

# **Academy Update**

## Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2024

## **Key Notices**

## **Road Safety**

We are aware that the road's around the school are very busy at the start and end of the day but if you drop your child to school can you please be mindful of the children on foot. We have had a couple of near misses over recent months and would like to urge you to please find a space to drop your child rather than stopping in the road to allow them to jump out.

Would you all please remind your children of road safety and the dangers they face every day. A near miss is very scary for a everyone involved, and we do not want to find ourselves in the position of reporting a more serious incident.

## **Parent Survey**

A huge thank you to all parents/carers that have taken the time to complete our parent survey. So far, we have had 265 responses. We would like some more, so that we get a true understanding of your views to help us make continual improvements to the areas that are identified. If you have not yet managed to complete the survey, the link is below: https://forms.gle/m5gSMCC7r1TJmFL97

## **Last day of Term Arrangements**

The last day of term is fast approaching, and I would like to take this opportunity to let you know your child is required to wear their full school uniform on the last day of term, but can wear a Christmas jumper if they would like. The day will finish at 1230/1235 and will be filled with fun to start the Christmas holidays.

## This week at Bexhill Academy

## **Sports Results**

By Mr Petty, Director of PE

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

- Year 9 Boys Rugby vs Warden Park 34 10 loss
  - Year 9 Boys Football vs Ark − 3 − 2 win



• Year 10 Mixed Indoor Cricket – Tournament Champions!

W/C Monday 9th

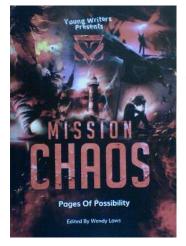
Monday – Primary School Girls Football tournament

Tuesday – Year 9 Boys Rugby vs Seaford

Wednesday – Year 11 Boys Football vs Buckswood

Thursday – Year 9 Boys Rugby vs Beacon, Year 8 Football vs Robertsbridge, Girls Football leadership group

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



## **Young Writer's Competition**

#### By Mrs Graebe, Teacher of English

The students were all in my class last year and, as an end of year homework, they all entered this competition 'Mission Chaos'. Students had to write a 100-word mini saga on a theme of chaos. The students who have been published are in years 8 and 9.

#### **Music Events**

#### By Mr Lewis, Head of Music

Term 2 is a busy time of year for our music department as we share music from our amazingly talented student musicians in the community. On Wednesday, the music scholars were invited to the De La Warr to perform as part of the Bexhill Primary School's annual Big Sing. It was a wonderful event where our scholars performed 3 songs which truly inspired the audience and Year 6's. The scholar's performance was exceptional, with amazing feedback from the audience. We are very proud of them and their achievements. It's so important that students in our local primary schools get to see live music and how musical skills progress into secondary school.

Today, our school choir is performing to the residents of the Thornwood Care Home, an annual event to spread some festive cheer! 40 students from Years 7 and 8 are singing a collection of carols. We look forward to the upcoming Christmas concert on the 19<sup>th</sup> of December.

#### **Showboxes**

#### By Mrs Gordon, Senior Deputy Headteacher

The gifts continue to arrive, thank you very much. We have many students involved in wrapping and putting the gifts together. We will give a full update next week when we have completed our collections. The students have also been involved in creating a Christmas card to send to our local businesses, organisations and to our local charities. We have been overwhelmed by people generosity.







## **Elf Cinema event**

#### By Mrs Gordon, Senior Deputy Headteacher

A quick reminder if you have signed up to watch Elf with your family on Monday. We will start the event at 4.40pm. you are welcome to bring snacks if you would like.

## **Charity Christmas Concert**

#### By Mrs Gordon, Senior Deputy Headteacher

Students have been preparing for our charity Christmas concert (5.30-7pm) on the 17<sup>th</sup> of December. Please follow this link <a href="https://forms.gle/nFoyneD892FYvWjQ7">https://forms.gle/nFoyneD892FYvWjQ7</a> if you wish to attend the event. The event is being run by our students and is a shortened version of the Christmas concert (19 December). Students will be supplying Christmas treats they have cooked during their catering courses. This event is for families unable to attend on the 19<sup>th</sup> but would like some Christmas spirit.

## **Christmas Card making event**

#### By Mrs Gordon, Senior Deputy Headteacher

Thank you to the 28 parents and students who attended the event on Tuesday. Due to the fantastic designs, we now have some great tags and cards to send with our showboxes. This was a lovely event, and we will continue to do more events next year involving other departments, watch this space!

#### **Christmas Parties**

#### By Mr Steward, Assistant Headteacher

The invitations are being finalised and will be given to students by their form tutors on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December. There will be a DJ and refreshments available to purchase at all of the parties.

## **Year 11 Parents' Evening**

#### By Miss Jenkins, Head of Year 11

Year 11 had a highly successful Parents' Evening. Students had the opportunity to receive their mock exam results and engage in productive discussions with their teachers, gaining valuable guidance to support their preparation for the next set of mocks. Additionally, Year 11 students were provided with personalised Question Level Analysis (QLAs) for each subject, offering them crucial insights into both their strengths and the areas that require further improvement.

Year 11 students also had the opportunity to speak with college representatives about their future pathways. It was inspiring to see the ambition and drive our students have for their next steps. We are incredibly proud of the hard work most of our Year 11 students are putting in, and we are confident that their motivation and clear sense of direction will continue to support them as they strive to improve their grades in the upcoming mock exams.

## **Bexhill Lions Art Competition**

## By Mr Mayne, Head of Art

Our art scholars recently entered a competition run by the Bexhill Lions to design a poster on the theme of promoting peace. Three of our student's work was selected to be taken forward to the District Competition and we are proud to announce that one won third place at the district level and will receive a prize. We will be putting all the 3 chosen entries on display in school.

## **Dates for your Diary**

- Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December Parents/carers and students Elf 'film night' in the theatre in the Academy. Free of charge. Bring your own refreshments and enjoy a movie. (see Edulink if you would like to sign up)
- Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December Year 7 and 8 Christmas Party (4-6pm at the Academy)
- Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December Year 9 and 10 Christmas Party (6.30-8.30pm at the Academy)
- Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December Year 11 Christmas Party (6.30-9.30pm at the Academy)
- Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Concerts
- Friday 20<sup>th</sup> Finish at 12.30pm. Full school uniform plus optional Christmas jumper

#### **Term Dates**

- Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 12.30pm finish End of Term 2
- 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 4th 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.

