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BSW Blog 22nd October 2019



Dear Parents/Carers

This half term has seen the School open evening and two weeks of open mornings. Our current students have been phenomenal in both their support of the school and their enthusiasm to share their pride in our community.

Nearly 300 students signed up to help, whether in classrooms or as guides, and a number of our old Y11 asked to come back and act as ambassadors too. They were praised for their positivity, confidence and wide ranging knowledge. They were great ambassadors for the school, we are very proud of them and as this edition of the blog shows there is so much to be proud of.

We talk often about our community in assemblies and school messages using the term in its broadest sense. As you will be aware we have been involved in working with other local schools, the police and other local agencies to put in place strategies to address the recent rise in violent behaviour directly affecting young people across Worthing. As our shared letter last week said we need to stand as a community against this small minority and there are positive actions we can take. A quote we have used in assemblies is 'the only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good people to do nothing.'

We know that the positive behaviours seen in school of participation, support and 'doing the right thing' do not end at the school gate and we are thankful to parents and the adult community for the huge range of opportunities our young people have that keep them busy and safe. It is by working together that we become greater than the sum of our parts and will successfully deal with the issues currently facing the Worthing community. At the end of an eight week term we wish you all a happy, safe and restful half term break.

Very best wishes,

Adam Whitehead

Enjoy

On Thursday 19th September the school gates opened to public visitors for our 2019 Open Evening. This is a very special date in the school's calendar as we welcome the community of prospective students,

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parents and carers to see the amazing achievements of our students. Staff and students across all departments arranged some exciting and engaging activities, demonstrating the fascinating subjects on offer and the incredible work done by pupils. Year 8 and 10 helped as tour guides, showing visitors around and answering questions. Students in Years 7 and 9 worked within departments, explaining what they learn and showing off the work they do on their iPads and in their books.

BSW students and staff have also helped out at the recent Bohunt Horsham Open Evening, demonstrating the brilliant work they do to prospective parents and carers of pupils at Bohunt's newest school. We are hugely grateful to those BSW pupils who gave up their time to proudly show off the wonderful work they do in and out of school.







On Thursday 10th October students enjoyed the first ERA Day of 2019-20, taking part in a variety of exciting and challenging activities across multiple subject areas and themes.

Having recently received their school iPads, our Year 7 students took part in a series of workshops on the theme of online safety. The message behind each of the sessions was safe, effective and respectful use of the internet, particularly social media. Our students demonstrated exceptional maturity when discussing sensitive issues such as cyberbullying and were able to articulate their own knowledge and ideas for staying safe online.

It is not long until our Year 8 pupils make their GCSE options choices so they will have some exciting decisions ahead. To help them get an idea of what can be offered in Humanities and Expressive Arts, students signed up for activities and classes that brought these subjects to life. Whether they were working on art pieces with regular BSW collaborators Creative Waves or trying out Dance and Music, students got a feel for the subjects that might shape their futures.

With sustainable living an important issue in today's world, Year 9 were given the task of designing and creating sustainable products as part of the STEM Crest Award. Working with the Science Department, students put their logical and teamwork skills to the test and learned about the importance of sustainable energy sources in powering our world.

As they propel further into their GCSE study, Year 10 pupils will start to feel the pressure of academic and extra-curricular commitments and so their ERA Day activities focused on well-being, promoting the importance of both their physical and mental health. As well as partaking in some fantastic P.E based experiences, students attended sessions led by visitors from the Terrence Higgins Trust who talked to them about the importance of healthy relationships and awareness of sexually transmitted diseases. Students also had the opportunity to make their own healthy range of popcorn, with flavours ranging from toffee to curry!





On a dark and windy evening Mrs Day attended the launch of the Worthing Artists Open Houses 2020 on Monday 30 September and met with other artists and venues – the atmosphere was buzzing with creative ideas for this year and we are very excited to announce that we will be taking part again this year on Saturday 20 June 2020. Our older students have been invited to take part in the competition to design the poster for this years' event – the competition is open to artists aged between 14 and 24 years.

COVER ART COMPETITION!



Are you our next cover artist?
If you are aged 14-24 and enjoy creating art
enter the competition for a chance to win a £50
cash prize!

Two other prizes will be awarded, a 2nd prize of £25 and a 'People's Choice' prize of £25.
 Entries can be in any medium from painting and digital art to textiles and photography.
 Please send final designs in jpeg form to info@worthingartistsopenhouses.com by November 22nd 2019

Design Brief

To produce a multi-use design for Worthing Artists Open Houses 2020 for use on promotional materials; print versions of DL (99mm x 210mm) Brochure Cover (front & back), A3 poster, illustrations, WAOH website and social media channels.
 Designs should include the WAOH logo (landscape or Portrait). Logo needs to be clearly visible and must not be altered or changed.
 Please include our website worthingartistsopenhouses.com and social media icons (Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, Pinterest)
 Designs should use our logo and website style/colours, be visually engaging, fun and colourful and celebrate Worthing and its community
 Designs should also take into consideration the audience the design is aimed at (artists, visitors, local community)

Please visit www.worthingartistsopenhouses.com for more info

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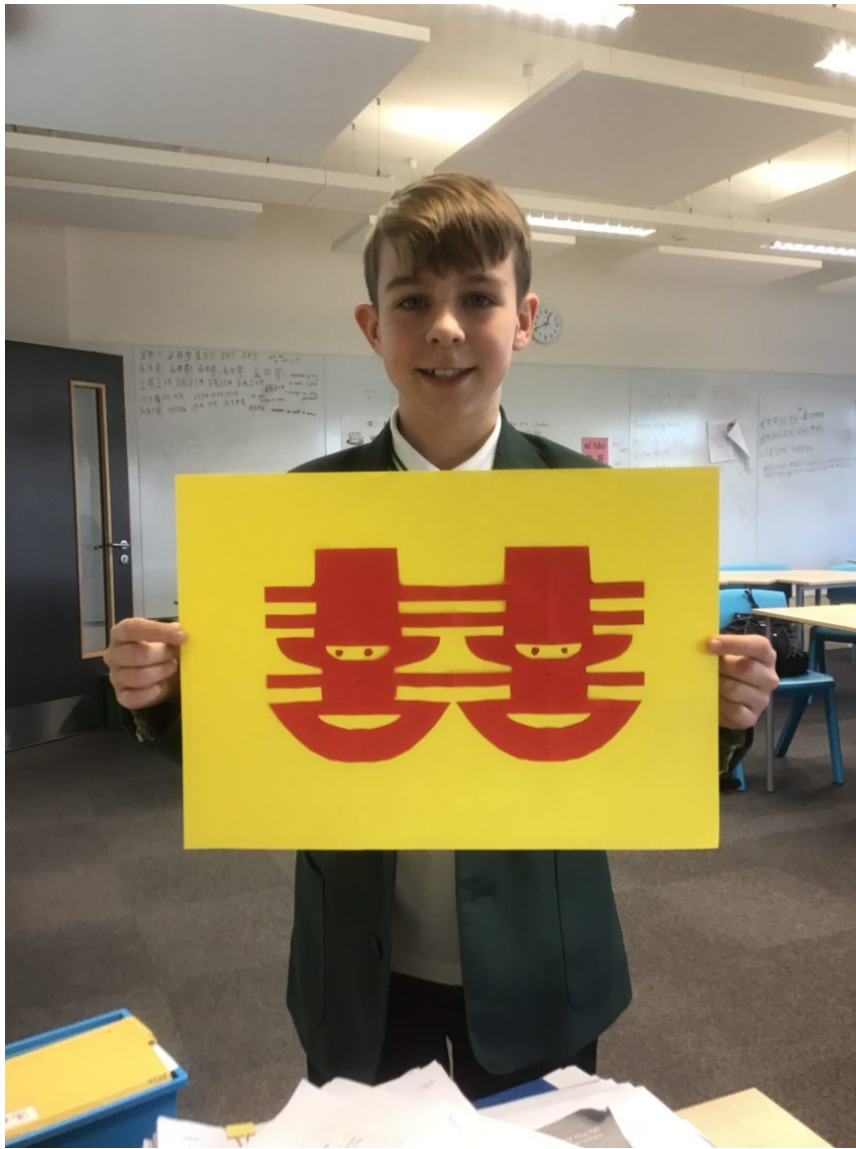
Students, Mr Staples and Mr Whitehead joined other trust schools for a Duke of Edinburgh Insights event at The Petersfield School. DofE South East attended and spoke to students about the benefits of taking the award, and students were lucky to meet special guest Olympic Swimmer Karen Pickering. Mr Staples has now launched the Duke of Edinburgh Award at BSW for the current year. Mr Staples had the following to say;

'Here we are at the start of new academic year and the challenges are starting. The DofE is a life-changing adventure you don't want to miss. It's about going the extra mile – learning new skills for work and life, getting fitter, helping others, and exploring the countryside. Millions of young people in the UK have already done their DofE so why not take advantage of this unique opportunity.'



On 26th September our students celebrated the European Day of Languages, but with a twist. In true BSW fashion we branched out and turned it into an International Day of Languages. Ms Robbins, head of the Communication Faculty and teacher of French delivered an inspiring assembly that celebrated the joy of languages. Not only were our academic language options – French and Mandarin – celebrated, but also the extraordinary diversity of languages spoken within our school community, from Hungarian to Thai. Students bravely recorded messages in over 10 languages, dazzling the rest of the school with their wonderful variety.





On 19th October students on the Mandarin Excellence Programme visited London to get their Visas in advance of their trip to China. Students went with Ms Nai to the Chinese embassy to secure their travel documents as they eagerly anticipated their Chinese adventure. Meanwhile, back at school students have been experiencing the physical exercise that Chinese pupils do every day at break time. It helped them practise numbers that they have been learning and experience the Chinese school culture





Monday's assembly on the 14th October was about online safety. Mr Pearson shared simple tips to help keep safe and mentally healthy online in the light of recent media events involving high profile adults; ensure your password is tight, your social media account is locked and know who you talking to. Having now rolled out iPads to Year 7 it is a timely reminder of the importance of using the internet in safe and responsible way. As a school we are immensely proud of the mature and innovative ways in which our students use technology in the classroom and we are confident that our pupils have a similar approach whenever they are online.

At this point in term we wanted to remind you of our current policy on lateness to school. The vast majority of our students do an excellent job of getting into school on time, and we fully recognise there will be times when there is genuine reason for lateness to school. However, we also recognise the importance of getting into school on time, and lateness as habit is not a trait we want to instil in our young people. Some of these lates are also occurring during the afternoon registration period.

If a student is late three times in a two week period, they will be in a late detention on Thursday, week A for half an hour. They will reflect on why they were late and give reasons why they should not be late. If this occurs twice or a third time, home will be contacted, sanctions will be escalated and you will be invited in for a meeting to discuss lateness. We endeavour to contact you every morning your child is late via text and will hopefully be updating this system to use emails as well. We appreciate your support with eradicating lateness to school.

Achieve

On Friday 11th October Mrs Ridscale delivered a presentation to all our year 11 students in an assembly on the benefits of attending the Worthing Careers on Wednesday 16th October at Worthing Assembly Halls. Students were advised to make the most of this opportunity by preparing some questions and thinking about what they would like to learn from this experience. Students were reminded about the Future Choices Evening taking place on Tuesday 22 October from 5.30 to 6.30pm. School staff, local colleges, apprenticeship representatives and our careers advisor Kerry Mann will all be on hand to advise students and parents after a presentation.

Two students from BSW successfully completed a week-long course with the West Sussex Fire and Rescue Service. Bailey Goodison and Glen Cooper took part in the Firebreak course, taking part in training sessions that involved hose running, ladder climbs and wearing breathing apparatus. The course is designed to build confidence, discipline and resilience and both students thoroughly enjoyed the rewarding experience.





It has been great to see such a brilliant turnout at Netball club this term, with students from different year groups attending the sessions. With some lovely sunny afternoons, club leaders have been able to take large groups on to the Muga to practice their skills and teamwork. In a Under 15 Netball match against Angmering Hannah Corey received player of the match.



Year 10 boys played football against Steyning Grammar on 2nd October in a cup match and got through to the next round. A huge well done to the squad and wishing them the best of luck going forward. Year 8 boys are currently undefeated in the football championship league. Having secured a number of wins since the start of term they are on a fantastic streak. And also a number of Y7 boys under 13 football fixtures, and under 15 girls netball fixtures have taken place too.

As well as in-school achievements we are always delighted to announce the great things our students do outside school. On the 6th October Ryan Colcombe in Year 8 had a huge badminton success. He won the Under 13 singles and doubles at the Eastbourne Junior Tournament without losing a single game the whole day, and won the final of the singles 21-19 in a closely fought match.



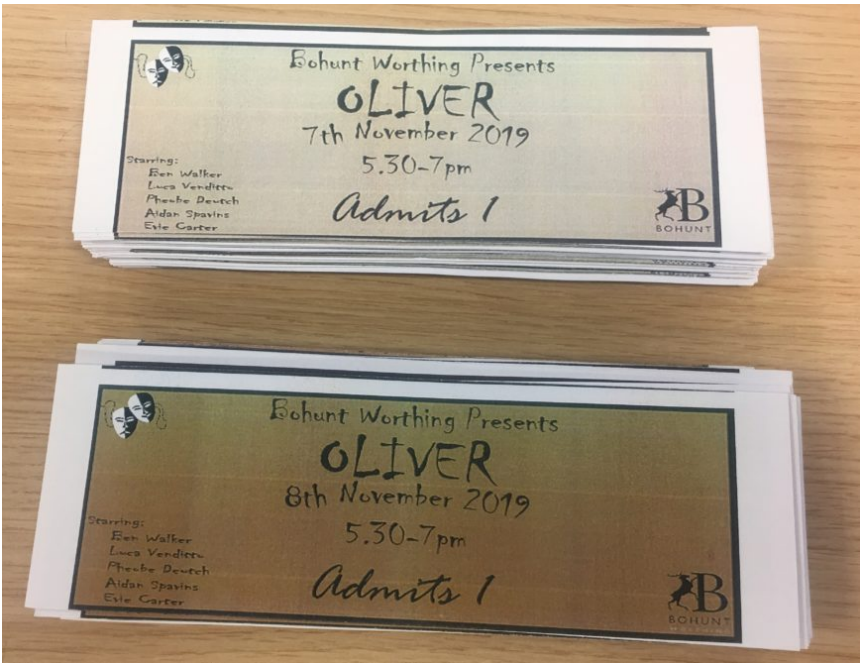
Amalie Lloyd in Year 7 won the 11/12 years female category in the Kidstri UK South East Region Series. To gain this incredible award Amalie had to swim, cycle and run in a tough triathlon event. A remarkable success!



On Monday 14th October we launched our Enterprise Challenge to raise funds for BBC Children in Need 2019. The challenge has been set, students now need to identify a product, target market and write a winning business plan! For more information on the challenge, [click here](#).



We are really excited about the school's upcoming performance of Oliver! Students have been rehearsing for months and an amazing team of performers, backstage and props builders have been working really hard to bring this classic to the BSW stage. Students also performed segments of the show at the recent Horsham Open Evening. Tickets are now on sale and cost £3. The show will play on Thursday 7th and Friday 8th November from 5.30 – 7.15pm. We hope to see you there!



General notices

Turning Tides (formerly Worthing Churches Homeless Project), have a monthly 'wish list', if you would like to donate you can read more about it, what they are asking for, and how to donate [here](#).

Key dates:

- 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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