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Bramhall High School



# THE BHS BULLETIN - No. 6

Week A—W/c Monday 2 November 2020

The PTA are going to host their first event for this year on

**Saturday 28 November 2020.**

Save the Date

It is a Gin tasting evening, (Stockport Gins), from the comfort of your sofa - more information to follow after half term. For now, please **SAVE THE DATE!**

If anyone needs to report a positive test for COVID-19 over the holidays— please email [covid19@bramhallhigh.stockport.sch.uk](mailto:covid19@bramhallhigh.stockport.sch.uk) with the details.

Dear Parents/Carers

As a school community we come to the end of the first half term. It is of course the end of my first half term as Headteacher here at Bramhall High School. May I again take this opportunity to thank all the parents and carers for your good wishes and support you have given to myself and the school. Equally, pass on my thanks to the students for the cheerful and respectful manner I see from them, in the mornings and throughout the day. It certainly has helped me in my transition to the post of Headteacher here.

We have had eight very busy weeks getting school back to normal and helping students strive for excellence in their lessons. I am very proud of how the entire school community, both staff and students have risen to, and successfully overcome, the many challenges we have faced. The level of resilience demonstrated by everyone has been amazing and will help us get through further challenges during the next half term.

Today sees the start of tighter restrictions in the Greater Manchester area. As always, in this Bulletin and on our website, we offer some guidance and information on COVID safety as well as what to do if symptoms develop. This week we experienced another member of our school community testing positive. Once again by seeking advice from health experts at PHE and the LEA we were able to minimise the disruption to school. I am sure you will join me in wishing those members of the school community who have tested positive a speedy recovery. I look forward to welcoming them alongside the students and staff who were required to self-isolate back into school next term.

I would like to point out that over the half term holiday if you need to report a positive test result that you email the result to [covid19@bramhallhigh.stockport.sch.uk](mailto:covid19@bramhallhigh.stockport.sch.uk) stating both the students name, year group and core tutor group. This will allow us to remotely begin our track and trace process.

I will finish by wishing you all a safe and restful half term break.

Warm 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

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

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

#### HPV 2020/21

Year 9		Tuesday 15th June 2021
		Wednesday 16th June 2021



## Safeguarding

### Pupil Safety and Dark Nights

Next Saturday night we will be setting the clocks back an hour and summer time ends. Road traffic collisions increase by 20% in the fortnight after the time change. Sadly, some of those collisions will involve child pedestrians and cyclists. Children under-16 are one of the most vulnerable groups of road users.



The latest available government statistics (2015)\* show that 58% of children who die or are seriously injured in a road collision are involved in incidents between 3 and 7pm. From next Sunday, much of those will happen in darkness.

Whilst younger children are at risk, the data shows that 11 - 15 year olds are actually at more at risk from accidents that kill or result in serious injury.

The resources below will help remind teenagers, about road safety and safe cycling.

Teaching Road Safety: A Guide for Parents

<https://www.rospa.com/media/documents/road-safety/teaching-road-safety-a-guide-for-parents.pdf>

Safety First – Cycling at Night

<https://www.cycletraining.co.uk/cycle-training-and-cycle-safety/safety-first-cycling-at-night/>

Road safety teaching resources for young people <https://www.think.gov.uk/education-resources/>

**Miss J Kennedy**

**SLT Lead for Safeguarding, Pastoral Care & Attendance**



## Student Notices

### Assemblies W/c 2 November 2020 - All delivered in Core Rooms

#### Assemblies to be delivered this week - Who was Guy Fawkes? Why is he still remembered? - History Department

Monday 2 November 2020	
Tuesday 3 November 2020	
Wednesday 4 November 2020	
Thursday 5 November 2020	Guy Fawkes
Friday 6 November 2020	

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

Wow! Year 7 we made it to our first half term. You are now fully established citizens of Bramhall High School, I am so proud of each and every one of you.

You have supported one another so well and so many of you have made new friends and embraced all that is on offer for you in High School despite the difficult circumstances we currently find ourselves in .

Congratulations to the following students who have the most positive points and no N points within their core group this half term.

- ◆ Oscar 7AGN 1830
- ◆ Max 7ALL 1955
- ◆ Joseph 7ATR 1740
- ◆ Mikey 7CES 1940
- ◆ Ramath 7ELR 1850
- ◆ Fatima 7HSS 1785
- ◆ Emma 7JEE 1890



And special congratulations to **Alfie from 7 JAU and Sofia from 7 RLO** who have both broken the 2000 barrier in their first half term – PHENOMENAL – Well done Alfie and Sofia.

Many of you will have received your bronze awards in core time this week. Congratulations to you all! Enjoy your well-deserved half term break

**Mrs Ahmed**

**Head of Year 7**

### Year 8 - YOU DID IT!

Your first half term of Year 8 is complete and you have done an amazing job. You should be very proud of yourselves. I would also like to say thank you to you all for being so sensible and well behaved during your recent vaccinations!

Congratulations to those who have achieved their Bronze and now SILVER award, a fantastic achievement! A huge 'WELL DONE' to those of you who have received a praise postcard!

After a relaxing week off, let us work even harder, strive for more Positive Points and maintain clean uniform cards.

#### Quick reminder for the new term:

- No mobile phones
- No jewellery
- No acrylic nails
- No handbags
- Be punctual

Please keep safe this week, have fun and relax.

**Mrs Conduit**

**Head of Year 8**





### Year 9

Well we have made it to half term Year 9 and what a great first half term we have had. I am very proud of you all and how well you have coped with the return to school during these difficult times. On the whole, you have taken the challenges in your stride and I have been really impressed with your resilience and how you have looked out for each other.

On a separate note, it is always lovely to be able to end a half term with some fabulous news! I am delighted to congratulate Cara 9AHO on the publication of her first book - Fire Angels.



Cara wrote her book during lockdown and told us she had been inspired to write it after doing a scheme of work in English on Dysotopia, Environment and Society, led by her English teacher Ms Dranfield.

In the foreword of her novel she has written "Over lockdown, I have been finding ways to keep myself busy. I have read lots of books over this time so I set myself a challenge. I worked most days on this story before school restarted."

It is amazing for someone of her age to write something like this, everyone at school is so proud of her and we look forward to reading more of her books in the future !!

## Congratulations Cara

If anyone else has any great news to share, please do let me know..

I hope you all have a fabulous half term and well-earned rest. Take care of yourselves and stay safe.

**Mrs Stevens**  
Head of Year 9

### Year 10

I am writing this week to congratulate you on completing the first half term of this academic year! The past eight weeks have represented a number of challenges and have required some considerable adaptation but I am proud of how you have coped with the new demands put upon us at this time.

Hopefully you will all have a sense of pride in your school performance going into the break. Many will feel like they have progressed and have put lots of learning 'in the bank', I encourage all students to rest and regroup ready for the remainder of this term so they can come back refreshed, resolute and ready to learn.

If you feel you have slipped or are falling behind I think next week is a welcome time to reflect and discuss with those around you how to get back on track, it's never too late to start. Plan your working week well so you can keep on top of your homework and social commitments, there may never be a better time to beat the boredom with work than now.

Make sure you are prepared should you be required to work from home, this week would be a wonderful opportunity to clean your room, make a work space and ensure you can log onto the relevant online learning apps. **Remember your school email and password open most programs using office 365, if in doubt try this first!**

Good Luck,  
**Mr J Flynn**  
Head of Year 10





## Year 11

So Year 11, that's the first half term done! I can't believe how fast these last 8 weeks have gone – this is a real indicator of how quickly this academic year will pass us by. We are living in unprecedented times and I couldn't be prouder of you all for how you are coping with this very unpredictable and unsettling situation.



I'm sure you're all very glad to be looking at 9 days off. It has most definitely been our most challenging half-term to date. This coming week is the ideal opportunity for you to take stock of exactly what you need to do to achieve the best results you can in the up and coming mock exams in November. Please think about what your teachers have been saying to you this half term and consider subject areas that you find most difficult. Ask yourself if you have been working to the best of your ability... If the answer is yes, then just keep doing what you are doing. If the honest answer is no, it's never too late to turn it around.

In addition to making revision schedules, revising, writing personal statements and working on college applications, it's also really important for you to get some rest and have some fun. Working around the clock may leave you tired and stressed – not the state you want to be in going forward into your exams. It's about balance!

So... work hard, stay calm, spend quality time with your family and **most of all look after your physical and emotional health.**

<https://www.annafreud.org/on-my-mind/self-care/>

Have a great half term!

**Miss Magee**

**Head of Year 11**

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## 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/P2
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/P3

#### 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
<b>Mon</b>	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 C	FdPr/P1
		10:00	10:18	PE Option C	PE/P1
<b>Tues</b>	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 SpH/P4
		09:45	10:00	MFL Foundation Writing	FrF/P4 GeF/P4 SpF/P4
<b>Wed</b>	08:45	10:00		Music	Mus/P1

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

Day	Start	Finish	Exam	Code
<b>30 Nov</b>	11:20	12:20	PE Option B – Practical	PE/P2
<b>2 Dec</b>	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	

