

Friday Update 8th November 2024

We have had a brilliant first week back at school, and it's fantastic to see the students back, enthusiastic and ready to learn and make the most of the term ahead. I hope that you all made the most of the half term break and enjoyed some quality time together.

Half term revision and Year 11 mock exams

Over the half term, we had some dedicated students (and teachers) come in for revision sessions in preparation for the Year 11 mock exams that started this week, on Wednesday. The Year 11 students started their mock exams with maths and have had a full timetable of exams for the remainder of this week, and this continues for the rest of next week. We are so proud of how they have approached their exams, their approach, conduct and attitude has been really impressive and I am sure this will be reflected in an excellent set of results.

Parent Survey

As you know, one of our key values is 'collective responsibility'. We really do believe that for each student to achieve their full potential, that working together closely and positively with you as parents and carers is vital. We really value your views on the school and are absolutely committed to driving continual improvements. Thank you to all of you parents and carers that have already filled in the parent survey, and for those of you that haven't had a chance as yet, we would really appreciate you taking a few minutes of your time to let us know your views. Please find the link to the survey here: <https://forms.gle/tXRvtDENJVzAmkQK7>

Parent Teacher Association (PTA) and the Uniform Exchange and Supply

We have our next PTA meeting on the 18th of November, with a focus on creating our own 'uniform exchange and supply' for parents and carers. We would be really appreciative of any uniform you are able to donate; please do hand this into the school at any time via reception. If you are interested in joining our PTA, please contact Ms Gordon leanor.gordon@bexhillacademy.org.

Shoebox Christmas Appeal

This year, our student leadership team have worked really hard to organise our very own shoe box Christmas appeal, to serve our own local community. We are asking students to collect items for young children, the elderly and tins for the local foodbank. This will all go to people who are in need within our local Bexhill community in the festive period. There will be a separate letter with details of items that are suitable for donation.

Community Events this Term

We will have a number of community events this term, including our Christmas concert and a Christmas film night. There will be more information to follow.

Attendance

At this time of year, it is more important than ever to have a real focus on attendance. Coming to school every day means no missed learning, no having to catch up, no falling behind. Missing one lesson in a subject can mean

missing the vital information that is needed for the next several lessons. We appreciate that sometimes an absence cannot be avoided, but we ask that you do everything possible to encourage your child into school every day. This is especially important when there may be some resistance, as we all know that once they are up and going, most of the time they are fine and ready to be at school.

EduLink

Thank you for your patience with EduLink. It was a new system for us in September, and it has taken us a bit longer than we would have liked to get to grips with it, but we are certainly getting there. Hopefully you are all able to download the app and are receiving all of the information you require. Any issues with EduLink, please let us know.

Uniform

Thank you for supporting our uniform policy, as the students have come back looking really smart. Just a reminder that except for one stud in each ear, all other piercings should be removed or replaced with a plastic retainer (we provide these).

We hope you all have a fantastic weekend.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Craig Neal', with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right and then curves back down.

Dr Craig Neal
Headteacher