

26th April 2024

ACADEMY UPDATE 25

Dear Parents and Carers,

In the spirit of this week's Anxiety workshop, I'd like to open this week's newsletter by firstly extending my gratitude to Ms Ransom and all the people involved in this workshop and secondly reminding parents and carers that there is help available if you need it. As parents/carers we all understand the importance of ensuring our children are okay but it is also important we look after ourselves. As a school, we want to be a part of that 'constant' in your children's lives and we strive to be at the heart of our community.

Monday started the week with our annual Careers Fair organised by Mr Starkey. More than 30 employers visited us and spoke to our Year 9 and 10 students throughout the day. It was a fantastic event that provided our students with knowledge and understanding of various workplaces. The entire day was filled with a sense of ambition and aspiration.

In other news this week, our Librarian ventured out to another school with some students to attend this year's 1066 Book Awards. This is a wonderful event where students from 6 local secondary schools unite and vote for their favourite book. It was so wonderful to hear the students talk about their conclusions as to why they chose the book they did, and to listen to them speak so fondly of reading. This to me, is what trips are all about- Inspiring learning. Keep a look out on the website for the upcoming blog post on this event and to find out which book took the top spot for 2024!

The Music and Drama department, once again, took the stage by storm on Tuesday night at the Spring Soiree—a variety of fantastical, elegant performances, celebrating all things musical. We had performances by so many of our talented students and music scholars. Their performances on the stage were captivating and we can't wait to see many of them perform in the upcoming School Production 'Back to the 80s'. Tickets for the Back to the 80s show go on sale at 5 pm today: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/bexhill-academy>

A special mention this week to all our remarkable year 11s who have sat some of their official GCSE exams. We have had exams in PE, ART, and languages. The final countdown is now officially on to the 7th of May, which is when exam season officially starts. A final push for revision and hard work, Prom is in sight for all those who want to attend!

This term, our attendance team is conducting a raffle for all students who have maintained 100% attendance till the end of the term. We have some brilliant prizes on offer, so make sure you attend every day to be in with a chance of winning. Please note that authorised absences will not exclude you from this raffle.

Today, I had my first hot chocolate morning of the term with eight lovely students. The attendees were Scarlett and Jayden from Year 7, Oscar and Lexie from Year 8, Maisie and Amelia from Year 9, and Will and Megan from Year 10. During our chat, I got to know more about their passions and studies, and we also discussed their opinions on our school. It was an insightful conversation.

All in all another successful week at Bexhill Academy! I hope you all have had a good week and that you have an enjoyable, restful weekend.

With best wishes,



Dr. Craig Neal
Headteacher

Links to uniform suggestions for warmer weather –

Girls Shorts –

- <https://www.newlook.com/uk/womens/clothing/shorts/tall-navy-cotton-sateen-tailored-shorts/p/886465941>
- https://www.marksandspencer.com/high-waisted-pleat-front-shorts/p/clp60650535?color=DARKNAVY#intid=pid_pg1pip48g2r9c1

Boys Shorts –

- https://www.marksandspencer.com/school-2pk-boys-regular-leg-shorts-2-14-yrs-/p/clp60588147?color=NAVY#intid=pid_pg1pip9g4r1c1|prodflag_submsg-From%20%C2%A34%20per%20item

Girls Culottes –

- <https://www.next.co.uk/style/su116218/n18135#n18135>
- https://www.dorothyperkins.com/product/dorothy-perkins-button-front-culotte-trouser_bqq17365?colour=black

Calendar Dates

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

Wednesday 26th June

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 – 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

Monday 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

Friday 18th June – Last Day Term 6

Useful contact information

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