



BASSINGBOURN VILLAGE COLLEGE



Weekly Mailing 12.05.23

It has been a calm week in school as we run up to our GCSE exams. I am delighted the rain held off and we were able to take our year group photos for Year 7 and Year 11 as these are always a nice keepsake for your son/daughter's time with us. As soon as the photos are available we will be sending home details on how to order these online.

Next week our Year 11s start their GCSEs. A reminder of the details for the workshop timetables and other information can be found below but I want to take the opportunity to wish all our Year 11s lots of luck. Over the course of the next few weeks, I know they will draw on the resilience they have developed over their time with us to ensure they work hard and concentrate, and I have no doubt will do themselves proud.

I would also ask that our students in Years 7-10 show their respect and responsibility to support our Year 11s by observing the barriers around the school as well as maintaining silence in corridors while the exams are in progress. I thank parents and visitors in advance for doing the same.

Finally, please find below an introduction to Mrs Pattison, our new Vice Principal. Yesterday, Mrs Pattison wrote informing you that we have been accepted onto the Department for Education-funded Behaviour Hub programme. I am very excited about this project as Bassingbourn Village College always looks to develop and lead with new ideas and methods to ensure our students receive an exemplary education through a supportive and nurturing environment. This is a year-long initiative, and I know Mrs Pattison will continue to keep you updated on how this project develops.

Meet our new Vice Principal

I would like you to join me in welcoming Sarah Pattison our new Vice Principal.

Mrs Pattison was previously an Advanced Skills Teacher working with teachers across many schools to raise attainment in maths and continues to work with the teaching school hub CPTSN facilitating the learning of Early Careers Teachers. She has an Aerospace Engineering degree and a Masters degree in Manufacturing but left the profession to pursue a career in teaching. Mrs Pattison is committed to finding the best methods for students to learn, with her real passion to focus on inclusivity and working to make each child's learning experience a positive one.

Mrs Pattison's genuine desire to do her best by students, staff and families has led to her success in her many roles. She has substantial leadership experience in secondary schools. Recently leading the 6th Form at a large and successful Peterborough school, as Assistant Principal leading on Teaching and Learning at a school in Cambridge and prior to joining Bassingbourn, Mrs Pattison was Vice Principal at Nene Park Academy where her key responsibilities included Achievement at KS4 & KS5 and Behaviour and Culture.

Mrs Pattison can be contacted directly on spattison@bassingbournvc.org and will lead across all areas of school.



Year 11 Information

On Monday, our Year 11s start their GCSEs.

Running alongside is our workshops to ensure students have a session with their subject teacher the day before their examinations. The content of these workshops will be cementing content knowledge and perfecting examination technique.

Just a reminder, students are to attend school as normal even when not in an exam or in a workshop.

Please do support your son/daughter by ensuring they are fully equipped for their exams. If they would like to bring in water to the exam this must be in a clear label-free bottle.

For students that have an exam in the morning, a complimentary breakfast will be available in the Hive, after which they will be able to store their bag in the dinning hall.

For students that have an afternoon exam, lunch will change dependent on the time the exam starts:

Monday 15th May - Drama students may leave for lunch at 12.20

Tuesday 16th May - Latin students may leave for lunch at 12.45

Friday 19th May - Computer Science students may leave for lunch at 12.30

Exams/Workshop Timetable						
Week 1						
	1a	1b	2a	2b	3a	3b
Friday 12 May	Drama Workshop				RE Workshop	
Week 2						
	1a	1b	2a	2b	3a	3b
Monday 15 May	RE Exam		Science Workshop		Drama Exam + Latin W/Shop**	
	**Latin Workshop for any students who are not sitting the Drama Exam					
Tuesday 16 May	Biology + Combined Exam		Literature Workshop		Latin Exam	
Wednesday 17 May	Literature Exam				History Workshop	
Thursday 18 May	History Exam		Computing Workshop		Maths Workshop	Geography
Friday 19 May	Maths Exam		Chemistry Workshop		Computing Exam	W/Shop**
	**Geography Workshop for any students who are not sitting the Computing Exam					
Week 1						
	1a	1b	2a	2b	3a	3b
Monday 22 May	Chemistry Exam		French Workshop		Geography Exam + RE W/Shop**	
	**RE Workshop for any students who are not sitting the Geography Exam					
Tuesday 23 May	French Exam		Literature Workshop		RE Exam	
Wednesday 24 May	Literature Exam		Science Workshop		Computing Workshop	
Thursday 25 May	Physics + Combined Exam				Computing Exam	
Friday 26 May	French Workshop		Language W/Shop			
Week 2						
	1a	1b	2a	2b	3a	3b
Monday 5 June	Language Exam				French Exam + Spanish W/Shop	
Tuesday 6 June	Spanish Exam		Maths Workshop		History Workshop	
Wednesday 7 June	Maths Exam				History Exam	
Thursday 8 June	Further Maths Exam		Geography Workshop		Science Workshop	
Friday 9 June	Geography Exam + Latin Workshop**		Language Workshop		Biology + Combined Exam	
	**Latin Workshop for any students who are not sitting the Geography Exam					
Week 1						
	1a	1b	2a	2b	3a	3b
Monday 12 June	Language Exam		Science Workshop*		Latin Exam + Spanish Workshop**	
	*Latin Workshop for any students who are taking Combined Sciences					
	**Spanish Workshop for any students who are not sitting the Latin Exam					
Tuesday 13 June	Chemistry + Combined Exam		Maths Workshop		Spanish Exam	
Wednesday 14 June	Maths Exam				History Workshop	
Thursday 15 June	History Exam		Science Workshop		Geography Workshop	
Friday 16 June	Physics Exam		DT Workshop		Geography	
Week 2						
	1a	1b	2a	2b	3a	3b
Monday 19 June	DT Exam		Latin Workshop		Dance Workshop	
Tuesday 20 June	Dance Exam + Latin Exam		Hospitality Workshop			
Wednesday 21 June	Hospitality + Catering Exam				Further Maths Exam	
Thursday 22 June						
Friday 23 June						

Communications sent home this week:

- Year 11 - GCSE exams
- Behaviour Hub Programme
- Science Year 9

Wishing you all a relaxing weekend.

Ms V Poulter

Principal

Respect, Resilience, Responsibility