



BASSINGBOURN VILLAGE COLLEGE



Weekly Mailing 06.01.23

Welcome back and a very happy New Year to you all. With the short week, students have been settling back in the routine of lessons and enjoying catching up with friends and staff. We have however noticed a number of students have got out of the routine of bringing in a water bottle with them each day. In order to help us reduce the use of single-use plastic in school, please can you ensure your child has a refillable bottle with them every day.

In addition, we have noticed that some students have come back in black jumpers which have logos on them but are missing blazers; plain black jumpers are allowed however these do need to be worn underneath a blazer. These expectations will be reiterated by staff next week and we would welcome your support in ensuring your child comes to school correctly dressed. We do have a number of items in lost property so if your child is missing items of uniform, coats or water bottles, do ask them to visit The Hive over the next two weeks. Any item that has not been claimed within the next couple of weeks will be recycled.

As we look to next week, it will be a very exciting and busy week for us here. On Wednesday we have author Anthony McGowen visiting. Anthony was winner of the Carnegie medal for his book Lark and will be running sessions with both Year 7 & 8 as well as various workshops. In addition, on Friday Anthony Browne, MP for South Cambridgeshire will be visiting, touring our school and meeting a number of our students. I look forward to sharing more about both of these visits in my mailing next week.

Finally, we have been asked to share with you a free virtual maths support event for parents and carers which will be running next week giving tips and guidance on how parents can increase their own confidence in maths.



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FREE
VIRTUAL EVENT

**INTRODUCTORY
AND
Q & A SESSION**

Learn how you can increase your Maths skills to help your child with their study, upskill your work or develop your confidence.

 **Wednesday, 11 January 2023**

 **11 AM - 12 PM**

REGISTER NOW

www.i3parenthub.org



Sports Clubs – January 2023

Our sports clubs start back next week and as always students are welcome to turn up on the day even if they have never joined in before.

	Lunchtime 1-1.30pm	After school 3.20-4.20
Monday	Year 9/10 Basketball (DB) Year 7/8 Dodgeball (MB)	Year 7 & 8 Boys Football – MB/DB
Tuesday	Badminton club – all years (HJ)	Years 7 & 8 Girls Netball – HG/HJ All years – Table Tennis Club - MB
Wednesday	Badminton club – all years (HG)	FIXTURE NIGHT Years 9,10 & 11 Girls Netball – HG
Thursday		Year 7 & 8 Trampolining – HC Year 10 & 11 Football – DB Handball Club (all years) - MB
Friday	Year 7&8 Girls Football (HJ) Year 7&8 Basketball (DB)	Year 9 Football (Girls and Boys) – DB

Year 11 Art

Our Year 11 art students may be interested in the free programme of events that The Fitzwilliam Museum is running for art students. Pre booking is essential and can be done so here:

<https://tickets.museums.cam.ac.uk/overview/6053>



Online Safety



Whatever the age of your child they will receive good online safety education in school, from early years through to college. But as parents and carers we need to know about and keep up with the risks and issues our children may face online. Importantly, we also need to know where to go for extra support.

With this in mind, we have registered with an organisation who provides esafety advice specifically for parents.

Alan Mackenzie, from SafeICT Consultancy Ltd, writes to parents as follows:

My name is Alan Mackenzie. I specialise in the ever-changing and evolving area of online safety, mainly working in schools all over England and in this first video I will quickly introduce myself and define what

online safety means. Many people think that online safety means keeping children safe online. That is correct, but it's much more than that. One of the most important messages I would like to get across is that you can't know everything, neither can you watch your child 24/7. But as parents and carers we have natural curiosity; we know when something doesn't feel right or something has changed and that's when we investigate, mainly by talking to the child. This first video is just over 9 minutes in length. Over a period of time you will receive another 6 emails from school, all with a link to a new video and some accompanying text. In some of the emails I will also include useful links, all of which will take you to free information and resources. There is nothing where you have to pay for anything.

Although much of the information is okay for children, there is some information within the videos that may not be appropriate, so please take precautions when watching any of the videos (e.g. wear headphones). There is also a subtitles option on each video, just look for CC at the bottom right of the video.

Just click on the link or copy/paste the link into your browser.

<https://vimeo.com/743007345/e341f1df3b>

Communications sent home this week:

- Year 10 parents' evening 18/19 January 2023
- Cambridgeshire Constabulary Safer Schools newsletter January 2023

Wishing you all a relaxing weekend.

Ms V Poulter

Principal

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