



## BASSINGBOURN VILLAGE COLLEGE

### Weekly Mailing

This week started with our Year 11 language oral exams. I understand from the MFL team that all of our students showed real commitment to these exams so well done to all. I encourage all our Year 11s to continue to keep up the drive and commitment as we move closer to the exams which start in earnest on 16th May.

Well done to our Year 7 finalists in our Spelling Bee competition and massive congratulations to all those that took part. For many students, Year 7 is their first experience of learning a language and taking part in the Spelling Bee is such a fun way to help them engage with the language they are studying. I look forward to watching the finals in July.

As we look to next week, we have photographers with us on Tuesday to take Year group photos of our Year 7s & Year 11s. Please can you ensure that your child comes into school in the correct uniform which is once again outlined below for those who are unsure.

Finally, today we have sent out a presentation from Mrs Edwards regarding our Preventing Bullying Policy. I do encourage everyone to watch this short video.

#### [Anti-Bullying @ BVC](#)

As part of our drive to prevent bullying within our school we have been working alongside our students, school governors and parents to develop our Preventing Bullying Policy.

The development of this policy has provided us with a fantastic opportunity as a school to reflect on the definition of bullying and create a school agreed definition and charter. We have been utilising some of our daily mentor sessions to reflect on bullying, considering how to identify bullying and the different actions we could take if we observe or experience bullying. This is now well captured within our policy.

The 'Preventing Bullying and Peer on Peer Abuse Policy', supports us all in knowing the different ways we can report bullying and the actions that need to be taken in the event of an allegation of bullying. It also contains a variety of appendices which provide links to additional support parents and students are able to access.

A copy of the Policy can be found on our website: <https://bassingbournvc.net/parents/policies/> and a short presentation by Mrs Edwards, Assistant Principal and SENCO, to accompany this policy can be found [HERE](#).

## MFL @ BVC

Last week we held our Spelling Bee semi finals; 44 Year 7s had made it through to the next round of French and Spanish language competition. Having learnt additional words for this next round our semi-finalists worked extremely hard and did so well. Unfortunately only the top 5 students for each language were able to make it through to our finals but a massive well done to our semi-finalists for making it through this far!



## Year 8 Guidance meetings @ BVC

Over the last two weeks our Year 8 guidance meetings have been taking place with our senior leadership team. All students in Year 8 had a chance to discuss their options and gain clarity and advice on this process. The options form, which can be found in Google Classroom, needs to be submitted by the end of the school day on Wednesday. If you or your child has any concerns surrounding this process please do get in touch with Miss Hields on [rhields@bassingbournvc.org](mailto:rhields@bassingbournvc.org) or Ms Leake on [dleake@bassingbournvc.org](mailto:dleake@bassingbournvc.org)

## Uniform @ BVC

As previously mentioned, our Achievement Leaders and Mentors have been asked to conduct regular uniform checks to ensure that students are meeting the expectations set out in our uniform policy. As a reminder, jumpers, if worn, should be under a blazer and should be plain black without any logos. Ties should be worn by everyone, every day and not removed while in school. We will continue to monitor uniform throughout the coming weeks and would appreciate your support at home in discussing our expectations for uniform.

## Communications sent home this week:

- Year 11/7 group photos
- Water Bottles (a reminder to send your child in with their own water bottle. We are no longer giving out single-use plastic cups, therefore each child should have their own water bottle which can be refilled in school)

Wishing you all a relaxing weekend.

Ms V Poulter

Principal