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Dear Parents/Carers

Last night our Y11 students and families of 2019 returned for their GCSE Presentation Evening. In many ways it represents the final step in opening a brand new school, a journey that began in July 2014. Our school vision supported by the Bohunt Education Trust has always been to "develop young people who are game-changers, innovators and leaders... who not only achieve outstanding results but will never be afraid to throw themselves into something new. It is encapsulated in three simple words: enjoy, respect, achieve"

As well as the fantastic results achieved by many of the year group we also looked at their wider achievements since the school began. This ranged from their active learning both in and outside the classroom, their assimilation of technology to enhance all aspects of school life, their leadership skills which were developed and shared as the school grew, their enthusiastic engagement with the huge range of clubs, activities excursions and trips, the energy they brought to each new event or opportunity and most importantly the role they played in establishing our high expectations through respect, hard work and kindness to all.

We introduced four awards during the evening which will be there for future years based on the inspiration of our house namesakes and our ethos. These are:

- The Turing Shield for Academic Excellence awarded to the student who academically excelled across all their GCSE subjects.
- The Mandela Shield for the student who achieved well whilst facing potentially adverse circumstances.
- The Franklin Shield for the student who made superb progress compared to their starting point in Year 7.
- The ERA shield for the student who consistently through their school time epitomised our values and ethos of Enjoy, Respect, Achieve.

The challenge is now laid down for our current year groups to be the ones who will be on the shortlists for these awards in future years. As this edition of our newsletter (and the many before it) shows there are significant numbers who should consider themselves contenders.

Very best wishes,

Adam Whitehead

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Enjoy

On Saturday 19th October BSW students on the Mandarin Excellence Programme jetted off to China for an adventurous trip of a lifetime. The trip, led by Mr MacInnis and Miss Fu, took in an array of incredible sites and an experience of Chinese education. Miss Fu reported on the trip;

We went to a beautiful city called Xiamen in the South of China where we did many cultural activities and Mandarin lessons as well as sightseeing. Then we were off to Beijing to see the Great Wall, some of the pupils chose to take the cable car to the top of the Great Wall and some of them chose to toboggan down. We were amazed by the Forbidden City and also managed to see the Bird Nest for 2018 Beijing Olympic Games. The students were great and did us proud!





On Saturday 26th October a group of 35 Year 11 History students headed out early to catch a flight to Berlin. Led by Mr Withington and Miss Palmer, GCSE pupils spent 4 days in the German capital taking in the history and culture of the vibrant city. Students visited a range of poignant historical sites, including the Sachsenhausen Concentration Camp and Holocaust Memorial as well as the majestic Reichstag Building and Dome. There were also opportunities to explore the city freely, including evening walks to the Brandenburg Gate and along the banks of the River Spree. As the city approached the 30th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall, pupils had a unique insight into how life used to be in the divided city, visiting a Stasi prison and hearing first hand accounts of life in East Germany from our incredible tour guides. Our students also got a chance to try authentic currywurst and real Berliner donuts!





On Thursday 7th and Friday 8th November BSW put on its fantastic production of *Oliver*, playing to audiences of parents and carers as well as students from Bohunt Horsham. The performance was the culmination of months of preparation and hard work by our actors and production team, led by Mrs Palmer. Luca Venditto, who played Fagin, reported in the Bohunt Times; 'I think that it is safe to say that the production of *Oliver* is the best production that Bohunt Worthing has put on so far. It was amazing to finally put together a sell out show. Thank you to Mrs Palmer who brought us together. We feel like one big family.'





On Tuesday 12th November we were delighted to welcome top author Sue Cheung to BSW to talk to students in Year 7 about her new novel *Chinglish*, based on her fascinating childhood in 1980s Coventry. As well as revealing some of the real life experiences that inspired the book, Sue talked to students about realising her dream to become an author and the sometimes bumpy road to achieving her success. Students thoroughly enjoyed the talk and many stayed at the end to get books signed and meet the author. A big thank you to the English department for putting this excellent event on for our pupils.



Respect

On Friday 15th November students and staff got together to put on a range of brilliant stalls and activities to raise money for Children in Need. The main hall was a hive of activity as pupils poured in to experience the events and wares on offer. From sticker sales and UV face painting to bike maintenance and origami, there was a wonderfully diverse set of stalls with something for everyone. The candyfloss machine proved to be a real hit, with students queuing around the corner to get a taste! Outside there was Sponge the Teacher, with pupils given the chance to lob a soaking wet sponge at their favourite(!) teachers. The events raised an amazing £560. A special mention should go to Connie Powis from our catering team who baked some superb Pudsey cupcakes, raising over £50!



On 2nd Saturday 2nd November a container of books donated by BSW Library was loaded onto a ship and began the voyage to Kerala in India. The books were then distributed to schools that needed them in India. The ACC Trust gratefully received the books and sent messages of thanks back to the school. It is great to

know that we can make a difference to young lives overseas with books that are no longer needed by our students.

Monday 11th November marked Remembrance Day and at BSW a special assembly was put on by Miss Palmer commemorating those who served and lost their lives in the First World War. At 11am the school observed a 2 minute silence and Luke Heaton (9SWI) played the Last Post on the trumpet in a moving tribute to the fallen. Students were also reminded of the wreaths created last year to mark the centenary of the end of WW1, with these being placed both at the Worthing memorial and at the graves in northern France.

Achieve

On Thursday 21st October the school welcomed back last year's Year 11 cohort for the Class of 2019 Year 11 Awards. It was wonderful to see so many familiar faces and to celebrate the significant achievement of our very first alumni year. Mr Whitehead gives a full report on the events of the evening in his introduction to the Blog.





Current Year 11 students have sat their first round of mock GCSE examinations, starting on Monday 11th November and lasting just over a fortnight. Examinations Officer Miss Patterson remarked on the 'focused and mature' attitude of the students who were impressive with their dedication, conduct and punctuality. We wish them the very best in advance of their results and going forwards into the rest of the year.

A huge congratulations to the girls who took part in and won the Young Women's Enterprise Conference at the Amex Stadium in Brighton on Thursday 21st November. Over fifteen schools from around the Sussex area attended the event and the premise behind the event was to provide a platform for the empowerment and encouragement of young females from a diverse range of backgrounds. The girls were offered the opportunity to meet and converse with successful women from across the world of business and enterprise.

The main task of the day was to work as a team to design and present a new app to support teenagers. Our girls decided to design an app called "Calm Skies" which was based around supporting Mental Health Issues. Amongst the features of their design, the app would play suitable music depending on the mood, act as diary/ blog for feelings and offer advice and support via confidential chats with professionals. Our students expressed excellent communication and team working skills and together they had to question and interview many guests to find out about their careers paths and what journey led them to where they are today. Mrs Ridsdale said *'The girls gave an excellent professional presentation and I am very pleased and proud to announce that our team were overall winners and were awarded the Young Women's Enterprise Conference Winners trophy!'*





Students from BSW took part in the Worthing Sings! on Wednesday 6th November along with pupils from other Worthing schools. Led by Miss Farr, the students took part in the biggest Worthing Sings! event ever, with over 300 pupils from local schools, including Chatsmore, Worthing High and Steyning Grammar.



It has been a great few weeks for sporting results at BSW. The Year 8 Netball Team took part in a tournament at Steyning Grammar on Thursday 14th November. They had a win against Shoreham Academy and drew against Worthing High.



Year 7, 8 and 9 boys took part in a series of football tournaments at St Andrews on 5th, 6th and 7th November. Year 7 and 9 won their tournaments and Year 8 came second. Well done Bohunt!

The Under 14s Girls Football team claimed a fantastic 5-0 victory against the Towers School on Tuesday 19th November.

Community notices

Please see below for information about exciting events and opportunities for young people in our community.



Goring Methodist Church
is proud to present our late night

Christmas Market

Thursday 5th December
18:30 – 21:00

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4.30 - 6.30
U11, U12 AND U13 (SCHOOL YEARS 6, 7 AND 8)

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Chance to be coached by Sussex County Coach and Regional player. Coaches have over 20 years experience between them at various levels; school, regional, university, college, back to netball and club.

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Wednesday 5th February 2020 6-8pm
£20 per ticket. Capacity 40.



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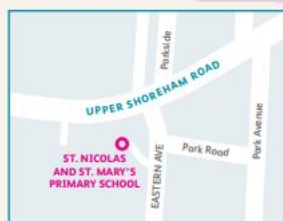
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"Now I have helpful ways to respond when my children are angry or upset"

"I loved learning the therapeutic games"

"Learning about children's emotional brain development was fascinating"



Venue:

St. Nicolas and St. Mary's Primary School,
Eastern Avenue, Shoreham-by-Sea,
West Sussex, BN43 6PE

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Key dates:

Tuesday 26 November 2019 – BET Inset Day – school closed to students
Wednesday 4 December 2019 – Y10 Parents' Evening
Thursday 5 December 2019 at 7pm – Screenagers Film screening for all Y7 and Y8 parent/carers and students
Friday 6 December 2019 – Inset Day – school closed to students
Friday 13 December 2019 – last after school club sessions for this term
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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