BOHUNT SCHOOL WORTHING NEWSLETTER

7th September 2026

Headteacher's Message

What a fantastic first week

What a fantastic first week we have had. Thank you to every member of staff for the energy, consistency and care you have brought to the start of the new academic year.

Our trial of one break time and one lunchtime is continuing to go really well. Staff have been exceptionally proactive in keeping queues moving and ensuring that students are able to get their food promptly, with queues remaining at no more than 10 minutes – even on Fish and Chip Friday.

The calm, purposeful atmosphere around the school has been excellent. Staff have been visible and proactive across the school site, ensuring that expectations are clear and setting the tone in every corner of the school. Thank you.

A reminder about mobile phones

Mobile phones must be switched off and kept in bags whenever students are on the school site.

If a student is found with a phone that is not switched off and in their bag, it will be confiscated.

Our consequences are:

First occasion: phone confiscated for 1 week

Second occasion: phone confiscated for 3 weeks

Third occasion: phone confiscated for 6 weeks

This is a clear and consistent school-wide expectation and is in line with the Department for Education's statutory guidance on mobile phones in schools.

The DfE guidance states:

"Headteachers are backed by DfE to confiscate mobile phones and similar devices, if they consider it proportionate, for whatever length of time they deem proportionate."

The guidance also states that schools should have a policy setting out how they will manage mobile phones and that schools can use confiscation as a disciplinary sanction. Department for Education – Mobile phones in schools

Ofsted also expects schools to have clear expectations around mobile phones and considers how consistently these expectations are implemented.

Our approach is deliberately straightforward: students know the rule, staff apply it consistently, and the consequence is predictable.

Thank you for continuing to reinforce this message with students. The success of this approach depends on all of us holding the line consistently.

Finally, thank you again for such a strong first week. There is a real sense of purpose across the school, and it has been fantastic to see staff setting the tone, building relationships and ensuring that students know exactly what is expected of them.

Upcoming dates

9th September: whole school photographs. (Any students missing this date will be taken on a mop up date towards the end of September.

22nd September: Open Evening (Early closure for students time TBC)

25th September BET Inset Day: School closed to all students

8th October: Year 7 Meet the Tutor

23rd October: Last day of term; normal finish Time