



# BASSINGBOURN VILLAGE COLLEGE



Weekly Mailing 23.06.23

We have had some wonderful extra-curricular activities taking place in school this week ranging from a trip to "We Will Rock You" in London, our Year 10 Sports Leaders running the primary cricket tournament and even a BMX Club! It is fantastic we are able to offer such diverse opportunities to our students and I thank our staff that work hard to make these happen.

Ms Ward also introduced the Duke of Edinburgh Award to our Year 9s and it would be fantastic to hear that many of our students have decided to take part as this does instil a sense of community, test individual limits and grow confidence.

This week we also saw the end of the Year 11 GCSE exams. I want to say how proud I am of our students and the maturity they showed throughout, and I hope they receive the results in the Summer they deserve. We look forward to saying our final goodbye next Friday at Prom.

On Thursday, I was delighted to share the news that following our recent Ofsted inspection, we continue to be rated a "Good" school. As I said in my letter, I am proud we have been recognised for our school's high aspirations and love of learning and I would like once again to thank my dedicated colleagues, students, and families.

I am sorry to say that we have had reports from our local community some of our students are riding their bikes at speed on local pavements. If your child rides to school, I would be grateful if you could remind them about cycling safety.

Finally, Mrs Sadler is leaving us today to take up an exciting new role at Bassingbourn Primary. I just want to take a moment to thank her for all her hard work and being such a friendly and welcoming presence in The Hive for our students.

## We Will Rock You

"On Monday evening, Ms Shortt had arranged for a group of us to travel to London to watch "We Will Rock You". It really was a fantastic show, and I really enjoyed the theme and found it to be really out of the ordinary. It also really helped me to understand the importance of being dramatic in drama; sometimes it can feel you are being too loud or too expressive but when you see a big show like "We Will Rock You", you can see why long pauses, projecting your voice and being very expressive is important.

Thank you to Ms Shortt"

Sam - Year 9



## Sports Leaders

On Wednesday, our Year 10 Sports Leaders spent the day helping to run the Dynamos Cricket Tournament at Sawton & Babraham Cricket Club for a number of Cambridgeshire primary schools. Our Sports Leaders enjoyed every minute and it was wonderful to hear from the organisers how "they showed excellent communication as they umpired and scored the games with authority". Well done!



## Year 8 Science

On Tuesday, some of our Year 8 had a practical science lesson learning all about static energy which Mr Rix demonstrated with the help of our Van de Graaff generator - a really fun way to bring the theory to life for our young scientists.





## BMX Club

We are delighted to be trialling a Girls' BMX Club after school on a Friday run by ex-student Harriet Alexander who is part of Royston Rockets. We do still have a few spaces available, so if your daughter would like to join in, do let Mr Beck know.



## DofE Cooking

This week Year 10 learnt which food to take on expedition and how to safely cook on stoves. Making a meal together on the expedition is one of the best team-building activities of the section. The group started to think about their meals and were able to try a variety of options. Expedition food doesn't have to be dull, and students have already started planning their 3-course menus!





## Creative Showcase

Tickets are now available to purchase through Wisepay for our end of year Creative Showcase. We have two performances on Monday 17th and Tuesday 18th July starting at 7pm. Adult tickets are £6 and children and concessions are £4. Tickets are limited so do purchase your tickets as soon as possible to avoid any disappointment.

## Uniform

Over the course of the week we have had feedback from parents and students regarding our summer uniform, therefore we have made a decision to temporarily allow students the option to wear tailored school shorts. This temporary measure will be in effect until the end of term.

To support parents and students in choosing appropriate shorts we have included a photo of what is deemed suitable and have included some links below to help with purchasing. In the Autumn term we will consult with students, parents and our governing body about updating our uniform policy to include shorts.

Shorts should be black and tailored and of the same material as school trousers, this means that PE shorts, swim shorts, board shorts, jeans shorts or similar are not permitted. School will be the arbiter of what is deemed appropriate tailored shorts.

Asda: <https://direct.asda.com/george/school/shorts/D10M1G1C17,default,sc.html><sup>1</sup>

Marks and Spencer: <https://www.marksandspencer.com/l/kids/school-uniform/shorts/fs5/boys><sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup><https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fdirect.asda.com%2Fgeorge%2Fschool%2Fshorts%2FD10M1G1C17%2Cdefault%2Csc.html&data=05|01|sboylan%40bassingbournvc.org|663e1c1fa3094ec8672e08db6e64863d|8ba393df16e348e985d812aa9418ab73|0|0|638225150242468866|Unknown|TWfPbGZsb3d8eyJWljojMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQljojV2luMzliLCJBTil6lk1haWwiLCJXVCi6Mn0%3D|3000||&sdata=S2ca9f3PsZKssLcGiYODD0kezq9y7l9cc55H%2B4NKEOI%3D&reserved=0>

Sainsbury: <https://tuclothing.sainsburys.co.uk/browse/school-uniform/boys/school-shorts/c:842033/colour-group:blacks/?tag=tu:browse:plp:boys-school-shorts:m052:black-shorts><sup>3</sup>

Amazon: [https://www.amazon.co.uk/Summer-Elasticated-Generous-15\\_Years-16\\_Years/dp/B0C6912XQ4/ref=sr\\_1\\_35?crd=Q4Y2RWXS7HE0&keywords=boys+school+shorts&qid=1686912932&sprefix=boys+school+shorts%2Caps%2C101&sr=8-35](https://www.amazon.co.uk/Summer-Elasticated-Generous-15_Years-16_Years/dp/B0C6912XQ4/ref=sr_1_35?crd=Q4Y2RWXS7HE0&keywords=boys+school+shorts&qid=1686912932&sprefix=boys+school+shorts%2Caps%2C101&sr=8-35)<sup>4</sup>



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<sup>3</sup><https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftuclothing.sainsburys.co.uk%2Fbrowse%2Fschool-uniform%2Fboys%2Fschool-shorts%2Fc%3A842033%2Fcolour-group%3Ablacks%2F%3Ftag%3Dtu%3Abrowse%3Aplp%3Aboys-school-shorts%3Am052%3Ablack-shorts&data=05|01|sboylan%40bassingbournvc.org|663e1c1fa3094ec8672e08db6e64863d|8ba393df16e348e985d812aa9418ab73|0|0|638225150242625089|Unknown|TWfPbGZsb3d8eyJWljoimC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiv2luMzliLCJBTil6lk1haWwiLCJXVCi6Mn0%3D|3000||&sdata=dqzYTSgJ6CcZrXDAVqAWQeYcNqAbmkoWGrHSvfbv5cM%3D&reserved=0>

<sup>4</sup>[https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.amazon.co.uk%2FSummer-Elasticated-Generous-15\\_Years-16\\_Years%2Fd%2FB0C6912XQ4%2Fref%3Dsr\\_1\\_35%3Fcrd%3DQ4Y2RWXS7HE0%26keywords%3Dboys%2Bschool%2Bshorts%26qid%3D1686912932%26sprefix%3Dboys%2Bschool%2Bshorts%2Caps%2C101%26sr%3D8-35&data=05|01|sboylan%40bassingbournvc.org|663e1c1fa3094ec8672e08db6e64863d|8ba393df16e348e985d812aa9418ab73|0|0|638225150242625089|Unknown|TWfPbGZsb3d8eyJWljoimC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiv2luMzliLCJBTil6lk1haWwiLCJXVCi6Mn0%3D|3000||&sdata=ff%2FW3Tz9QC1NjAfcTtl3MhSdsndCFVwtx%2Fqd%2FA76CU%3D&reserved=0](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.amazon.co.uk%2FSummer-Elasticated-Generous-15_Years-16_Years%2Fd%2FB0C6912XQ4%2Fref%3Dsr_1_35%3Fcrd%3DQ4Y2RWXS7HE0%26keywords%3Dboys%2Bschool%2Bshorts%26qid%3D1686912932%26sprefix%3Dboys%2Bschool%2Bshorts%2Caps%2C101%26sr%3D8-35&data=05|01|sboylan%40bassingbournvc.org|663e1c1fa3094ec8672e08db6e64863d|8ba393df16e348e985d812aa9418ab73|0|0|638225150242625089|Unknown|TWfPbGZsb3d8eyJWljoimC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiv2luMzliLCJBTil6lk1haWwiLCJXVCi6Mn0%3D|3000||&sdata=ff%2FW3Tz9QC1NjAfcTtl3MhSdsndCFVwtx%2Fqd%2FA76CU%3D&reserved=0)

## Communications sent home this week:

- Vacancies
- Bassingbourn Village College Ofsted Report
- Uniform Expectations

Wishing you all a relaxing weekend.

Ms V Poulter

Principal

## Respect, Resilience, Responsibility