

1<sup>st</sup> March 2024

## ACADEMY UPDATE 21

Dear Parents and Carers,

What lovely weather we are having... at least the plants are having a good drink. Did you know this is rainiest February we've had in 200 years? I heard this on the radio on my drive to work this week. We've had a wet yet wonderful week this week with lots going on as usual. We even had a leap year 4<sup>th</sup> birthday, I'll let you work out her real age!

This week we have been presented with an incredible opportunity to be a part of the Global Girl Leading Project. Four of our Students have been selected to take part and be ambassadors of the programme for our school. Over time we will involve many students in this incredible opportunity for girls in education. Not only is this great for the girls involved but it is also an honour for us to be part of such a prestigious event. Please follow the link to read more about this project and watch out for more updates.

<https://www.mulberryschoolsfoundation.org/global-girl-leading/>

There has been a buzz about the school this week thanks to one of our Year 9 Students Archie. Archie has coordinated, designed, and shouted from the roof tops... Bexhill Academy's Got Talent! We held auditions earlier this week and were blown away with talent that was showcased. From drummers, to pianist, from jokes to gymnasts we were so proud of the students that got involved and we can't wait to organise the final for the rest of the school.

We would love to say we are back this week with more sporting news but unfortunately lots of our games have been postponed due to the weather so hopefully next week will start to look up for our sports teams.

Last night, as some of you will know, we hosted our annual Year 9 Options Evening. This is an evening for Parents and Carers to come in with their child and help them make informed decisions about the option choices they will pick for their GCSEs. We were so impressed with the maturity our Year 9s displayed as they begin their journey into KS4. The deadline for the options submissions is **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:45am - 8:30am**. If you have any questions before then, please reach out to the Year 9 Team or the subject teachers themselves.

Some of you may have noticed that the website has changed for a final time. And whilst we are still making sure everything is where it needs to be and we have all the updated pictures and branding, we are very pleased with the overall outcome. We will write to you next week when we have officially finished the site and hope that you will join us in recognising how much more accurate and efficient it is.

As promised in last week's letter we sent out a community events letter this week and have had some great suggestions come back. Please don't forget to share your feedback with us as your input is incredibly important to us. Please follow the link to share with us your thoughts. <https://forms.gle/pSmPpUe23Xi8cGE89>

I have just said my goodbyes to some of the students leaving the school today to embark on an adventure to Glyndebourne Opera House. We are very lucky that we host several trips throughout the year to Glyndebourne to

watch the Opera. We believe that this is a really enriching trip that exposes our students to so much culture and different genres of music... I wish these trips existed when I was at school.

To conclude the week I had my Hot Chocolate with the Headteacher Morning with 8 incredible students. We had William K and Maya W from Year 7, Luke C and George S from Year 8, Grace C and Zac S from Year 9 and Callum E Elizabeth W from Year 10. From sports to singing, it was lovely to take a minute to get to know these students and all of their talents.

I hope you are looking forward to your weekend and I look forward to filling you in on next week's adventures. It's a big one next week as we celebrate World Book Day, and all the exciting things we have planned.

With best wishes,



Dr. Craig Neal  
Headteacher

## Calendar Dates

### Term 4

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March – Paris  
Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day  
Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March – Y11 celebration and feedback evening  
Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March – Y9 Option Form to be returned  
Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March – Year 9 Tetanus injections  
Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March – Provisional Year 11 Year Group Photo  
Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March – Provisional Year 11 Year Group Photo  
Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March – Y7 celebration and feedback evening  
Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March – Last Day of Term 4

### Term 5

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

### Term 6

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June – First Day of Term 6  
Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July – The Big Show  
Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June – Last day of GCSE Exams  
Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June – **INSET Day (Students do not attend)**  
Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July – Last Day of Term 6

### 2024/25 Dates

### Term 1

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September – 1<sup>st</sup> day of term 1  
Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September – Students first day  
Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October – Last day of Term 1

### Term 2

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November – 1<sup>st</sup> Day Term 2  
Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December – Last Day Term 2

### **Term 3**

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025 – 1<sup>st</sup> Day Term 3  
Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February – Last Day Term 3

### **Term 4**

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February - 1<sup>st</sup> Day Term 4  
Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April – Last Day Term 4

### **Term 5**

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April – 1<sup>st</sup> Day Term 5  
Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May – Bank Holiday  
Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May – Last Day Term 5

### **Term 6**

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June – 1<sup>st</sup> Day Term 6  
Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June – Last Day Term 6

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