

Brighton Hill Community School

'Making success inevitable'

Autumn Term
11 November 2022

Newsletter

STUDENT AMBASSADORS AND PUPIL VOICE

Recently, five students from our student body presented on 'Pupil Voice' to over 100 delegates at the Hampshire Governors Conference that we were attending. They were outstanding. They shared their experiences as ambassadors and leaders for Rights, Respect and Equality as representatives for PE, Race Equality, Equality and Rights Advocates and the BHCS Student Council. They explained how at Brighton Hill Community School they are listened to by adults and students, which in turn had enabled positive changes and helped others in the school to respect differences.



These quotes are from our students in response to questions about their impact at school.

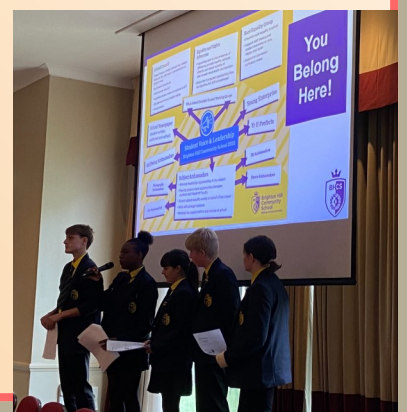
- *"As a PE Ambassador, my love of PE can help those who don't like PE very much"*
- *"I was fed up of seeing injustice. I didn't think it would change anything – but it has"*
- *"Our close connection as ambassadors has enabled a change and we are making a difference"*
- *"Our awareness of LGBTQ is helping others learn about this"*

Mrs Block (Vice Chair of Governors) and I were so proud of Dylan, Aicha, Will, Amelia and Lucy. Their presentation encompassed the four corner stones of our school and many of the audience were genuinely moved to learn about the impact of their work.

One delegate said to Aicha, *"I wish I had had someone like you at my school because I suffered racism and I am so glad young people have a voice and that you have addressed this in your school"*

It was very clear that at BHCS, Pupil Voice is very effective and delegates said that the best practice shared by our students would be taken back to over 40 Hampshire schools. Our students were very inspirational and we are looking forward to a repeat of their presentation at our own Governors meeting in December.

Mrs Jane Pratt MBE



WW1 BATTLEFIELDS TRIP

On Friday, 21 October, 80 students from Years 9 and 10 travelled to Ypres for a WW1 battlefields trip. After an early start, we had a very busy first day!

Our first stop was to Essex Farm cemetery where soldiers wounded in action on the front lines were treated. It was here that the famous poem, 'In Flanders Field' was written by John McCrae.

From there we headed to Hoge Crater Museum where we handled replica weapons and saw what was left of some of the front-line trenches. After a busy day, our final stop was to the Menin Gate. It was here that we paid our respects to those that had made the ultimate sacrifice. We took part in the service and two of our students, along with Mr Marshall, laid a wreath on behalf of Brighton Hill Community School.

Day two involved us visiting Vimy Ridge, the Canadian front line during WWI. At this site we saw how the landscape had been dramatically impacted due to the shelling and bombardment of the first world war. We entered the tunnels dug by miners and tried to imagine what it would have been like with the shells exploding overhead. After further visits to some moving memorials such as Thiepval and Beaumont Hamel, we headed for dinner and to the local chocolate shop – this was a real highlight for many of our students!



Our final day started with a stark contrast to the previous days. We began at the German cemetery, Langemark. Here the gravestones are black and laid flat on the floor, this represents the hurt and suffering caused to the Belgian community during WW1. Our final visit was to Passchendaele Memorial Museum where we walked through replica bunkers and trenches and handled many artefacts; this visit gave us all a lasting impression of life inside the trenches.

The trip has reminded us of the importance of remembrance and has given many students a fantastic experience of a different country and culture. I would like to thank all the students who joined us on the trip for making it such a positive experience. A special mention is needed for Dylan in Year 10 and Katy in Year 9 for representing our school and laying a wreath at the Menin Gate on our behalf.

Mrs H Humphreys
Head of Humanities





VOYAGER

VOYAGER NEWS

We are having a great start to the new half term as we maintain first place and welcome fantastic new Year 7 House event attendees.

We recently had our House Assembly where I was able to celebrate and reward the following tutor groups for their amazing efforts at House events: 7VY2 (Miss Roberts), 8VY1 (Miss Walley) and my own tutor group 9VY2. We had the highest attendance at Year 7s first ever event and came second! We had fantastic skills from Sidd (Year 7) and dedication from Amelia (Year 7) who turned up with signs to show her team spirit! Unfortunately, our Year 9 tech event was postponed, but that didn't stop the resilient Year 9s who marched over to chess to learn how to play instead.

Hayden (Year 11) did an excellent job of teaching the others how to play, and even won a game within the same hour! Horizon took the lead in Chess but only for now! Every single member of our team has been showing exactly what our four cornerstones are all about! As always, being Head of Voyager is a joy and I can't wait for the rest of the year. Keep your eyes out for our first charity fundraiser for Barnardo's coming soon too!

Miss Malone,
Head of Voyager



HORIZON NEWS

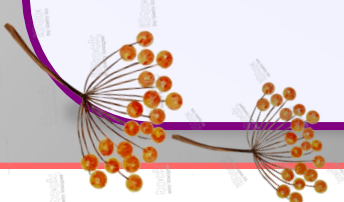
Another month flies by (how is it November already?!) and Horizon students continue to amaze me with their incredible effort. House Chess had a wonderful atmosphere last week and I am delighted to say that Horizon came out top, with the expert Mr Marshall being amazed by the talent we had in Horizon.

This year each House will be supporting a different charity and I'm so proud to say that Horizon will be raising money this year for the Forget Me Not Fund, a local charity in Basingstoke and Hampshire that supports people after miscarriage, stillbirth and neonatal loss. I know this charity is close to heart for a number of people in our school community and the students have been so enthusiastic to raise money for such a wonderful cause.



HORIZON

Mr W Firth
Head of Horizon





PIONEER

PIONEER NEWS

Well done to all for a brilliant start back to Brighton Hill Community School with a fabulous first half term! We have had some incredible house events with stupendous Pioneer support, which we will carry through to the Christmas break.



A special 'Well Done' to all of our Year 7 footballers, chess players, Year 10 / 11 scientists, Year 9 footballers, Year 9 artists and Year 8 footballers! Keep your eyes peeled for some exciting new challenges and competitions in the winter months.

Miss Arundale
Head of Pioneer



ENDEAVOUR NEWS



ENDEAVOUR

Hello Endeavour readers

YEAR 7: Isabelle A and Joseph H
YEAR 8: Olivia C and Jeremie C
YEAR 9: Lauren C and Brandon
YEAR 10: William D and Nayra L
YEAR 11: Zara N and Will O

} This years Endeavour Tutor Rep Team!

I wanted to take the opportunity to introduce you to our Endeavour Tutor Representative team. These students are the people you go to for positive change! Tutor reps are the ones who take Friday House Competition names, charity fundraising ideas and promote Endeavour through and through! Student reps have the awesome job of feeding back what you want changed to me as Head of House, they are your voice!

During our assembly this term I spoke of the importance of collaboration through team work and how each and every person has a role to play. Whilst wearing the #YellowArmy uniform and stunningly vibrant red accessories you are showing pride in your role here with us; as the future. Please can I take this opportunity to remind you of how you can show the BHCS cornerstones:

- * Attending after school clubs and enrichment activities of which include: art club, trampolining, table tennis and so many more
- * Getting stuck in during lessons, what positive contributions could you make?
- * Reminding us of the word of the week
- * Showing kindness to others through support and communication – it could be as small as asking how someone's day is and having courage to speak up.
- * Taking part in the House Cup Events, turn up – show courage and give something new a try

Miss J Marsh
Head of Endeavour



SUCCESS BEYOND SCHOOL

We will continue to signpost external opportunities for parents and students linked to the world of careers in our newsletters. In this edition you can find out how to coach teenagers towards a successful career by joining INVESTIN's, free to attend, success beyond school event.



These are live online seminars featuring career experts, designed to help parents amplify their children's career potential. The events are for parents of students aged 12 - 18 and are free to attend.

16th November: Future-Proofing Students
Preparing students for the jobs of the future

30th November: Finding a Future in Finance
Gaining the skills for a career in Finance

To find out more and register for events that interest you [click this link](#).



Mr D Watkins
Deputy Headteacher



AN INTRODUCTION TO QMC'S OXFORD AND CAMBRIDGE PROGRAMME - 24TH NOVEMBER 6PM

**ARE YOU AIMING FOR GRADE 8 AND 9s AT GCSE?
MIGHT YOU BE INTERESTED IN OXBRIDGE UNIVERSITIES?**

- This informative event aimed at students who are targeting very strong grades will explain all you need to know about Oxbridge and the highly selective universities.

You will:

- Hear about these highly selective universities, and explore the reasons why you might like to apply to them.
- Hear from our expert team on support and opportunities for this highly competitive area.
- Learn how to improve your chances of success in your applications, including to Oxford and Cambridge.

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CHARLIE BOWDEN

At QMC Charlie studied A Level English, Politics and History. He is now studying History at Oxford University.

"QMC provided me with all the support I could have possibly needed and more."

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PARENT COLLABORATION EVENT: INTRODUCTION TO THE BHCS CAREERS PROGRAMME

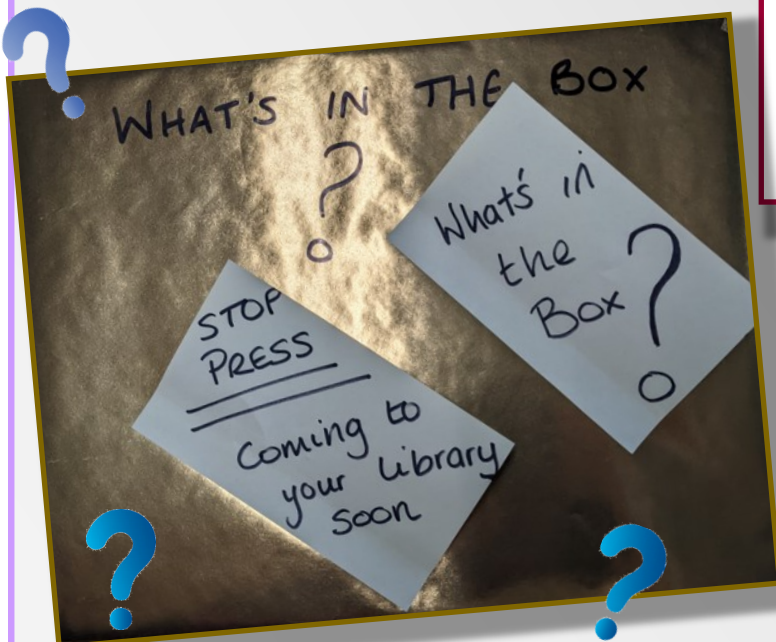
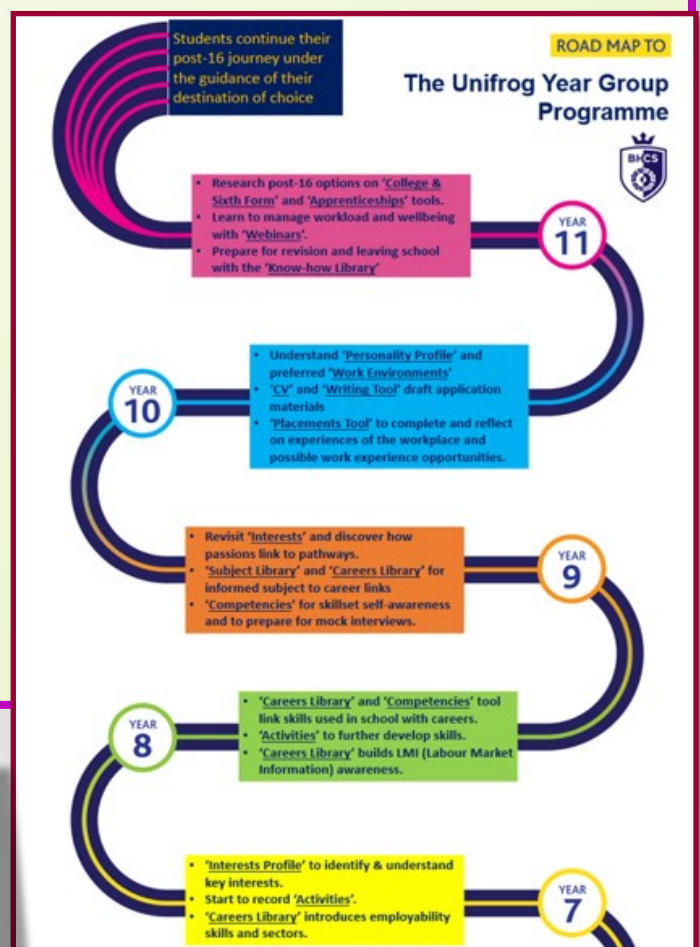
Thank you to all the parents who joined us for the "Introduction to the BHCS Careers Programme" virtual presentation on Wednesday evening, 2 November. If you were unable to attend this event you can access the recording and / or view the associated presentation via our Parent Collaboration page on the school website accessible [here](#).

Part of the evening introduced parents, carers and guardians to our online careers' platform partner 'Unifrog' and showed how to set up a parent account that will allow you to see the same content your child has access to. Instructions on how to do this are in the presentation and also accessible via the '[Parent Zone](#)' homepage of our '[Careers & Enterprise](#)' pages of our school website.

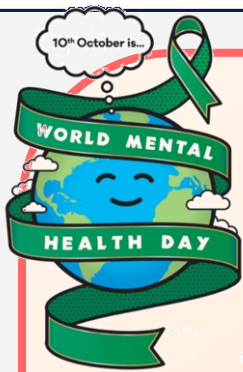
If you are interested in setting up a 'Unifrog' parent account, simply click [this link](#) and use the sign-up code BRHCparents, then complete the rest of the details to set up your account. You can see from the 'Unifrog Year Group Programme Road Map', what 'Unifrog' pathways we follow in each year group. This will help guide the support you may give your child at home, in addition to the independent exploration we encourage your child to undertake.



Mr D Watkins
Deputy Headteacher



Information on our annual Library competition coming shortly!



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!

Miss C Jones
Teacher of English

YEAR 7 NEWS

Last week Year 7 students learnt all about World Kindness Day - what it is, why it exists and what we can all do to celebrate and share the positive message.

As such, all Year 7 children have been equipped with a Kindness Bingo Card. The aim is to try to mark off as many good deeds as possible over the coming weeks. The good deeds aren't restricted to just school - so parents feel free to cash in on our kindness drive; should you have any chores you need help with - Year 7 are ready and willing!

I'd love to see some acts of kindness, so please do feel free to e-mail any kindness stories / pictures to: krichardson@brightonhill.hants.sch.uk. I may even publish some of your pictures in the next newsletter, and would love to share our Year 7 kindness in upcoming assemblies too. In a world where you can be anything, be kind. ❤️

Miss K Richardson
Head of Year 7

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)

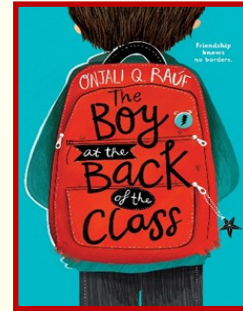
TUTOR READING PROGRAMME

This half-term, our tutor reading programme begins with our students looking at texts and extracts with the common overarching theme of Different Cultures and Experiences

YEAR 7

Our Year 7 are exploring these texts about different representations of cultures and experiences:

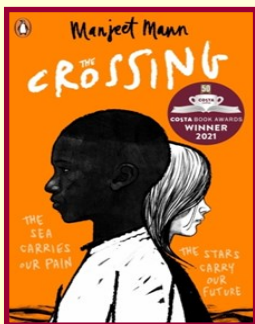
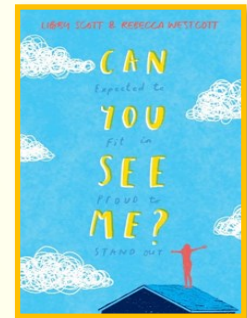
- * Boy in the Striped Pyjamas
- * Chinese Cinderella
- * The Boy at the Back of the Class



YEAR 8

Year 8 will be looking at texts about different cultures and experiences whilst growing up:

- * The Boy at the Back of the Class
- * Lightning Mary
- * Can You See Me?



YEAR 9

Our Year 9 students will be reading and understanding texts about different cultures and experiences that consider complex identity issues:

- * The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night Time
- * Boy 87
- * The Crossing

YEAR 10

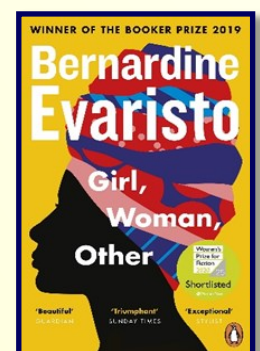
Our Year 10 students will be exploring texts relating to 'Female Inequality':

- * Murder Most Unladylike
- * Laws Concerning Women
- * The Color Purple

YEAR 11

Our Year 11 students will be exploring texts relating to 'Female Inequality':

- * The Handmaid's Tale
- * A Room of One's Own
- * Girl, Woman, Other



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





Employer Engagement Project Evaluation

Air Products - Physics: Properties of Matter

on 18/10/22

The Results

EBP South asked students, teachers and businesses to feedback on the impact of their session on Physics: Properties of Matter. It meets the Gatsby Benchmarks 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 and CDI Career Development Framework skills.



Young People

84

Students who took part in the sessions on Physics: Properties of Matter

Impact

Pre Session



Said they felt confident in using Physics: Properties of Matter.



Said they understand the relevance of Physics: Properties of Matter and how it can be used in the workplace.



Said they understand the link between working hard at school and the career choices/opportunities they will have in the future.

Post Session



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Said they understand the relevance of Physics: Properties of Matter and how it can be used in the workplace.



Said they understand the link between working hard at school and the career choices/opportunities they will have in the future.

PRE AND POST EVENT RESULTS

I am aware of the employability skills that employers look for (tick all that apply):



This was a fantastic visit from a local company that has shown students the link between the classroom and future careers. Well done to all the classes involved for engaging with the opportunity.

Mr S McCulley
Teacher of Science

Creative Writing

Huge Congratulations to Lauren C in Year 9, whose short story has been chosen by 'Young Writers' to be published in their Annual Showcase. There were over 5,000 entries nationwide and we are so proud that Lauren's work has been chosen to be published. Lauren has also been entered into a prize draw so we are keeping everything crossed that she is the winner. Congratulations Lauren!

Creative Writing club takes place every Tuesday 3:00 - 4:00pm in the Whitlock Room and we'd love to welcome new members. We hope to see you soon!

Mrs Tucker
Teacher of English

CAREERS IN THE CURRICULUM

On the 18 October local company Air Products, in collaboration with EBP South, visited Brighton Hill Community School to showcase how the science on gas particles is used by engineers in their company.

Will and Alix from Air Products worked with some of our Year 10 scientists to understand the different properties of gases. The engineers brought the theory of the classroom to life with their engaging style and giant balloons!

Students were challenged with GCSE questions and rose to the occasion with the feedback from Will and Alix, glowing with praise for the knowledge and understanding of our students.

WHAT THE SCHOOL SAID

Adding a 'real life' element to science lessons can be difficult to do - we can try with the use of video clips and activities but nothing can compare to having two enthusiastic graduates with a desire to enthuse students about science and pass on their enjoyment in it. My class were motivated to answer the speakers' questions, curious about their giant balloons and interested in how their talk related to their GCSE syllabus but also stretched them beyond it. They also asked them stretching GCSE questions and helped to explain them, boosting their confidence further. All of my students said that they had enjoyed the session and found it interesting as it was something they had not heard about before. I think it will have inspired them to think about careers in more obscure areas of science that they didn't even know existed!

Dr J Savillewood, Physics Teacher @ Brighton Hill Secondary School



WHAT THE EMPLOYER SAID

Would you deliver another session?

Yes!

We really enjoyed running these sessions and engaging with students in the local community about STEM. The students were very interactive and surprised us with their knowledge of gases. We hope we proved that what they learn in the classroom is used in real engineering workplaces and inspired some future engineers.

Presenters - Will and Alix, Air Products

EBP SOUTH

Student, school and employer feedback is valued by the EBP team. It helps us to work with our clients and improve services for them. Through our extensive partnerships and networks with employers we can create opportunities for students to have a wide range of high quality encounters. We hope these opportunities inspire and open up doors for them. Evaluating our services is important to EBP South as it feeds into our: quality assurance process, EBP outcomes for young people and Matrix accreditation.

Eleanor Cameron, Career and Quality Manager

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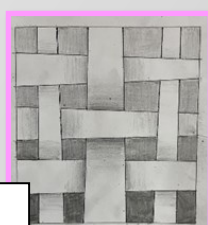
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E P A NEWS



Drama:
Key Stage 3 Drama Club is celebrating Black History Month with their own performances inspired by their dreams for the future.

Music:
Steel Pans have been growing in numbers this half term with a number of new Year 7 and 8 students joining our band! We are also excited to announce that after a very generous donation to the Music Department, we are currently in the process of ordering a new set of Bass Pans! Our current pans are often recognised by parents of students who also attended BHCS in the 1990's, which gives you an appreciation of how old they are. Whilst I am sad to be putting our old Bass Pans into retirement (as they have served us well) it is very exciting to be able to look forward to a more modern set of pans with the chance to decorate them in the new school logo, in partnership with the Art Department!
- Ms Earwood



Year 7: Jacob. B



Year 9: Isla. P

Art:
The end of our first half term was collectively, a fantastically busy one with an array of projects, materials, and creativity! Our Year 7s completed their optical illusions whilst Year 8 started delving into the world of L.S Lowry. Our budding Year 9s completed a 'dry material' foundation introduction with the use of mono-printing and our Year 10 GCSE groups completed studies of sweets and chocolate of which they took their own photography. Not forgetting Year 11... Well, Year 11 have worked tirelessly to ensure sketchbooks are ready for their exam!
DATE FOR THE DIARY: Year 11 exams will begin the week commencing 21 November. Over these two exam days, please make sure you have everything you will need - including any materials or resources.
ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: Sketchbooks have been ordered for our GCSE groups and as soon as they arrive both Mrs Espeseth and Miss Marsh will hand them out.
- Miss Marsh



Year 10: Emily. R

Dance:
The Dance Ambassadors have been working hard to produce a real show-stopper for the staff 'Strictly' competition. They have loved learning, and getting to grips with a new style of dance, the Cha Cha Cha!!
It's also given us an excuse to buy some new costumes. We hope you like the skirts!
- Mrs Britton



Photography:
Year 10 photographers completed their first location shoot last half term. We visited Winchester and completed a walking tour in the morning, photographing the ruins of Wolvesey Castle, Winchester Cathedral and various locations around the city. We developed our links to photographers working in the style of David Hockney and Abigail Reynolds. In the afternoon we were incredibly lucky to have a tour of the photography department at Winchester School of Art and view some of the current photography degree work being completed by their students. Year 10 were a credit to the school showing commitment, collaboration, and kindness at every moment of this trip.
- Mrs Espeseth





NATIONAL CUP

BHCS Year 8	2	Vs	1	Farnham Heath
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MOM – Josh O

Time	Goal scorer	Assist
8'	Liam T	George W
24'	Josh O	

This has to be the highlight of the year so far. It was actioned packed from the start with the weather causing lots of problems. Our Year 8's started the game strong and looked to be the better team within the first five minutes. We played a deep defence with George W sweeping in behind due to their attackers being fast. We had multiple opportunities early on but after a perfectly weighted through ball from George W to Liam T, it was calmly slotted away in the bottom left corner. We conceded a penalty after an unlucky tangling of legs but that did not impact our confidence because we quickly got one back by what we call a 'cross-shot' from Josh O. It began thundering and lightning, so the game was postponed for 10 minutes but we were able to finish the game strongly and hold onto our win. We are now into the 4th round of the National Cup!

DISTRICT CUP

BHCS Year 10	9	Vs	3	Cranbourne
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Time	Goal scorer	Assist
9'	Aaron F	Evan F
20'	Callum M	Aaron F
29'	Matty H	
42'	Callum M	Aaron F
45'	Matty H	George S
60'	Callum M	Matty H
67'	Evan F (P)	
70'	George S	
71'	Tom D	

BHCS faced Cranbourne away in the Basingstoke District Cup and finished 9-3. In the first half, Aaron tucked it away after a calculated through ball from Evan and set the tone early. Later, Aaron gave a precise cross into the box giving Callum the opportunity to leap into the air and execute a powerful header. As the game got moving, we failed to clear our lines and subsequently let in a goal for Cranbourne. We then created a two-goal cushion when Matt volleyed it home after the ball took a bobble in the box. After a sloppy first half the score sat at 3-1 to us and we aimed to up our standard of play. As the second half commenced we gained possession and Aaron gave a low cross in the box leaving the keeper helpless and Callum slotted it in the near post. With the current momentum, George gave a nicely weighted through ball to Matt and he was able to get a composed finish after taking it round the keeper. After some questionable defending, Cranbourne were able to make the score more respectable and score two more goals bringing the score to 5-3. Matt was able to get a clear run and Cranbourne's keeper was quickly closing him down as Matt placed a shot. The keeper was able to stop the shot but parried it away for Callum to get his hat-trick. Further on in the game Cranbourne gave away a foul in their own box that led to a penalty which Evan was able to slot away. George then found a scoring opportunity and placed it into the bottom right corner. Cranbourne then gave us another opportunity after leaving Tom open outside the box, who unleashed a powerful long shot into the top right corner to finish the game at 9-3!





HAMPSHIRE CUP

Testbourne	1	Vs	5	BHCS Year 8
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MOM – Liam S

Time	Goal scorer	Assist
2'	George W	Joshua O
12'	George W	Liam S
24'	George W	Liam S
35'	Finlay N	Joshua O
40'	Joshua O	

What an outstanding performance from the Year 8 football team in the Hampshire Cup - away to Testbourne. Unfortunately, Testbourne could not maintain possession due to the high press from Brighton Hill, and we started off strongly with a goal in the first two minutes of the game. After that Brighton Hill put together pass after pass, with some beautiful football being played. We maintained composure under pressure and always looked to create chances with every pass. If we perform at this level every week, then there is the potential for the trophy to be coming back to BHCS! A massive 'Well Done' to Neve M on her debut, strong performance with some excellent passing. MOM went to Liam S - the first-time balls over the top and composure on the ball was exceptional.

Mr J Freemantle - Teacher of PE



MATHS CLUB - HALF TERM 1

This academic year, we are mixing it up in Maths Club. Every half term there will be a different element of maths-based activities and fun for students in Year 7 and 8 to explore. During the first half of this term, students were combining their art skills with their maths skills (more specifically knowledge of scale) to create scale drawings, with the help of Mrs Williams and Miss Oliver. Towards the end of Half Term 1, the students were required to try to create a scale drawing of their house logo which they excelled at, as you can see from the accompanying photo.

Very impressive work!

This half term, Year 7 and 8 students are invited to M1 every Thursday straight after school to play board games! Yes, board games! Sometimes the maths element of board games is unnoticed, but many involve risk / probability and problem solving - key aspects of maths. So, if you are Year 7 or 8 and would like to have some fun playing board games, get yourself to M1 on a Thursday.

Mr S Head-Riordan
Teacher of Maths