



BASSINGBOURN VILLAGE COLLEGE



Weekly Mailing 25.11.22

While football fever may have started to sweep the nation, it has been a very focused week here at Bassingbourn Village College. On Thursday, our Year 7s took part in the first careers event during their time here at school. Once again, we were joined by Form the Future to run an engaging and fun event to introduce different career opportunities to our students.

Our mentor theme of the week has been on Anti-Bullying run by our Anti-Bullying Ambassadors with Mr Rix and Miss Cracknell. Year group assemblies have been run and today we have seen students supporting the odd sock day to promote the anti-bullying message. This is a theme that will continue to be present in our community as we work together to promote the message of simply being kind.

As we look to next week, our Year 10s start their two week exam period and we wish them all lots of luck.

Finally, we are all aware there are lots of bugs and viruses going around at the moment. If your child is unwell and unable to attend school or they are going to a medical appointment, please can we remind you to let us know either by leaving a message on our student absence line or emailing our absence email absence@bassingbournvc.org¹ stating the reason for their absence. If your child is unwell, we do ask you to call or email us **each day** of their absence.

Year 7 Careers Event

On Thursday, our Year 7s took part in a careers event organised by Form the Future, called "What's my line?". Throughout the morning, students in groups were able to ask our 5 visitors probing questions about their jobs in order to uncover what the visitors' careers were, which ranged from Engineer to Photographer - and we are delighted to report that our students did correctly guess a number of the careers!

This is the first of the careers events we run at Bassingbourn Village College and for our Year 7s it is an opportunity to learn more about the varied jobs available and a little bit about the skills that might be needed.

The visitors enjoyed their time with the students and said that they were very impressed with how engaged the students were and the wide range of questions they were asked.



¹<mailto:absence@bassingbournvc.org>



Anti-Bullying Week

This week Mr Rix and Miss Cracknell have been running year group assemblies supported by our Anti-Bullying Ambassadors as part of our Anti-Bullying Week. With the theme this year about reaching out, they have been explaining the importance to challenge behaviour in order to change behaviour which all starts by reaching out.

Over the course of the academic year our Anti-bullying ambassadors will continue to promote this message, work with the senior leadership to challenge and change behaviour within our community.



Christmas Card Competition

We were delighted with the number of entrants received for this years Christmas Card competition. On Monday, Mrs Miller and her Year 10 RE class proudly created the displays at Bassingbourn Parish Church for the community to enjoy and admire. A winner will be chosen by Rev Helen Orr shortly, with the winning card made once again into a card for the church to send to its parishioners.





Importance of reading

As a school we continue to promote reading for engagement and enjoyment for all our students, and we understand the vital part your involvement at home also plays in making our young people enthusiastic, motivated and successful readers. Please take time to look at the half termly newsletter produced by PIXL which explores recent books and tips for engaging young people which we have put on our website **here**.² In addition to the newsletter there are specific guides which you may choose to explore.

Mobile phone use in school

We feel it important to reiterate the expectations on the use of phones in school. Students who choose to bring their mobile phone to school do so at their own risk, we cannot take responsibility if these go missing, are broken or stolen. Mobile phones should not be on during the school day or seen when arriving to school. Students that are seen using their mobile phone, unless explicit permission is given by staff, will have their mobile phone confiscated which will be kept safe at reception until parents/carers are able to collect it.

Of course, we understand there may be times when a student does need to contact a parent/carer to change plans after school for example, and in these circumstances the student can come to reception to use their phone or staff can call parents on their behalf.

We do appreciate your support in this matter.

²<https://bassingbournvc.net/parents/supporting-students-reading/>

Christmas Concert



Communications sent home this week:

- Friday 25th November - Odd Sock Day
- County Lines: Lives on the line

Finally, a reminder that we have a staff training day on Friday 2nd December, therefore school will be closed to students on that day.

Wishing you all a relaxing weekend.

Ms V Poulter

Principal

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