



# THE BHS BULLETIN - No. 4

## Week B—W/c Monday 12 October 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

This week has once again been an extremely hectic one. However, we appear as a school to be getting back into the swing of things. Our students have also adapted well to the new arrangements and routines and we are proud of the resilience that they have shown since the start of term. I would ask if you could continue to reinforce the key messages of wearing masks, washing hands and maintaining space over this weekend.

I also believe the return to providing extra -curricular activities and some revision classes has assisted in this feel. I have been really impressed by the sheer number of students across the school who are staying behind to enrich and reinforce their learning. My thanks especially go to the teaching staff who are giving up their time after school to allow these activities to happen. Once again, the plan is for more sessions to be restarted as we progress through to December.

This week I have thoroughly enjoyed the time I've spent dropping into lessons. The working atmosphere in all the lessons I saw was superb. All the students were engaged and learning, striving for that educational excellence and being the best, they can be. The lessons ranged from trigonometry to practising chords to naming parts of the body to decision trees and flow charts. Students in KS4 were focusing strongly on exam technique catching up with developing skills and knowledge ready for their external examinations. There were lots of examples of the of ICT, literacy and numeracy across the curriculum.

On Wednesday, it was great to see Year 7 enjoying learning about parts of the body and specific scientific equipment as well as actively engaging in new subjects for them like design technology, food technology and electronics. They really have settled in well.

So, I must congratulate both students and staff for this successful return to school. Now we must focus on resuming other aspects of our normal school life, aspects we have given some flexibility and adaptation to in order to allow students to settle back into school life. Therefore, we now look towards reinforcing our expectations on the wearing of correct uniform. We aim for high standards in all aspects of school life including uniform. It is smart, hard wearing and good value for money and it gives our students a sense of belonging to our school. In wearing it correctly students show a respect towards the school. Unfortunately, we have seen a dramatic increase in the number of students wearing excessive jewellery including nose piercings, inappropriate skirts or skirt length, forgetting ties, etc. Please don't get me wrong there are many students who are attending school appropriately dressed.

Over the remaining weeks of this half term and the first few weeks after the half term break myself and other senior and middle leaders will be routinely checking how students are following the uniform policy. There will be a weekly push on certain aspects of uniform. In the morning our Core Tutors will be focusing on ensuring students leave their room correctly dressed and will be regularly contacting the parents or carers of students not conforming to our uniform expectations. If parents or carers are unsure about any aspect of our Uniform Policy, a copy is available through our website.

As always, please stay safe and if you need any advice or support, please don't hesitate in contacting the school.

Thank you

Mr P Williams



## 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.

### Y9 Parents/Carers

During the 'Lockdown' the Year 9 students missed having their 2<sup>nd</sup> HPV immunisation at school but all parents/carers received an email from school on 14<sup>th</sup> July. The email contained a letter from the Immunisation team with an alternative 'drive through' style clinic on the 22<sup>nd</sup> July. If you did not attend the clinic the **NHS Immunisation team** will have, or will be, in contact with you to rearrange.

Mrs Renshaw

### 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**

### Parents/Carers of Year 8 Students

Your Child has been give an HPV Immunisation Consent form this week, for them to have completed at home and returned by today. If you have not received it yet please check with your child and ideally return it by **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October.**

Within the packs are the dates of the immunisation and a contact number if you have any questions.

If you **do not** consent to your child having the vaccination please sign that section of the Consent form and return to school.

**Mrs Renshaw**



## Student Notices

### Assemblies W/c 12 October 2020 - All delivered in Core Rooms

School Calendar items for the week ahead - Assemblies to be delivered this week - Who was Alfred Nobel? - Science Department

Monday 12 October 2020	
Tuesday 13 October 2020	
Wednesday 14 October 2020	
Thursday 15 October 2020	Y11 Parents' Evening moved to Thursday 22 October 2020 - on-line meetings
Friday 16 October 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

As we approach the end of your first half term, congratulations to so many of you who have settled down so well. We already have over 100 students in the Year group who have achieved over a thousand positive points in your first half term and will be receiving your bronze awards in the next few days. Huge congratulations to Alfie in 7JAU who with 1460 points is leading the year group. Well done also to Ethan in 7HSS & Darmender in 7ATR who have both gained 130 positive points this week. There are many of you closing the gap and snapping at their heels, so I shall be interested to see who has taken over at the top next week.



*Keep Up the  
Good Work!*

It is lovely to see so many of you working hard in your lessons and striving to do so well. Your hard work is being recognised and it is great to see the progress you are making.

### BUS SAFETY

I would like to reiterate the following safety advice for use on the school & public buses.

When you are on the bus please ensure that you:

- Wear a mask at all times.
- Remain seated at all times, do not get out of your seat and move around
- Use a seatbelt where provided
- Wait until the bus has stopped and the door opens before approaching the bus or standing up on the bus
- Use the handrail where provided especially when using the stairs.
- Please respect and listen to the driver, follow any instruction given by him/her
- Keep the aisles clear of bags and other trip hazards.



### GENERAL WATER SAFETY

We are aware that a lot of our Year 7 students go home from school through 'The Valley'. We have been made aware of several incidents involving silliness / reckless behaviour near the river itself. Water may look safe, but it can be hazardous. To keep yourself safe please ensure you stay away from the water.

The water levels in the river are now rising due to the recent rain fall and in areas the water is increasingly fast flowing.

Please be mindful when you are walking home, the nights are also drawing in and it is starting to get darker earlier.

Where possible stick to the pavements, which are well lit, and ensure you take care.

Have a lovely weekend & stay safe.

STAY  
SAFE  
EVERYONE

**Mrs Stevens**

**Acting Head of Year 7**



## Year 8

Hello Year 8

This Saturday 10th October 2020 will be World Mental Health Day. We all have mental health and it's just as important as physical health. Making a positive change can seem so hard, especially during uncertain times. And sometimes, it can be hard to know where to start. Take the opportunity this World Mental Health Day to find out more about how you can start with one thing:

- \* Go for a walk
- \* Learn a new skill
- \* Do something creative
- \* Have a tea and talk

For other ideas and help visit [mind.org.uk](http://mind.org.uk) and [mentalhealth.org.uk](http://mentalhealth.org.uk)

Then let me know how you get on!



**Mrs Conduit**

**Head of Year 8**

## Year 9

### What we're listening to:

TED Talks [www.ted.com](http://www.ted.com) is a non-profit organisation dedicated to sharing important ideas on a variety of topics. TED brings together the world's most innovative people – including teens and young adults - to deliver short, powerful talks on issues that matter. Ted Talks are informative, funny, and uplifting.

### Who we're following:

@goodhq its Insta feed is putting the 'good' back into good news! A positive antidote to the negative and worrying news stories of late. Its simple, colourful posts share a headline of something good or inspiring that happened in the world each day, and provide links if you're interested in learning more.

### What we're wearing:

School uniform. We should all be dressed appropriately as professional learners. A small number of Y9 girls have begun wearing 'body con' mini-skirts and over the knee socks – these are not acceptable. Tights should be black opaque and socks should be ankle or knee length and black.

Ideally, in KS3 we should not be wearing make-up at all. Any that is worn must be minimal and discreet. This means:

- ◆ 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

### What we're thinking:

"Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It's not."

– Dr. Seuss

**Miss Kennedy (Acting Head of Year 9)**

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



## Year 10

Dear Students

With the changing of the seasons comes more inclement weather and you need to be prepared. Please make sure you have a hooded coat and suitable (black leather) footwear which will keep the elements out. Please make sure your warm layers are BHS branded sweaters, and a reminder that your blazers are to be worn at all times. Hoodies or other non-school uniform are banned, please do not wear these or they will be confiscated.



I know the majority of students in our year group get their uniform absolutely right, and can take pride in their smart and professional appearance. Easy wins such as this, being punctual and being equipped for your day are so important to sending the right message to colleges and employers in your future. We want *professional learners* to achieve their best, and to be proud of results they have worked hard for over their 5 years here. We want confident and capable students who are prepared for futures in the outside world. Give yourself the best chance and practice *getting it right* now!

Mr J Flynn

Head of Year 10

## Year 11

Hello Year 11!

I can only imagine some of you are experiencing information overload. Not only are you focusing on your classwork, homework and revision for your up and coming mock exams but you are also receiving guidance for your college applications. It is very easy to become overwhelmed and lose sight of how much you have achieved, and overcome, so far this year. We are living in unprecedented times and we are all still learning to adapt to our 'new normal' – please ensure your wellbeing is the top of your priority list!

**DO SOMETHING  
TODAY THAT  
YOUR FUTURE  
SELF WILL  
THANK YOU FOR.**

I often use this quote when speaking to students:

Your parents, teaching staff and I can only take you so far. We can provide you with the tools to be successful but what you do with them is down to you. Remember...attendance, hard work and dedication will go a long way to relieve any anxiety surrounding your revision prep, mock exams and GCSEs. You can do this! You should have received your revision booklets this week during core time, use it to your advantage.

HUGE CONGRATULATIONS to Sadie (11SRV) who has achieved a place in the famous **West End Kids Song and Dance Troupe!** This is an incredible opportunity and we wish her all the luck for her future performances!

Have a fabulous weekend.

Miss Magee

Head of Year 11





## 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  Trampolining (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 Rockschoool 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 Rockschoool 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	

