



## BASSINGBOURN VILLAGE COLLEGE

### Weekly Mailing

School life continues to be busy with so much happening. On Tuesday our Year 7s and Year 11s were able to take part in our formal year group photos. These have not been possible in the last few years and I know the students and staff alike were delighted to be able to take part in them once more. On Thursday our Year 10s had external visitors in, delivering an assembly on apprenticeships, which I know from feedback the students found highly interesting and informative.

In addition, throughout the week, our Achievement Leaders have been running assemblies on our new anti-bullying charter as well as introducing formally our new anti-bullying ambassadors and outlining their role within school. This is an ongoing initiative with peer support groups launching, noticeboards to celebrate diversity and tolerance and positive affirmations found around the site.

As we look to next week, Monday marks the start of our GCSE exams. I want to wish all our Year 11s the best of luck and I know if they continue to revise and show the same dedication and commitment they have so far they will receive the results they all deserve.



## Year 10 @ BVC

On Thursday the Year 10 students were given a presentation about Apprenticeships. Pete from 'Form the Future' explained what an apprenticeship was, how you can get a salary whilst learning within the world of work; and described the different levels of apprenticeship available. The students then had 3 very different presentations from Amazon, the RAF and the Police - all showcasing the advantages (and in some cases disadvantages) of available apprenticeships within these organisations. There was then an opportunity to do some follow-up research on types of apprenticeship available. The feedback was positive from the students and many said that they had found out something they didn't know.

Year 10 are only 6 months away from making their post-16 choices, so this was valuable information for them. For some students, an apprenticeship could be a viable alternative to a more traditional pathway of study.



## Maths @ BVC

Congratulations to all our Junior Maths Challenge competitors. We are delighted with the number of students that took part, and certificates have been awarded this week. A massive well done to Rowen Telford-Reed who performed outstandingly and as a result has qualified for the Junior Maths Olympiad.



## Science @ BVC

For some of our Year 9s this week, lessons have been focused on learning about nuclear fission and nuclear power. As part of this learning the class had a demonstration on how energy can produce a chain reaction, showcasing this is part of how nuclear reactors create energy.





### 3D Design @ BVC

For our Year 9 3D Design students, this week they have been continuing to work on their "Green Man" project. After spending the last few weeks planning designs and researching the topic, they were finally able to start their designs in clay which they will continue working over the next few weeks - we cannot wait to see the final results!





## 25 Years @ BVC

On Thursday we celebrated that Ms Challis has been with us for 25 years! Over the years, Ms Challis has held a number of roles within the school, joining us in 1997 as a Learning Support Assistant and then, as an additional role, she was appointed as a Pastoral Support Assistant in 2005 supporting our Achievement Leaders. Ms Challis now helps support students as a Teaching Assistant in our Maths department. We all thank Ms Challis for all her hard work and dedication to the school over the last 25 years.



## Communications sent home this week:

- An Inspector Calls (year 9 English)
- May half term holiday clubs
- GCSE reminders and results
- Cost of school uniform
- Open Evening/Taster Day at Comberton Sixth Form

Wishing you all a relaxing weekend.

Ms V Poulter

Principal