



## Weekly Mailing 11.02.22

It has been an incredibly busy week once again in school and it has been a pleasure to continue to see the reintroduction of activities that we had been so used to in school prior to the pandemic. For our Year 8s this was with our annual Enterprise Day on Thursday which aimed to focus and engage them on how to develop a business idea. This event was run by a team of volunteers from the business community, who do so to impart their knowledge and enthusiasm, and judging by the ideas which made the final they most certainly did!

In addition we also saw the return of our annual Year 11s vs Staff Volleyball game. This has always been an event the school community look forward to and this year was no exception. Held as a fundraising activity for the Year 11 end of term celebrations the year 11 team lead by Matthew Kendick, had the support of the year with a large selection turning up to watch. I am sure I speak for all involved when I say it was a real delight to see the school community brought together again enjoying such a fun event.

As we look to the next half term, we will continue to see more trips and extra curricular activities returning to the school calendar. The PE department is now able to offer mixed after school clubs and will be arranging fixtures; additionally other departments will be organising activities too. I hope the result of which is that our students start to feel life returning gradually back to normal and for our Years 7 & 8 to finally be able to see the full breadth of opportunities life at BVC can offer.

While I am mindful that the Prime Minister announced this week changes once again to Covid rules, as a school we do have to wait for the DoF to confirm these to us. I anticipate this will come through over half term and I will communicate these as soon as I receive them. In the meantime, I do still ask that students continue to test twice weekly, even in half term and students return to school having completed a LFT on Sunday 20th February.

Wishing you a very relaxing and restful half term.

With best wishes,

Ms V Poulter

## Year 8 Enterprise Day @ BVC

On Thursday we were delighted to hold our Enterprise Day for the Year 8s. Run by Form the Future & Shift Momentum, the aim of the day was to engage students to think about their futures and the possibility of becoming budding entrepreneurs. Throughout the day students worked in groups to identify gaps in the market, develop a business idea, explore routes to market and presented their ideas back to their class. Every class had a winning idea with these finalists then invited to pitch their ideas to the Entrepreneurs in the Dragons Den.

With five teams making it through to the final, the ideas presented ranged from allergy sensors to recycled clothes. Well done to our winners for Best Overall Pitch with Help Save Animals, Most Innovative Business Ideas with Allergy Alert and Entrepreneur in the Making with Tommy'S Taco.

It was wonderful to see the enthusiasm and creativity coming through and our Dragons commented about how focused and engaged our students were so well done to all!



## Anti-Bullying @ BVC

Earlier this week our new Anti-Bullying Ambassador training took place which was delivered by The Diana Award. We are incredibly proud of our Anti-Bullying Ambassadors who made successful applications to lead on this initiative and who will be working with the school staff to create a safer, kinder school community. We look forward to updating you with the changes we are making over the coming months.



## Recycling @ BVC

Lead by our Subject Ambassadors and funded by the PFA, our recycling initiative has been launched to all mentor groups. The aim is to support the existing recycling bins in our Prom and provide more recycling facilities throughout the school. Our Subject Ambassadors will continue to keep the spotlight on the project to ensure we continue to do all we can to encourage and highlight the importance of recycling.



## Annual Year 11 vs Staff Volleyball

On Thursday we were once again able to hold our annual Year 11 vs Staff Volleyball match. Organised to raise money for the Year 11 end of year celebrations it has always been a highly anticipated event in our

calendar. Our Year 11s Pussycats were captained by Matthew Kendrick with Mr Khan leading the staff Bulldogs charge. It was a tightly fought game 21 - 20, with Bulldogs managing to keep their winning trophy.



## 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 and Science Club
- Friday Board Games Club

In addition, our sports clubs will no longer run for only one year group per day, thus opening up more opportunities for our students. As of Monday 21st February our after school clubs will be:

- Monday - All Years - Table Tennis, Years 9, 10 & 11 - Volleyball, All Years - Drama Club
- Tuesday - Years 7 & 8 - Football, Years 9, 10 & 11 - Netball, Year 9 Homework Club
- Wednesday - Years 7 & 8 - Badminton, Year 7 & 8 - Dance Club
- Thursday - Years 9, 10 & 11 - Football, Years 7 & 8 - Netball
- Friday - Years 9, 10 & 11 Badminton

## Communications sent home this week:

- Year 11 Parents' Evening 2nd & 3rd March
- PSHE - Year 8
- Year 9 Practice exams
- Lost Property
- Year 11 GCSE exams
- United Against Bullying Programme
- Parenting Webinar
- Household Support Fund