

Brighton Hill Community School

'Making success inevitable'

Summer Term
12 May 2023

Newsletter



SKI TRIP 2023 - WORGL, AUSTRIA

In what was perhaps one of the most ambitious trips ever undertaken at Brighton Hill Community School, in March, 133 intrepid students and 15 staff attended what would prove to be the trip of a lifetime. It seemed like an age ago that the trip was first advertised and higher numbers than we had

ever seen before signed up to go on the school ski trip. This certainly made the organisation and logistics more complex, but the trip was arranged, and the ski fit sessions started in earnest in January. The students were immediately enthusiastic about the challenges that faced them, and everyone who attended the sessions threw themselves into it.

The first challenge of the trip arose when we reached Dover on the journey over. The long delays and waits at the Port of Dover became national news throughout the evening, as journeys were thrown into disarray. In true #YellowArmy fashion, the adversity and challenge was met with an incredible response as the staff team jumped into action to provide refreshments (54 XXL pizzas no less!), water, entertainment and the highest quality pastoral care. We eventually got onto ferries after a 14-hour delay and from there onwards the trip was a picture of positivity, friendship, fun and achievement.

The students had an amazing time on the slopes, with the vast majority being complete novices or inexperienced skiers. Everyone achieved something they did not think themselves capable of, and new friendships were created that will last a lifetime. By the end of the week, students were hurtling down the slopes as if they had been doing it all their lives! The scenery, skiing and camaraderie is something that will stay with everyone for a very long time, and it is safe to say that the students will never experience anything like it ever again - when do you get to be in a ski resort with 132 of your friends?! Off the slopes, the students also had an array of evening entertainment activities to keep themselves busy, which they thoroughly enjoyed.

It was a huge pleasure and honour for the staff team to be part of the trip, and everyone involved helped make it the roaring success that it was. Roll on our next ski trip, #jasper2024!

Mr P Beeching
Assistant Headteacher



Y E A R 7



We celebrated the successes of 10 wonderful Year 7 students last week with a 'cheeky' Nandos for lunch!

These Year 7 superstars were rewarded for their excellent behaviour and attendance - huge well done to all students, and of course those also in for the draw. The lunch was a huge success and students really enjoyed their Nando's. Keep up the good work - next time it could be you!

**Miss Richardson
Head of Year 7**

**Miss Nicholson
Deputy Head of Year 7**

2023 Exam Schedule and Candidate information page

All the information specific to the summer GCSE timetable for the 2023 exams is available here.



[Timetable GCSE 2023.docx](#)

The GCSE exam schedule is a national schedule, set by Awarding Bodies in accordance with JCQ and one that Brighton Hill Community School has no control over. With the exception of any exam clashes that have special considerations attached to them, the exam schedule must be adhered to by all candidates.

We very much look forward to the class of 2023 engaging fully in the extensive preparatory support that is being provided both in class and beyond. Experience tells us that effort equals success. Our message to all of our students is: "Be the best you can be!"

Good luck Class of 2023.

**Mrs Harding
Exam Officer**

STEM MILITARY VILLAGE OPEN DAY



This year, The Royal Logistic Corps will be celebrating 30 years since its formation with an Open Day at Worthy Down, Winchester which is open to members of the public.

The day will include a Military Village highlighting how our soldiers apply Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) in their roles.

A number of the Corps' technical trades will be present to provide engaging and informative stands including Ammunition Technicians showcasing the safe disposal of WWII bombs and Air Despatchers displaying future Virtual Reality technology.

The event will take you through a journey of the Corps, from technology used in the past to emerging technology currently in development to support the future Army. With a variety of trades and technology on display, there is something for everyone to engage with and learn from. Our soldiers will be happy to explain how the Army has developed their STEM skills and just how important STEM is in today's world.

Entrance will be by ticket only (free) and more information can be found in the QR code below.

1 June 2023, 1:00pm - 6:00pm
RLC Museum, Worthy Down



Scan the QR code to register your attendance at RLC 30 events

For updates on RLC 30 events visit:
www.royallogisticcorps.co.uk

FREE WEBINAR FOR PARENTS

We have been asked by Solent NHS Trust to share with parents of Year 9, 10 and 11 students, a link for answers to questions they may have about young people and their relationships and sexual health wellbeing.



Sexual Health Services

Crown Heights

Alençon Link

Basingstoke

Hampshire

RG21 7TY

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/relationships-and-sexual-health-webinar-for-parents-and-carers-tickets-629953226057>

Mrs Hallum Barnard
Assistant Headteacher

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)

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

Please be advised that Tempest Photography will be school on Wednesday, 17 May 2023.

Year 8, Year 9 and Year 10 students will be having their individual photos taken.

Mrs H Laney
PA to Headteacher



Royal Holloway Science Festival

Discover Science Day
on Saturday 27 May 2023

Join us for a day of science exploration and discovery at Royal Holloway, University of London

royalholloway.ac.uk/sciencefestival



ROYAL HOLLOWAY
UNIVERSITY OF LONDON

WHAT IS LMI AND HOW CAN IT HELP ME?

LMI - Labour Market Information - is information collected by governments and councils about employers, industries and patterns of work. Whilst they might sound like an exercise in number-crunching, all that data can help you and your child plan their future steps.

Labour Market Information provides the knowledge and understanding of how the labour market functions and is crucial for making sense of changing economic circumstances. It can also help when thinking about what the future might hold, so can support career decision making.

LMI can tell us which industries are growing and declining, about how industries and job roles vary across the country as well as more locally. You can review our recent LMI presentation delivered at the Year 8 Guided Choices Evening [here](#) to find out more about LMI nationally and locally.

Mr D Watkins
Deputy Headteacher



PE NEWS

VOLLEYBALL

Recently the Year 10 girls' Volleyball team made history. Over the past couple of months, we have been attending numerous Grand Prix around the country and finished on a high by winning three games in the final tournament. None of this could have been done without the kindness, courage, commitment, and collaboration of all the girls and our amazing coach – Mr McCulley! Alongside Mr McCulley, we have had some significant support from various members of staff. A huge thank you to Miss Paterson and Ms Rogers for coming to our tournaments and making it possible. It has been astonishing to see the progress that we have made from our first Grand Prix, where we did not win any games, all the way up to our final one where we took away three wins and some outstanding play. Not only that but the atmosphere has been unparalleled all throughout. From raucous bus journeys to teary celebrations, this shows what sport is all about. We are excited to advance to the next chapter of our volleyball adventure. Feel free to come and join us after school on a Thursday in the Sports Hall from 3.00 – 4.00pm.

By Nayra and Maia - Year 10

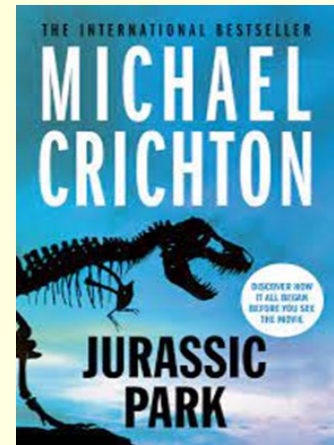
TUTOR READING PROGRAMME

This half-term, our tutor reading programme begins with our students looking at texts and extracts with the common overarching theme of **Mysteries, Monsters, and Myth**

YEAR 7

Year 7 will be looking at texts with the common thread of 'Monstrous Encounters'.

- ♦ A Monster Calls
- ♦ Jurassic Park
- ♦ Girl with all the Gifts



YEAR 8

Year 8 will be looking at texts with the common thread of 'Mysteries'.

- ♦ The Woman in Black
- ♦ The Girl on the Train
- ♦ The Da Vinci Code



YEAR 9

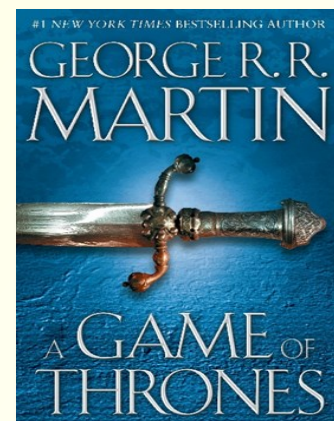
Our Year 9 students will be reading and understanding texts relating to 'Unsettling Stories'.

- ♦ The Hunger Games
- ♦ Friend Request
- ♦ The Red Room

YEAR 10

Our Year 10 students will be exploring texts relating to 'Dystopian Disasters'.

- ♦ Children of Men
- ♦ Mockingjay
- ♦ The Road



YEAR 11

Our Year 11 students will be exploring texts relating to 'Famous Fantasy'.

- ♦ A Game of Thrones
- ♦ City of Bones

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!

Miss C Jones
Teacher of English & Media



HORIZON

Horizon

As we enter the final term of 2023, it's been wonderful to see the enthusiasm of students still shining through, despite the weather not being quite what I'd hope for! This time a year ago I was being as optimistic as you can be when sitting in last place, but Horizon are a changed House this year and we are determined to stay in the title race all the way to the end! We have our first House assembly for a while next week and I can't wait to hand out some prizes to this incredible bunch of students!

Mr W Firth
Head of Horizon

Endeavour

Well done to Eva, Ellie and Lauren from Year 9 who attended the Art House Event for this term, and achieved second place for their observational skills and keen eye whilst guessing the image hidden beneath the numbers! Showing commitment and collaboration in abundance!



ENDEAVOUR

Below are listed the remaining House Events for this academic year, I cannot wait to see you all there! Let's get as many House Cup Points as possible in the run-up to the most anticipated Sports Day!

Remaining House Events:

Friday 12th May 2023 – Year 10/11 Softball AND Year 7/8 Science

Friday 19th May 2023 – Year 9 Maths AND Music ALL Years

Friday 9th June 2023 – Year 10/11 Rounders AND Year 7/8 Art

Friday 16th June 2023 – Year 9 Rounders AND Year 10 Photography

Friday 23rd June 2023 – Year 8 Rounders AND KS4 Dance

Friday 30th June 2023 – Year 7 Rounders AND Media Studies Film Competition

Friday 7th July 2023 – Year 7 Photography

Miss Marsh
Head of Endeavour

Voyager



VOYAGER

Another exciting few weeks for Voyager as we have been having so much fun at BHCS. We have had Art House Events, Chess and Softball! We really have been putting our 'Collaboration' Cornerstone into action! Chess was full of Voyagers ranging from Year 7 right up to Year 11! We had one of Brighton Hill's star Chess players on our team, which helped us to secure that win! Thank you Hayden B! Well done to Junior, Lucy and Matthew too for your contributions!

Last Friday the Year 9s were torn, choosing between Softball or Art for their House Events - we're so lucky to be offered such a variety! In true Voyager form, the Year 9s won the Art House Event, then ran over to Softball and won that too! The commitment and dedication of the Voyagers always amazes me.

We have some really exciting events happening in the summer term, so stay tuned for updates!

Miss Malone
Head of Voyager



PIONEER

Pioneer

We are nearly into the final half term of the year! This brings with it some brilliant opportunities to work hard, earn some house points, and to really bond as a team! We have done a brilliant job with our house events so far and we cannot stop now. In just a few weeks Sports Day will be upon us and we need to start preparing now. We did a brilliant job last year of having the best displays - but I know that we can top it. We need big banners, flags, bunting, capes - the world is the limit!

If you have old, plain, clean bed sheets that you are willing to donate, we could make some incredible displays. Make them at home or bring crafting items into school - we want these to be the best!

Miss Arundale
Head of Pioneer



E P A NEWS

SUMMER SHOWCASE AUDITIONS!

We are pleased to say that the auditions for the Summer Showcase were an absolute delight to be part of last week! It was so lovely to see students performing with such commitment and confidence and actually made choosing the finalists very difficult indeed. The list of finalists have now been made aware.

Everyone who took part should be extremely proud of themselves and we can't wait to see you audition next year for our Musical Production!

Ms Earwood
Head of Music

THE SUMMER SHOWCASE DATES:
Friday, 30 June and Saturday, 1 July
Tickets available early June
- purchased from the Finance Office

KS3 DANCE CLUB

Students in KS3 Dance Club are super busy, preparing and rehearsing for the upcoming Expressive & Performing Arts Showcase, and the Race Unity Day. They are always keen to be working on a project and now they have two! They show such fantastic commitment every week, sometimes twice a week, to make sure they are performance ready. Good Luck everyone for your upcoming performances!

DANCE AMBASSADORS

We welcome and congratulate two new Dance Ambassadors to the team. Zoe and Beatrice in Year 9. They both successfully auditioned for the role and are already heavily involved in the creation of dances for the Expressive & Performing Arts Showcase and The Race Unity Day. Lots more projects will be coming their way as they develop in their roles. Well done girls. Welcome to the team!

YEAR 11 GCSE DANCE STUDENTS

A huge congratulations goes out our Year 11 GCSE Dance students. On Wednesday, 19 and Thursday, 20 April, they completed their practical Non-Examination Assessment. This involved performing their solo and group performance pieces, as well as their final choreography pieces, so a whole day of dancing! This was the final demonstration of all the hard work that has been put into GCSE dance lessons over the past 2 ½ years. An absolutely superb effort from everyone. Next up, the written exam where I'm sure they will give that their all too!

DRAMA

Our fabulous Year 11s have worked so hard towards their final performance exam which took place on Friday, 6 May. All the hard work and determination paid off - EPA are full of pride for them! Exciting things are happening in KS3 Drama club who have been working hard performing FREE the production in preparation for the Summer Showcase!

GCSE FINE ART

A massive well done and congratulations are in order for both our Year 10 and 11 students for completing their Art Exam this month.

Year 11 have shown immense commitment in the run up to this final stage of their Art GCSE, ensuring all work is complete; as any student (or previous Art student) will know just how much hard work and time goes into making sure sketchbooks are complete ready to hand in. Myself (Miss Marsh) and Mrs Espeseth are looking forward to our final revision sessions with you... next stop Prom!

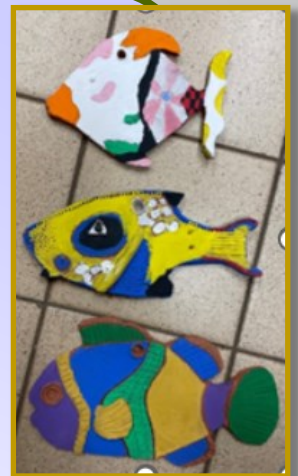
Year 10 have completed their Food based unit of work with a full exam day – which is no small feat! Watching you work your socks off has made both Mrs Espeseth and myself super, super proud! We love seeing how projects round off and come together. No stopping us now guys - next we move onto our PPE projects!



YEAR 8 CLAY FISH

Year 8 have been super busy constructing their Vincent Scarpase inspired clay fish outcomes. We are so, so proud of Year 8 showing off their skills - not only through creating these pieces out of clay, but also preparing with design ideas, developments and clay techniques to ensure all would stay firm in the kiln when fired in the final stage (adding the colour with paint to reflect final design ideas).

We were so glad we could show these off during Year 8 Parents' Evenings!



PHOTOGRAPHY

It has been a busy few weeks for photography. Year 10 have been diligently working towards their PPE finalising the Portrait project that they

started back in September. I am so proud of how hard they have all worked and I look forward to sharing some of their final outcomes in the EPA showcase at the end of June.

Year 10 will now start their final coursework project so make sure you are in class on Tuesday, 16 May as this will be when the new themes will be introduced.

Year 9 have started their new project 'Alive'. We have been working in the style of David Gilliver and Andrew Whyte focusing on narrative photography and developing their work in macro, with the help of tiny railway figures and Lego characters. Next they will be learning some new editing techniques and I will share some of their wonderful creations in the next Newsletter.

Year 8: do not forget that Photography Club starts on Monday, 15 May - you must have signed up with Mrs Espeseth in A1 to be able to join.

Mrs Espeseth
Head of EPA

PE NEWS

TABLE TENNIS CLUB

Another successful term of table tennis club. Students continue to improve their game play, picking up new skills and tricks along the way. New paddles and balls for the club provided much excitement with a suggestion they even improved techniques. Old and new faces alike continue to return, there is never a dull moment on a Thursday afternoon. Such a lovely environment to be in, surrounded by students who clearly love the game.

GIRLS' FOOTBALL

After winning the District 5-a-side football, Year 7 girls went to Stoneham Lane Football Ground on 14 March to take part in a countrywide tournament. They played brilliantly and finished joint third in their group after winning one game, drawing two and losing one.

YEAR 11 BOYS' FOOTBALL

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! 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 followed up 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 free-kick 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 mid-field throughout the whole game. MoM: Josh C with four goals and an unrelenting work ethic.
Thank you Kyle B for the match report

Farewell!

This half-term break will mark the retirement of another of our longstanding senior reception/administration team, as Corinne Jane departs our school on May 26th. Corinne has been a highly valued, popular member of our staff team since she started way back in 2007. She has been the consummate professional over her 16 years of service with us and has been a relentless producer of these wonderful newsletters, celebrating the very best of our school community, for many years now. It is now time for Corinne herself to make the news, as we thank her dearly for her wonderful service over the years and wish her the very happiest of retirements. She knows that she will always be welcome here at BHCS and I'm sure you will all join me in wishing her well.

Mr Edwards
Headteacher

