

8th March 2024

ACADEMY UPDATE 22

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy International Women's Day! What a lovely way to start this week's newsletter. We all have women in our lives or amazing women we look up to, whether it's a colleague or celebrity and I hope today is a day we can all celebrate all the wonderful women we know! It has been another fantastic week here, filled with exciting events and remarkable achievements. We are thrilled to share with you all of the brilliant things that have happened...

Firstly, we would like to congratulate our Year 9 students for their hard work and dedication in handing in their options choices. It was amazing to see so many students lined up at the gate by 7:15 eager to get their choices in. This time is such a significant milestone in their academic journey, and we are proud of their proactive approach towards shaping their future.

In celebration of World Book Day, our school was buzzing with creativity and literary enthusiasm. We organised a bookmark drawing competition for each year group, and the winners had their designs printed for everyone to enjoy. The talent and imagination displayed were truly remarkable. Additionally, our tutors embraced the spirit of the day by participating in a door decorating contest. From Roald Dahl books to autobiographies, the doors were transformed into vibrant book covers. We were delighted to see the staff also joining in the fun by dressing up as their favourite book characters, even Milo dressed up for the occasion.

To honour World Book Day and inspire our future students, we invited our Year 6 families to watch the brand new enchanting film "Wonka." It was a joyous occasion, and we hope it ignited a love for reading in our young visitors. As well as watching the film, each student was greeted with a Charlie and the Chocolate Factory bookmark, hand painted by one of our talented GCSE Art students, we also handed out chocolate bars and then 10 lucky, random winners were picked out to win signed (by me) copies of the Roald Dahl classic. It really was a wonderful evening and we look forward to hosting more of these community events for our current and future students.

Thursday, we held the Year 11 mock celebration and feedback evening. With over 90% attendance, this event provided an opportunity for our students and their families to receive valuable feedback, reflect on their progress, and make informed decisions on their preparations for their final exams. We commend our Year 11 students for their resilience and commitment to their studies.

In the realm of sports, our students have been actively participating in various competitions and displaying excellent sportsmanship. We are immensely proud of the Year 8 boy's rugby team this week as they are crowned area tournament winners. The boys dominated every single game and made us proud! We would love to hear about any sporting achievements your child might have outside of school and encourage you to send any photos or information to communications@bexhillacademy.org. It would be great to feature these in our termly magazine.

This week we also hosted the Paris trip parents evening. This event provided essential information, and answered any questions parents and carers had. Both students and parents are well-prepared for this exciting educational adventure and we can't wait to see all the photos!

Even though it was a jam packed week for events, meetings and visitors I still had time this morning to meet with the 8 students that were put forward for this week's hot chocolate with the Headteacher. It was wonderful to hear about how much they have enjoyed World Book Week as well as all their other interests.

Wishing you a wonderful weekend ahead!

Best regards,

With best wishes,



Dr. Craig Neal
Headteacher

Please note the calendar dates for 2024/25 have been updated since the updated letter went out during the week, due to ESCC changing the dates. If you have any doubts please visit their website:

<https://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/education-learning/term-dates>

Calendar Dates

Term 4

Tuesday 12th March – Year 9 Tetanus injections

Tuesday 19th March – Provisional Year 11 Year Group Photo

Wednesday 20th March – Provisional Year 11 Year Group Photo

Thursday 21st March – Y7 celebration and feedback evening

Thursday 28th March – Last Day of Term 4

Term 5

Monday 6th May – Bank Holiday

Monday 15th April – First Day of Term 5

Thursday 9th May – First day of GCSE exams

Friday 24th May – Last Day of Term 5

Term 6

Monday 3rd June – First Day of Term 6

Tuesday 16th – Thursday 18th July – The Big Show

Wednesday 26th June – Last day of GCSE Exams

Friday 28th June – **INSET Day (Students do not attend)**

Tuesday 23rd July – Last Day of Term 6

2024/25 Dates

Term 1

Monday 2nd September – INSET 1st day of term 1

Tuesday 3rd September – Students first day

Friday 25th October – Last day of Term 1

Term 2

Monday 4th November – 1st Day Term 2

Friday 20th December – Last Day Term 2

Term 3

Monday 6th January 2025 – 1st Day Term 3

Friday 14th February – Last Day Term 3

Term 4

Monday 24th February - 1st Day Term 4

Friday 4th April – Last Day Term 4

Term 5

Tuesday 22nd April – 1st Day Term 5

Monday 5th May – Bank Holiday

Friday 23rd May – Last Day Term 5

Term 6

Monday 2nd June – 1st Day Term 6

Tuesday 22nd July – Last Day Term 6

Useful contact information

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