



## THE BHS BULLETIN - No. 17

### W/c Monday 15 March 2021 - A Week

Dear Parents/Carers

Firstly, I do hope you and your family are all keeping safe and well. A week ago, we said goodbye to the live online lessons and hello to face to face lessons back at Bramhall High School. As the Prime Minister said on Monday that schools reopening is the first step of the 'roadmap' out of national restrictions. Whilst I would point out that, as a school, we never fully closed I certainly hope he is correct. Over this week it has so good seeing all our students and staff back in school its almost like the school has woken up for spring after a long hibernation. As a Headteacher, there is no better experience than to hear teachers teaching and see students learning in classrooms once again. Whilst some of our school community have felt a little anxious about returning, I do hope the support and safety measures alongside the activities we have put into place, has gone some way to ease any worry and uncertainty experienced.



Of course, the beginning of the week saw the start of mass asymptomatic testing here at Bramhall High School. I would like to say a HUGE thank you to our COVID testing team. The team is made up of staff, parent volunteers & governors. A real team effort has seen up to 400 students being tested in a day. This is an incredible achievement and will make a significant contribution to keeping our school COVID safe. The attitude displayed by the students has been exemplary. Thank you to those parents

who took time out of their day to especially bring students in for their first test. Next week, please keep an eye out for details regarding the Home Testing Kits. I would like to emphasise that no student should come to school if they have any COVID symptoms, such as a high temperature, a new continuous cough, or a loss of taste or smell.

I do hope our Year 8 parents & carers found the Virtual Parents' Evening successful. These are essential evenings for parents to discuss their child's progress and ask questions linked to their work at Bramhall High School. As a school we take these evenings very seriously and it is unfortunate that lockdowns have restricted their provision. No matter, this intuitive online platform has certainly helped us circumnavigate these difficulties and we look forward to continuing to provide Parents' Evenings and other key consultation evenings using this format. We will also look to canvass parent and carers views on future Parents' Evenings once we have completed a full cycle of events.

#### Parent Governor Election

I would like to thank the parents who put themselves forward to be a Governor at the school - Mrs Brown, Mrs Purvis and Mrs Tulloch. We appreciate the time, effort and support all our governors give to the school and are grateful that we have more parents who would be interested in becoming a governor. I am delighted to announce that Mrs Brown has been re-elected. Thank you also to all those parents who voted in the ballot.



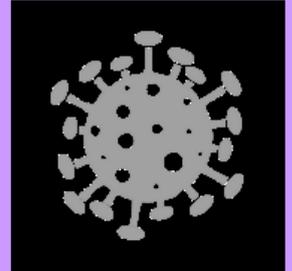
Finally, just a couple of reminders in regards student punctuality and uniform. Please can parents/carers remind student about attending school on time in the morning. We have returned to normal school timings with Core Time starting the school day at 8.45am. In addition, can I remind everyone that Hoodies are not permitted on school site. We have permitted until Easter students wearing coats in the lessons to compensate for the increased ventilation. This relaxation does not extend to Hoodies.

Mr P Williams  
Headteacher



## Medical

Thank you for your support in the Rapid Flow Covid testing of our students. Your Children have been amazing, so well behaved and mature you should be so proud of them especially as this is the first thing they have encountered on their return to school.



The Rapid flow testing is for asymptomatic detection of Covid, that means for those people who do *NOT* show any symptoms of Covid. May I remind you **NOT** to send your child into school if they are presenting with any Covid symptoms. You must follow Government guidelines and the whole household must isolate until the person with symptoms has had a PCR test and received the result.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

Thank you once again for your support in keep our school community safe

**Mrs H. Renshaw**  
**Medical Needs Coordinator**





## 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**



## Year 7

I have been incredibly inspired by the way you have embraced all that has been asked of you this week on our full return to school.



You were all so sensible and mature with regards to the testing programme and you have returned with a really positive attitude.

You have shown all the qualities of true HEROS:-

- ◆ Courage, to always try things without fear of failure
- ◆ Selflessness, the ability to put the thoughts and feelings of others first
- ◆ Humility, putting the needs of another person first, and thinking of others before yourself
- ◆ Patience, never give up no matter what barriers may be put in your way
- ◆ And importantly show care and consideration for all those around you.



**Be your own superhero and think how you can change your world!!**

Have a wonderful weekend and I hope the Sun shines!

**Mrs Ahmed**  
Head of Year 7

## Year 7 Production

*Auditions for the Year 7 production to be performed in the summer term (details tbc) will take place on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> March at lunch in the PCC. Students who want to be involved should just come and along there is no need to prepare anything.*



**Mrs Seeley**  
Drama Department



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## Year 8!

Year 8's it's been lovely to see you all again after such a long time.

You are all looking very smart in your uniform and it's been really great to have the chance to speak to you all and hear a little bit about what you've been up to during lockdown.



Expectations around behaviour and uniform have not changed, our high expectations are something to be proud of here at Bramhall High School. Please also remember to bring with you a mask and a spare.

I was very proud of the way you handled the testing process this week, with maturity and humour. Keep this up with the follow up tests in the coming week.

Please feel reassured that wherever you are at with regards to your learning and your wellbeing, that we are right there with you and will support you along the way. Do ask for help, from Core Tutors, Teachers, or myself. We really do understand that everyone has struggled with different parts of lockdown, and also the readjustment to school life once again.

Have a lovely weekend and stay safe!

**Mrs Conduit**  
Head of Year 8

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### Welcome back Year 9

Firstly, I just wanted to say how fabulous you all were on Wednesday when you came in for your Covid tests, demonstrating to me again what a fabulous year group you can be!



I have definitely missed you all and school was certainly far too quiet without you, so it is great to see you all back in. I hope that you are now enjoying being in, seeing your friends and returning back to some degree of normality.

As I said previously, 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. Don't forget that we are all in this together, so please don't hesitate to let us know how you feel. You can also speak to your core tutor if you prefer.

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

Please be kind and look after each other.

Mrs Stevens  
HOY 9

Everyone you meet is  
fighting a battle  
you know nothing about.  
Be kind. ❤️ Always.  
~ San Marlaena

### Year 9 Production

Auditions for the Year 9 production to be performed in the summer term (details tbc) will take place on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> March at lunch in DR2. Students who want to be involved should just come and along there is no need to prepare anything.



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Dear Year 10 students

I want to wish you all a warm welcome back to school! May I congratulate you on a mature and sensible return to school, it's great to see you all again. I have had lots of positive comments regarding your conduct during the lateral flow mass testing, the staff and volunteers were very impressed with the way you had conducted yourselves. I hope it is a sign of things to come.



I want to bring your attention to some of the rules and regulations still in place to maintain Covid security. Please observe and follow these rules and if in doubt feel free to ask:

- ◆ Masks must be worn, unless you are medically exempt. This is inclusive of anywhere on site. Some class teachers will allow you to remove your mask for short periods through the day, but this will be made abundantly clear.
- ◆ Do your best to keep a minimum safe distance when moving between classes, ideally 2 metres.
- ◆ Wash/sanitise your hands regularly.
- ◆ You may wear your coats (No hoodies) in classrooms if it is being ventilated.
- ◆ One way systems are in place around school with clear signage. Make sure you follow them, it is sometimes inconvenient, but very important.
- ◆ And of course, be on time and ready to learn in your lessons. We are trying to limit the movement of students between classes, so remember your bag when you leave one class to go to another!

I'm sure I can rely on Y10 students demonstrating good behaviour and taking a sensible approach to these measures. If you have any questions, please speak to me at break or lunch and I will hopefully be able to help.

**Mr Flynn**  
Head of Year 10

### Year 10 Production

*Auditions for the Year 10 production to be performed in the summer term (details tbc) will take place on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> March at 3pm in Dr2. Students who want to be involved should just come and along there is no need to prepare anything. It is open any student in Year 10 not just students doing GCSE drama.*



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### Hello Year 11!

First of all, I would just like to say how AMAZING you have been this week. On Tuesday you were absolutely fabulous when conducting your first COVID test, you were all so incredibly mature and the staff on duty spoke so highly of you all.

Understandably, some of you are still going to be feeling extremely anxious and apprehensive about returning to some form of normality but please remember, we are all in this together and we will support one another.

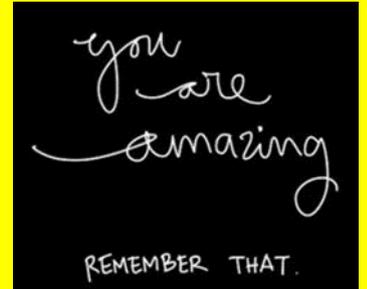
Please remember to bring a mask with you to school - this is our new normal now. For those of you who are exempt from wearing a mask, staff will be made aware of this, but please be patient with us, we are only human and we may forget from time to time.

It has been so lovely to see you all again. School is now how it should be.

Please come and see me if you need further support, I am here to help.

Have a lovely weekend and stay safe.

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



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Final Extra-curricular programme from 12 March to 26<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
Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 8	Football (girls)	Fields	TLP
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
	Year 9	Football ( girls)	Fields	TLP
Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 9	Hockey	Astro	ALL, DA
	Year 11	Bad/TT	Sports Hall	STB, KED
	Year 10	Football	Fields	RB
	Year 7	Football (girls)	Fields	TLP
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 8	Football	Astro	CK
	Year 9	Football	Sports Hall	GB
	Year 8	Football	Fields	TLP
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
	Year 9	Football ( girls)	Fields	TLP
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
	Year 7	Football	Fields	TLP
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 8	Football ( girls)	Fields	TLP