



BASSINGBOURN
VILLAGE COLLEGE



Weekly Mailing 03.02.23

This week our assemblies have been promoting our school values of respect, resilience and responsibility and how as individuals we can ensure we are thinking of these every day when in school. I personally ran both Year 7 & 8 assemblies, highlighting areas on how we can all demonstrate respect to our school and each other, and importantly it is our individual responsibility to do so. Our Year 10 assembly was run by a group of students highlighting the importance of human rights, diversity and respect. To stand up in front of your peers takes courage, so I congratulate these students for doing so, and running a very thought-provoking session.

On Tuesday night our Under 16s Basketball team played against The Perse and I was delighted to hear we not only won, but our Year 11 student Kaleb, put on such an impressive performance scoring 23 of our 27 points himself. Mr Beck commented that it had been the best student performance he had seen during his time here.

On Tuesday and Thursday we ran our Year 7 parents' evening via the school cloud platform. If for any reason you were unable to make your appointment and would like to hear from your child's subject teacher, you are welcome to email them directly.

As we look to next week it is a very busy week of fixtures, starting with our Under 16s Basketball Team on Monday. I wish all the students taking part in fixtures luck and look forward to hearing the match reports.

I have been advised we have a number of coats in our lost property at the moment and would love for these to be returned to their owners. If your child has lost a coat please do encourage them to visit The Hive next week.

Finally, this week I have noticed a number of students in trainers in school. Can I remind everyone the uniform policy states plain black shoes and would appreciate your support with this.



MFL Competition

This week the MFL department has launched a challenge to our Year 8 students to write a poem in Spanish or French. This could be an acrostic poem, a phrase with a different ending, a rainbow poem or a poem based on adjectives - or something entirely different. The topic can be anything but we would like to make a display with the entries, so students are encouraged to make them colourful and bright with illustrations.

The deadline for entries is 1st March and ALL entries will receive a merit and points for their college with the winning 3 poems all winning a prize.

Good luck!

Duke of Edinburgh

On Tuesday our Year 11 Duke of Edinburgh students took part in a day of planning and exploring routes around the village for their Bronze award. In groups they planned routes, took photos for their write ups and then answered quiz questions from their peers about the day.

Everyone had an enjoyable day, and they very look forward to more planned activities after half term.





Online Safety - Alan Mackenzie, SafeICT Consultancy Ltd

Welcome to the 4th video in this series. In this video we look at one of the most popular activities of children, YouTube. At 7 minutes in length I discuss what types of content is most popular with children and some of the risks and issues. YouTube is supposed to be for children 13 years and over. If you're not aware there is another version of YouTube which is specifically for younger children, called YouTube Kids. I quite like YouTube Kids, there are some great parental controls that can be used. However I have to say that the content on YouTube kids is for very young children, so it's not a surprise to see younger children using the main YouTube service.

Click on the link or copy/paste the link into your browser. You will also find some links below the video link that you may find useful.

<https://vimeo.com/743007877/5a6b770b19>

Useful Links:

In the video I mention some new features in YouTube which can help you as a parent which are Supervised Experience (in the main YouTube app) and Parent Allowlisting (in the YouTube Kids app).

This link has 5 short videos explaining what these are and how to set them up:

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

Communications sent home this week:

- Year 9 Science
- Wednesday 1st February
- Summer 2023 contingency days (Yr 11 exam season)
- Year 7 Targets and Data Point

Wishing you all a relaxing weekend.

Ms V Poulter

Principal

Respect, Resilience, Responsibility