

23<sup>rd</sup> February 2024

## ACADEMY UPDATE 20

Dear Parents and Carers,

We've had a fantastic start to week one of term 4 at Bexhill Academy! It's great to see our students settling back in smoothly after the half-term break.

This term, we are excited to announce that we will be celebrating World Book Day by dedicating the entire term to all things reading. At our school, we strongly believe in the power of reading and the impact it has on shaping our student's futures. We encourage you to engage with your child about their current reading choices and find out which book their tutor has selected for the World Book Day festivities. Keep an eye on our social platforms to see what we are getting up to this term for this wondrous event.

Thursday, we hosted our community cinema night featuring Disney's "Elemental" for families of Year 7 and 8 students. These movie nights are always a highlight, and we look forward to more engaging community events in the future. Keep an eye out for a Google form next week asking for your feedback on community events. Your input is invaluable, and we want to ensure our events cater to your preferences. Suggestions like family rounders in the summer, afternoon tea, or family quiz nights are all on the table, and we are eager to hear your thoughts.

Whilst we had no sporting fixtures this week, we aren't missing the opportunity to get our students out in the fresh air! I thought this would be a great time to share with you the adventures of Forrest School. Forrest School is a fantastic provision we offer, to take our young people out into the community and teach them all about survival skills and nature. This is a social and emotional support provision that we are very proud to offer at Bexhill Academy.

To end the week we had our Headteachers Hot Chocolate morning for 8 remarkable students. Although we have only done two of these mornings so far, it has been a real joy getting to know your marvellous children and it is truly the highlight of my week. Today, we also handed out the year 9 Options Booklets. Please encourage your child to thoroughly read through the booklet, watch any videos on our website, and take ownership of their future. Please take the time to assist your child in the decision-making process and remember the year 9 team is on hand if you have any questions, as are the rest of the staff body. We have Options evening next Thursday and we hope to see as many of you there as possible.

Thank you for your continued support and involvement in our school community. Stay tuned for more exciting updates and events in the weeks to come!

With best wishes,



Dr. Craig Neal  
Headteacher

## Calendar Dates

### Term 4

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February – Y9 Options Evening  
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

## Useful contact information

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