

ACADEMY UPDATE

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Welcome to Term 4 week 2

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has been a busy and productive one at Bexhill Academy, and I want to take a moment to celebrate the dedication and hard work of our students, staff, and families.

Year 11 Mock Exams

Our Year 11 students have continued with their mock exams this week, and we are incredibly proud of how they have embraced the challenges. Their commitment and resilience have been impressive, and these exams provide an excellent opportunity to refine their knowledge ahead of the summer exams. Thank you to our staff for their ongoing support and to parents and carers for encouraging and motivating our students during this important time.

Upcoming Events:

Wednesday 12 March
Year 9 Options Evening

Thursday 20 March
Year 9 Option Form Return

Wednesday 26 March
Year 11 Parents' Evening

Wednesday 23 April
Year 7 Parents' Evening
(4.00pm - 7.00pm)



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World Book Day Celebrations

This week, we marked World Book Day with a fantastic programme of reading and storytelling activities. It has been wonderful to see students engaging in discussions, exploring new books, and sharing their favourite stories. A huge thank you to all the staff and students who made this week such a success – it has been a truly inspiring celebration of literacy.

Improving Attendance – Thank You!

We are pleased to see an increase in student attendance and want to extend our sincere thanks to parents and carers for your efforts in ensuring students are in school every day. Attendance plays a vital role in academic success, and by working together – students, parents, and the academy – we can help every young person reach their full potential.

Regular attendance has a significant impact on learning, and your ongoing support makes a real difference.

Careers Week

This week, students explored future pathways as part of National Careers Week, gaining valuable insights into different career options during tutor time. Understanding career possibilities early on helps young people make informed decisions about their future. We encourage families to continue discussing these topics at home, helping students connect their interests with potential opportunities.

Year 9 Options Evening

Next week, we look forward to welcoming Year 9 families to our Options Evening on Wednesday, 12 March. This is an important milestone, helping students make informed choices about their GCSE subjects. We encourage all Year 9 students and their parents to attend and take advantage of the guidance available.

As always, your support in all aspects of academy life is invaluable. We are grateful for the strong partnership between home and school, and we look forward to another successful and positive week ahead.

Best wishes,
Dr Craig Neal
Headteacher



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Uniform Expectations Reminder

As we move forward in the term, we remind all parents and carers to ensure students continue to adhere to our uniform expectations.

Blazers must be worn or carried throughout the day, and daily uniform checks will take place. Students not meeting the requirements will receive appropriate sanctions.

Your support in maintaining high standards of presentation and pride at Bexhill Academy is greatly appreciated. For full uniform guidelines, please visit our website.

Polite Notice

A reminder to please let us know if your child is coming into school unwell.

If a child becomes too unwell to stay in school we will contact you.

Did you know?

If your child is absent, you can notify us by sending us a message via Edulink or calling 01424 730722, Option 1 and leaving a voicemail.



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WORLD BOOK DAY (WEEK!)



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Be brilliant today



World Book Day at Bexhill Academy was more than just a day—it was a full week of celebrations, packed with engaging activities designed to inspire a love of reading across the school.

Throughout the week, students enjoyed:

Simon Green – Author Visit – A fantastic opportunity for students to gain insight into the world of writing and storytelling.

Get Caught Reading – A fun challenge where students and staff were spotted engrossed in books in unexpected places.

My Type on Paper – Tutor groups explored different types of literature and discussed the books that resonate most with them.



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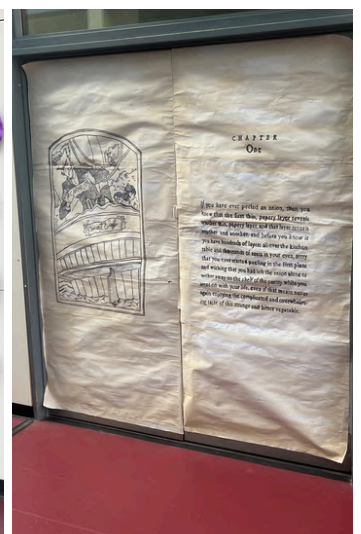
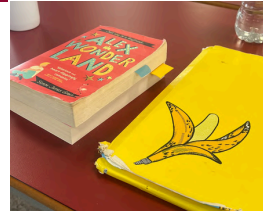
Open Mic Night – A lively event in the library where students and staff shared their favourite passages, poems, and personal writings.

Tutor Doors Challenge – A creative competition where tutor groups decorated their doors based on their favourite books and literary themes.

It was wonderful to see students engaging with books in so many creative ways, from interactive storytelling to literary challenges, all reinforcing the power of reading.

A huge thank you to everyone who took part and helped make the week such a success. We hope the excitement of World Book Week continues to inspire a love of reading all year round.

Jessica Jenkins



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WORLD BOOK DAY (WEEK!)



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A Message from Mrs McKay our Librarian about Book Week:

Months of preparation, planning, secret meetings about costumes, hushed whispers in classes discussing form room door book covers, inflatable palm trees and glitter... lots and lots of glitter.

It all comes down to one amazing week.

A full timetable of bookish activities. 'My type on paper' speed dating with books. Amazing author visits. Staff dressed as literary characters, who is that teacher? And so much more.

This annual celebration serves as a wonderful opportunity to spark the joy of reading within our school community.

It is a magical time when the whole Bexhill Academy community come together to become immersed in the world of books and share their love of reading.

During this special week, I always look forward to sharing new and exciting authors' books as well as some old favourites with our student readers.

At the end of the day, nothing makes me happier than students discussing their favourite books together, fostering a real love of reading for pleasure.

Hearing the immortal words "Mrs McKay this book looks great, please may I borrow it?" really makes my day and all of the planning worthwhile.

Bring on next year!



YOUNG MEN'S MENTAL HEALTH



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Progress report: encouraging patterns emerge regarding young men's mental health

Mental health has long been shrouded in societal stigma. While attitudes are gradually improving, men remain especially impacted by cultural barriers to accessing support. However, new research, published by Aviva, highlights statistics that show encouraging progress is being made among younger generations.

In a poll of more than 1,000 respondents, one notable statistic was that 76% of men aged 16–27 years old said they would talk to someone if they were struggling with their mental health. Gen Z (those born between 1997 and 2012) are also engaging more with social prescribing and digital support to aid their mental health, with lower reliance on prescription medication.

Social prescribing involves connecting individuals to activities, groups, and services within their community to improve health and well-being. One-quarter of men aged 16–24, and one-third of men aged 25–34, had received support this way, which was higher than other age groups. Meanwhile, men in the younger age bracket were also more likely to talk to people online for support than any other age group.



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Speaking about the findings, medical director Dr Doug Wright says:

"Over the past few years, much work has been done to help people recognise that mental health is as important as physical health. It's likely that this change in attitude is helping to drive the positive trends we're seeing from the younger generations."

Though there is still progress to be made, these findings are a positive step in the right direction.

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CAREERS WEEK



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National Careers Week 2025 – Reflections

National Careers Week has been a fantastic opportunity for students to explore future career pathways. Throughout the week, they engaged in career exploration workshops, employer talks, and interactive activities, including the popular ‘Guess the Teacher’ challenge, highlighting staff members’ diverse career backgrounds.

Students also took part in home-school career conversations, considering their strengths, interests, and qualifications, supported by discussions on career options and pathways.

A huge thank you to all staff, employers, and parents who supported these discussions. We encourage students to keep thinking about their futures and take advantage of the resources available.

For further careers support, please get in touch.

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HASTINGS MUSIC FESTIVAL



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Bexhill Academy Voicestra Triumphs at Hastings Musical Festival!

We are incredibly proud of our Academy Voicestra (choir), who performed with passion and professionalism at the Hastings Musical Festival on Thursday, competing against other schools in the region.

We are thrilled to announce that they secured second place, achieving a fantastic score! Their performance was praised for enthusiasm, diction, projection, and balance, with the adjudicator commenting that he 'thoroughly enjoyed the performance' and commending their 'well-blended harmonies and ability to tell the stories of the songs with meaning and confidence'.

Both Mr Lewis and Mr Baxter have expressed their admiration for the choir's commitment, enthusiasm, and the remarkable progress they have made since September. This is an outstanding achievement—well done, Bexhill Academy Voicestra!

If you missed their performance, you can see them showcase their pieces at our upcoming Spring Soiree on Thursday, 1st May. We look forward to celebrating their talent with you!

Matthew Lewis

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Results from this week:

Please see below the results for this week and the fixtures for next:

- Year 9 Boys Rugby vs Lewes Priory – 51 to 19 Win
- Year 9 Boys football vs Claverham – 4 to 1 Loss

Next week

- Year 9 Rugby area 7's Tournament (Hosted by Bexhill Academy)

Ben Petty

Director of Physical Education



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Bexhill Academy – Rugby 7s Champions!

A huge congratulations to our rugby team, who stormed to 1st place in the 7s Rugby Tournament, hosted at Bexhill Academy. The squad displayed outstanding skill, teamwork, and determination, securing a well-earned victory on home turf.

Final Standings:

- 1st – Bexhill Academy
- 2nd – Downlands
- 3rd – Bohunt
- 4th – Seaford
- 5th – Beacon

A big thank you the PE staff, and our supporters for making this event a fantastic success. A brilliant achievement all round!

Ben Petty



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SPARX MATHS



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Students at Bexhill Academy have completed

9,525 hours

of personalised learning on Sparx Maths this year

847,025

Questions answered correctly in Sparx Maths so far this year

Can we hit 1,750,000 correctly answered questions by the end of the year?

**Year 7 – Term 3 Week 4
Average XP Score per student –
FORMS**

1ST – 7BA04

2ND – 7BA01

3RD – 7BA07

4TH – 7BA09

5TH – 7BA02

**Year 8 – Term 3 Week 4
Average XP Score per student –
FORMS**

1ST – 8BA03

2ND – 8BA04

3RD – 8BA07

4TH – 8BA08

5TH – 8BA01

**Year 9 – Term 3 Week 4
Average XP Score per student –
FORMS**

1ST – 9BA03

2ND – 9BA06

3RD – 9BA08

4TH – 9BA09

5TH – 9BA01

**Year 10 – Term 3 Week 4
Average XP Score per student –
FORMS**

1ST – 10BA02

2ND – 10BA06

3RD – 10BA03

4TH – 10BA08

5TH – 10BA04



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SAFEGUARDING



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International HPV vaccination awareness day

HPV vaccination provides safe, effective, and lasting protection against the HPV infections that most commonly cause cancer in both women and men. The vaccine works best for boys and girls when given at age 12-13, when the immune system is strong and before a person is exposed to the virus and becomes sexually active.

If any children and young people missed their HPV vaccine it is important to catch up as soon as possible.

Parents and guardians are encouraged to get their children the HPV vaccination offer at school.

Information on catch up clinics , consent forms and FAQs are available [here](#).

Debbie Holter

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support a child

Support for Parents – Helping You Support Your Child

At Bexhill Academy, we recognise the challenges that come with parenting, particularly during the teenage years. We encourage you to explore the support services available to help guide you through this journey.

Our website provides a wide range of resources on safeguarding, wellbeing, and family support:

- [Bexhill Academy](#)
- [East Sussex Family Support Services](#)
- [East Sussex Family Hubs](#)
- [NHS Guidance on Supporting Teenagers' Mental Health](#)

The Family Hub website offers a variety of [free courses for parents](#), both online and in-person, run by the East Sussex Parenting Team. These sessions are designed to help parents build strong, healthy relationships with their children and better understand their needs.

Courses cover a range of topics, including:

- Online Safety
- Managing Anxiety
- Supporting Neurodivergent Children
- Strengthening Parent-Child Relationships
- For more information and to explore the available courses, visit:
- [East Sussex Family Hub Online Courses](#)

We encourage all parents to take advantage of these valuable resources.

Debbie Holter

MUSIC LESSONS



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Learn an instrument at Bexhill Academy!

We have some spaces available for students to learn an instrument at Bexhill Academy from next term!

We are very lucky to have a visiting team of excellent, industry professional music tutors across a range of instruments and vocals who come into school to deliver 30 minute lessons.

You can learn: piano, keyboard, guitar, bass guitar, drum kit, pop vocals, musical theatre vocals, classical vocals, flute, accordion, violin and/or music theory.

[Please click here to see the details on the form and application](#)

Did you know that learning an instrument has many other benefits? See below for all these benefits and more!

Why Learn an Instrument?

- Promotes social skills
- Sharpens your concentration
- Boosts your team skills
- Teaches you perseverance
- Improves reading and comprehension skills
- Exposes you to cultural history
- Improves memory
- Better your mathematical ability
- Creates a sense of achievement
- Refines your time management skills
- Boosts listening skills
- Offers opportunities for visiting new places and meeting new people
- Provides a means of relaxation
- IT'S FUN!**



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BEXHILL ACADEMY CHARTER



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What Did You Do for Your Bexhill Charter This Week?

The Bexhill Charter is all about recognising hard work, achievements, and positive contributions. Every week is a new opportunity to grow – so what have you done to meet the Charter?

Here are some simple ways to get started:

- Help a classmate – Offer support in lessons or around school.
- Take on a challenge – Push yourself in a subject or try something new.
- Show leadership – Get involved in school activities or set a good example.
- Be kind and respectful – Small actions make a big impact.

Remember, every effort counts. Keep aiming high and make your mark this week!

Find out more:

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SAVE THE DATE



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Coming Up

Spring Soiree – Thursday 1 May 2025

Shrek the Musical – Tuesday 15 – Friday 18 July 2025

Tickets available here:

www.ticketsource.co.uk/bexhill-academy



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DID YOU KNOW WE ARE HIRING?



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Join Our Team – Exciting Opportunities at Bexhill Academy

Bexhill Academy is seeking passionate and dedicated professionals to join our team. We are committed to providing an excellent education for our students and are looking for individuals who share our values of ambition, inclusivity, and support.

We are currently recruiting for the following positions:

- Teacher of Maths
- English KS3 Lead
- Teacher of English (Maternity Cover)
- Teacher of Science
- Invigilator
- Teaching Assistant
- Autism Facility Lead (Maternity Cover)
- CONNECT Behaviour Support Worker

These roles offer an opportunity to make a real difference in students' lives, working within a supportive and forward-thinking team.

If you are passionate about education and would like to join our academy, we would love to hear from you. For more information and to apply, please visit our [website](#).

DATES



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Term 4 – Dates for Your Diary

- Wednesday 12 March – Year 9 Options Evening
- Thursday 20 March – Year 9 Option Form Return
- Friday 21 March & Monday 24 March – Year 11 Geology Trip
- Wednesday 27 March – 1066 Book Awards
- Tuesday 1 April – Year 9 Vaccinations
- Wednesday 3 April – Brighton University Visit
- Thursday 3 April – Year 10 Paris Trip
- Wednesday 3 – Sunday 7 April – Paris Residential
- Wednesday 23 April – Year 7 Parents' Evening

Term Dates

- Monday 6 January – Start of Term 3
- Friday 14 February – End of Term 3
- Monday 24 February – Start of Term 4
- Friday 4 April 12.30pm finish – End of Term 4
- Tuesday 22 April – Start of Term 5
- Monday 5 May – Bank Holiday – The Academy is closed
- Friday 23 May – End of Term 5
- Monday 2 June – Start of Term 6
- Tuesday 22 July 12.30pm finish – End of Term 6



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