



BASSINGBOURN VILLAGE COLLEGE

Weekly Mailing

It was an absolute delight to open our doors once again and welcome our Year 8 students and parents in to school on Wednesday for Options Evening. More follows in a write up below but I know staff and I enjoyed meeting those we had the chance to speak with.

Earlier on Wednesday, we also launched our Bassingbourn Virtual Trek which we are running again this year. We are thrilled to be supporting the East Anglian Air Ambulance with our fundraising efforts and I know our community will support our target of paying for at least one mission which costs on average of £3,500.

You should have all received our first Safeguarding newsletter this week. This term we have focused on online safety, in particular social platforms WhatsApp and TikTok. This can also be found on our website [here](#). Mrs Edwards, our Designated Safeguard Lead, will be producing a newsletter each term so please do look out for these.

As the warmer weather starts, please be advised that the expectation for students will be to remove all coats in classrooms, students should be wearing a blazer and a plain black jumper underneath if they so wish. We are also seeing an increase of trainers on students instead of school shoes. Our uniform policy does state these are to be black school shoes and I will be asking mentors to monitor students who are not following our uniform policy.

This weekend, do remember the clocks go forward for the start of British Summer Time. Also that next Friday is the last day of term and we shall be returning to school on Tuesday 19th April.

BVC Virtual Trek @ BVC

As part of our drive to encourage our students to be physically active and to fundraise for the local community we are once again holding a sponsored virtual walk/run/cycle for staff and pupils. The event will run between **Monday 28th March and Sunday 10th April** to allow students to participate over the first week of the Easter holidays. We have a current goal to cover a collective distance of around 9000 miles, which equates to approximately a mile a day for each member of the school community over the fortnight.

This year we have chosen to travel around the USA, starting at Harvard University and ending at MIT, both in Cambridge, Massachusetts, going via places such as Orlando, Los Angeles and Seattle and will visit a range of different states and landmarks. We will be updating our website and social media each day to show the progress being made along our virtual trek and how the different colleges are doing.

For 2022 we are raising funds for East Anglian Air Ambulance, a local charity that delivers highly skilled doctors and critical care paramedics by air to seriously ill or injured people.

We will be using a separate JustGiving page for each college to be able to see how much each has raised and ask that those donating use the following links:

Keller: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/keller-college>

Luther King: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/luther-king-college>

Moore: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/moore-college>

Shakespeare: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/shakespeare-college>

Whole school: <https://www.justgiving.com/team/BVCStaffandStudents2022>

Thank you in advance for your support and encouragement and we look forward to updating you with our progress!



English @ BVC

Once again we are taking part on the Yoto Carnegie Medal Shortlist 2022. Over the next eight weeks, staff will be running a Carnegie book club to read the shortlisted books and discussing their views and

options of what they liked, or indeed didn't like, about them. If your child would like to get involved it's not too late, please do speak to Miss Parris or Mrs Daniells for more information.



Year 8 Options Evening @ BVC

On Wednesday evening our Heads of Department welcomed our Year 8 parents and students for our Options Evening. Throughout the evening, those attending were able to explore the different options available as they start to consider their future and choices for their GCSE. This was only the start of the process and over the course of the coming weeks students will have a chance to discuss options more in lesson as well as have 1:1 meetings for those who feel they need to talk through their choices. All information shared on the night can be found on our website [here](#), or you are welcome to contact your child's mentor for more information or questions.







Year 11 @ BVC

As we are approaching the Year 11 exam period, we shared with our Year 11 parents a number of videos and information a few weeks ago to watch and read. If you haven't already done so please do take the time to watch these short videos compiled by Mrs Edwards and Ms Chalmers. As a reminder they can be found on our website [here](#).

Road safety @ BVC

We have been advised by our local lollipop lady that she is concerned by some of our students dangerously crossing the road when they leave at the end of the day. Please can we ask you to speak to your children about how to safely cross the road or waiting for the lollipop lady to assist. We have also been advised by a member of our community that they are concerned about our students cycling safely to and from school. You may want to look at the following website which has more information for students: <https://www.rospa.com/road-safety>

Communications sent home this week:

- Year 8 Options Process
- Free School Meals/Cambridgeshire Holiday Voucher Scheme

- Safeguarding Newsletter
- Bassingbourn Virtual Trek
- Year 8 Core Exam Period
- Years 7, 8 & 9 PE lessons

Wishing you all a relaxing weekend.

Ms V Poulter

Principal