



# BASSINGBOURN VILLAGE COLLEGE



Weekly Mailing 9.12.22

I want to start this week by congratulating our Year 10 students; Mrs Jenkins, our Exams Officer commented on how well they did in the exams over the last two weeks, and it is lovely to hear. I hope all the students will enjoy a relaxing weekend - they have definitely earned it!

I would ask you to remind your children about the importance of road safety, especially now the weather has become incredibly cold. The roads and paths are very icy and as a result cars and bikes may not be able to stop quickly.

As we look to next week, our Christmas Lunch will be on Wednesday for students to enjoy but this does not need to be ordered in advance. Mr Cowlan is busy organising our Christmas Concert for Thursday 15th December and I understand tickets have now sold out. And while not quite so festive, although very important, the immunisation team will be in on Thursday to deliver nasal flu vaccinations for our Year 7, 8 & 9s.

We will also be holding our Christmas Jumper day on Tuesday 20th December, with donations made going once again to Cambridgeshire City Foodbank. Donations can be made as always through WisePay (via the donations tab)

Finally, I would like to thank Bury Lane for once again donating our Christmas Tree, it looks lovely in our Prom.



## King's College Carol Service

15 of our students (and Ms Ward and Miss Harris) were very lucky to be able to attend the Carol Service at King's College this week. They all had a wonderful time and certainly put them in the festive spirit.



## Online Safety

We have been sent some more useful online safety information which we wanted to share:

**Advice by age:** Younger children need different advice and guidance than older children. Older children need different advice and guidance than teens. It can be really difficult keeping up with everything that is online and what risks and issues may affect children of different ages, so on these pages there is some age-related advice and guidance for parents and carers:

Pre-school - <https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/0-5/>

6 - 10 year olds - <https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/6-10/>

11 - 13 year olds - <https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/11-13/>

14 plus - <https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/14plus/>

### **Setting up devices:**

It can be difficult knowing all the different settings that are available on different devices to help protect children, this includes allowing or disallowing chat, friends, spending money, content filters and much more. On these pages you will find the details, as well as non-technical instructions, which will help you understand what is available to you and how to set up your child's devices.

Gaming consoles and devices - <https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/gaming-consoles/><sup>1</sup>

Smartphones - <https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/smartphones-and-other-devices/><sup>2</sup>

Broadband and mobile networks - <https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/broadband-mobile/><sup>3</sup>

Entertainment and search engines - <https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/entertainment-search-engines/><sup>4</sup>

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<sup>1</sup><https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fesafety-adviser.us4.list-manage.com%2Ftrack%2Fclick%3Fu%3Dcbd59b76f0e1ad9db768db345%26id%3D6ccf3ca480%26e%3Dd54d626eed&data=05|01|sboylan%40bassingbournvc.org|c1765615aa864108eaef08dad825f9f7|8ba393df16e348e985d812aa9418ab73|0|0|638059954857104707|Unknown|TWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliLCJTil6lk1haWwiLCJXCI6Mn0%3D|3000|||&sdata=VxJEMhXPPOLXueo%2BoHuIzy02mv3G6pUZwCm5BR40fxo%3D&reserved=0>

<sup>2</sup><https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fesafety-adviser.us4.list-manage.com%2Ftrack%2Fclick%3Fu%3Dcbd59b76f0e1ad9db768db345%26id%3Ddfb506e11f%26e%3Dd54d626eed&data=05|01|sboylan%40bassingbournvc.org|c1765615aa864108eaef08dad825f9f7|8ba393df16e348e985d812aa9418ab73|0|0|638059954857104707|Unknown|TWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliLCJTil6lk1haWwiLCJXCI6Mn0%3D|3000|||&sdata=R4EUS5IXEVszn%2BK0qL4yklqzmrtwQ6CEGx74PoPV7MM%3D&reserved=0>

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## **Safety/privacy settings on social media:**

With many children and young people using social media it is important to understand what features are available to you to help protect your children. This is also important because for the most part, all privacy settings are default off when a new account is created, but also because some social media providers change their features quite frequently, e.g. TikTok.

Take a look at this link to see what is available to you and how to set up your child's social media. We would also advise doing this with your child so that you can discuss the features together.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/social-media/><sup>5</sup>

## **Useful new features on YouTube and YouTube Kids**

YouTube is hugely popular with all age groups but historically parents haven't had a lot of control over what their children can/cannot watch. But things have changed and YouTube now gives parents a greater degree of control. It isn't perfect but it is a step in the right direction. Take a look at the page below where you will see a few short videos of newer features that can help you on YouTube and YouTube Kids.

<https://www.esafety-adviser.com/youtube-parental-restrictions/><sup>6</sup>

## **Gaming**

Finding good games, as well as knowing what is appropriate for the age of the child isn't easy, particularly when there can be lots of peer pressure to play the more popular games which are not always appropriate. Taming Gaming is a great resource for parents to find new games for children as well as lots of advice about content, suitability etc.

<https://www.taminggaming.com/><sup>7</sup>

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## PFA 50:50 Christmas Cash Draw

Don't forget our PFA have organised a 50:50 Christmas Cash Draw and the first prize now stands at £145! All the funds raised by our PFA go to our students and school, and currently the PFA are fundraising for new light and sound equipment to support our school performances.

It is £2 a ticket, and if you buy 5 tickets your 6th is free. If you would like to enter you can do so here<sup>8</sup>

Bassingbourn Village College Parents & Friends Association  
All funds raised will help buy new sound and lighting equipment for BVC shows & productions



**Christmas 50:50**  
**CASH DRAW**

1<sup>st</sup> Prize: 65% of the prize pot  
2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: 25% of the prize pot  
3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: 10% of the prize pot

**£2 per ticket – buy 5, get the 6<sup>th</sup> ticket free**  
£1 goes to the school; £1 into the prize pot

e.g., if we raise £800, the school gets £400,  
and 1<sup>st</sup> prize gets £260, 2<sup>nd</sup> prize £100, and 3<sup>rd</sup> prize £40

Click [HERE](#) to enter



Or scan the  
QR code

Ticket numbers will be emailed to you. Last entry midday on the day of the draw  
Prize draw will be held on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2022

Bassingbourn Village College Parents & Friends Association, Registered Charity 1116287  
Raffle under license by South Cambridgeshire District Council; players must be 16 or over.  
Contact: Tom Lock, Bassingbourn VC, South End, Bassingbourn SG8 5NJ [pfa@bassingbournvc.org](mailto:pfa@bassingbournvc.org)

## Communications sent home this week:

- PSHE - Year 7
- PSHE - Year 10
- Year 11 practise exams 16-27 January 2023
- Christmas Raffle reminder
- Cambridgeshire Constabulary Safer Schools Newsletter

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<sup>8</sup>[https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted\\_button\\_id=BXNUFDC3UZAEU](https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=BXNUFDC3UZAEU)

- Sports Clubs
- Guidance on Strep A/Scarlet Fever
- Examination Certificate collection

Wishing you all a relaxing weekend.

Ms V Poulter

Principal

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