

# Brighton Hill Community School

## 'Making success inevitable'

Autumn Term  
9 December 2022

# Newsletter

### BRIGHTON HILL DOES STRICTLY 2022

On 10 November, Brighton Hill Community School once again staged our annual 'BHCS Does Strictly for Children in Need' event. It was an incredible event that raised a huge amount of money for charity and more than a few smiles for the staff and students who were lucky enough to get tickets! The event, hosted by Mr Beeching and Miss Walley, contained five incredible couples dancing and embarrassing themselves in the name of charity. They were: Miss Bright & Mr Head-Riordan, Mrs Kingon & Mr Firth, Miss Paterson & Mr Nicholson, Miss Heath & Mrs Veall and finally, Mrs Williams & Mr Tesse (not to forget the Dance ambassadors who put on an incredible performance).



Miss Heath and Mrs Veall started the show with a line dancing routine to '5, 6, 7, 8' by Steps, shortly followed by Miss Bright and Mr Head-Riordan's barnstorming Charleston routine. Next, there was a sparkling routine from Mrs Williams and Mr Tesse who appeared to be the crowd favourite, followed by Miss Paterson and Mr Nicholson's pirate themed dance and finally, to end the show, Mr Firth and Miss Kingon's dance which was a fusion of two different styles; the hustle and the cha-cha. The scores were close and although the judges (Will O, Mrs Espeseth, Mrs Britton and Mr Edwards) seemed to enjoy all the performances, the deserved winners were Miss Bright and Mr Head-Riordan. This could have been due to the several amazing lifts they did, or the fact that they threw sweets at the audience. Hmm, seems like bribery to us ...

Anyway, 'BHCS does Strictly 2022' was a huge success and we are so grateful for everyone who showed up as all the money went to hugely valuable charitable causes through the BBC Children in Need fundraising campaign. It truly was a great night which couldn't have gone ahead without the splendid work of Miss Earwood who controlled the lighting and microphones and the Student Council, who gave up so much time and poured so much effort into the event. We hoped you enjoyed BHCS does Strictly 2022 and we look forward to seeing you again next year.

Student Council



## ENDEAVOUR

# Endeavour

Hello and Merry Christmas to one and all! This term as a school we have celebrated so much, our collaboration shining a light and raising awareness for just a few of the very special days that happen throughout the academic school year, including: Down Syndrome Awareness Day, International Men's Day, World Mental

Health day and most recently, International Persons with Disabilities day, bringing with them so much joy and inclusion to a truly special learning environment. But here's the thing Endeavour, what are we doing to rise above the rest? My question to you is how can we show our BHCS cornerstones furthermore within our incredible House?

*May I present the first way:*

### Tutor Based:

Design a dedicated area in your tutor bases for Endeavour.

This could be a place for weekly updates on House Points  
Upcoming House Events  
Endeavour history

Your tutor being the best and why.

Winners will receive a pizza lunch in January.

Start: Monday 5th December 2022

Finish: 16th January 2023 (three academic weeks)

### Individual Student: Design an inclusive postcard.

Design needs to be A5 (half a normal sized piece of paper)

Must include:

- Endeavour Logo

- Colour red

- A form of inclusion

Start: Monday 5th December 2022

Finish: Monday 9th January 2023

*Good Luck!*  
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Miss J Marsh - Head of Endeavour



## HORIZON

# Horizon

Christmas is nearly here and all the hard work from Horizon students is paying off! Our attendance at House Events on Friday's has been truly incredible so far this year and we are sitting in second place in the standings. In our most recent House assembly I shared with the students that Horizon have 35% more points than we did at the same time last year and I really cannot stress how much of an achievement this is and how wonderful it has been to see our progress.

Some of you may know that our ambassador for Horizon is Alex Scott, and I just want to point out a perfect example of her embodying our cornerstone of Courage recently. When the England men's national football were told they could not wear One Love armbands at the World Cup without risking sporting consequences, Alex took the brave decision to wear one herself while presenting - a powerful statement in support of LGBTQ+ rights on the worldwide stage.

I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas break and a happy New Year - I'm convinced that 2023 is the year Horizon lift a trophy!

Mr W Firth  
Head of Horizon



**PIONEER**

# Pioneer



Another brilliant month for Pioneer! We have had some incredible turnouts for house events, in particular our Year 7 footballers being the only tutor group so far to hit our target of 7 attendees! This competition will continue through to next half term so there is still opportunity for you to win a prize for your tutor group! A massive well done and thank you to all year 7's for their amazing support of the shoebox appeal - Mrs Moore was absolutely overwhelmed with the volume of gifts! We wish the best of luck to our Year 11 Pioneers preparing for their mocks in January- keep up the revision you will be amazing! A final thank you to every student who has designed and completed their sunflower and handed it to either their tutor or to me- I cannot wait to add these to our house display to show our support of St Michael's Hospice and to get to know you all a bit better! If yours is not quite finished please get these over to me as soon as possible!



Miss G Arundale  
Head of Pioneer



**VOYAGER**

# Voyager

We are approaching the end of our first full term and what a term it has been! Voyager are absolutely smashing it in first place again. We have been doing Dance, Rugby,

Spanish and Science. It has been fantastic! We are currently collecting foodbank donations with 10Vy1 and 10Vy2! We are in the last push before Christmas break now and looking forward to seeing how we do in our last few events. We have Year 11 Maths, Year 7 Rugby and all years Art!

### HOUSE CUP POINTS

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ENDEAVOUR

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PIONEER

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I just want to acknowledge some excellent Voyagers this half term! Well done to Max, Ben and Matthew in Year 7 for their attendance to all house events for their year groups. We have been amazed by Sienna in Year 7 for collecting on average 30 stamps per week! Well done to Xanthe, Maya and Maddie (Year 9) who led whole school assemblies. Thank you to Jake B 9Vy2 for coaching Year 8 rugby and well done to Aaron and Daniel H in Year 8 for amazing commitment to their sport in rugby too!

Miss E Malone  
Head of Voyager

## KNIFE CRIME & COUNTY LINES

On Thursday, 24 November, we welcomed guests from St Giles Trust to present assemblies to all students in Year 7 and 8 on the dangers of knife crime and county lines. The schedule was as follows:

- Period 1: Year 7 knife crime awareness
- Period 2: Year 8 knife crime awareness
- Period 3: Year 7 county lines awareness
- Period 4: Year 8 county lines awareness



The students benefitted from some real life, lived experiences shared by our guests. The messages were hard-hitting but crucial for the safety of our students. We hope that students can use these presentations to help them make better decisions for their safety when out in the local community.

As our guests stated, the short term gain is definitely not worth the long term pain that can be attributed to poor decision making when young people are targeted by others outside of the school and home environment.

Mr G Wilkinson  
Assistant Headteacher

## *Creative Writing Club*

Huge congratulations to Lauren C in Year 9 who has had her short story selected to be published in the Young Writers Annual Showcase.

More than 5,000 entries were made and Lauren made the last 500.

We are so proud of Lauren's achievements and look forward to sharing more publishing news with you all soon!

Mrs C Tucker  
Teacher of English



## *Thank You*

On Friday, 10th November students came along to cheer on staff competing in our 'Strictly' competition. We raised a wonderful

**£343.43!**

in support of Children in Need.

Well done everyone!



## YELLOWALUMNI



- ◇ Are you an ex student or parent from Brighton Hill School?
- ◇ Ever wondered about how you could support your old school?
- ◇ Ever thought about getting back in contact with your old teachers?

The YellowAlumni is for you!

*The YellowAlumni is a way of staying in contact with us at the school, through subscribing to our yearly newsletter. We are aiming to build up a bank of contacts in our community in order to better support our students in the future. It will also be a way of communicating future events and networking with other professionals linked with our school.*

**Subscription form:** <https://forms.office.com/r/HFAL5g1Tvk>

Mr D Du-heaume  
Head of Transition & Marketing

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What has your child achieved recently? Please let us know if they would like their photograph on our Wall of Achievements - e-mail: [dduheaume@brightonhill.hants.sch.uk](mailto:dduheaume@brightonhill.hants.sch.uk).

Mr Du-heaume - Head of Transition & Marketing

## UNIFORM DONATION SCHEME

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 and 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



## SPORTS & PE NEWS

### GIRLS' FOOTBALL

Year 7 have shown real commitment to girls' football in their first term at Brighton Hill Community School. They have embraced the new challenges of the National Cup, where they won 2-1 in their first match against Sherfield! This meant that the girls went through to round two where it was a tough game, at full time it was 1-1. Unfortunately, the girls lost 4-3 on penalties, however, they continue to give their all in every single match. Additionally, the girls competed in a district tournament on 6 December where they won four out of five matches! Lots of goals coming from Bella, Olivia, Chloe(s), Lily and Millie - outstanding effort from all the girls. There is another tournament coming up in January which everyone is feeling very excited for. Huge congratulations to all the girls who have shown their enthusiasm and dedication to football at BHCS.



Our 'Athletes of the Term' goes to Olivia in 7Vy2 for her outstanding performances in every match played this term, and also, to Lottie in 7Pr2 for her continued commitment to football and her courage in playing as our goalie!  
*Miss Roberts and Miss Bright*

### CROSS COUNTRY

Cross Country is off to a flying start again with only three students out of 14 missing out on qualifying for the next round which will be the County Cross Country competition. Well done to all those students who qualified. We had two of our top students make it to the South-East England Cross Country Championship last year, which is an incredible achievement. Let's hope they can make it there again and progress even further.

### YEAR 8 FOOTBALL

This has been the biggest half-term of football for the Year 8's, becoming school record holders by reaching the fifth round of the National Cup. We are due to play Glenmoor and Winton Academies in this round - week commencing 12 December. Please see the next newsletter for an update on how they got on or got to our Twitter @BHCSPE to see all live updates.

Year 8 played against Piggot in the fourth round of the National Cup. This was their best performance to date and the opposition could not handle the quick and intricate passing of our forward play. The strength on and off the ball meant Piggot could not retain possession and we won the midfield battle over and over again. We won 3-0 thanks to quality finishing from Liam T, George W and Fin N.

Year 8 played against Mountbatten in the last 16 of the Hampshire cup and won 2-1. Mountbatten had a skilful midfield that caused us some problems but an outstanding performance from Neve M and Jake R meant we consistently won the ball back and countered effectively. George W puts in a MoM performance every game and his outstanding finishing gave us the two goals. He holds the ball up so well which allows our attackers to get forward and join the attack. Without our strong back four putting in their best performance so far, we could have conceded a lot more. Well done to George V, Fin N, Kyron W and Jaden W for their performance. A superb defensive performance and not losing a single 1v1 earned Kyron W MoM.  
*Mr Freemantle*

## **YEAR 11 FOOTBALL**

Year 11 eventually managed to play their second round Hampshire Cup fixture against Springfield (Portsmouth). After getting halfway there, we hit heavy traffic which meant we had to turn around as we just wouldn't have had time to play the fixture.

The conditions for our re-scheduled game were horrendous and the pitch barely playable but it was deemed to safe to proceed and our boys were fantastic from start to finish. Springfield, who had previously beat us in the final, couldn't deal with our combination of direct football and intricate passing; we were able to create chance after chance. Springfield started to lose control of their emotions and there were some reckless tackles but our boys stood firm and kept pushing. We ran out 3-0 winners with goals from Sol C, Aleks K and Kyan S. Archie P Man of the Match for a dominating performance at the back. *Mr Slack*

## **YEAR 9 FOOTBALL**

A disappointing half term for Year 9 football, narrowly losing on penalties to Purbrook school in the Hampshire Cup. After a great goal from Archie B in the second half, we conceded with almost the final kick of the game and lost in almost pitch black darkness. We also lost in the National Cup to Desborough school in a 4-0 home loss. We played some wonderful football, but unfortunately the pressure seemed to get to the boys and Desborough came through as comfortable winners in the end. Notable strong performances from Louie A and Charlie C this half term, lets hope the 5 a-side tournament and the 11 a-side Basingstoke tournaments bring more success in the new year. *Mr Du-heaume*

## **VOLLEY BALL**

Volleyball Club has continued to grow this half term ready for fixtures to begin after Christmas. For the first time ever, Brighton Hill Community School will be competing in County and National Competitions. Our U15 girls' team will be competing in the National Grand Prix series where they will be up against some of the biggest junior volleyball clubs in the country. Our U15 boys' and girls' teams will be competing in the inaugural Hampshire schools' volleyball competition. It is an exciting time for volleyball in the school and I am looking forward to seeing the sport grow with more and more new players joining.

*Mr McCulley*

## **FRIDAY MORNING CRICKET NETS**

It is a very exciting time for cricket enthusiasts; not only have England just won the World T20 title and are currently reinventing themselves and the entire format of Test cricket, but at BHCS we are continuing to get amazing attendance at our three cricket clubs every week, and are also strengthening our ties with Hampshire Country Cricket Club. Every Friday morning, come rain, wind or shine, we have consistently had 12-15 students coming in at 7:30am to play an increasingly impressive standard of cricket. It has been absolutely amazing to lead, and I cannot wait to see the team start to represent the school after Easter as their training will have a huge impact.

*Mr Beeching*





## SHARING CAREERS PROGRAMME BEST PRACTICE

I was delighted to be invited to present to our regional Careers and Enterprise HUB the fantastic careers programme work we are doing here at BHCS. Enterprise M3 (EM3) is our Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) and the newly formed Careers HUB sees a collaboration between EM3, local training providers, employers, schools and colleges to collectively provide the best possible support for the young people in our collective care. It was a real pleasure to share some of the strategies that led to our school's 'Outstanding' grade, for the category of 'Personal Development', in our Ofsted inspection earlier this year. As a school we are committed to sharing best practice across Basingstoke, Hampshire and beyond so all schools can establish careers programmes that are considered to be "exceptionally ambitious".

If you own or work for an organisation that would like to collaborate with us on developing career partnerships, please do contact me via e-mail: [dwatkins@brightonhill.hants.sch.uk](mailto:dwatkins@brightonhill.hants.sch.uk). We are always looking for innovative ways to give our students experiences of the workplace and/or to meet with employers and employees.

Mr D Watkins  
Deputy Headteacher



## LINKING LABOUR MARKET INFORMATION TO THE BHCS CAREERS PROGRAMME

Did you know the NHS is Basingstoke's largest employer with the widest range of occupations available? In 2021 they were amongst the top organisations for number of job adverts posted online (Source: Emsi Burning Glass UK).

The BHCS Careers Programme takes this type of local LMI (Labour Market Information) into account when planning appropriate careers related learning experiences for our students.

On Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> November we were delighted to continue our collaboration with Medical Mavericks and running two immersive workshops for our Year 7 and Year 8 students. That gently introduced students to the world of work in health-related industries.

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## MEDICAL MAVERICKS CAREERS WORKSHOPS

Year 7 students were introduced to a range of equipment used in the Sports Science industry to measure the performance of elite sports people. Students had a great time in the 'Challenge the Champions' workshop testing out their speed, reflexes, agility, strength, power, balance and flexibility to get an insight into what it could be like to work as a sports scientist.

Year 8 students experienced the 'Careers in Healthcare' workshop. There are over 350 different job roles in healthcare and in these workshops, students were able to gain an insight into a diverse range of specialisms from phlebotomy to cardiology and keyhole surgery to ultrasound, by using a range of medical equipment.

In Key Stage 4 students will get further exposure to careers in the healthcare Industry when they get the opportunity to enrol in the Medical Mavericks Academy!

### NEW NHS COLLABORATION

We're very excited to announce we are closing in on a brand-new collaboration with the NHS' Health Education England initiative. This will give students a range of fantastic opportunities to research, plan, complete quizzes and ask questions to a wide range of health care specialist mentors. Watch this space!

Mr D Watkins  
Deputy Headteacher



Careers Leader



### OUTSIDE SPORTING EVENTS:

Amelia in 7Vy2 competed for her swimming club in Portsmouth recently and achieved amazing things!

- 1 x Gold for 1500m freestyle
- 2 x Silver: 200m backstroke & 100m freestyle
- 4 x Bronzes: 50m backstroke, 400m freestyle, 50m fly & 400m Individual Medley
- 9 x Pbs total over the weekend.

A huge congratulations to Amelia!

School will be closed for an Inset Day on Tuesday, 3rd January.

We will welcome our students back in the New Year on Wednesday, 4th January!

## 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)

# E P A NEWS

## Dance:

Year 7 and 8 Dance Club students are so much fun! They work so hard and I congratulate them on their commitment and dedication to making their routines the best they can be! They are currently working on a dance routine that will be shown in the upcoming Carol Concert. It is energetic, powerful and I'm sure, a real crowd pleaser. Please come along and support them at the Carol Concert and give them the huge cheer they deserve.



## Dance Ambassadors:

I would like to say an enormous thank you to all of the wonderful Dance Ambassadors. Nothing is ever too much for them! Their maturity and reliability is just amazing and I am so proud to see how they promote dance in and around the school with every project they do. Already, in less than one school term, they have lead school clubs, performed in our Open Evening, performed in the recent Staff Strictly Come Dancing event for Children in Need, supported with KS4 House Dance and are currently creating new dances for the Carol Concert. When one project finishes, another starts, and they are always so keen to perform! I truly hope the passion and commitment continues as the year moves forwards. Thank you all so much for your involvement in dance at BHCS.

Mrs Britton - Teacher of Dance



## Drama:

Well done to our Year 11's for absolutely WOWing us with your devising final performances. You showed our cornerstones of Kindness, Commitment, Courage and Collaboration at BHCS in abundance!

Well done to our Year 9's also, showing pure commitment and collaboration during their first devised performance. Coming into lesson with typed up scripts in folders! We look forward to seeing these performances in the near future.

Upcoming events: Year 11 will be visiting QMC to watch a live performance of Macbeth!



## Music:

The Music Department is very proud to be taking part in the Contemporary Singing Project launched by Hampshire Music Service in a bid to increase students being involved with choirs and singing across Basingstoke.

Singing has taken a massive hit due to Covid the last few years and this project has involved over 30 of our students, along with students across four other local schools, and county youth choirs participating in vocal workshops. The culmination of this project was an amazing concert involving over 150 students across Basingstoke on the 8<sup>th</sup> December, at Aldworth school.

Ms Earwood - Teacher of Music

# EPA NEWS



## Art:

Year 8 have been working so hard on their final outcomes for the current project: Buildings. It has been so interesting to see the photographs being brought into lessons and the different types of architecture Basingstoke and places afar are lending to our creativity. Below are some beautiful examples of the first and second stage of three for the final outcome. We have collaged and mono printed in the style of Linda Germain and we will be continuing by stitching into these pieces in the style of Japanese artist Takadoi until the end of this term. I will be sure to show you more when they are complete!

Our Year 11's deserve medals! The commitment each and every one of our GCSE Art students have shown over the course of the Art exam has blown both Mrs Espeseth and myself away! With the exam drawing to a close it is time to start our final project with you. Let's hope there is a trip or two in there to keep you excited!

Finally, I wanted to give our extra curriculums of KS3 Art club and Art Ambassadors a very special mention. Every week they show up and give each task set their best creativity and passion. This term the KS3 club made pocket hugs inspired by anti-bullying week, they were so careful with the design on the front of the felt love heart and wanted to work into these the following week, even asking to take some templates home for Christmas presents for family and friends.

The art ambassadors have also been working hard designing a new EPA logo and postcards which will go home for parents and carers to see how well their students are doing in our EPA subjects.



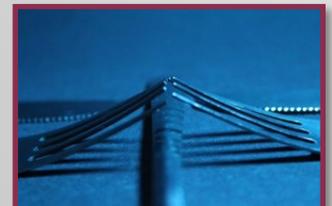
Miss Marsh  
Teacher of Art

## Photography:

Photographers have worked hard this half term to build up their skills and develop their portfolio. Year 9 have learnt the importance of composition and started to play around with lighting. Their last challenge was to make my 'cheap' cutlery look 'expensive' in a product photography style shoot, ensuring the use of compositional elements.

Year 10 have now reached the stage where they have been given independence on their architecture project and are working their way towards their final outcomes.

Mrs Espeseth  
Head of EPA



Year 9 Cutlery photoshoot



Year 10 Architecture photoshoot