



Weekly Mailing 04.02.22

I am delighted that the number of new cases of Covid has seen a decrease in our community over this week. We continue to ask all students to remain testing twice a week and to support this, more lateral flow kits have been given to students to bring home today. I am also asking students and staff to continue to wear masks in school for the short term while we monitor the numbers. We do appreciate your support with all these measures and I am confident they directly impact the spread of the virus within our community.

On Wednesday and Thursday we held our Year 7 Parents Evening through our School Cloud online system. We do hope that as new parents you found the time with class teachers useful and our platform for holding these easy to navigate. We do value honest feedback from our parents/carers and a short questionnaire has been shared with you today which we hope you will have time to complete.

English @ BVC

Some of our Year 8s have been exploring travel writing this half term, in particular writing about foods from other cultures. This inspired the students to share some delicacies from their own cultures and traditions which they brought in to lesson this week. Ranging from Hallogrotta from Sweden, Pikelets from New Zealand, Karuage from Japan and Mokkaalat from Finland, there was a rich plethora of dishes on offer to taste and learn about.





Catering & Hospitality @ BVC

As part of their course our Year 11 students were practicing the art and importance of plating food this week. The results look amazing and certainly wouldn't look out of place at a fine restaurant.



Uniform @ BVC

We have noticed that a number of students are not meeting our uniform expectations when they come to school. As a reminder to parents: students are not permitted to wear jewellery except for a wrist watch and one pair of studded earrings, all students should come to school each morning wearing a blazer, if students are cold a plain black jumper can be worn underneath - hoodies are not permitted. Finally school shoes should be black and leather.

Mentors have been asked to check correct uniform next week. We would appreciate your support in reiterating these expectations at home.

Mobile Phones @ BVC

Unfortunately we have seen an increase in the number of mobile phones we have had to confiscate recently. To outline our expectations; students are not permitted to be on their phones at any point of the school day, unless specific permission has been given in lesson by the teacher to use them for research purposes.

Students that are seen on their phones by a member of staff will have them confiscated and the phone will only be returned when parents/carers can arrange to collect them.

We do appreciate your ongoing support in this matter.



PFA @ BVC

Our Parents & Friends Association (PFA) have continued to work behind the scene during the pandemic and continued to fund equipment within school. If you are interested in getting involved or understanding what the PFA does to support our students do take a look at our [PFA Page](#) on our website which has an overview as well as the latest PFA newsletter. Alternatively you can get in touch directly by emailing pfa@bassingbournvc.org - they would love to hear from you!



Extra-curricular clubs @ BVC

We are delighted that after half term we will be offering more extra-curricular clubs to students during lunch time. Students will be very welcome to turn up and take part. Our new clubs will be:

- Monday - "Learn to....at lunchtime" - this will be promoting our 101 Things to do and teaching new skills and led by Year 7&8 pupils
- Tuesday - Chess Club
- Wednesday - Lego Club
- Thursday - Creative Writing/Book Club
- Friday Board Games Club

Clubs running after school will continue as they have been, these are:

- Monday - Year 10 Sports Club & All Years Drama Club
- Tuesday - Year 7 Sports Club & Year 9 Homework Club
- Wednesday - Year 7 & 8 Dance Club & Year 9 Sports Club
- Thursday - Year 8 Sports Club

Communications sent home this week:

- United Against Bullying Programme
- Cambridgeshire Constabulary Safer Schools Newsletter
- Covid-19 isolation periods/Lateral Flow Tests
- Year 7 Parents/Carers Questionnaire
- Year 11 Information - response required by 11th February

Wishing you all a relaxing weekend.

Ms V Poulter

Principal