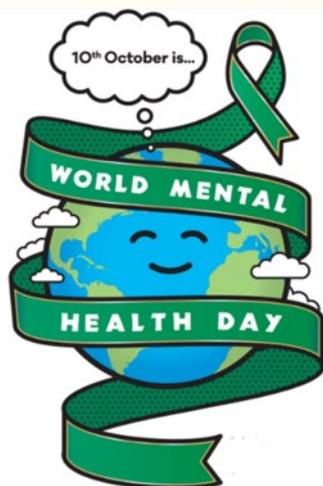
Year 10 have been looking at different photographers to inspire their architecture project. The photomontager inspired by David Hockney got them thinking outside of the box but so proud of their final outcomes. Don't forget to follow us on Instagram to see more of their amazing photography.

Year 9 also had the opportunity to take part in the photography House Cup challenge with some fantastic entries! Endeavour took the crown on this occasion with Oscar's tree.



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WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY

On the 10 October at 10:00am, to mark World Mental Health Day, all of us here at Brighton Hill Community School – students and staff - took ten minutes to pause and read for enjoyment.

The National Literacy Trust's research shows that reading can be an effective way of taking care of mental health and wellbeing - and it only takes ten minutes a day to see the benefits!

Reading every day can help everyone to:

- ◆ Relax, unwind and boost mood
- ◆ Reduce stress levels and relieve pressures of day-to-day life
- ◆ Improve memory and concentration

Students really enjoyed the opportunity to do some reading in lesson, and it sparked some wonderful discussions about reading for enjoyment!



YOUR FEEDBACK COUNTS

We are looking at reviewing the current external publications and after some feedback. Would you take two minutes to complete this very short feedback form? I thank you in advance.
<https://forms.office.com/r/BXEFXrNiBC>

Mr Dan Du-Heaume
Head of Transition and Marketing

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)