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Dear Parents/Carers

After an initial inset day and slightly staggered start for different year groups, term has really hit the ground running. Year 11 had an inspirational speaker called Emmanuel Anthony visit for their first day with a message on aspiration, motivation and taking control of their destiny. Following our hugely positive GCSE results we were able to link this message to the knowledge that with the support of staff and parents they are in the right school to achieve their goals for this year.

At the other end of the school, Year 7 have made a hugely positive start; taking to the two week timetable, having to move round school for lessons and using their iPads for learning like ducks to water. In addition Year 8 returned ready to complete KS3 and consider option choices, Y9 have made the step up to GCSE study, while Year 10 are reaching the halfway point in their studies. We plan to add more support throughout their year to ensure students feel confident as they move into Year 11, when their GCSE exams come round sooner than they think.

We have also focused our efforts on the expanded extracurricular offer including our Friday afternoons. As our newsletters always show we have every right to be proud of the huge range of opportunities available at Bohunt School Worthing and we now have over 45 regular weekly clubs. We are expecting that every student signs up for at least one to take them through until Christmas.

Our strap line with students and staff for the new school year is 'Excellence as standard; not a moment wasted' and we will be looking at all areas of school life in an effort to make this a living reality and help us to continue improving for our students and community. As always parents are a critical element in our success and we look forward to further developing our home school links this year.

Very best wishes,

Adam Whitehead

Enjoy

At the very end of the summer term our intrepid fundraisers embarked on their trip to Tanzania, for which they had been planning and fundraising for over a year. The trip saw them work with the Livingstone

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Tanzania Trust (LTT). carrying out empowering projects for a community in the country. Mr Imbert, who led the trip reported the following:

I think the thing we were most touched by was how warm and welcoming the Gendi community were, and how close they were in working with the LTT to improve their schools. Whilst the safari was amazing, and I'm sure the sanctuaries tomorrow will also be, it is the experiences we had working amongst and with the Gendi community that we will cherish the most.

The students who went on the trip were overwhelmingly positive about their experiences. Charlotte Walker in Year 11 reflected on the brilliant experiences she had.

My favourite part from this trip was dancing with the community at the opening/closing ceremonies because it involved everyone and made us all feel accepted there. Them being that inclusive reminded me that they did want us there and that we were welcomed by them which made me feel proud to be there.



From Wednesday 24th – Friday 26th July we ran our annual summer school, giving the new Year 7 cohort a chance to get to know the school and their peers through a range of activities. Mr Goldberg, who ran the events with a team of staff reported on the success of the sessions:

We had around 80 students involved, running over three days including a number of different activities such as Stop Frame Animation, Belly Rounders, Treasure Hunt, Dodgeball and Mask Making. Feedback was really strong with 75.6% of parents/students who responded to the survey said they would strongly agree when recommending Summer School to year 6 students. Students could opt to do 1, 2 or 3 days with the end of the week ending in a celebration with students receiving awards for Enjoy, Respect and Achieve and a hog roast style lunch shared amongst staff, students and parents.

We're very excited to launch a brand new selection of extra-curricular opportunities at the school, all of which can be enjoyed during the week either after school, at lunch time or on Friday afternoons. There are over 50 new clubs and activities to take part in, including sports, games, creative arts, drama and study support. Ms Palmer launched the new season of clubs with a series of taster sessions on Friday 13th September, with students signing up to try out some incredible new activities led by specialist practitioners as well as some staff members. With something on offer for everyone, it is our expectation that all students get involved in at least one extra-curricular activity, even if they have no prior experience.

We have now published our entire extra-curricular programme for the autumn term. This includes teacher led activities running Tuesday to Thursday and of course our Friday offer. It is our expectation that all students commit to attending at least one club a week. Full information on all clubs and a sign up sheet has been shared with all students this week.





Respect

As last year's Year 10 now move into their final year at Bohunt a challenging and exciting year begins. As they returned from their well-earned summer break to commence Year 11, our students spent their first day in a series of workshops aimed to develop their confidence, self-respect and motivation so that they are well equipped to take on their GCSE year. We were very pleased to host Emmanuel Anthony from Fix Up who gave Year 11 a personalised motivational talk all about having a growth mindset. Students also attended smaller workshops with Emmanuel and were visibly encouraged by his words. Several students said that this had given them a great boost to do the best they can this year.

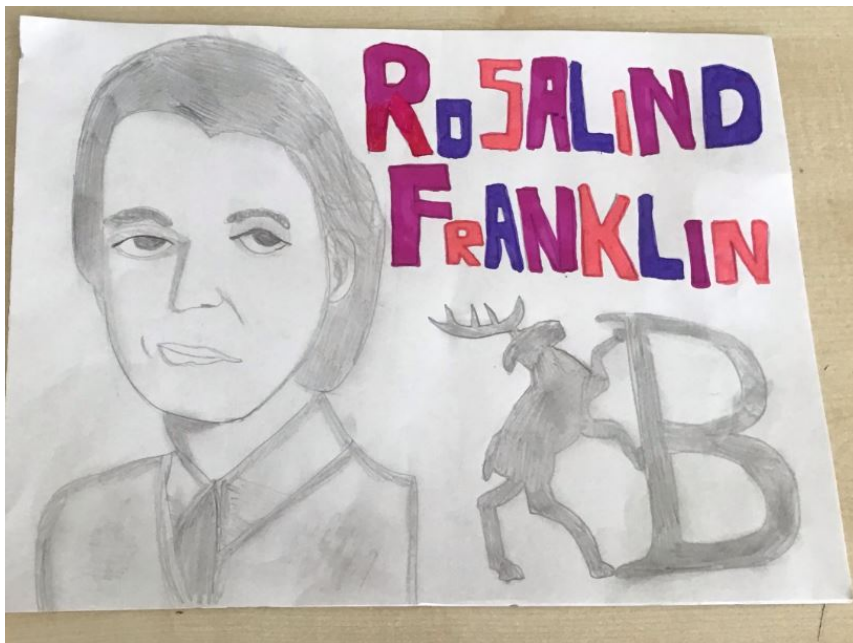


We are delighted to welcome our new Year 7 cohort to the school and within just two weeks they settled brilliantly and impressed staff and other students with their hard work, enthusiasm and considerate

behaviour. It is always a great challenge for students to make the leap from primary to secondary school, and we were keen to hear from some of the students about their first couple of weeks following their induction. Eddie Chow in 7TBA said *i really enjoy Bohunt and I've already met loads of new people and joined clubs. My favourite subject is Mandarin.*

Teaching staff have commented on some of the truly impressive work created by Year 7 across all subjects, but one student in particular stood out with her excellent tribute to Turing, Mandela and Franklin. Taking inspiration from the atrium triptych, Abbie Wise in 7DHU produced some beautiful sketches of the school's three heroes.





Achieve

Thursday 22nd August was a momentous day for the school as our first ever GCSE cohort collected their results. Overall, 73% of students at the school achieved a grade 4 or better in English and in Maths, a 4 is the grade set by the Government as a "pass". 46% of students achieved even more highly gaining a grade 5 or higher in both subjects which is better than the national average for last year. As well as these excellent headlines, there were some stunning individual performances. Issy Walker achieved a total of 10 GCSEs: 8 grade 9s, 1 at grade 8 and 1 at grade 7 whilst Yin Yin Ling got 7 grade 9s and 3 grade 8s. Other top performers were Dylan Jackson, Jacob Tupper, Gabriella Noyce, Heidi Cameron, Alex Miller, Nancy Vincent, Cydney Hall and Kieran Le Manquais who all achieved 8 or more GCSEs at grades 9 to 7. Read the full story [here](#).





While we still celebrate the achievements of our students who have moved on, we focus now on our new Year 11 cohort, many of whom have already started exploring options for next year. It is not often that students willingly give up time during their Summer holiday to go back to school, but for four Year 11 students the opportunity to attend one of the world's leading universities was too good to pass up. Millie Caplin, Charlie De Luca, Teddy Morris-Dodd and Takuma Waters all attended a week long Summer school programme at Oxford University, designed to show them life after Bohunt. The week consisted of lectures and seminars for students to both discover what learning at university is like, but also to motivate and change their mindsets in their crucial GCSE year. As well as this, there was the chance to enjoy some new experiences: for example, Teddy picked out the river punting as it was really fun, despite him not knowing what it was! All the students agreed that they were expecting a week of learning and no fun, but were surprised when confronted with the different learning styles offered by further education. Millie said that she was motivated for Year 11 "due to the coaching and advice provided by the Universify team." The four students will attend another short residential next year just before taking their GCSE exams.

Just two weeks into the start of term and we already have some excellent sporting news to report. A big well done to our Year 11 students who took part in the District 7s tournament on Friday 13th September. The team came third overall with 3 wins and 2 losses. Thank you to St Andrews school for hosting.



Community Notice Board:

Our colleagues at Brighton and Northbrook MET are running open evenings this term and welcome any Y11 students and parent/carers to visit them: **Northbrook MET (all campuses):** Wednesday 23 October 2019 | 5-7pm and Wednesday 27 November | 5-7pm. **Brighton MET (both campuses):** Wednesday 16 October 2019 | 5-7pm and Wednesday 20 November 2019 | 5-7pm. You can read more here: <https://www.gbmc.ac.uk/contact/news-events/open-events-met>

Our local church, St Mary's Broadwater, have teamed up with a charity 'Christians Against Poverty' (CAP) to run a Life Skills course. This is a free course designed to teach people skills they need to survive on a low income: budgeting, cooking/shopping on a budget, managing bills etc. If this is of interest and for more details about the course go to: <https://capuk.org/i-want-help/our-services/cap-life-skills/introduction>. They still have some places available it is open to anyone who lives locally who may benefit from these areas. It starts next Monday (23rd September) and runs weekly until the 11th November. If you'd like to sign up go to: <https://www.stmarysbroadwater.org/cap>

Key dates:

Thursday 19 September – 1.40pm early closure for Open Evening (many students returning to help)

Friday 20 September – BET Inset Day – school closed to students

Monday 23 to Thursday 26 September and Monday 30 September to Thursday 3 October – open mornings for Y6 parents for September 2020 admission

Thursday 10 October – ERA day; various extra curricular activities for students

Tuesday 15 October – KS4 Information Evening for Y9 parent/carers

Tuesday 22 October – Future Choices Evening for Y11 students and parent/carers

Monday 28 October to Friday 31 October – Half Term

Monday 11 November – Y11 Mock exams begin for two weeks

Wednesday 13 November – KS3 Information Evening for Y7 parent/carers

Tuesday 26 November 2019 – BET Inset Day – school closed to students

Wednesday 4 December 2019 – Y10 Parents' Evening

Friday 6 December 2019 – Inset Day – school closed to students

Thursday 19 December 2019 – Y11 Parents' Evening

Friday 20 December 2019 – last day of term, school closes at 1.40pm for students.

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