



BASSINGBOURN VILLAGE COLLEGE



Weekly Mailing 13.01.23

It has been an incredibly busy, but exciting week here at Bassingbourn Village College. We welcomed author Anthony McGowan on Wednesday, and it was wonderful to see our students so engaged in the sessions that were run throughout the day. On Thursday our Year 11s took part in their practise career interviews. We were very grateful to the number of volunteers that gave up their time to come in to support us, sharing their experience and knowledge. Finally, today, MP for South Cambridgeshire, Anthony Browne took time out of this very busy schedule to come and tour the school and meet with a number of our students. It was a very positive visit and he was very impressed with our students and our school.

As we look forward to next week, our Year 11s start their mock exams which will be running for the next two weeks. A full timetable has been shared already and I know our students have already been working hard in preparations for these.

MP Visit

MP for South Cambridgeshire, Anthony Browne, visited the school this Friday. Mr Browne spent time touring the school as well as meeting with a number of our Year 9 Student Ambassadors to discuss the environmental initiatives that have been introduced and are on the agenda for the remainder of the academic year.

Mr Browne shared with our students his passion for the environment, having previously worked as the environmental editor of both The Observer and The Times. Mr Browne explained that the Government has committed to becoming zero emissions by 2050. It was evident that he was very impressed with our students and their commitments to respecting and preserving their community and the world they live in.



Author Visit

It was an absolute pleasure to welcome Anthony McGowan into school this week. Anthony is a renowned author, winning the Carnegie Media for his book Lark in 2020 and has written over 50 books throughout his long career. Anthony was able to spend the day with us and gave presentations to both Year 7 & 8s as well as giving smaller group workshops to a mix of all year groups.

Our students were totally enthralled to hear about his childhood and how this has given many creative ideas as he became a writer in later life. Anthony also imparted some valuable advice about how to develop ideas into short stories and books as well as how to break into the industry.

It was wonderful to see our students demonstrating our core values and the respect they showed Anthony. Equally wonderful was hearing from Anthony afterwards that he was so impressed with one of our students that it was in fact "one of my favourite moments in 20 years of doing school visits".

Anthony has written a number of books our students may want to buy and read including, Dogs of Deadland, The Truth of Things, Brock, Lark, Pike and The Fall to name a few - all are available to buy on Amazon and students may find it a nice way to remember the day.



Year 11 Career Interviews

On Thursday, 14 volunteers came into school to run our Year 11 career interviews. With diverse careers ranging from an Engineer, Younger Years Teacher, Solicitor and Photographer to name but a few, it was a pleasure to have such rich knowledge to impart with our Year 11 cohort valuable advice and feedback.

This is a fantastic opportunity for our students to practise the art of talking about themselves and how to promote their skill sets as well as to think about how body language can create a first impression.

Well done to our Year 11s who had clearly prepared in advance and demonstrated their maturity in planning for their futures.



Communications sent home this week:

- Year 10 Progress Check Data Point 1
- Diphtheria, Tetanus, Polio and Meningococcal
- Flu Vaccinations (yrs 7-9)
- Safer Schools Newsletter January 2023

Wishing you all a relaxing weekend.

Ms V Poulter

Principal

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