



# THE BHS BULLETIN - No. 16

## W/c Monday 16 March 2021 - B Week

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you are all keeping well during what continues to be a very tough year, however, we might be seeing hope on the horizon.

Further to my letter dated 26 February, I would like to expand on some of the wider aspects of the school's plan for full attendance. Once more we will be following the National guidance focusing on **Hands- Face- Space and Ventilate** as well as continuing to operate a system of Year Group bubbles. We will also continue to operate the one-way system around school as well as specific toilets for specific year groups.

I have outlined several key points relating to our return below and I hope this will address any questions or concerns you may have.

**Staggered Starts:** We are so looking forward to welcoming the children in the week beginning the 8th March. The table below is a reminder of the schedule for the beginning of next week.

**All key worker and vulnerable students who have attended school since January can continue to attend school through the week.**

Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> March
COVID testing for Year 10 (students only attend for their test).	In school COVID testing for Year 11 and Year 7 (students only attend for their test).	In school COVID testing for Year 8 and Year 9 (students only attend for their test).
Home-based remote learning in place for Y7, 8, 9, 11.	All of Year 10 are in school following their normal timetable.	All of Year 7, 10 & 11 are in school following their normal timetables.
Home-based wellbeing activities in place for Year 10.	Home-based remote learning in place for Year 8 and Year 9.	Home-based wellbeing activities in place for Year 8 and Year 9.
Key worker and vulnerable students in school for Y7, 8, 9, 10 & 11.	Home-based wellbeing activities in place for Years 11 & Year 7.  Key worker and vulnerable students in school for Y7, Y8, Y9 & Y11.	Key worker and vulnerable students in for Y7 and 8.

On the day of first testing students will need to arrive during the time slots sent out yesterday to parents & carers. We have also included a reminder of these times in this bulletin.

All students attending school whether for their first test or as part of the key worker & vulnerable bubbles, must wear full school uniform. If parents are experiencing difficulties with school uniform, then please contact the relevant HOY.

**Testing:** We have updated our COVID 19 section on the website to include further information about the Lateral Flow Tests. Please take some time to review the resources on <https://bhsweb.co.uk/covid-19>.



**Catering:** The kitchens will be opening fully from 8th March. We are in discussions with the catering company about their offer following parental and pupil feedback on both quantity and quality. Our Breakfast Club provision will be available from 15<sup>th</sup> March in the Refectory for students arriving early to school.

**Uniform:** All pupils are expected to wear full school uniform whenever they are on the school site. I am aware that your child may have grown during lockdown and you may need new shoes or other aspects of uniform, especially if they have shot up in height.

If there is an aspect of uniform we can help with, let us know. Any questions on uniform should be directed to the relevant Head of Year. You can also contact the local uniform shop Davensport on 0161 483 3005 for assistance with uniform.

Please ensure students arrive to adhering to our simple uniform expectations:

- ◆ Blazer
- ◆ School Tie.
- ◆ Appropriate Trousers – no jeans.
- ◆ Appropriate Footwear – no trainers.
- ◆ Appropriate school skirts – no bodycon or rolled up and at a decent length.
- ◆ No Hoodies/black jumpers with a logo on them.
- ◆ Jewellery – one pair of stud earrings. No rings, bracelets, or facial piercings.

Due to the requirement of ventilating classrooms students will be allowed to wear their coats in classrooms for extra warmth. This is only up until the Easter break.

Additionally, if students have taken this opportunity to colour their hair or have a hairstyle that would be inappropriate for school, they should rectify this before they return. Once again please contact the relevant HOY if you think this will be an issue for your child. The school rules on makeup and painted nails remain the same and we ask that students remove coloured nail polish and any false nails before they return.

**Behaviour Expectations:** All expectations remain the same. Students are expected to be polite and respectful and to demonstrate the characteristics of The Bramhall Way.

**Attendance:** School attendance is now expected unless a student has received a shielding letter as they are clinically extremely vulnerable, it is imperative that you advise us of this.

**Dropping off and picking up at school:** Please keep respectful distance from others at the start and end of school. In addition, please be aware that surrounding area of the school can become extremely congested. Can I advise parents and carers to stagger the collection of their children? The roads around the school are a lot quieter 5 to 10 minutes after the end of school.

**Visitors to site:** We want to avoid visitors on site as much as possible. Those who do have permission to enter site will need to abide by all our safety protocols. Parents are encouraged to communicate via phone or email.

**Equipment:** All children must bring their own equipment with them. Where staff do provide children with equipment, this will have been disinfected and/or not have been used for the previous 48 hours (72 hours in the case of plastic).



**Mobile Phones:** Our rules regarding this have not changed – students can bring them to school, but they must be out of sight throughout the entire day or they will be confiscated. The only exception to this will be when students are using their mobile phone to register for their second and third Lateral Flow Tests during their Core Time.

**Return to normal school day:** We will continue to operate the staggered breaks and lunchtimes during the day. At the end students will be dismissed by year group from 2.55pm. In order to reintegrate students back into school and to facilitate the registration process for the LFD tests we will be extending morning Core Time by 15mins for the first week.

**Arrival to school:** Please ensure students arrive promptly through the correct entrance:

- ⇒ **Year 11:** To come into school via the Main Reception then go directly to your Core Tutor room.
- ⇒ **Year 10:** To come into school via the footpath leading into the Dome and then go directly to your Core Tutor room.
- ⇒ **Year 9:** To come into school via the Student Reception and through the left-hand doors and use the left-hand staircase then go directly to your Core Tutor room.
- ⇒ **Year 8:** To come into school via the main front area and follow the pathway down into the Dome and then go directly to your Core Tutor room.
- ⇒ **Year 7:** To come into school via the Student Reception using the right-hand side doors /stairway and go directly to your Core Tutor room.

**Face Coverings:** You will be aware that the Government is now strongly recommending the short-term use of face coverings in lessons as well as at social times and in corridors.

As an extra safety measure a student should be wearing their face masks when they enter or exit their classroom. Once settled and facing the front in a well-ventilated classroom a student can then remove their mask for a short period of time. This can only be done when any adult is 2m away. If a member of staff requests a student to put their mask back on again after an appropriate time, they should do this without question.

Overall, I have asked staff to be understanding regarding the wearing of coverings in lessons and recognise that if a child is uncomfortable or needs a break from wearing a mask, they can then remove them for short periods of time.

The exceptions to this are if students are eating or drinking inside the building or if they have a medical exemption. Students and staff will be allowed to remove the face covering when they are outdoors as long as they have safe distance from each other. Students will also be allowed to remove face coverings when taking part in PE. If you feel your child is now exempt from wearing a face covering please email the relevant HOY.

Staff will also be wearing face coverings when they teach inside their classrooms. Teachers may remove their masks inside the classroom to teach as long as they remain socially distanced from the students at all times. Staff and pupils have been operating in classrooms with face coverings on since January already.

**Transport and School Buses:** I understand that all school buses will be running as normal from the 8<sup>th</sup> March. For those that use private taxis or private buses, please ensure you check with your provider. If pupils are symptomatic or test positive, they will not be able to use school transport. Face coverings must be worn unless there is a medical exemption.

**Work at Home:** We will now return to a system where some students may have to self-isolate at home. Teaching staff will continue to provide a remote version of the work covered by the rest of the class in school. Please note that staff are teaching face-to-face lessons and therefore will be unable to deliver 'live' MS Teams sessions for those students working at home. The 'live' MS Teams sessions will come to an end on Friday 5 March. All remote work will be available under the 'Posts' section of MS Teams, including any attached resources. This may also include links to online resources such as Oak National Academy. Each piece of work will be clearly labelled as 'Work from Home' and only students self-isolating are required to complete this.



**Homework:** The priority for teaching and learning until Easter will be the return to face-to-face teaching. Optional extension tasks to complete at home will be available for all students to consolidate their learning. These will again be available in the 'Posts' section of each MS Team. Each one will be titled 'Extension Task', to differentiate it from the work from home section.

I would like to finish by thanking all of you in advance. I know many of you may be nervous and your children even more so. We are really looking forward to having our school community together again. The determination and resolve from everyone to get through the lockdown has been truly amazing. It is important that we remain vigilant at this critical stage and we will do all we can to ensure that students have a smooth reintegration back into school life.

Our focus once again will be about repairing and rebuilding routines, supporting students reintegrate and re-establishing relationships. I have no doubt that we will encounter some challenges and frustrations along the way but by working together in the interests of the safety of all students and staff we will overcome them. Please remember at the moment education remains secondary and health and safety is the paramount consideration.

Once again, a huge thank you for your continued support and I shall be in touch regularly with further information as required.

Take care & stay safe.

Paul Williams  
Headteacher

Thank you for your continued support  
during these challenging times.





## The Bramhall Way Live Lesson Legends

Congratulations to all the students that have been nominated over the period of Lockdown. There have been over 900 nominations.

All student nominations were entered into a draw. 10 students (2 from each year group) were randomly selected to receive a £5 Amazon gift voucher, in addition to P points.

### **“Live Lesson Legends“ Winners—Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2021**

Year 7	Freya B 7ELR	Isabelle H 7RLO
Year 8	Lea M 8ICR	Mia E 8EMD
Year 9	Sophie H 9VBU	Joshua T 9MIC
Year 10	Adam P 10MKH	Mason Gi 10ASL
Year 11	Sophie L 11KED	Faye S H 11MKL



### Students with 3+ nominations

STUDENT	Year Group	Nominations
Aisling B	8	5
Annabelle FS	8	4
Sophie H	9	4
Oscar T	8	3
Emma O	8	3
Kacper D	8	3
Meda S	8	3
Xander G	8	3
Samantha VV	7	3
Joshua E	7	3
Honey A	9	3
Isabella N	9	3
Joshua T	9	3
Ethan V	10	3
John N	10	3
Luke H	10	3
Mason G	10	3
Matthew P	10	3
Olivia E	10	3
Sophie L	11	3





## The Bramhall Way

### Live Lesson Legends

The top 5 reasons given for the nominations.

- \* Excellent contribution to live lessons
- \* Excellent engagement
- \* Excellent participation in live lessons
- \* Excellent contributions -
- \* Excellent essay

Please read below some of the comments we have received in acknowledgement of the nominations.

*"Thank you for your email, so pleased and have shared with Hannah. This has made her day."*

*"Dear Bramhall Way Team,*

*Thank you so much for your email. That's fantastic news.*

*This is a great encouragement for Maria and other students to push them through especially during lockdown. And encouraging is a great motivator and do wonders to motivate students."*

*"Dear Bramhall Way Team,*

*Thank you for informing us of this nomination for our daughter, Erin. This is, I think, Erin's second nomination for this award and we are very proud of the commitment she's shown to her studies and also hugely grateful to the staff for their continued hard work and professionalism during a time of such adversity."*

One more week to go with our "LLL" award.

Miss C Lewis

Assistant Head teacher Inclusion



## Testing Information (as previously sent out 3/3/21)

### Year 10 Monday 8th March 2021

10:00	10MKH
10:30	10HMY
11:00	10NMC
11:30 Break	
12:00	10GHN
12:30	10GBU
1:00	10FDS
1:30	10ASL
2:00	10CJK

### Year 7 and Y11 Tuesday 9th March 2021

08.45	7ALL
09:00	7AGN
09:15	7ATR
09.30	7CES
09.45	7ELR
10.00	7JEE
10.15	7JAU
10.30	7RLO
10.45	7HSS

11.30	11AMG
11.45	11AWO
12.00	11KED
12.15	11MKL
12.30 Lunch	
1.00	11RMG
1.15	11SRV
1.30	11TYV
1.45	11GIM

### Year 8 and Y9 Wednesday 10th March 2021

09:00	8AHS
09:15	8CHI
09.30	8DPK
09.45	8EMD
10.00	8EHM
10.15	8FAE
10.30	8ICR
10.45	8STB

11.30	9CCHS
11.45	9KPK
12.00	9MIC
12.15	9TPA
12.30 Lunch	
1.00	9PET
1.15	AHO
1.30	9STP
1.45	9VBU



## Attendance

From 8<sup>th</sup> March, 2021 all students are expected to attend school on their designated day as stated.

Parents or carers are expected to contact school (Attendance Line: 0161 925 6330) **every day** of any illness and inform us of the reason for absence so that the correct attendance codes can be used in every case of absence. **We expect parents or carers to make contact to make us aware of the status of any COVID-19 tests that have become necessary and to update the school on the welfare of the child.**

A small number of students will still be unable to attend in line with public health advice to self-isolate because they: have symptoms or have had a positive test result;

- live with someone who has symptoms or has tested positive and are a household contact;
- are a close contact of someone who has coronavirus (COVID-19).

The advice for students who have been confirmed as clinically extremely vulnerable (CEV) is to shield and stay at home as much as possible until further notice. They are advised not to attend school while shielding advice applies nationally. If your child is shielding, please inform us via the Attendance Line: 0161 925 6330.

For children self-isolating or quarantining or shielding – we will use code X.

We will provide remote education to students who are unable to attend school because they are complying with government guidance or legislation around coronavirus (COVID-19).

Also, we will offer pastoral support to pupils who are:-

- Self-isolating
- shielding
- vulnerable (and off-school)

Where students are not able to attend school, as they are following clinical or public health advice related to coronavirus (COVID-19), the absence will not be penalised.

## Safeguarding

### Help to reduce online sexual harm (Marie Collins/NWG Network):

The Marie Collins Foundation is a charity working directly with children, young people and families to enable their recovery following sexual abuse involving technology. Working with the NWG Exploitation Network, they have created two resources to produce two new help guides, for parents and professionals, aimed at reducing online sexual harm. You can download the guides here: <https://www.mariecollinsfoundation.org.uk/videos/category/mcf-and-nwg-help-for-parents-and-professionals>

**Coronavirus and Trauma: Implications for Children and Young People (UK Trauma Council):**

Some children and young people will have potentially traumatic experiences related to the coronavirus pandemic. While many will recover with support from family and friends, others will need clinical intervention. The UK Trauma Council has created videos and guides sharing practical, evidence-based advice to help parents, carers and other key adults to support children and young people's during the pandemic. The three videos can be found at the link below:

[Why understanding the past is crucial during a crisis](#) (Professor Eamon McCrory, University College London)

[Coronavirus: Signs and symptoms of trauma in children and young people](#) (Professor David Tricky, Co-director, UK Trauma Centre)

[Promoting psychological recovery and wellbeing](#)

**Resources to support children on the return to school**

Childline: <https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/school-college-and-work/school-college/school/>

Place2Be: <https://www.place2be.org.uk/our-services/services-for-schools/mental-health-resources-for-schools/return-to-school-resources/>

NSPCC <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/away-from-home/at-school/#coronavirus>

**Ms J Kennedy**

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



## Bramhall High School Book Review Competition Winners



Thank you to everyone who entered this year's Book Review Competition! The number of entries has been astounding and the effort put into each review has been so impressive. Writing reviews is a great way to share the stories we have read and encourage others to read for pleasure.

Book reviews were judged on originality, clarity, persuasiveness, quality of writing and presentation. We are proud to announce the winners and shortlisted students below:

### Year 7

1<sup>st</sup> place – Isabelle H

2<sup>nd</sup> place – Mary M

### Year 8

1<sup>st</sup> place – Aaliyah G

2<sup>nd</sup> place – Raphael M

### Year 9

1<sup>st</sup> place - Lara P

2<sup>nd</sup> place – Daniel A

### Shortlisted students

Amelie B

Emma M

Joseph S

Molly C

Danny J

Erin F

Our first prize winners will be receiving a £10 book voucher and certificate. Our second prize winners will be receiving a £5 book voucher and certificate. All shortlisted students will receive a certificate to celebrate their achievement. All entries will receive P4 points for taking part in this extra-curricular event.

Please visit our Lockdown Library, on the school website, to read the winning and shortlisted reviews.

**Mrs Dranfield**

**Whole School Literacy Co-ordinator**

Every Student

Every Subject

Every Grade

Every Hope

Every Dream

Every Aspiration

Bramhall High School



## Dear Year 7

A HUGE WELCOME BACK YEAR 7.

The Sun has been shining, let's all look forward to a bright new beginning.

Let's not settle for less than we deserve after all the sacrifices everyone has made to get us to this point.

Look inside yourselves and decide what you need to do to make the best of the new opportunities before us as we return to full time school.

With motivation anything is possible, we have seen so many examples of this by Inspirational individuals during our COVID journey. Sir Captain Tom, Marcus Rashford and of course all the people at the front line who have supported us all.

So, Explore and Expand. Look at everything with fresh eyes, don't be afraid to make mistakes, learn from them and use them as stepping stones to future success.

Let's all DREAM BIG and our shared optimism that things will improve and we will get back to normal.

Can't wait to see you all next week, enjoy your weekend and to all Year 7 parents, thank you for your amazing support, you have permission to turn off the laptop and REST!

GOOD LUCK EVERYONE - BE KIND AND STAY SAFE.

**Mrs Ahmed**  
**Head of Year 7**



Year 8!

We finally have a real date to welcome you all back. Wednesday 10th for your test (please arrive for your time slot and leave promptly). Then back in school Thursday.

What a very peculiar time we've all had (again)....I'm sure there are lots of mixed emotions; elation at seeing your friends, concerns about any work you've done/ not managed to do, and general apprehension about how it's all going to work.

Just remember everyone is feeling the same way and we are all here to help you. We really do understand how hard it has been and we're excited at getting you all back in and working together.

Please do get in touch if there is anything that is troubling you, a trouble shared is a trouble halved. I'm sure we can put your mind at rest. Have a good rest this weekend and remember, whatever you do, BE KIND!

**Mrs A Conduit**  
**Head of Year 8**



**Welcome back Year 9**

I am so looking forward to welcoming you all back next week. I have definitely missed you all and school has certainly been far too quiet without you!

I hope that you are looking forward to coming back in and are excited about seeing your friends and returning to some degree of normality.

I have no doubt that some of you will be anxious and worried, but please know that we are all here to support you and my door is always open if you need to see me.

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Remember that you have all been amazing during these difficult times and should be proud of yourselves. Don't forget that we are all in this together, so if you are worried and feel you need support prior to returning, please don't hesitate to email myself or your core tutor.

Please do remember that school expectations remain the same – we expect you all to return in full school uniform and with an appropriate mask

Just remember ... Be kind, be patient and be safe..

**Mrs Stevens**  
HOY 9

Dear Year 10 students

I want to wish you all a warm welcome back to school, I hope you are eager to see one another and school staff. I know some of you will be nervous about coming back, it's completely understandable. You will have developed a routine during lockdown which may have been vastly different from school's usual expectations. I want to reassure students that wherever you are at with regard to your learning, your wellbeing, your excitement about socialising, that school are right here with you.

We have amazing staff that will do their utmost to support your return. We have awesome students who want to achieve and who have all shared in this experience.

We all have an opportunity to re-establish our routines as productive and proactive members of our school community.

Do not hesitate to ask for help, or offer help to anyone you see struggling, as everyone has struggled at some point during lockdown, you could make a huge difference to that person's experience by speaking up.

When we return there will be ongoing expectations around uniform, behaviour and Covid security, these have been outlined in correspondence with your parents. Please make sure you adhere to these strictly as they represent the best way of beating the virus.

Good Luck!

**Mr Flynn**  
Head of Year 10

Every Student

Every Subject

Every Grade

Every Hope

Every Dream

Every Aspiration

Bramhall High School



### **HAPPY FRIDAY YEAR 11!**

Well... FINALLY we are seeing the light at the end of the tunnel. What a year it has been!

Understandably some of you are going to be feeling extremely anxious and apprehensive about our return to school next week, please remember, we are all in this together and we will support one another. Some of you however, will be very much looking forward to school, seeing your friends and feeling a sense of normality again. This I hope will be the start of our slow but positive journey out of lockdown.

School expectations have not changed, please don't listen to the rumours regarding non-uniform. Full school uniform is expected as of Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> March – your first day of COVID testing. Please remember to bring a mask with you to school, this is our new normal now, we wouldn't enter a shop without one so please don't enter school without one. For those of you who are exempt from wearing a mask, staff will be made aware of this, but please be patient with us, we are only human and we may forget from time to time.

School has been far too quiet without you all, we have truly missed you!

We will see you next week and please feel free to email me if you have any queries.

Have a lovely weekend and stay safe.

**Miss Magee**  
**Head of Year 11**

Welcome  
back!



Extra-curricular programme from 12 March to 25<sup>th</sup> March from 3pm-4.15pm

Organised as inter core competitions to encourage maximum engagement for all students



Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 8	Football	Astro	CK
Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 9	Football	Sports hall	GB
Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 7	Football	Astro	RB, STB
	Year 8	Netball	Netball courts	LJT, LF
	Year 9	Basketball	Sports Hall	TLP
Tues 16 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 8	Football	Astro	STB, TLP
	Year 7	Netball	Netball courts	LJT, LF
	Year 7	Bad / TT / Basketball	Sports hall	KED, ALL, NN
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 7&8	Hockey	Astro	NN, ALL & DA
	Year 9	Netball	Netball Courts	LJT
	Year 10 GCSE	Badminton /Table tennis	Sports Hall	KED & STB
Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup> March (Yr7 Parent Eve)	Year 9	Hockey	Astro	ALL, DA
	Year 11	Bad/TT	Sports Hall	STB, KED
	Year 10	Football	Fields	RB
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 8	Football	Astro	CK
	Year 9	Football	Sports Hall	GB
Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Year 7	Football	Astro	RB, SB
	Year 8	Netball	Netball courts	LJT, LF
	Year 9	Basketball	Sports Hall	TLP
Tues 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Year 8	Football	Astro	STB & TLP
	Year 7	Netball	Netball courts	LJT, LF
	Year 7	Bad / TT / Basketball	Sports hall	KED, ALL & NN
Wed 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 7&8	Hockey	Astro	NN, ALL & DA
	Year 9	Netball	Netball Courts	LJT
	Year 10 GCSE	Badminton Table tennis	Sports Hall	KED & STB
Thurs 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 9	Hockey	Astro	ALL & DA
	Year 11	Bad/TT	Sports Hall	KED & STB
	Year 10	Football	Fields	RB