

19th January 2024

ACADEMY UPDATE 16

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope this newsletter finds you well and that you haven't been too affected by this continued cold snap. I would just like to take this opportunity to remind you that coats are still permitted in the atrium at break and lunch. As always it's been an eventful week, and we are excited to share some highlights with you.

On Monday, we had the pleasure of hosting another Masterclass for the year 5 students from local primary schools. This week we explored science, a subject that I too am passionate about, so it was great to see all the little budding scientists discovering and experimenting in the 'big school' labs.

Our Year 7 and 8 Girls Cricket team came 6th out of 10 teams, managing to beat Seaford Head. It was their first time playing cricket, and we are proud to announce that the girls performed exceptionally well! We are looking forward to our big tournament next week, where the Year 9 girls will have the first stage of the County Finals. In other sports news, our Year 7 and 8 Basketball teams had their first ever competitive games. Although we lost both matches, we were incredibly impressed with the students' skills and dedication. The Year 7 team showed great teamwork and determination, with a final score of 18-13. The Year 8 team also put up a strong fight, with a score of 30-21. Our final snippet of sporting news is the success of Tag Rugby Event hosted by Mr Petty. Today we had All Saints and Little Common students come to us for an afternoon of Tag Rugby fun. We look forward to hosting more community events in the near future.

We are thrilled to report that the Year 8 celebration and feedback evening was a success. It was a fantastic opportunity for parents, teachers, and students to have positive conversations and celebrate their achievements together. The feedback on the new style of Parents evening had been overwhelming, with the vast majority of parents having great things to say about the new format. To leave your feedback, please follow the link. <u>https://forms.office.com/e/bXcvrMkdf5</u>

We are also excited to share that one of our exceptional students has taken the initiative to bring "Bexhill's Got Talent" to our school. Keep your eyes peeled for more information on this exciting event!

A reminder to all Year 11 students, we have the GCSE booster session this weekend on Saturday. Please visit our website for more details and encourage your child to attend this important session.

Looking ahead, we are delighted to announce that Ms. Ransom will be hosting the annual Exams Wellbeing event next week on the 25th January. We encourage as many of our Year 11 students as possible to attend and take advantage of the support and guidance offered. This is in time for the Year 11 Mock Exams starting on Wednesday 31st January 2024. We know they have worked so hard and will reap the rewards of their efforts.

Lastly, we would like to feature your child's achievements outside of school in our termly magazine. We invite you to email us at <u>communications@bexhillacademy.org</u> with any updates or news you would like to share. Thank you for your continued support. We wish you a wonderful week ahead!



With best wishes,

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Mrs. E Gordon Co-Principals

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Dr. C Neal

Calendar Dates

Term 3

Thursday 25th January – Exam Wellbeing Event Tuesday 30th January– Y8 HPV vaccinations Wednesday 31st – Friday 9th February – Y11 Mock 2 exams start Thursday 8th February – Y7-Y10 PSHE 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 – Y9 Option Form to be returned Tuesday 12th March – Last Day of Term 4 Tuesday 19th March – Provisional Year 11 Year Group Photo Wednesday 20th 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

Useful contact information

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