

Dear Parents/Carers and Students

The weather has certainly taken a change. We head into the second half of the autumn term looking forward to a variety of different activities culminating in the annual Carol Concert. Rehearsals are underway and I am sure that once again it will showcase the best of our Expressive Arts Faculty. Also during this half term we begin this year's consultation evenings, starting with Year 10. Please watch out for details of how to book your appointments.

GCSE Drama trip

On the evening of Monday 21 November all GCSE Drama students are going to the Minerva Theatre to see Frantic Assembly's 'Things We Know to be True.' We hope they have a fantastic trip.

Big Expedition

Congratulations to the five teams who have just completed their second training weekend in the Lake District. The groups will camped overnight in temperatures that reached as low as -5°C and had breakfast whilst watching the snow fall. Well done to students and staff for braving the tough conditions.

Student medical health care plans

If your child has a health care need that the school should be aware of, please contact Gemma Ward, Welfare Officer, on gward@bohunt.hants.sch.uk to discuss provision and support.

Studybugs: reporting student absence

Thank you to all who have registered to access our updated student absence reporting app and website. If you have not already done so, please register [here](#).

Year 7 English and Maths Sets

Since the half term break, students have been set for English and Maths. Their groupings have been decided based on a range of data. These sets will help students to progress at a pace tailored to their individual needs. All students will cover the same work, regardless of their class and will be extended to reach their full potential. Sets are never fixed and can change throughout the year if necessary. Should you have any questions regarding sets, please contact your son/daughter's English or Maths teacher.

Appointments with Staff

We appreciate that there is, at times, a need for parents and carers to come into school at short notice. Please be aware that, without an appointment, it will not usually be possible to see an individual member of staff. To make an appointment, please make a request via reception. Staff will respond within 48 hours (working days).

Lost Property

Any items handed in will be kept at reception until the end of the week. Both students and parents can ask at reception about missing items handed in that week. At the end of each week, lost property will be moved to F5, where students can look for items they have mislaid. It is the student's responsibility to look for their lost property themselves – it will not be possible for parents to search the school site or F5 in person. At the end of each half term, all unclaimed, un-named items will be given to charity.

Journey to and from school

Please reinforce with your children the expectations for the journey to and from school. It has been reported that at times students cross roads without looking, show lack of consideration for other users of the pavements, are seen littering within the local community and also trespassed onto private property. These actions of a small minority of students do not reflect well on the majority of students who represent Bohunt in an exemplary manner and will be sanctioned accordingly.

School Gateway Update

A change was made to School Gateway recently, where it will now only allow the priority number one contact to update their child's account and register for trips. If both contacts need this access, please contact the Bohunt Reception Team at enquiries@bohunt.hants.sch.uk who will be able to arrange this.

Sports Quiz: date correction

In the last bulletin we highlighted that the Sports Quiz would take place on Friday 3 December. This was incorrect. The correct date is Saturday 3 December.

Spotlight on...Exams:

Revision and Study Skills:

With Year 11 mock exams upon us, this seems an ideal time to begin sharing some key reminders and tips about effective revision strategies that can be utilised by all year groups. Revising effectively is a skill in itself and students should aim to find techniques that work for them personally. Over the next few editions of this bulletin, we will be sharing a couple of tips and ideas each time, to support information given within school.

Top Tips for Revising:

- Break it down and prioritise: you can't revise everything at once. Identify the main topics, areas or ideas that you need to work on, decide (or discuss with your teacher) which ones are your target areas then work out a realistic amount to focus on each week.
- Keep it balanced: build in breaks, stay hydrated and continue to enjoy free time, hobbies and exercise. When you are working, be focussed and avoid distractions like music, phones and background TV (extensive research proves that these really do hinder rather than help).

Active Revision Strategies:

- Try setting key quotations or formulas to the tune of your favourite songs – we often remember words set to music much more easily.
- Link a key fact, formula or quote to a key location or activity in your day (e.g. brushing your teeth, the car door handle, the bus, putting your hand up...). Recite the information in your head each time you get to that trigger.

Upcoming events:

ABRSM Exams (music)	Tuesday 8 November
Year 11 Mock Exams	Wednesday 10 to Monday 21 November
LAMDA Exams	Monday 14 & Thursday 17 November
Careers Fair	Tuesday 15 November
Ecosystems Trip (Eden Project)	Friday 18 to Saturday 19 November
Chichester Festival Theatre Visit	Monday 21 November (Evening)
Inset Day (School Closed)	Wednesday 23 November
Year 10 Consultation Evening (X side)	Wednesday 30 November
Sports Tour Quiz Night	Saturday 3 December
Year 10 Consultation Evening (Y side)	Tuesday 6 December
Carol Concert	Wednesday 14 December (Evening)
School closes for Christmas	Friday 16 December – 12:40pm
School opens after Christmas	Tuesday 3 January 2017

Emotional Health and Well Being

Anti-Bullying week: 14-18 November

As National Anti-Bullying week is just around the corner, it is important to remember how we can keep ourselves safe and happy. The below information is directed to parents and carers, and is available on www.gooseberryplanet.com, which offers practical advice for keeping children safe online.

What to do at home in the event of cyber-bullying:

- **Get the facts** – Remember, you are listening to your child and their feelings and there will always be another point of view. Being totally prepared with all of the available facts will help address the problem. Having access to inappropriate digital messages can help demonstrate what has been going on.
- **Reassure** – Comfort and reassure your child and try and get them to a point where they are calm and less anxious about what is happening to them. You will need to reassure them that the situation will get better for them, not worse, as a result of telling you.
- **Avoid confrontation** – It is natural to want to get the situation sorted out as quickly as possible. Dropping in uninvited at another parent or carers house may make the situation worse for your child. Try to avoid confronting another child as this will often make the situation worse for you and your child.

How can the School help?

- **Don't be afraid to ask for help** – Situations that involve another child in the same school are best sorted out with the help of the school themselves. They will be able to offer everyone involved support and will remain neutral throughout the process. Be honest and communicate with the school to help find a solution.
- **Be patient** – Schools are very busy places and require staff to prioritise how and when an allegation can be dealt with. Do not expect the situation to suddenly be resolved as soon as you have passed your concern to the school. It is likely to take time and co-operation from all of those involved. Depending on when you reported an incident will depend on how quickly the school is able to respond.

Remember: you are able to go directly to the police if you are concerned that your child is being bullied and depending on the nature of the complaint, they will be able to offer you the correct advice and support.