



BASSINGBOURN VILLAGE COLLEGE

Weekly Mailing

This week has seen the start of GCSEs for our Year 11s and while I know this is always an anxious time for students and parents, I am extremely proud of how well our students have conducted themselves. For our Year 11s during the exam season, do remember the Hive is open from 8.15am for Breakfast Club to ensure they have eaten and had a relaxed start before the morning exams begin.

Can I also take a moment to remind parents our Year 11 students are expected to attend college as usual during the exam period. When they are not in an exam or a workshop they should attend their lessons as normal. If they have finished all examinations in a subject they should still attend lessons and bring revision materials for subjects where exams have not yet been completed.

In other areas of the school, our English department continues to run our Carnegie Book club and this week they were reviewing *Tsunami Girl* which I know has been a huge success. For our PE department, they witnessed another school record broken; this time with our Year 7 long jump record. This record had been held since 2014 with a jump of 4.02m but this week Francesca (year 7) broke it with a massive jump of 4.12m - well done Francesca!

Finally, we have been made aware that there are planned road works on the Litlington to Bassingbourn Road starting on Monday 23rd May. Whilst we have had no formal communications from the council, we are aware signs indicate the road is shut between 9.30am and 2.30pm. For Year 11 students in particular, you may want to ensure you leave slightly earlier as traffic may be affected in other areas as a result.

Easter Art Competition @ BVC

On Thursday we were delighted that The Reverend Helen Orr joined us for our Year 7 assembly to announce the winners of the Easter Art Competition. Well done to all those who took part; there were really some exceptional pieces entered and the judges found it incredibly difficult to choose from such a varied and stunning collection.



Litter @ BVC

We have had a number of comments made from our community about the litter left by our students on the Rec, as well as around the school site. In Mentor Time, we continue to reiterate the importance of respecting the environment we all live in and students picking up their own litter is a vital part of this. In addition, we do continue to monitor the litter daily. A member of our Leadership Team visits the Rec after lunch each day to assess how this public space has been left, furthermore our site team undertake a daily litter collection after lunch to ensure our own green spaces are cleared of litter. Again we would

appreciate your support in reinforcing this message with your child and encourage them to bring home their litter if bins are full or unavailable.

DofE @ BVC

For our students that have taken part in the Duke of Edinburgh awards, the last two years have been incredibly challenging so it's amazing that a number of our Year 11s have still been able to complete and receive their Bronze Award - massive congratulations to them!



Uniform @ BVC

Further to our recent Parentmail about undertaking a uniform review following the new Department for Education guidance, can we remind parents what our uniform expectations are and will continue to be. Blazers are expected to be worn throughout the school day, although these can be removed when students are hot in lesson with teacher's permission. Ties should be worn at ALL times and skirts should be worn at an appropriate length and of a non stretchy material. It is important that our students understand that when they are in uniform, they are setting an example for the school and being dressed smartly shows respect for themselves as well as the school. Please do not hesitate to contact us in confidence if you need any help in sourcing items of uniform as we do currently have some nearly new uniform available.

We appreciate your support with this matter.

PFA @ BVC

The PFA has a number of activities running which it is looking for support with. Our wonderful committee has taken a chocolate & sweet tombola at Mayhem Family Fun Day on Saturday 4th June and are in need of donations. If you are short of time to visit the shops to buy some they have set up the option to [donate via PayPal](#).

They will also be running Fun Foods Friday and after school will be selling Krispy Kreme doughnuts, cake (and if it's sunny) ice creams and lollies.

More details on their fundraising activities can be found on their latest newsletter which can be found on our [website](#)



Thank a Teacher @ BVC

Thursday 26th May is national Thank A Teacher Day, a campaign that recognises all staff working in UK schools, from school leaders, teachers, teaching assistants, support staff and site teams. If anyone would like to thank a member of our staff they can do so via this website - [Thank a Teacher](#)