

Brighton Hill Community School

‘Making success inevitable’

Spring Term
10 March 2023

Newsletter

Brecon Beacons Beckon!



During the February Half Term, 14 intrepid Year 10 students pushed themselves well and truly out of their comfort zones by spending the weekend at the Argoed Lwyd Outdoor Activities Centre in the Brecon Beacons.

Throughout the weekend, students clambered over rocks, crawled through caves and climbed to the top of Pen Y Fan, the highest peak in the Beacons. On top of this, there was even time for revision workshops in the evenings too!



All the students who attended really did the school proud but, more importantly, did themselves proud by pushing themselves so hard.

Well done to all 14 of them!

Mr A Flowers
Head of Year 10



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WORKSHOP TASTER DAY

Saturday 10th June 2023
drop in at any time between
10am - 2.30pm

Try out engineering activities
Come and have a go at engineering in the workshop!

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WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

If you're thinking of a career in Engineering then don't miss our Workshop Taster Day!

You will be able to:

- find out what being an engineering apprentice actually involves
- chat to staff & current apprentices
- hear about current apprenticeship vacancies
- see what it's really like studying at SETA
- and the best bit - have a go at engineering activities yourself in the workshop overseen by experienced instructors

Stay for the whole duration, or for as long as you want
Order: it's about to be accompanied by a parent or guardian
Security checks must be done by staff prior to the workshop (i.e. no flip flops or sandals)
and we have water or tea

ACTIVITIES*

- Find out about "Life as an Apprentice"
- Information on applying for an apprenticeship
- Metrology
- Sheet Metal
- Electrical Wiring
- Electronics
- Fluid Power
- Mechanical Fitting
- Computer Aided Design (CAD)
- STEM Challenge

*Activities may be subject to change

WHERE'S IT TAKING PLACE?
Southampton Engineering Training Association
First Avenue, Millbrook, Southampton, SO15 0JL

BOOK ONLINE

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“By the way, along, and although he says that he wants to be an engineer, he has chosen to submit to this taster day to apply for an Engineering Apprenticeship & not a STEM day at all!”

“The taster day was a great chance for people interested in a career in engineering, my son thoroughly enjoyed the day and realised that he will have to do a lot of hard work to get it!”



Putting learning into action in GCSE Business!

Our Year 10 GCSE Business students have been learning about marketing. To put their learning into practice, they chose a segment of the market they were going to create a chocolate bar for, carried out market research to identify their preferences and then (thanks to Mr Cook) students were able to make their chocolate bars.

There were some interesting flavour combinations, and as well as being brilliant Business students, we have discovered some very creative chocolatiers!



Mrs W Moore
Lead Practitioner

Get Inspire Basingstoke

Earlier this month, 180 Year 10 students had the opportunity to talk with a large number of local business and education providers at the Get Inspire Basingstoke careers event.



Throughout the day, students were able to speak with companies such as Lenovo, AWE, Milestones and many, many more.



83% of students who attended said that they learned about a new job or career that they didn't previously know existed, helping Brighton Hill Community School students to broaden their horizons for when they leave school.

Mr A Flowers
Head of Year 10

NEWS FROM THE

Creative Writing Club

Congratulations to Liana B and Lauren C from Year 9, who have had their creative writing published by Young Writers.

All the students attending the group are producing top quality pieces and we can't wait to see more of them being published! Well done!

Mrs Tucker
Teacher of English

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)



PIONEER

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Congratulations on completing another month! We have reached the halfway mark through the school year and the days are getting brighter!

Your commitment and enthusiasm so far this year has been outstanding with some incredible teamwork demonstrated between our Year 10 'Badmintors', some stupendous creations by our Year 8 Artists, and some fabulous collaboration with our Year 9 Netballers!

I cannot wait to see what we get up to this month so keep up the enthusiasm, keep up the commitment, and keep up the kindness!

Miss G Arundale
Head of Pioneer

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HORIZON

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PIONEER

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ENDEAVOUR

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A massive 'Well Done' to our Endeavour Team for showing courage and commitment to

improve outcomes and promote positive outcomes within lessons. This has been reflected in the communication, positive conversations and smiles I have seen both within school and the outer community. During our assembly together, we discussed the importance of showing collaboration as a House to support each other with continued kindness - it has been fantastic to see this as I move around our school.

Lastly, a massive 'Well Done' to Year 8 for handing in lots of postcards for the inclusive postcard competition. I will be announcing both the winners of the postcard and tutor-based competitions during our Easter Rewards assembly.

Year House Point Chart
YEAR 7 - 5,506 points
YEAR 8 - 5,482 points
YEAR 9 - 3,328 points
YEAR 10 - 2,639 points
YEAR 11 - 1,973 points



Miss J Marsh - Head of Endeavour



HORIZON

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Easter is just around the corner, though the weather might be making that difficult to believe (I'm writing this while it's snowing outside!)

Students in Horizon continue to astound me with their enthusiasm and I am proud to say that we are currently in first place in the Inter House Competitions, which is largely down to how many students attend events on a Friday week-in, week-out. We were firmly last in this last year so it's been really wonderful to see us prove so many doubters wrong!

Mr W Firth
Head of Horizon



VOYAGER

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First, can we say a big 'Well Done' to Ruby and Lauren in 8VY1 and Shiona in 8VY2 for their incredible commitment to Voyager by turning up to all the Year 8 events! Then to Maya, Isla, Xanthe, Amber, Lucy, Liana, Peyton, Jake, Emily, Maddie, Kai and Sylvana in 9VY2 for making a fantastic team at all the Year 9 events! And to Matthew, Sienna, Summer, Amelia, Enzo, Max and Ruxy in 7VY2 for being amazing Voyagers by coming along to so many Year 7 events! Maia SN and Kate B in 10VY1 for coming along to KS4 events and collecting so many attendance points. And finally, 'Well Done' to Harrison I and Ellie J in 11VY1 and 11VY2 for their attendance to the Year 11 events! The main thing I want to discuss is how we can improve our experience in tutor by being kinder. Tutor should be a place separate to lessons, where you feel comfortable, included and part of a team. This is something I really want us to work on! Here are some ways we can make our tutor environment more positive:

- ◇ Greet your peers at the door! – this is something I see Jack doing every day in 7Vy2 and it always makes people smile. Jack is such an incredibly positive influence on others, I think we can learn a lot from how Jack makes his Voyager team feel!
- ◇ Come along to tutor earlier sometimes just to chat to people – you could make a new friend!
- ◇ Hold the door for others around the school – if you're all heading to the same room, why not walk together?
- ◇ Volunteer to give out books - I know this always makes me feel really proud of my group when I have so many people willing to help that it's hard to choose! It could be a good way to test your knowledge of everyone's names too. Challenge yourself to get to know everyone.
- ◇ Check on others who have missed days, whether you hang out with them often or not. Being off school and sick can feel lonely, and to shake that feeling of loneliness by saying you're glad they're back or sending them a message to check-in.
- ◇ Check on your tutors! We also have good lessons and bad lessons sometimes. We are experiencing lots of feelings too. We are so happy to support every single one of you and we love to, but sometimes just a simple 'Hi, how are you?' really makes our day. Charlie in 9VY2 always asks how I am and I always feel appreciated by that.

Let's make tutor something we all look forward to. We are a team as Voyagers but our overall team comes from how each mini team of Voyager tutor groups runs!

Miss E Malone
Head of Voyager



Intermediate Mathematical Challenge



On Thursday, 2 February 60 students in Years 9, 10 and 11 sat the UK Maths Trust Intermediate Challenge paper.

The Intermediate Mathematical Challenge is a 60-minute, multiple-choice challenge which is sat across the UK. It encourages mathematical reasoning, precision of thought, and fluency in using basic mathematical techniques to solve interesting problems.

The problems on the Intermediate Mathematical Challenge are designed to make students think. Most are accessible, yet still challenge those with more experience. To recognise the highest performers in the Challenge, the top-scoring 50% of participants are awarded Bronze, Silver and Gold certificates in the ratio 3:2:1. This means the top 8% in the country achieve a Gold certificate, with the next 17% achieving a Silver certificate.

Our brilliant students achieved 23 Bronze, 6 Silver and 2 Gold Certificates! We are delighted with our results and want to congratulate all students who took part, especially Finley B in Year 11 who achieved Best in School, Louie C who achieved Best in Year 10 and Rhys M and Anthony M who achieved joint Best in Year 9.



Finley in Year 11 has been invited to complete a follow on round which takes place on 17 March. Well Done everyone who took part!



Miss T Duemke
Teacher of Maths



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EPA NEWS

ART

Year 8 have been creating wonderful design ideas inspired by the artist Vincent Scarpace. These are now being made into 3D clay outcomes. We are so impressed with the commitment our Year 8s are showing, courageously pushing themselves out of their comfort zone by exploring this new material. Both Mrs Espeseth and myself are loving the collaboration and kindness shown to help pack away and ensure classrooms are all clean and ready for much anticipated continued learning. Next step ...



... to the kiln!

Miss J Marsh
Teacher of Art



DRAMA

Drama is excited to begin the Text in Practice section of the GCSE with Year 11, who are hard at work on their scripted pieces, learning lines and staging some incredible performances! Meanwhile KS3 are starting to look at some scripted extracts to be learnt and performed later in the year, highlighting their incredible talent and dedication!

Mr J Nicholson
Teacher of Drama

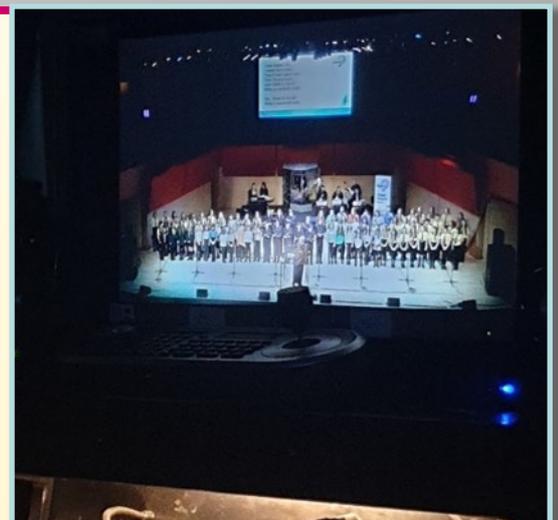
MUSIC

Well done to our wonderful #YellowArmy students who travelled to the Anvil with myself and Mrs Potter on Tuesday, 7 March to celebrate within the Festival of Singing.

Our students have shown incredible commitment by attending singing workshops to build technique and skill.

It was wonderful to see Brighton Hill Community School collaborate with Hampshire secondary schools and courageously sing to primary school students in celebration of this festivity.

Miss Earwood
Teacher of Music



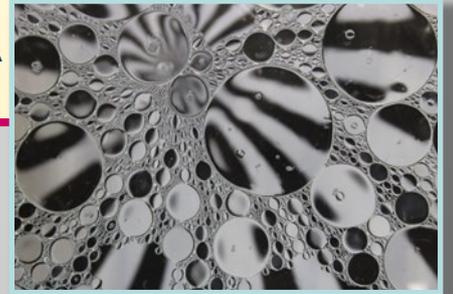
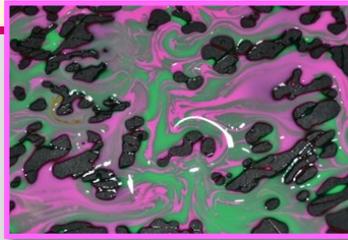
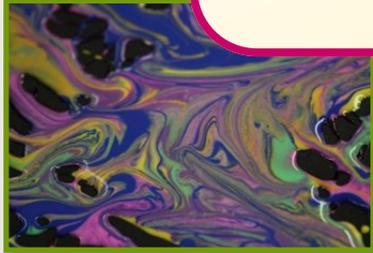
E P A NEWS



PHOTOGRAPHY

Year 9 have been experimenting using the 100mm lens this half term, exploring work by photographers Sharon Johnstone and Mark Lovejoy. Here are some examples of their old and water and paint abstract images.

Mrs C Espeseth
Head of EPA



DANCE

12 HOUR DANCE-A-THON

On Friday, 17 March many students who are going on the trip to New York will be taking part in a 12 Hour Dance-a-Thon in an attempt to raise money to help make the trip an even more unforgettable experience!

Students will learn four routines that they will have to perform again, and again and again and again - continuously - for 12 hours!! We might even throw in the Cha Cha slide and Macarena to keep the spirits up!

If you would like to support this event, please chat to anyone involved and I'm sure they will be excited to tell you all about it.

Mrs Britton
Teacher of Dance

PE NEWS

Year 8 Football

We have our biggest game yet coming up in the Hampshire Cup semi-finals. Keep an eye out in the next newsletter to see if we made it to the Hampshire Cup finals.



PE NEWS



Year 7 Football

Our Year 7 team played an amazing couple of games against Aldworth and the Hurst. Needing to get at least four points from both of the games to guarantee their spot in the semi-finals and finals of the district cup. We managed to beat Aldworth convincingly in the first game and only needing a point against the Hurst. We quickly went 2 - 0 down and at half time there was a little restructuring which got the team a goal back. After a tough battles, Brighton Hill bagged a second to ensure they got the one point from a 2 - 2 draw to top their league. Top performance from Oscar the captain and Ethan on the wing.



QMC Esports . . .

... a new club we started up this term. With over a billion tech jobs needed by 2030 and an esports industry worth \$1.3 billion, it was a 'must' that we opened students up to a possible career in Esports. We go on a weekly basis to QMC to use their facilities and go through a variety of activities. Our most recent one being a test of reaction time and using a maths formula to work out how fast our reactions are. Unfortunately, it was clear Mr Freemantle has got a lot slower in his old age!

Cross Country

We had six students across Year 7 and 8 qualify for the county cross country. Our superstars Ava and Mia S qualified and helped Basingstoke win the U14 competition. They are onto the next round, hopefully they can make it the south-east England competition again. The other students absolutely did the school proud with their excellent running. Some only missing out by a couple of places. We go again next year!

Gym Club

Monday Gym Club continues to grow and it's so nice to see so many students taking an interest in their health and well-being, committing to an extra workout each week. Miss Richardson would love to have some more students to join her for her workout, so do pop along and give it a try!

Basketball

Year 9 boys recently had a basketball game against Aldworth. Sadly, Brighton Hill Community School lost by just four points - 24-28, but they played exceptionally well and lost with pride.

Well done boys!





YEAR 11 FOOTBALL

Year 11 managed to play their Hampshire Cup quarter final this month and what a performance it was. The game plan was slightly different to our normal set up and we looked to play the ball in behind and go direct - as the pitch made it very difficult to play our normal passing game. The boys flew out of the box and were 2 - 0 up within the first ten minutes due to high intensity pressing. We were able to pinch the ball from defenders and Charlie B and Josh C took their chances. The game settled down mid-way through the half with Westgate gaining some possession, but our high intensity pressing lead to two quick goals from Kyan S and Josh C's second. Just before half time Kyan S was able to steal the ball from the defender on the edge of the area and slot home a brilliant finish for his second. We went in 5 - 0 at half time!

The second half was slightly less action-packed with the ball getting bogged down in midfield for large chunks of the half but Kyan S was able to complete his hat-trick and Aleks K got himself on the score sheet - we ran out 7-1 winners. We are still awaiting confirmation of who we will play in the semi-final and we are due to play The Vyne in the District Cup final in the coming weeks.



Responding to your feedback

As you know, after every Parents' Evening we ask for your feedback across a range of topics. One of these topics is careers! From your feedback there is clearly an appetite to know more about our careers programme, which is fantastic news, so here are some quick links to help you know more about what we offer our students. Click the links that interest you.

- ◇ [The Road Map to The BHCS Careers Programme](#) (shows you the 'backbone' of our careers programme by year group)
- ◇ [Year 7-11 Careers Parent Collaboration Event](#) (If you missed it, you can watch back using the video link)
- ◇ [The Careers & Enterprise Pages of the School Website](#) (From student and parent zones to policy and vision, find everything you need to know across these pages)
- ◇ [Parent Access to Unifrog](#) (Dig deeper into the world of careers and post-16 options by seeing what your child has access to, simply follow the instructions to set up your own account.

Mr D Watkins
Deputy Headteacher

National Careers Week 2023 #NCW2023

This National Careers Week #NCW2023 we've been asking students; "What's your point of difference?" The intention is to promote consideration of how young people can make themselves stand out from the crowd. What are they doing in their educational development journey that other students possibly are not? As well as our tailored pre-launch careers assemblies to all year groups (also available to students via their Unifrog account), we have been providing a range of independent activities to help create 'points of difference', but only if students take these opportunities! These activities are designed to support the development of essential employability skills. Everyday across #NCW2023 we've been raising the profile of essential employability skills as set out in the www.skillbuilderframework.org

Communication



Creative Problem Solving



Self-Management



Collaboration



Being an 'Independent Learner' is a huge benefit to all young people aiming to build their points of difference. Our #NCW2023 homepage links to all the activities our students had to choose from. Some of them gave a chance to enter our exciting prize draw! Feel free to visit this page and explore the day-by-day content as well as the launch assembly by clicking [this link](#).

Mr D Watkins
Deputy Headteacher
Careers Lead

