

Brighton Hill Community School

'Making success inevitable'

Spring Term
31 March 2023

Newsletter

MFL - Cooking up a Storm

On Friday, 24th March, our lovely Year 9 French students were invited to participate in a cross-curricular event with the Food Faculty and given the opportunity to make a traditional French dish: croque-monsieur!

After annotating the recipe in one of our lessons to revise key food vocabulary and the use of the imperative, the students prepared their ingredients and equipment using the notes they had made in class.

The students excelled in their cooking skill and put together some exquisite croque-monsieur, filled with delicious cheese and ham, and topped with a lovely bechamel sauce. Bravo les élèves! Everyone enjoyed recreating this French classic and we encourage everyone at home to try it too. Bon appétit!

Miss Roggeman
Teacher of Foreign Languages



Farewell to the welcoming face of BHCS

Friday, 31st March will mark the end of an era for the school, as our long-serving, wonderful receptionist, Pat Hare, will be retiring. Pat has been an ever-present, calm, friendly, welcoming, reassuring face for students, staff and visitors for almost 18 years and she will be truly missed.

The job of a school receptionist comes with many challenges, but Pat's professionalism has ensured that she has dealt with every issue imaginable with her customary good grace, whether it be regularly reuniting lost items with relieved students or passing on forgotten football boots from grateful parents / carers.

Pat has been a truly loyal member of the #YellowArmy and she will always be welcome at Brighton Hill. I'm sure you will all join me in thanking her for her years of commitment and wishing her all the very best for a well-earned happy retirement.

Chris Edwards - Headteacher



NATIONAL CAREERS WEEK

As you may know, it was recently National Careers week and if you missed the recent assembly, we have all the information you need to get involved.

We have designed independent activities that will create “*your point of difference*” and boost the essential employment skills. Every day across the week in lessons we will be raising awareness of these essential employability skills set out in the skill builder framework website.



To enter the competition, if you see any of these logos handouts, power-points etc. then make a note of what logo, what period, what day, what subject, and what teacher then click on the Microsoft forms link under competition alert on the BHCS website.

Good luck!

We've asked our teachers and staff to participate by completing “What does your career path look like?” door signs. Some teachers have had the same career path throughout their entire career.

But that is okay because it is more than common. Take some time to read and learn about your teachers and their career paths, you never know you might find out something new about them.

WHAT DOES YOUR CAREER PATH LOOK LIKE?

Name: _____

Previous Jobs:	Skills Developed:
_____	_____
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National Careers Week
NCW #NCW2023 NatWest Group

Here are some of the activities that happened during the week:

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| Monday, 6 March: | there is a BHCS skills builder questionnaire |
| Tuesday, 7 March: | there is a free virtual medical, dental and veterinary societies (5:45 - 6:45pm) |
| Wednesday, 8 March: | there is a virtual career fair |
| Thursday, 9 March: | Complete the BIG BHCS careers, education, information, advice & guidance survey 2023 |
| Friday, 10 March: | log into UNIFROG and complete the challenges set for you. |

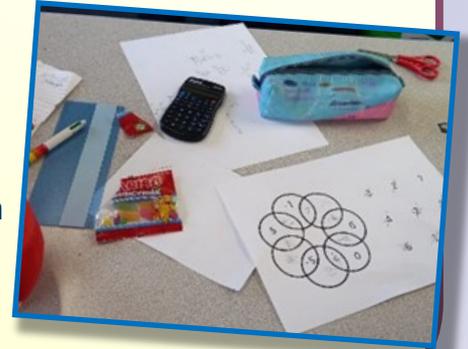
Article by Jack O'G

Year 10 Maths Event

On 17 March, Year 10 got a chance to take part in a maths event which had a Crystal Maze (popular game show) theme.

The houses participating took turns picking either Greek, Egyptian, Chinese or Indian and this picked what activity they did. These activities were puzzles, such as arranging shapes to make a bigger one. Overall, this was very fun and tested maths skills and brains. Pioneer came first, with Voyager and Horizon being a joint close second and Endeavour last.

Article by Ellen W and Ash H



Baylab Science Trip



On 22 March, 11 Year 8 students ventured to the UK headquarters of Bayer, a huge pharmaceutical company. The students arrived at the glitzy headquarters with expressions of wonder. We were shown into the Baylab, a state-of-the-art facility for students to engage in STEM related workshops.

Our workshop was an inspiring day of heart mechanics. First up was modelling our blood with students creating their own blood samples. Next up we simulated the circulatory system with different students dressing up as different organs and the rest of us running around delivering vital oxygen. Students then got to explore a giant inflatable heart where they could walk through the chambers and diagnose different medical conditions. The afternoon saw us using medical equipment such as stethoscopes and oximeters.

We finished the day designing and completing an experiment to see which blood vessel was blocked then getting to see a centrifuge in action. Emily and Lisa from the Baylab were glowing in their feedback about the students' ability and knowledge.

A great day out for our students at a major STEM employer with a chance to see science outside the classroom.



Mr S McCulley
Teacher of Science



Year 8 Unifrog Programme



The last couple of weeks has seen our Year 8's working on their Unifrog learning programme across tutor time.

Session Title	Unifrog Tool
What does success mean to you?	Careers Library
Career Terminology	Know-how library
Personality Profiling	Personality Profile
Teamwork & skills	Skills Tool
GCSE Choices	Careers Library & Interests Profile

Unifrog is BHCS' preferred careers platform. In addition to guided lessons as part of our careers programme, students can also login at any time and complete tasks independently. You can find out more about 'Unifrog' by [watching this video](#). To help support engagement with your child, we are giving you the chance to set up your own parent account that can be used to see what it is like to use 'Unifrog'. Although GDPR rules prevent 'Unifrog' giving you direct access to your child's account, the parent account lets you see and use all the tools your child has access to. Simply [click this link](#) and use the sign-up code BRHCparents, then complete the rest of the details to set up your account.

If you are a Year 8 parent you will remember this opportunity was also flagged at this week's Guided Choices evening. Unifrog is an excellent source of LMI (Labour Market Information) to help keep you and our students informed at every stage of their education journey.

Careers Collaboration

Not only do we have an 'exceptionally ambitious' careers programme here at BHCS, we're also proud to share the work we do with other schools, colleges, and enterprise partners. Most recently I had the pleasure of presenting to colleagues from Hampshire how we utilise data tools to review the impact and plan the development of our Careers Programme.

As part of the Enterprise M3 Careers Hub we can both share experiences and tap into a fantastic support network to keep developing the opportunities we offer to our #YellowArmy students.

Mr D Watkins
Deputy Headteacher

YEAR 10 PPE'S

Year 10 PPEs will start on Monday, 24 April. They will take place during lesson time. If your child is in Year 10, please follow the e-mail recently sent with the timetables, regarding the school's expectations, or open the link below:

 [Year 10 PPE 2023 Timetable-21-03-23.docx](#)

Mrs M Harding
Exams Officer

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Come along to an information event held at

North Waltham Primary School, Church Road, North Waltham, Basingstoke RG25 2BL

On Monday 24th April 2023

This is a drop-in event, so come along anytime between 12:15- 2:15pm to chat to Tracy Okuma, one of the SCITT team.

Please come to the main entrance of the school – we'd love to meet you!

For further information, please: visit www.sfsfscitt.org.uk ('how to apply') or email scitt@sfet.org.uk





ENDEAVOUR

Endeavour



Spring has sprung, chocolate festivities are just around the corner and a much-awaited end of term break is on the horizon!

What a fantastic term we have had, jam-packed with so many extraordinary events: The EPA Dance-A-Thon, The Spring Concert and Showcase, our first Volleyball tournament win, the Year 11 Yearbook Committee running cake sales on Sundays (commitment or what!) and splashing teachers like myself - all in aid of fundraising.

Year 7 District Football Champions!! AND even a day trip with Year 8 scientists learning all about the heart mechanics.

Well done team you have achieved so much together! Enjoy a well earned break.



Miss Marsh
Head of Endeavour



Voyager



VOYAGER

HOUSE CUP POINTS

1st



VOYAGER

28107

2nd



HORIZON

24676

3rd



PIONEER

22974

4th



ENDEAVOUR

20755



HORIZON

Horizon

I refuse to believe that this is not Horizon's year. Our students have been absolutely incredible and their continuing commitment to House Events has been the driving force behind Horizon's success this year.

We are still top of Inter House Competitions table and have been for some time, whereas last year we ambled along in fourth place. The enthusiasm amongst our students is wonderful to see and long may it continue!

Mr W Firth
Head of Horizon



PIONEER

Pioneer

Another incredible half term for our brilliant Pioneers! The amount of school spirit and comradery shown has been unbelievable. We have had some ingenious scientific creations - making functional hands using physics and string! The team-work demonstrated by our Year 7 artists was overwhelming as they stormed the win - but then went on to demonstrate their impressive kindness by helping the remaining teams find their final pieces!

On World Down Syndrome day I was blown away by the support across the school wearing their funky socks! A huge thank you to everyone who came in proud to support the day!

We have one final term to claim the top spot. I know that if we work hard and focus on earning as many points as possible we can make it back there!!

Miss G Arundale
Head of Pioneer



EPA Spring Concert and Showcase

Monday, 27 March saw the fabulous Spring Concert and Showcase for Dance and Music.

The first half was in the theatre where all the musical ensembles shared what they have been learning over the Spring Term. There were some superb performances from the Steel Pans, Band Workshop, Woodwind Ensemble, Choir and Orchestra as well as two very brave performances from Year 10 GCSE music students who played solo's on their instruments.

The second half was in the Dance studio where our GCSE dance students shared their performances and their own choreography with family and friends. The students were all extremely nervous. but despite that and the stress of upcoming exams, they absolutely smashed their performances, showing true resilience and commitment. The choreography was exceptional, and students should feel very proud of themselves going into their GCSE dance mocks and exams over the next month.



Ms Earwood and Mrs Britton want to say a huge 'Congratulations' to all the students who performed in the Showcase and all the family and friends who came to support the students.

It was another wonderful example of all the amazing talent we have here at Brighton Hill Community School!

Art and Photography Groups

A massive well done to our GCSE Art and Photography groups who have been working extraordinarily hard in the run up to their exams!

A final reminder that all the hard work you have put in (Year 11) will all count!

Year 11 deadline: 19 April 2023 – this is it guys – the final push!
Make sure all coursework is in for the deadline date.

You've got this!

Miss Marsh and Mrs Espeseth



12 HOUR DANCE-A-THON



On Friday, 17 March, 22 Year 9 and 10 students were involved in a 12 hour Dance-a-thon fundraising event, to raise money for the upcoming New York trip.

The energy was high, with everyone incredibly excited as the timer started. Only 20 minutes in, and the realisation of the physical demands of the event really hit home with some questioning whether or not they would be able to dance for the full 12 hours, including Mrs Britton!

We knew the students had it in them! The support and encouragement that they showed towards each other was truly admirable, making sure that if anyone detected someone running out of steam, the words of encouragement would give them a boost! All students completed the event, with glowing smiles on their faces – would you believe!!

Sore feet, achy limbs and tired muscles were one unwelcome result of the event, however the buzz that arrived when the 12 hours was up, was inspiring!

A huge congratulations goes to everyone involved in the event, including the staff who supported; Mrs Espeseth, Ms Earwood, Mr Beeching, Mr Wilkinson and Mr Watkins who all had a go at the dancing!

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)

PE NEWS

FOOTBALL - YEAR 11

Year 11 played in the District Cup Final on 29 March against the Vyne. The Vyne were back for revenge after a 2:1 defeat the previous year in the same matchup.



However, the #YellowArmy did the school proud and fought a tough battle coming out on top 7:0. However, at the start we were missing a lot of chances until Josh C broke the deadlock in the 13th minute then again in the 20th minute and with an acrobatic finish for the hat-trick in the 34th minute. Then after a complementary half time team talk, the boys were back out firing with Josh scoring again in the 48th minute. Only a minute later the unsung hero Charlie B got his goal and finished the night with a goal and three assists. In the 57th minute Kyan S scored a pin point freekick that nestled perfectly into top left bracket before scoring again in the 63rd minute with a delightful finish. Special mentions to the defensive line for maintaining a clean sheet although not seeing too many threats through dominating the midfield throughout the whole game. MOM – Josh C with four goals and an unrelenting work ethic.

Thank you Kyle B for the Match report



FOOTBALL - YEAR 8

The Year 8 team finished off their final league game with a strong 4-1 win against the Hurst, which should put them into the semi-finals of the District cup.

An outstanding debut by Dan H who got MOM as well. Unfortunately, Jaden W couldn't quite get his hat-trick. We have now progressed onto the Hampshire Cup semi-finals and this will be played before the Easter holiday.

Mr J Freemantle
Teacher of PE



FOOTBALL - YEAR 7

Following an unbeaten qualifying campaign, the Year 7 boys team reached the district football finals. This saw semi-finals and final being played on the same evening - Thursday, 23rd March. Despite the torrential rain, the football on display was excellent, you certainly wouldn't have known the team were missing some key players through injury. Brighton Hill Community School comfortably won their semi-final against Cranbourne 5 - 0. They then played Challoner in the final and after battling hard in the first half, ran out 3 - 0 winners, making them District Champions at the first time of asking. There were stand out performances from Oscar R and Lucas W, who put Simply, were unplayable in both games. Oscar displayed some incredible footwork to dance around opposition defenders and Lucas displayed composure well above his years. That is not to take away from the amazing team performance and effort from all involved.

WELL DONE YEAR 7, CHAMPIONS!



YEAR 7 DISTRICT
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FOOTBALL - YEAR 8

HAMPSHIRE CUP FINALISTS! Wow, where to start. An incredible 5 - 1 win over Kings School has seen the Year 8 football team progress onto the Hampshire Cup finals. For the team and the school this is a huge achievement. Every single player put a 10/10 performance and I could not fault a single one of them. They showed courage, tenacity, and talent throughout the whole game and never stopped wanting to get forward and work as hard as they could to get back. Outstanding performances and they deserve every little bit of success they get.

MOM performance from Jaden W, for securing his third hat-trick of the year. I would like to give a huge shoutout to the whole team because they were incredible, and in particular, George W (C), who got four assists and everything he touched turned into goal!

Mr J Frementle
Teacher of PE