



BASSINGBOURN
VILLAGE COLLEGE



Weekly Mailing

A warm welcome to our new year 7 parents and welcome back to our existing families this academic year. It has been wonderful to have our students back with us and the whole community is excited with the opportunities that a new academic year presents. This week has been busy with our students settling back into school life, meeting new members of staff and for some starting new courses as they enter their GCSE options.

Our Year 7s had a great first day on Monday settling into school on their own with a host of exciting activities organised by staff to allow them to explore the school and feel comfortable in their surroundings before our Years 8-11 joined us on Tuesday.

We have already been able to share with you all the exciting plans for Curriculum Day for our Years 7-10 through letters from Achievement Leaders. Regardless of whether your child chooses to take part in the trip arranged or to remain in school and take part in the host of team building activities planned, these days are important at the start of the year to re-establish or allow for new friendships to flourish and to have fun together. The team and I very much hope over the course of the year, trips and visits continue as these extra curricular activities play a vital role in supporting your child's educational journey with us.

It would be remiss of me if I didn't acknowledge that yesterday was a sad day for the country with the death of the Queen. This is a historic moment for us as a country and over the course of next week, students will be spending some time during mentor time reflecting on this.

Welcome Year 7

It has been such a pleasure to welcome our new Year 7 cohort this week. On Monday we had a wonderful day introducing our new students to the school with a range of activities from STEM challenges, orienteering as well as some time spent discussing the expectations of learning in a secondary setting. The remainder of the week has been settling into lessons and meeting all their new teachers and we have seen lots of smiling students. Miss Harris has spent a lot of time with her year group and is looking forward to getting to know students better as the term progresses.





Welcome to our new members of staff

Welcome to our new members of staff that have joined us this academic year who are:

Mrs A Hannah – Art/DT Technician

Mrs V Bonley – Cover Supervisor

Mrs L Cumberland – Teacher of English

Miss C Nock – Teacher of English

Miss M Gonzalez – Teacher of MFL

As a reminder contact details for all members of staff can be found on our website here:

<https://bassingbournvc.net/parents/staff-list/>

Student Support

With the departure of Mrs Edwards, Ms Larkins now heads up our dedicated Student Support team in The Hive and will become our Designated Safeguard Lead (DSL). Ms Wells becomes our new SENCO and remains a deputy safeguarding person alongside Ms Poulter.

To ensure consistency for our students our Achievement Leaders remain the same this year, following their year groups through their journey with us. To remind you these are:

Year 7 - Miss Harris

Year 8 - Mr Beck

Year 9 - Ms Leake

Year 10 - Miss Cracknell

Year 11 - Mr Rix

If you have any questions or concerns in the first instance these should be directed to your child's mentor or class teacher, however our Achievement Leaders are always on hand to discuss your child's progress with us.

Sports clubs

Our Sports clubs will start back from Monday 12th September. There is no need to sign up in advance and students are free to come along even if they have not joined in before.

- Monday - All years - Boys Hockey
- Tuesday - Year 9, 10 & 11 - Girls Hockey - All Years - Boys Rugby
- Wednesday - Fixtures - Year 7 & 8 Badminton
- Thursday - Year 7 & 8 - Girls Hockey - Year 7 & 8 - Dodgeball - Years 9, 10 & 11 Basketball
- Friday - Years 9, 10 & 11 - Badminton

Communications sent home this week:

- Year 11 ties
- Cozy Bus Routes
- Cambridgeshire Constabulary Safer Schools Newsletter
- Curriculum Day Year 10
- Year 8 & 9 trip to Thorpe Park

- Year 7 trip to Lambourne End

Wishing you all a relaxing weekend.

Ms V Poulter

Principal