

26th January 2024

ACADEMY UPDATE 17

Dear Parents and Carers,

How are you this week? The pressures of work, school, children, or whatever it is you have going on, can be a lot sometimes and we really hope you are taking the time for yourselves. Whilst we continue to update our website, we would like to direct you to the Parent/ Carer support page and remind you that support is available if you need it. It has been a fantastic week this week here at Bexhill Academy with sporting triumphs and trips galore, we even had another visit from the little ones at our local primary schools. Keep reading to find out this week's spectacular rundown.

This Monday's Masterclass for year 5 students saw upcoming music marvels showcase their talents. They were able to have a go on the 'Boomwhackers' amongst other instruments as well as sing along to some of the greats. It was a wonderful experience for the students and teachers and is a great glimpse of what the creative side of secondary school is like. Later in the week some of our students visited All Saints Primary who hosted Boccia Games! This was a lovely afternoon where our students supported the young ones in the games. It was a great week for branching out to the local community and we are looking forward to all the upcoming events we have planned.

The Year 9 Girls Indoor Cricket team progressed through to the U15 Indoor County Finals which will take place in March after beating both Uckfield College and Lewes Priory School. The girls took place in the East Sussex stage of the tournament on the 24th of January, where they played each team twice and managed an impressive four wins from their four games. Seeing them progress along with Bedes who won the opposite group to the next round of the competition. A tremendous achievement for the girls who are also competing in the competition a year early. The next sporting achievement this week was for Basketball. Our Year 8 boys played a total of 3 tournaments, winning all three! 18-17 win against Ark, 12-8 win against Rye, and finally a 10-4 win against St Leonards. We are so proud of the boys and their dedication towards their sport but also their sportsmanship and how respectful they were towards our hosts.

Also this week Mrs Watts and her team in Art, arranged a brilliant trip to the Towner Art Gallery for the Turner Prize. Students were able to peruse the exhibitions and have thought-provoking conversations with staff at the Towner about the articles on show. At the end of the tour, they voted for their favourite display, before finding out who the official winner was for 2024. All week the students have continued talking about what a joy the trip was and how they wish they could go again. The staff at the towner were very complimentary of our students and their behaviour. We are very proud of them for how they represented the school.

On Wednesday evening the Year 10 Btec Dance students went to see Matthew Bourne's picturesque rendition of Edwards Scissorhands. The students and staff all agreed the show was inspiring and gave them some great ideas for their coursework. We can't wait to see what they produce!

Thursday evening showed a great turnout for our annual Exam Wellbeing event, hosted by Ms Ransom. Ms Ransom puts on a fantastic event every year to support students as well as Parents and Carers as we all know this is a stressful time for our children and it is so important we are there to support them in any way they need. If

you have any further questions Ms Ransom always welcomes them and is happy to be contacted via her email Victoria.ransom@bexhillacademy.org. We wish them all the best as they embark on their final set of mocks (31st January) before the official exams in the summer.

Finally, it has been another fantastic week for Year 11 Revision and Intervention. Each week our Year 11 student surpass our expectations and continue to show us just how dedicated they are to their studies. We are sure we have the next Prime Minister or breakthrough scientist among us! Our teachers continue to offer great support and work tirelessly to ensure our young people achieve their very best. With that being said, we would like to say well done to the 85 students who attended last Saturday's revision session and remind you that there is another English revision session this Saturday 10-11:30 or 11:30- 13:00. We hope to see as many of you there as possible, as last week, students felt that they had improved a whole grade by attending! There is one more Saturday revision session next Saturday for Maths and we will be sure to send out a reminder.

With best wishes,



Dr. Craig Neal
Headteacher

Calendar Dates

Term 3

Tuesday 30th January– Y8 HPV vaccinations
Wednesday 31st – Friday 9th February – Y11 Mock 2 exams start
Friday 9th February – Year 11 Valentines Party
Friday 9th February – Last Day of Term 3

Term 4

Monday 19th February – First Day of Term 4
Tuesday 20th – Y8 Inter-Form sports
Wednesday 21st February – Y7 Inter-Form sports
Thursday 22nd February – Year 8-11 School Photos
Thursday 22nd February – Y10-Y11 Inter-Form sports
Thursday 29th February – Y9 Options Evening
Thursday 7th March – Y11 celebration and feedback evening
Thursday 7th March – Y9 Option Form to be returned
Tuesday 12th March – Year 9 Tetanus injections
Thursday 28th March – Last Day of Term 4
Tuesday 19th March – Provisional Year 11 Year Group Photo
Wednesday 20th March – Provisional Year 11 Year Group Photo
Thursday 21st March – Y7 celebration and feedback evening
Thursday 28th March – Last Day of Term 4

Term 5

Monday 6th May – Bank Holiday
Monday 15th April – First Day of Term 5
Thursday 9th May – First day of GCSE exams
Friday 24th May – Last Day of Term 5

Term 6

Monday 3rd June – First Day of Term 6

Tuesday 16th – Thursday 18th July – The Big Show

Wednesday 26th June – Last day of GCSE Exams

Friday 28th June – **INSET Day (Students do not attend)**

Tuesday 23rd July – Last Day of Term 6

2024/25 Dates

Term 1

Monday 2nd September – 1st day of term 1 (INSET Day)

Tuesday 3rd September – Students first day

Friday 25th October – Last day of Term 1

Term 2

Monday 4th November – 1st Day Term 2

Friday 20th December – Last Day Term 2

Term 3

Monday 6th January 2025 – 1st Day Term 3

Friday 14th February – Last Day Term 3

Term 4

Monday 24th February - 1st Day Term 4

Friday 4th April – Last Day Term 4

Term 5

Monday 22nd April – 1st Day Term 5

Monday 5th May – Bank Holiday

Friday 23rd May – Last Day Term 5

Term 6

Monday 2nd June – 1st Day Term 6

Friday 18th June – Last Day Term 6

Useful contact information

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