

## Academy Update

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2024

### Key Notices

#### Uniform

Just a reminder over the winter break to ensure that all uniform is ready for January. A reminder of our uniform expectations:

- A white shirt (Years 10 and 11) or a blue shirt (Years 7-9). No polo shirts until we move into our summer uniform.
- A tie (Year group specific colour)
- A Bexhill Academy school blazer. Students need to have their blazer with them every day. The blazer can be worn or carried around the academy (ideally worn), and worn for more formal events, such as assemblies.
- Black (plain), polishable shoes (no mesh trainers, no obvious branding).
- A choice of: navy trousers, navy (tailored) shorts, Bexhill Academy skirt with navy tights, culottes.

Also, a reminder that we accept one stud in each ear and no other jewellery. So, over the holidays, please do not allow your child to get any other piercings. Any other piercings that students have must be covered with either a plaster or a clear plastic retainer needs to be inserted. A reminder that we also do not permit fake nails, eyelashes or heavy makeup. A small amount of subtle make up is permitted. Please encourage your child to take off any other jewellery: such as bracelets, rings and necklaces.

Thank you for all of your support in ensuring that our students present well and are a credit to themselves, you and Bexhill Academy.

#### Mobile Phones

There is a very powerful 2-part series on channel 4 called 'Swiped: The school that banned smart phones'. Children at a school in Colchester gave up their phones completely (not just in school) for 21 days. Following the 21 days, there was a 17% drop in anxiety symptoms, an 18% reduction in symptoms related to depression, the children slept an average of one hour extra per night and there was a 3% improvement in working memory. I would encourage you to watch this and speak to your children about it. Perhaps even suggest a complete phone detox to your children!

## **This week at Bexhill Academy**

### **Sports Results**

**By Mr Petty, Director of PE**

An update from last week

Year 10 Boys Football vs Shoreham - 4 - 3 loss

Please see below the results from this week and the fixtures for the first week back:

- Year 7 Girls Football vs St Richards – 5 – 0 win
- Year 7 Boys Football vs St Richards – 7 – 1 loss
- Year 10 Boys Basketball vs St Richards – 66-33 loss

W/C Monday 6<sup>th</sup>:

Wednesday – Year 11 Boys Football vs Buckswood

As always, thank you for supporting our students as they represent the Academy.

Have a great Christmas,

### **Christmas Parties DJ**

**By Mr Barron, Head of Year 9**

On behalf of all of the staff and all the students in years 7 to 10, I would like to say a massive thank you to Henley Allen for his fantastic work as DJ at this year's Christmas Parties. The time that Henley gave up putting together a play-list and then DJ on the night is very much appreciated by everyone at Bexhill Academy. Thank you, Henley.

### **Charity Shoebox Update**

**By Ms Chaseley, Project Leader, The Marketplace Freedom Church Sidley**

Thank you so much for all that Bexhill Academy donated to The Marketplace for Christmas. A special thanks to Harry and Alisha for interacting with all our people. They were an absolute joy!! And such good sports joining in the singing. I thought that was very brave and went beyond the call of duty.

Thank you for everything.

We look forward to partnering with you in the future.

Wishing you and all your staff and your lovely students a very Happy restful Christmas and New Year

This event has been covered in the local newspapers. Please follow this link to view the article

[https://www.sussexexpress.co.uk/education/bexhill-school-community-rallies-together-for-holiday-giving-4913582?fbclid=IwY2xjawHRCBZleHRuA2FlbQlxMAABHS\\_asewlfzdsK02ggAoEszqGWcui2u3g-jm5bPJmCG-7vDQ4R5q-FK2i3Q\\_aem\\_6wBJ03jrS6HhdbRKcBn6zA](https://www.sussexexpress.co.uk/education/bexhill-school-community-rallies-together-for-holiday-giving-4913582?fbclid=IwY2xjawHRCBZleHRuA2FlbQlxMAABHS_asewlfzdsK02ggAoEszqGWcui2u3g-jm5bPJmCG-7vDQ4R5q-FK2i3Q_aem_6wBJ03jrS6HhdbRKcBn6zA)



## **Christmas Concerts 2024**

**By Mr Lewis, Head of Music**

Our music department have produced two fantastic concerts this week, with a concert for the community (assisted by the student leaders) on Tuesday and the annual 'Christmas Concert' on Thursday evening. A diverse range of outstanding performances (including bands, choirs, soloists and many more) thrilled the audiences and we are very proud of our incredibly talented student musicians. The musical progress of our students has been clear as their standard gets better and better! Our students have thoroughly enjoyed the experiences of performing to a live audience in a professional environment. We look forward to sharing more musical talents in the new year!

## Year 7 Scholars 2024/25

By Mr Dann, Associate Assistant Headteacher

The new Year 7 scholars have been selected for the 2024/25 academic year. Following written applications and interviews, 30 Year 7 students have been presented with their Scholars Badges. Now that they have been chosen, the scholars can look forward to additional trips, workshops, events and bespoke sessions in school that will help enhance their experience in school. Drama and Music scholars will be confirmed in the New Year.

Congratulations to our newly appointed scholars! We hope that you enjoy being a scholar at Bexhill Academy. Thank you to everyone in Year 7 that applied and remember; You can apply again in the summer term to be a scholar for next year!



## Save the dates!

By Mr Lewis, Head of Music

Spring Soiree – Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2025  
Shrek the Musical – Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2025

Tickets available here: [www.ticketsource.co.uk/bexhill-academy](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/bexhill-academy)

## Instrumental & Vocal Lessons

By Mr Lewis, Head of Music

As term 2 draws to a close we will be updating instrumental and vocal lesson timetables for the new term. If your child would like to start learning an instrument in school, then please complete the application form by following the link here: <https://forms.gle/AsK3aYHx2rG18BP86>

There are spaces across all instruments including voice (pop/music theatre/classical), piano, keyboard, guitar, bass guitar, drum kit, violin/viola & music theory. Our fantastic team of visiting music tutors will be in touch soon into the new year following new applications.

## Shrek the Musical

By Mrs Leadley, Head of Drama

We are pleased to announce that the cast list for Shrek the Musical has been finalised and we would like to congratulate all students who dedicated 4 Tuesday afternoons to showcasing their talent at auditions. Competition for roles was tough with over 40 students returning to call back auditions for 7 lead roles and lots of fabulous auditions... in total, we have 105 amazing students taking part this year in the cast alone.

It is with great pleasure that I can announce the following students in the lead roles:

Shrek: Harry G (Year 11)  
Princess Fiona: Tiffany B (Year 10)  
Donkey: Alfie WJ (Year 10)  
Lord Farquaad: Emilian R (Year 9)  
Pinnocchio: Rosie K (Year 10)  
Gingy: Bobbi  
B (Year 9)

I know you will join me in congratulating all students who have put themselves forward for roles and who have shown real commitment and dedication to the school community.

We look forward to welcoming you to see the show in July 2025!"



## Social Media

By Juan Bishop, Events Manager

If you haven't already, join our Facebook page and stay connected! We're always sharing positive stories and exciting updates. Be a part of our community and share in the journey! -

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100090051227767>

### **Term 3 - Dates for your Diary**

- **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January** – Start of Term 3
- **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January** – Year 5 Science Masterclass
- **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January** – Year 9 Parents' Evening
- **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January** – Y5 Music Masterclass
- **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January** - Blood Brothers Workshop
- **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January** – Y11 Exam Support Event
- **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> January** – Year 5 Drama Masterclass
- **Wednesday 29 January** – Y8 Parents Evening
- **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February** – Y10 Parents' Evening

### **Term 4 - Dates for your Diary**

- **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March** – Y11 Mock Exams
- **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March** – Y9 Options Evening
- **Thursday 20 March** – Y9 Option Form return
- **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March** – Y11 Parents' Evening
- **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March** – Y11 Geology trip
- **Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April** – Y9 Vaccinations
- **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April** – Y10 Paris trip

### **Term Dates**

- **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January** – Start of Term 3
- **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February** – End of Term 3
- **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February** – Start of Term 4
- **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April 12.30pm finish** - End of Term 4
- **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April** – Start of Term 5
- **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May** – Bank Holiday – The Academy is closed
- **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May** – End of Term 5
- **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June** – Start of Term 6
- **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 12.30pm finish** – End of Term 6.