



BASSINGBOURN
VILLAGE COLLEGE



Weekly Mailing 4.11.22

Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn Term. Our first day started with a non uniform day celebrating Halloween, and there were some fantastic outfits - and that was from staff as well as students! While it was certainly a fun day for our school, it is another example of the responsibility our students demonstrate to their wider community as the funds raised will be donated to charity and environmental projects in school.

For some of our students this week, it has also been about resilience and tapping into this mind-set with the start of our mock exams. These practise exams are crucial for students to develop the skills required for their main exams, building resilience around the nerves they may feel as well as developing techniques around time management. Our Year 10s have a series of mock exams starting at the end of the month and an email was sent out with full details earlier this week.

As we look to next week, it will certainly be a week where we will all be showing respect. In mentor time, students have been chosen by Achievement Leaders to run year group assemblies on Remembrance and on Friday we will be holding a minute silence for Remembrance Day. In addition, on Sunday we have students representing the school at the War Memorial for the local Remembrance Day service.

Halloween Non Uniform

On Monday we injected fun into our day with our Halloween non uniform day. While it certainly added some entertainment to lessons, it was also about raising money for both the "Stop Hate" charity as well as environmental projects around the school. We are delighted the day raised an amazing **£540!** Thank you to everyone that took part and supported us but also a big thank you to our Year 9 Ambassadors who organised the day.



Extra-curricular Clubs

We are delighted to be running a large number of extra-curricular clubs this half term, ranging from sports clubs at lunchtime as well as after school, subject clubs such as Computing and Geography, to wider clubs like Debating and Creative Writing. A full list of all the clubs that are now available, the days they are running, and at what time, can be found on our website [here](#).



Year 7 Spelling Bee

Once again our Foreign Language department will be running its intercollege Spelling Bee competition for our Year 7 students. This involves all our Year 7 studying French and Spanish and takes place during the school day, running in stages throughout the rest of the academic year. This is a fantastic opportunity for our novice foreign language students to take part in a fun and dynamic competition that supports the learning of key vocabulary in these languages.

Students will learn more about this in lesson time next week and will be bringing home a list of the first set of words shortly.



Henry Morris Awards 2023

Henry Morris was the Chief Education Officer in Cambridgeshire for over 30 years from 1922. It is widely considered that he was a crucial figure in education in the twentieth century. In fact, his famous memorandum written in 1924 led to the founding of the Village College.

When he died, a group of friends decided to remember him with a fund that could be used to enable young people to experience the joy of independent travel and study. This fund is open to students from years 9-11 at Bassingbourn Village College, as well as other Cambridgeshire schools. The application process has just been opened and they have once again invited our students to enter. For more information on this do visit the website: www.henrymorris.org

Henry Morris Memorial Trust
Awards for Young People

FUNDING AWARDS
Henry Morris was a visionary educator and a remarkable man.

The Trust set up in his memory offers funding awards to young people in Cambridgeshire aged 13-19 for travel with purpose or for home-based projects.

Aged 13-19?
Got a project in mind you need funding for?
Then apply to the Henry Morris Memorial Trust.

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Closing date for applications: 31 January. Application forms and further details available from: www.henrymorris.org

Year 7 & 8 Disco

We are very excited to announce the PFA is holding a disco for Years 7 & 8 on Friday 18th November. Tickets will need to be purchased in advance via the [PFA](#) and NOT via the school office.



Communications sent home this week:

- Year 8 English
- Year 10 Practise Exam
- Year 8 Parents' Evening
- Year 7 Spelling Bee
- Year 7 & 8 Christmas Card Competition

Please be reminded that we have a staff training day on Monday 14th November when school will be closed for students.

Wishing you all a relaxing weekend.

Ms V Poulter

Principal