



# BASSINGBOURN VILLAGE COLLEGE



Weekly Mailing 10.03.23

The end of this week was not what we had hoped for. With the power cut and weather conditions, we decided quickly it was best for students to be collected, or to walk home with permission, and we very much appreciate your support with this. While power was restored fairly swiftly to our site, our systems have remained down and feel that the decision made was most certainly in our students' best interest.

The weather this week has also caused other disruption, with all our sporting fixtures having to be cancelled, which we know has been a disappointment to many. I am certain our PE department will look to rearrange these where possible, although I know they have many other opportunities for our students in the coming weeks.

We have had many positives in school however; earlier in the week 10 Kings gave a year group assembly on the importance of cultural diversity, focusing on the many festivals that take place around the world. I want to say a massive well done for those that took part. I know a number were nervous to stand up in front of their peers, but they all did amazingly well and showed real resilience for doing so.

On Tuesday evening some students were invited to take part in the Roy Burrell awards, a celebration of their sporting achievements. Well done to Sophie Christy who was recognised for Netball, Arlo Treece who was recognised for athletics, Max Crilly who was recognised for Hockey and Lilianna Look who was recognised for Rugby. We are all incredibly proud of you.

Despite the cold and rain, our Year 11 Geography field trip to Cambridge continued as planned on Thursday. And the feedback I received from those that took part, was that it was a thoroughly enjoyable day. Thank you to Ms Ward for arranging this.

As we look to next week, we are very excited about the Dance Show that is being held on Friday 17th March. Tickets are available through WisePay but are limited, although we do still have a few remaining.

Finally, as the nights start to get lighter, I know many of our students will be cycling to and from school once again. Can I remind all parents on the importance of ensuring your child has lights, wear a helmet and cycle safely. The roads around our site are extremely busy with cars in the mornings and after school and it goes without saying, our student's safety is our top concern.

## Curriculum Day - 21st March

We are very excited about activities taking place in school on our curriculum day to develop our outdoor classroom and develop positive outdoor spaces for our students.

We very much need your help with this and if you do have items such as wild flower seeds, vegetable seeds, trowels, garden spades, garden forks or wheelbarrows that could be used on the day we would be very grateful. We are also in desperate need for garden soil to help level the area we are planning to cultivate. If this is something you can help with please email [office@bassingbournvc.org](mailto:office@bassingbournvc.org)

## Year 9 Ambassador Assembly

On Wednesday this week our Year 9 Ambassadors gave an assembly updating our Year 7 regarding all the environmental initiatives that are taking place in school. Our Year 9 Ambassadors have been

instrumental in championing ideas and developing initiatives such like our planned outdoor classroom, cutting down on single use plastic, as well as recycling on our site.

Well done for all their efforts and giving such an excellent assembly.



### Communications sent home this week:

- Dance Show Tickets
- Catering Survey
- Curriculum Day 21st March
- Obstacle training - OAA block - Year 7, 8 and 9 students
- Strike action 15th and 16th March 2023

Wishing you all a relaxing weekend.

Ms V Poulter

Principal

Respect, Resilience, Responsibility