



# THE BHS BULLETIN - No. 5

Week B—W/c Monday 19 October 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

We all find ourselves at the end of the penultimate week of this half term. Unfortunately, this week saw our first two cases in the school community. In consultation with both the LEA and Public Health we were able to identify a small number of close contacts and request them to self-isolate for a period of time. I appreciate that the news of positive cases in the school may have been a worrying development but please rest assured all safety protocols are in place and active. This includes extra cleaners, wearing of face masks and the increase in washing/sanitizing hands.



The remote learning plan, which was previously sent out, is now being used in earnest, with my staff uploading the weekly work on Show My Homework every Monday evening. This will ensure students will have plenty of work to complete over their self-isolation period. If any student is having difficulty accessing the online work, then please do not hesitate to contact the school. Of course, our best wishes go to those students and staff who are having to spend a prolonged period of time in isolation.

This week our uniform focus on ties has been successful. Next week we shift our focus onto the wearing of jewellery which according to our well published uniform expectations is limited to a watch and one pair of plain stud earrings. Over this weekend please could you reinforce our expectations on what jewellery is appropriate for school next week. If you are unsure of any aspect of our uniform expectations please consult the Parents section of our school website.

In school, the COVID restrictions have caused us to reschedule and rethink how we go about many aspects of daily life. As a result, many school events have had to be delivered virtually. So, on Monday we launched our virtual Open Evening and next week sees our first virtual Parents' Evening. I would imagine given the prolonged difficulties and restrictions in our local community that this medium of delivery will continue.

As always, I do hope you and your families are keeping safe and if there is anything we can do help and support please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Kind regards

Mr P Williams  
Headteacher





## Medical Information

If your Child has a medical condition that requires a Medical Care plan you will have been sent a letter prior to them starting in September. Please could you ensure you have returned it along with any medication they may require in school for the attention of Mrs Renshaw or Mrs Marshall.

### NHS Test and Trace letter emailed out to parents on 24/9/20 from Public Health England

Dear Parents and Guardians

This is an important letter to share some information on how we can work together to make sure we can continue to give children and young people the best education in the safest way possible.

One important part of ensuring the safety and wellbeing of pupils, parents and our communities is testing for coronavirus. We all have a duty to make sure that the right people have access to get tested at the right time. Every time a test is used inappropriately, a person with Covid-19 symptoms may miss out on getting tested.

Therefore, I ask that you all follow these principles:

- You should only book a test if your child has any of these three coronavirus symptoms:

1. **a high temperature:** any new high temperature where your child feels hot to touch on their chest or back (you do not need to measure the temperature)

2. **a new continuous cough:** coughing a lot for more than an hour, or three or more coughing episodes in 24 hours

3. **a loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste:** a noticeable loss of smell or taste or things smell and taste different to normal

- Your child **does not need a test** if they have a runny nose, are sneezing or feeling unwell but do not have a temperature, cough or loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste because these are not normally symptoms of coronavirus.

- If you are unsure about whether to get a test, please check the official list of symptoms on the NHS website, which is reviewed regularly: [www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/](http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/)

- Only the person with symptoms should get a test. You do not need to get a test for anyone else in the household unless they also have any of the three symptoms listed above. All members of the household need to self-isolate whilst waiting for the test result.

If the person with symptoms' test comes back positive, other members of their household should continue self-isolating for 14 days and **only get a test if they develop coronavirus symptoms.**

- ✦ If a pupil in a class or bubble tests positive for coronavirus, anyone who is advised to self-isolate **does not require a test unless they subsequently develop symptoms.**

No one else in the same class or bubble as the symptomatic person needs to take any action unless advised by the school. Schools have detailed guidance and access to a Department for Education and Public Health England helpline for advice and support.



Contacts of a person who has tested positive must follow the guidance carefully and in full, which means they must stay at home for 14 days. This is because it can take several days following contact with an infected person before an individual develops symptoms or the virus can be detected. Students should only book a test if they get symptoms.

The NHS has produced some guidance to help parents understand when their child can and cannot attend school which you may find useful: <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

It is vital for children's learning and future opportunities that they are able to return to school and college. It is therefore vitally important that all we work together and do our bit to make this possible.



**If your child has:**  
a high temperature  
a new, continuous cough, or  
a loss of, or change in, sense of  
smell or taste

This could be a sign of  
coronavirus

**Book a test**

**If your child has:**  
a runny nose, is sneezing or  
feeling unwell  
**But they don't have:**  
a high temperature  
a new, continuous cough, or  
a loss of, or change in,  
sense of smell or taste

These are  
**not normally symptoms of  
coronavirus**

Seek advice from a pharmacy, dial  
111 or see your GP

We have had notification from the Immunisation team that the Year 9 students that have missed having their 2<sup>nd</sup> HPV injection will receive it at school on 15<sup>th</sup> or 16<sup>th</sup> June 2021.

Please find below the Immunisation schedule for 2020/21 at BHS

#### Flu 2020/21

Year 7	Single dose
BHS	Monday 30th November 2020

#### HPV 2020/21

Year 8	1st Dose	2nd Dose
	Monday 19th October	Tuesday 15th June 2021
	Tuesday 20th October	Wednesday 16th June 2021
Year 9		Tuesday 15th June 2021
		Wednesday 16th June 2021

#### Td/IPV & Men ACWY 2020/21

Year 9	Girls	Boys
BHS	Tuesday 12th January	Wednesday 13th January 2021



## Safeguarding

Keeping our youngsters safe on line is the responsibility of us all. In order to do this, it's important understand potential dangers such as online grooming.

### What is it?

Grooming is a process used to prepare a child for sexual abuse. An offender's aim when grooming will be to gain access to a child and build a 'relationship' with that child away from any adult supervision.

### What happens?

Once a relationship is established an offender may then introduce sexual themes to the conversation, for example, asking the child about their sexual experiences, sharing pornography with them or asking them for sexual pictures of themselves. Often an offender will attempt to get a child to meet them in the real world in order to abuse them. Increasingly some offenders are also persuading children to perform sexual acts on webcam.

### Signs of grooming.

Look out for an unhealthy or heightened level of internet usage. Has your child become more secretive about who they are talking to and where they conduct their online conversations?

To your knowledge has your child engaged in any sexual behaviour online or via text, chat or webcam? Have they got any new electronic devices or gifts that family did not give them or they may not have been able to obtain for themselves?

Talk to your child about meeting their online friend's offline. If they intend to meet any of these online friends you need to set clear boundaries, tell them why you are concerned for their safety and that they must take you or a trusted adult with them to the meeting.

### What can I do to protect my child online?

Talk to your child about:

- \* What sites they use.
- \* The friends they have and how they know them.
- \* How they communicate with these friends.
- \* The type of information they can share.



There are fantastic parental resources on the Think You Know website:

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/Support-tools/home-activity-worksheets/>

Miss J Kennedy

SLT Lead for Safeguarding, Pastoral Care & Attendance



## Student Notices

### Assemblies W/c 19 October 2020 - All delivered in Core Rooms

**Assemblies to be delivered this week - who was Pablo Picasso? (World Art Day—why does he have a day?)**

<b>Monday 19 October 2020</b>	Y8 Immunisations—PCC am
<b>Tuesday 20 October 2020</b>	Y8 Immunisations—PCC am
<b>Wednesday 21 October 2020</b>	
<b>Thursday 22 October 2020</b>	Y11 Virtual Parents' Evening
<b>Friday 23 October 2020</b>	School closes for the half term break. 25/10 Picasso's birthday

Please remember to bring in your own masks to wear indoors, on corridors and on buses and keep social distance from each other. Also, remember to bring all equipment and/or lunch needed for the day and follow the one-way system in school.



**Any absent student can now access a remote version of the work covered in lessons on 'Show My Homework'.**





## Student Notices

### Year 7

Hello Year 7

I am so pleased to be able to write this bulletin to you this week, as many of you are aware I have not been in School for a few weeks because of a short illness and this has meant I missed seeing how you have all settled in.

A big 'Thank You' to Mrs Stevens who has helped and supported you in my absence and who has told me what a fantastic start you have all made, particularly since we have all faced such different and sometimes difficult challenges this year.

I wanted to share with you the quote below from Martin Luther King, who you may know was a Baptist minister and social rights activist in the United States in the 1950s and '60s. He was a leader of the American civil rights movement. He envisioned a world where his children would not be judged by the colour of their skin, but by the content of their character. He changed the lives of all African Americans in his time and subsequent decades.

You have all now taken the first step on your High School career, make sure you make the most of all the opportunities that are here for you. Have confidence in yourselves and greet each new day with commitment and passion.

Most importantly be kind to one another, accept and share in the many ways that we as individuals may be different but share lots of commonality, by respecting one another we can ensure that by Year 11 you get to the top of that staircase together and are able to reflect on all your achievements.

It's great to be back Year 7.

Have a lovely weekend

**Mrs Ahmed**

**Head of Year 7**



### Year 8

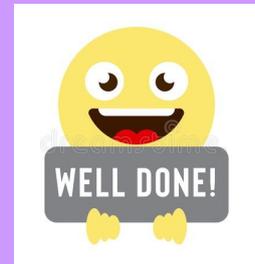
Well Year 8 we are in the final week of a very busy half term! Well done to the vast majority of you who have returned and settled in to the new year.

This week we saw the launch of **Praise Friday**. Each Friday 5 students in each Core will receive a PRAISE postcard from their Core Tutor. This can be for anything which has happened since the beginning of the year. You'll also receive a P4 and 75 points. There will also be a Pupil of the lesson award who will receive 50 points.

In addition we have 102 Students who have achieved Bronze Status so far this year! These students have reached 1000 praise points and will receive a Bronze Badge – Well done to each and every one of you!

An extra special well done to the 4 students below who have each gained over 2000 points so far this year which means they have reached their Silver award!

- ◆ Xander 8FAE
- ◆ Niamh 8FAE
- ◆ Ella 8FAE
- ◆ Oliver 8AHS



Enjoy your weekend.

**Mrs Conduit**  
Head of Year 8

### Year 9

We are nearly there Year 9, one more week to go and it is half term!! I am I am delighted to say I am now back in the KS4 office and looking forward to working with you all again. I do appreciate that things have been difficult over the last few weeks but I have been reliably informed that the majority of you are dealing with the changes we have had to put in place at school extremely well.

We know that others may be struggling a little more and finding change quite stressful. Please remember that stress is a fact of life, but it should never become a way of life. It is normal to feel stressed and tired once in a while, but if you are feeling like this a lot then we need to look at support and ways to help you with this.

#### UNIFORM REMINDER :

I know the majority of students in our year group get their uniform absolutely right, and clearly take pride in their smart and professional appearance.

We are still finding a small number are not adhering to our uniform expectations.

- NO "bodycon" mini skirts
- NO ripped tights - tights should be black & opaque
- NO over the knee sock - socks should be ankle or knee length and black
- NO false eyelashes
- NO eye liner and /or fox-eye angular eye-liner flicks
- NO eyeshadow or lipstick
- NO false or painted nails
- NO nose jewellery or other jewellery other than a simple plain small studs/sleepers earrings

Have a fabulous weekend & stay safe.

**Mrs Stevens**  
Head of Year 9



## Year 10

Dear Students

As we approach the end of our first half term I think it is a good time to take stock of how we feel we have adapted to the changes and challenges presented to us this academic year. I am proud of every student who has applied themselves to their best ability, taken the opportunities presented to them with both hands and worked hard as the weeks have gone by. I often think people don't consider their value enough, make sure you are not selling yourself short. All too often it is easy to think that we can't do things, don't know how to approach or attempt things and this can rob our confidence. I want all of our students to have enough self-belief to try, to ask for help and to feel confident to know that you don't have all the answers.

Each of us has a part to play in reaching this goal, you can show support to your peers by encouraging them to ask questions or show off their knowledge. You can be kind and considerate of others and accepting that their journey may be different to yours. You can choose to shine in any of your lessons, and know that your hard work and abilities are gifts to be nurtured and shared.



Mr J Flynn

Head of Year 10

## Year 11

Happy Friday Year 11.

What a week it has been! I can't believe we are only one week away until October half-term... it will be Christmas before we know it!!

Mock exams, GCSEs and revision seem to be the topic of every conversation during the school day however this weekend I would like you to think about your wellbeing and being kind to yourself.

**"Go easy on yourself.  
Whatever you do today,  
let it be enough."  
– Unknown**

I have had several conversations with so many of you regarding your concerns surrounding school/college prospects and of course COVID-19. It is very easy to feel you are not working hard enough, when actually if you reflect on your revision preparation, homework and internal assessments, you will see how far you have come.

Please see the link from the Anna Freud Centre: <https://www.annafreud.org/on-my-mind/self-care/>

This is a fantastic resource full of information, guidance and advice. Please use this your advantage.

Have a lovely weekend Year 11.

Miss Magee

Head of Year 11



## Year 11—November Mock Examinations

Below is the Year 11 November Mock timetable please be aware there has been slight alterations since the distribution of the revision booklet last week. Individual student timetables will be provided to students prior to the October half term. Can I remind students that in order to be fully prepared for your examinations you have read all relevant examination revision guidance along with the JCQ 'Warning' and 'Information' posters. All JCQ information can be found on the examination notice boards AND on the exams web <http://bhsweb.co.uk/exams-timtables>.

### Centralised Examinations (invigilated)

#### Week 1 - commencing 16 November 2020

Day	Start	Finish	Finish ET	Exam	Code
Mon	08:45	10:15	10:37	Mathematics Paper 1 (non-calc) F & H	MaF/P1 MaH/P1
Tues	08:45	10:15	10:37	Mathematics Paper 2 (calc) F & H	MaF/P2, MaH/
Wed	08:45	11:00	11:33	English Language (walking & talking)	EnLa/WT
Thurs	08:45	11:00	11:33	English Literature Paper 2	EnLi/P2
Fri	08:45	10:15	10:37	Mathematics Paper 3 (calc) F & H	MaF/P3, MaH/

#### Week 2 - commencing 23 November 2020

Day	Start	Finish	Finish ET	Exam	Code
Mon	08:45	10:30	10:56	Biology F & H	BiF/P1, BiH/P1
		9:55	10:12	Science Combined Biology F & H	BiCF/P1, BiCH/P1
Tues	08:45	10:30	10:56	Chemistry F& H	ChF/P1, ChH/P1
		9:55	10:12	Science Combined Chemistry F & H	ChCF/P1, ChCH/P1
Wed	08:45	10:30	10:56	Physics F & H	PhF/P1, PhH/P1
		9:55	10:12	Science Combined Physics F & H	PhCF/P1, PhCH/P1
Thurs	08:45	10:45	11:15	Design & Technology	DTe/P1
		10:45	11:15	History Option A	His/P1
		10:45	10:37	Geography Option A	Geogr/P1
		10:30	10:56	Religious Studies Option A	RE/P2
		10:15	10:37	Food preparation & nutrition Option A	FdPr/P1
		10:15	10:37	Geology Option A	Geol/C1
Fri	08:45	10:15	10:37	Computer Studies Option A	ComSc/P1
		10:45	11:15	History Option B	His/P1
		10:45	10:37	Geography Option B	Geogr/P1
		10:15	10:37	Business Studies Option B	BusS/P1
		10:15	10:37	Geology Option B	Geol/C1
		10:15	10:37	Computer Studies Option B	ComSc/P1
		10:00	10:18	PE Option B	PE/P1



**Y11 Mock Examinations continued....**

**Week 3 - commencing 30 November 2020**

Day	Start	Finish	Finish ET	Exam	Code
Mon	08:45	10:45	11:15	History Option C	His/P1
		10:45	10:37	Geography Option C	Geogr/P1
		10:15	10:37	Food preparation & nutrition Option	FdPr/P1
		10:00	10:18	PE Option C	PE/P1
Tues	08:45	10:45	11:15	History Option D	His/P1
		10:45	10:37	Geography Option D	Geogr/P1
		10:15	10:37	Computer Studies Option D	ComSc/P1
		10:00	10:18	BTEC Travel & Tourism Option D	Trav/P1
		09:45	10:00	Sports Studies Option D	SpSD/P1
		10:00	10:18	MFL Higher Writing	FrH/P4 GeH/P4
		09:45	10:00	MFL Foundation Writing	FrF/P4 GeF/P4
Wed	08:45	10:00		Music	Mus/P1

**Classroom Examinations - Week commencing 30 November 2020 (no invigilation)**

Day	Start	Finish	Exam	Code
30 Nov	11:20	12:20	PE Option B – Practical	PE/P2
2 Dec	14:00	15:00	PE Option C – Practical	PE/P2
			MFL Higher Listening and Reading	
			MFL Foundation Listening and Reading	

**Art and Design Practical - Double classroom session TBC (no invigilation)**

Day	Start	Finish	Exam	Code
			Art & Design (Graphic Comms & Textile Design)	Gra/Pr, Tex/Pr
			Art & Design (Fine Art)	FiArt/Pr



## PE Extra-curricular Programme – Autumn 2020

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year 7	Netball (Sports Hall) LF/LN  Football (Astro) RB  Girls Football (Astro) SK		Rugby (Field) SB Badminton (Sports Hall) AC  Table Tennis (Sports Hall) KD  Basketball (Sports Hall) TP		
Year 8		Netball A (Sports Hall) LT/LN  Trampoline (Gym) KD  Rugby (Field) RM  Hockey B (Astro) AL DA			Football (Astro) CK
Year 9		Netball (Courts) LF  Rugby (Field) TP	Hockey (Astro) AL DA  Dance / Fitness PCC) AG		Football (Sports Hall) GB
Year 10				Football (Field) RB	
Year 11				Badminton (Sports Hall) SB /AC  Table Tennis (Sports Hall) SB	

These sessions will be run in year group bubbles and everyone is welcome to join in. You will be expected to come straight to the changing rooms after school, get registered by your member of staff and then enjoy the activity. All sessions will be finished by 4.15pm so we can ensure that changing rooms are sanitised after use.

We would like to thank the additional staff who support the PE department. Mr Kendrew, Mr Butcher, and Mr Baker will be running the football sessions. SK are providing girls football, Mrs Nolan and Mrs Furber will be running the Year 7 Netball and Mr D Armstrong will be helping run the hockey. Miss Greg is providing fitness for Year 9 and Mrs Carvell will be supporting the badminton after school.

**Mrs K Dodd**  
PE Department



## Music Department

It is with great pleasure we can finally announce that Bramhall High School music department are launching an interim extra-curricular music programme of after school music clubs that follow government guidelines and the school's risk assessment.

The reason why it is an interim programme is because we normally run a lot more than this including two Orchestras, a Swing Band, a Strings group, a Rockschoo for all year groups, a Garageband computer remixing music club, and a huge vocal ensemble full of students of all ages, but at the moment we are not able to run all of these due to the complexities presented by the current government guidelines and it is vital we follow the school's risk assessment.

As soon as we can safely run our full programme we will of course let you know and get things back to normal. However, we are now able to start the following interim after school music groups starting from Monday 12th October (next week), they will all be in the music department classrooms and I have attached a full timetable to this email to explain our plans (please download and view the attachment).

To summarise our offer (please read all of the following sections that apply to your son/daughter):

### 1) All Year 7 students

a) If your son/daughter is a Year 7 student who enjoys singing and wants to join Mr Pickton's vocal ensemble on Wednesday's after school - please reply to this email to apply for a place with your son/daughter's name and surname - places are limited due to C19 guidelines so please reply quickly to reserve a place. This club is totally free of charge! Please only tell your son/daughter that they can attend this club if I reply to you to confirm their place so we can keep numbers to a safe amount.

b) If your son/daughter is a Year 7 student who already plays guitar, bass guitar, drums, keyboard/piano or is a singer who wants to be in a rock band - please reply to this email with your son/daughters full name, instrument/voice and ability level to apply for a place for them to join our Monday night Year 7 Rockschoo group - again places are limited due to C19 guidelines so please reply quickly to reserve a place. This club is totally free of charge but again please only tell your son/daughter that they can attend this club if I reply to your email to confirm their place so we can again keep numbers to a safe amount.

### 2) Year 7, 8 and 9 brass, woodwind, and strings players (orchestral instrumentalists)

All Year 7, Year 8 and Year 9 brass, woodwind, and strings players (orchestra instruments) should come to music with their instruments on Tuesdays after school straight after period 5. They will of course be in separate groups and rooms, Year 7 with Mr Stonehouse, Year 8 with Mr Pickton and Year 9 with Mrs Coe. Basically if your Year 8 or Year 9 son/daughter came to string group, Wednesday lunch band or Tuesday after school orchestra last year we really want them to join us on Tuesdays after school this year! New Year 7s: if you play an orchestra instrument we really want you to join this group every Tuesday after school.

### 3) Year 10 and Year 11 brass, woodwind, and strings players (orchestral instrumentalists)

All Year 10 and Year 11 brass, woodwind, and strings players (orchestra instruments) should come to music with their instruments on Thursdays after school straight after period 5. They will of course be in separate groups and rooms, Year 11 with Mr Stonehouse and Year 10 with Mr Pickton. Basically if your Year 10 or Year 11 son/daughter came to string group, Wednesday lunch band or Tuesday after school orchestra last year we really want them to join us on Thursday after school.

All of the above may sound a bit complicated (it is very complicated!) so if you have any questions at all please feel free to email the Head of Music - Mr Pickton using [dpickton@bramhallhigh.stockport.sch.uk](mailto:dpickton@bramhallhigh.stockport.sch.uk).



## Interim Extra-Curricular Music Programme – Autumn 2020

(Each session is 3pm until 4pm after school)

Starting Week Beginning Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year 7	Rockschool MU2 – Mr Wilson	Orchestra MU2 (Woodwind, Brass and Strings Players) – Mr Stonehouse	Vocal Ensemble MU2 – Mr Pickton		
Year 8		Orchestra MU3 (Woodwind, Brass and Strings Players) – Mr Pickton			
Year 9		Orchestra LIVE LOUNGE (Next to MU2) (Woodwind, Brass, and String Players) – Mrs Coe			
Year 10				Orchestra MU3 (Woodwind, Brass and Strings Players) – Mr Pickton	
Year 11				Orchestra MU2 (Woodwind, Brass and Strings Players) – Mr Stonehouse	

