

BLC SECONDARY—NEWSLETTER

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Message from Mr Edwards

Hello and welcome to the first newsletter of the year. It is difficult to believe that we are already at the end of Term 1. We have had a very successful term following our outstanding progress in the GCSE results last summer—we are now officially the most improved school in Bristol .

We were also recently visited by Ofsted, who judged us as making good progress with excellent capacity to achieve our vision of outstanding provision for all students.

The Ofsted Team made a point of praising our fantastic students and staff. They noted that the expectations of staff and the aspirations and motivation of students are rising which is having a significant impact by raising student's progress. We are witnessing a transformation in the mindset of students to start taking



ownership for their success and not accept underachievement. I am very proud of them.

Year 6 and 7 students have settled in incredibly well and it is a pleasure to welcome such a smart, studious group of students to BLC. The House Teams have worked really hard to ensure that this transition time for our new students has been a positive experience and these students are now fully integrated into secondary school life.

We recently appointed four students to the roles of Head Boy, Head Girl, Deputy Head Boy and Deputy Head Girl. I would like to congratulate Sam Hill (Head Boy), Jessi Wood (Head Girl), Callum Chiddy (Deputy Head Boy) and Beth McDonald (Deputy Head Girl). I am sure that they will have a big impact in supporting the day to day running of the school and representing us in various capacities.

I hope you will take time to read through this newsletter at some of the fantastic opportunities that we are offering our students and also for our parents to engage in the everyday life of our secondary school community. With your support we will continue to provide the very best education in South Bristol and beyond.

I hope that you have a very peaceful and relaxed half term to refresh the batteries for the challenges of Term 2.



Special points of interest:

- Visit to M-Shed
- Quick ... To the Shelter

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Pero House

Out with the old in with the new—no I'm not talking about Mrs Trudgen, I am talking about saying goodbye and good luck to our old Year 11's and saying hello and welcome to our new intake of Pero Year 6 and Year 7 pupils. They were lucky enough to be selected to join the best house at BLC and myself, Pero staff and Pero tutees are looking forward to including them in the Pero activities and spirit.

“Pero gets Gold”

Pero's motto is “Going for Gold” and at the end of last year this is what we achieved. Pero House was awarded with arguably the most important (and biggest) Cup – THE HOUSE ACADEMIC CUP. This takes into consideration all the positive achievement that our students demonstrated throughout the whole term. We now need to ensure we continue this attitude and set our target on lifting that cup again in December.

“Pero Parent Power”

One of the Pero House targets is to improve links with the community, whilst there are several ideas in the pipeline our first port of call is with Pero parents. There is a school open session on Tuesdays at 2 35 pm to 3 30 pm for parents to attend and talk to our very own Ms Holland, Deputy Head of Pero House.

Also if you would like to be added to the Pero mailing list please email:

msuchecki@bridgelearningcampus.com

This is my school email and can also be used to contact me at any time.

Lastly (for the moment) we are trialling having a facebook group where questions/notices can be posted. Facebook BLC PERO and add yourself.

Looking forward to a great year

Mr Sucheki



Clifton House

To begin with, a big Clifton ‘Welcome’ to the new Year 6 and 7 students. I am really proud of the way they have settled in and have seen some excellent coaching from the Year 8 students in Phase 3.

Phase 4 students have begun the year in a positive manner and are producing some fantastic work. They are all getting on well with their work and preparing positively for the modular exams beginning in Term 2.

We have three new tutors, Miss Llewellyn, Miss Owen and Mr Callaghan, as well as three new Associate Tutors, Mrs Cullum, Miss Nolan and Mrs Ecclestone joining the Clifton team. I am sure they will do as great a job as the current tutors and associate tutors.

I am very happy to report that despite a few hiccups, we are definitely moving in the right direction. We have by far the best behaviour, our attendance and punctuality targets have been met and the students are collecting a vast amount of house merits. At our current rate, I could well see Clifton winning the ‘House Cup’ at Christmas.

Mrs Amel and Mr Edwards interviewed students from across the secondary phase for the important roles of Head Boy and Girl and Deputy Head Boy and Girl. I am sure the 10 students from Clifton who had been short-listed interviewed really well.

Finally, I would like to thank the Clifton students for their great start to the new school year. Have a lovely holiday and we'll see you back at BLC on Monday, 31st October.

Mr Mackie



Temple House

I would like to begin by congratulating the new intake of Year 6's and 7's that have joined Temple House this year. On the whole they have settled in very well and their behaviour has been impeccable. The transition from primary school to secondary school can be a worrying time for many students and it is nice to see how well they have coped with this.

For a few students in Year 8 there are some improvements to be made and as a House and as a school we will continue to work with them and their families in the hope that we can support them in changing their behaviour.

Our Phase 4 students continue to push on through their GCSE, OCR and BTEC courses. At this early stage of the year there are great hopes that our current Year 11's will gain even better results than they did last year. This would be incredible and would be justification for all of the hard work that they have put in along with the support of BLC staff.

As a House our attendance is a little over 92% which is satisfactory for this time of year but still leaves much room for improvement. This is mainly due to unauthorised holidays being taken and the very poor attendance of two or three students rather than low attendance across tutor groups. At this early stage T.AW are leading the way both the attendance and behaviour leagues within Temple House and T.ALH are topping the behaviour leagues. Well done to both of these but remember there is plenty of time for this to change before Christmas. Temple against the other Houses sees us in 3rd place in the attendance league, third place in the behaviour league but top of the rewards league so there is still much to play for.

In summary I would like to say well done to the vast majority on a positive and successful start to the year and hope that they all have a restful and well deserved break and come back refreshed and ready to learn.

Best wishes

Mr Trudgen and Mrs Colley

Redcliffe House

I would like to start by congratulating everyone in Redcliffe for a fantastic start to the school year. I would particularly like to welcome the new intake of Year 6 and 7 students to the house and say how pleased I am with the start these students have made to life at BLC.

There are a few students in Years 8, 9 and 10 where improvements can be made in terms of their behaviour. These students have an important role to play in terms of setting the standard for younger students to follow. They also have a responsibility to their tutor group and house to not let their behaviour affect the behaviour league tables. The house team will continue to work with these students and help them to move down the stages for behavior system.

As a house our attendance is at 91.5% and moving in the right direction. Redcliffe House has always had issues with maintaining its attendance and often found ourselves around 88%. We aim to improve this and it is each student's responsibility to ensure they improve their attendance. I will be working with students whose attendance is between 85%-89%, aiming to move them up over the 90% barrier. R-CE currently leads the house attendance league with 98% followed by R-RPE 96.3%, well done to students in those tutor groups.

Redcliffe lead the house C4 League with the fewest number of C4's so far this term. This could be further improved if the handful of students on report can modify their behaviour. The majority of students within the house meet expectations and never get C4's. R-PB continues to lead the way in Redcliffe with the fewest C4's. This has become a regular occurrence. It may be time to start issuing random C4's to this group!

Well done to all the staff and students in the house. High standards have been set we must aim to maintain this during Term 2.

Best Wishes

Mr Young



English—Phase 4

English triumphed again in the summer exams, gaining a staggering 59.3%. Our Year 11 pupils worked so hard and all their effort paid in the end. Well done to them. We have more exams in January and we are confident that we'll achieve great results again.

This term kicked off with Phase 4 English students preparing for the more creative elements of the course. All of Phase 4 have been composing stories based in either the third or first person. From hunters turning into the hunted, to tales of bullying in the playground, to death on Valentine's Day, the stories cover the full spectrum and show signs of some talented authors.

The new AS English Literature/Language course has been fully launched alongside the new GCSE English Literature. With these high fliers, staff have taken a back seat and the pupils are driving. Pupils have been leading sessions in which they teach their peers on a form of 'real world' writing. Miss Yates, who alongside Miss Tanner teaches the AS course, said, "The sessions have been really interesting and well planned. We might have some future teachers in the mix. I think they'll be strict though." Well done to these brave pupils.

Fingers crossed for another record making year.

Science

Exams time will soon be upon us.....

Phase 4 have made an excellent start to the year in science! In the first week of November the whole of Year 9 and 10 plus some of Year 11 have their first set of modular exams. Students following the core course will have a one hour long paper on the 8th November. This is worth 25% of their final GCSE grade and attendance is really important on this day.

Students following the additional course have two papers on the 8th and 10th November worth 20% of their final mark. Revision sessions will be running before and after school from the 31st October.

ICT

Students from both Phase 3 and Phase 4 have made an excellent start to the year and have been hard at work producing a short movie to warn people about how to stay safe online. Some of the best examples will be available soon on the schools YouTube channel (you can find us by searching YouTube for BLC SECONDARY CHANNEL).

Phase 4 have now started their OCR National coursework during their lessons and Year 9 have made a brilliant start getting to grips with working at GCSE level. Students and parents should be aware that if they miss an ICT lesson, coursework catch-up runs every Thursday in D1-06 between 2 35 pm to 3 30 pm. Phase 3 students are also welcome if they need any help with their homework.

Year 10 are currently working towards their 2nd GCSE in ICT and both Years 10 and 11 are catching up on any missed units in order for them to gain their 2nd, and in some cases 3rd, GCSE.

The students who are studying the Business and Communications Systems GCSE are being introduced to the controlled assessment which is about pop-up shops, the controlled assessment is set to take place in January and February 2012.

Can ALL students please remember to bring your lunch/print card along to ALL your ICT lessons so that you can print your coursework.



Maths @ BLC

Targeted Revision Sessions—Year 11 have completed the first of our targeted revision sessions which have been run to fully identify where students need final exam help and support. Congratulations to the nine students who took part this term, another nine students will attend these support sessions in Term 2.

YEAR 10 Exam: November 8th pm

The paper is calculator and lasts for 1 hour and 15 minutes. Please ensure your son/daughter brings a calculator and full maths equipment (ruler, pen, pencil, protractor and compass).

BLC Maths Students Take on Top Bristol Schools.

On Thursday, 6th October four of our top mathematicians competed in the annual national maths challenge against 20 top Bristol Schools. BLC qualified for the regional final held at Queen Elizabeth Hospital School in Clifton. The competition took place over five strongly contested rounds. Our students competed well as a team, especially during the early rounds where we excelled, unfortunately we were piped at the post by the eventual joint winners, Badminton School and Clifton College.

Massive congratulations to Danielle Ash, Jacob Lewis, Jessica Harrison & Jordan Bedford.



Working with Others Team

Our annual London trip will be taking place later this year. It is always very popular so will be offered first to current History and Geography students and those intending to take History or Geography for their GCSE option.

HISTORY

We are pleased to welcome a new addition to the Humanities team as we are joined by Mr Callaghan – our new History specialist. He has had a rich and varied history of teaching in Bristol and has been part of the outstanding teachers programme.



Here are his first comments on History at BLC—

“History at BLC is thriving. I’ve been thrilled with the positive attitude of the students and their wonderfully enquiring nature. These are essential qualities for all Historians and vital lifelong learning skills.

Years 9 and 10 are currently studying the Weimar Republic and the rise of the Nazi party. They have engaged wholeheartedly with a variety of learning styles including analysis and interpretation of sources such as propaganda posters and used their knowledge to mark and grade each others work as part of continual peer assessment.

Year 10 will next term be focusing on their January examination and to help prepare them will be offering additional coaching classes that will focus on essential examination technique and revision skills on Thursdays 2 35 pm to 3 30 pm.

We are looking forward to our annual London trip visiting the Imperial War Museum and the London Dungeons. We are also currently looking at best prices as we explore our trip to Poland to visit Auschwitz.

I encourage pupils currently thinking about option choices to come and see me about our exciting new History GCSE option in room E009

I would like to pass on my thanks to all the students for their hard work and parents for their continuing support and encouragement.”

Please feel free to contact Mr Callaghan for any further details—pcallaghan@bridgelearningcampus.com

Mr Callaghan, Lead History Teacher

ETHICS

Well done to all those Year 11 students who last year took part in a pilot scheme to complete early entry GCSE for Ethics. The results were superb. Of those that took full course GCSE 84% passed with A*-C and 50% of those were at A*-A.

Of the 45 pupils who chose to take the short course 72% passed with A*-C with a strong emphasis on boys in this cohort.

This year we will also pilot selected Year 9 students taking early exam entry for Ethics. I encourage all students to ensure good revision for all mock exams and internal assessment as this is what their early entry status will be based on.



I have been really pleased with all Ethics classes this year. We are currently looking at the Relationships unit where pupils have had the chance to go through a marriage ceremony – and experience the responsibility marriage brings. As they explore a variety of concepts around relationships pupils work through a booklet each lesson which then forms the basis of their revision. Pupils take their blue books home for homework and exam practice. We encourage parents to take an active part in looking at their child’s work and helping them to think about different viewpoints. Next term we will be moving on to the Is It Fair unit.

Ms Deans, Head of Humanities

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Working with Others Team—Continued

GEOGRAPHY

Geography has had a very successful start to the year with a record number of students choosing to study the subject. The current Year 10/11 group have just completed their first controlled assessment which was a great relief all round! The field trip to Weston back in the summer term formed the basis for the piece of work and really brought the topic to life.

We are currently planning our next trip which will be to Cabot Circus. This will help us with our next controlled assessment which is based on how cities change over time.

There are two new Year 9/10 groups this year. Students are currently studying rivers and are making good progress. A few students have made a particularly good start. Jason Ash, Kate Pring, Jade True and Kensington McKechnie have made a fantastic start to the course and are demonstrating superb effort, sound understanding and great homework!

The current Year 10 group will be taking an early entry GCSE in June 2012. Despite taking their GCSE a year early, they look set to break all records with predicted grades for this group currently standing at 77% A*-C.

I look forward to writing later on in the year to share more student achievements.

For those interested in taking Geography for GCSE next year please come and see me in E011.

Please feel free to contact Miss Cooper for any further details—ecooper@bridgelearningcampus.com

Miss Cooper, Head of Geography

HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE

Well we got there!! 95% of all Year 11 students who took this course achieved 2 GCSE's with A-C grades. Four students decided they would go one better and gain 4 GCSE's in this subject (within the same time limits – so it shows their dedication) – these were—Klereece Hurley, Jess Noel, Ami Mountain and Rebecca Curry. Well done to all students and also Mrs Amel for getting them there!

We now have a new cohort who are following in those footsteps. They are currently looking at factors for healthy lifestyles and creating top tip brochures

For further information please contact jamel@bridgelearningcampus.com

Mrs Amel, Head of Health and Social Care and Assistant Headteacher



The eatwell plate

Use the eatwell plate to help you get the balance right. It shows how much of what you eat should come from each food group.



Working with Others—Continued

PSYCHOLOGY

We have now completed the first five units of this course and pupils will go to the exams this January. To support our students we will be offering coaching classes on Fridays from 2 35 pm until 3 30pm to go over exam practice and give feedback on progress. It will be a relaxed session allowing pupils time to complete past exam papers as well as receiving feedback on those they have done. It is important that students attend.

Students are given regular homework – often being asked to read and prepare for lessons. Students will also be receiving holiday homework to get ready for the exams – remember REVISION IS THE KEY – parents please help them to keep on track and ensure that they do a little each day to create their revision cards and get ready for the exams.

Well done to Danielle Ash, Jess Harrison, Liam Gardiner, Jess Davey and Courtney Inder who are star pupils of the term.

For further information please contact Ms Deans (edeans@brigelearningcampus.com)

Should you want any more information on anything to do with the Humanities team do pop down to Eaves and see us – we'll be happy to help.

Esther Deans MBE

Head of Humanities



Netball Match Reports

Yr 10 - BLC Vs Oasis - Won 9-3

In the first half of the game it was obvious that Bridge were the better team, we went straight into the lead 7-0 thanks to some excellent shooting by Danielle Ash, Caitlin Walsh and Shaylea Kennedy. Oasis were determined to score, but only managed to get 3 thanks to our superb defence, Courtney Inder and Harley Abbott. A great start to the season girls. Congratulations to Danielle Ash who was given player of the match.

Yr 11 – BLC Vs Oasis – Won 11-2

We got off to a slow start to begin with only scoring 2 in the first quarter, but we soon turned it around and gave some great balls into the circle making it easy for Charlotte Cole and Siobhan Hughes to score consistently. Tyria Morgan worked extremely well as Goal Keeper considering it was one of the first games she has played, she did manage to fall and cut her elbow open but she stayed on and finished the game in style. Congratulations to Lauren Farquharson who was given player of the match.

Yr 10 – BLC Vs Bedminster Down – Won 14-0

Another great game for Bridge, Sophie Manning and Courtney Inder really worked well together in centre court. Shaylea Kennedy and Kirsty Inder played brilliant as our wings and Caitlin Walsh and Danielle Ash played superb as our shooters. Well done to Danielle Ash who got voted as player of the match.

Yr 11 – BLC Vs Bedminster Down – Won 8-5

Our Year 11's only had 7 players so for the first 3 quarters we struggled to get to grips with the game. The opposition were a very messy team and our girls didn't make the most of it. We were losing 5-3 at the end of the third quarter. Sarah Tucker Went in for an interception and managed to dislocate her finger so she had to go off, lucky enough Amber Dunster was the sub for the Year 10's so she stepped in to finish the game. This quarter we calmed down and started playing well as a team. We pulled it right back and ended up beating them 8-5. Congratulations to Jessica Southgate who played her first ever match for Bridge and well done to Rachel Stenner who was voted as player of the match.

Integrated Curriculum—M Shed Trip

One hundred and fifteen Phase 3 students recently embarked on a trip to the M Shed to learn about Bristol's links with slavery. During Term 1 we have been learning about Trans Atlantic slavery and how much of Bristol's wealth was gained through this terrible trade. Students have used their skills of independent enquiry to ask questions and research the subject, so this was an ideal opportunity to bring the subject to life.

At the M Shed students visited one of the galleries to reinforce their understanding, and took part in a workshop which involved handling replica artefacts to learn about the trade.

After lunch we walked part of the Bristol slave trail - an organised route that takes in many parts of Bristol directly linked to slavery. This allowed students to gain a real insight into the history of Bristol and broaden their knowledge and understanding of the subject.

Thank you to all the staff who supported this trip.

Miss Cooper



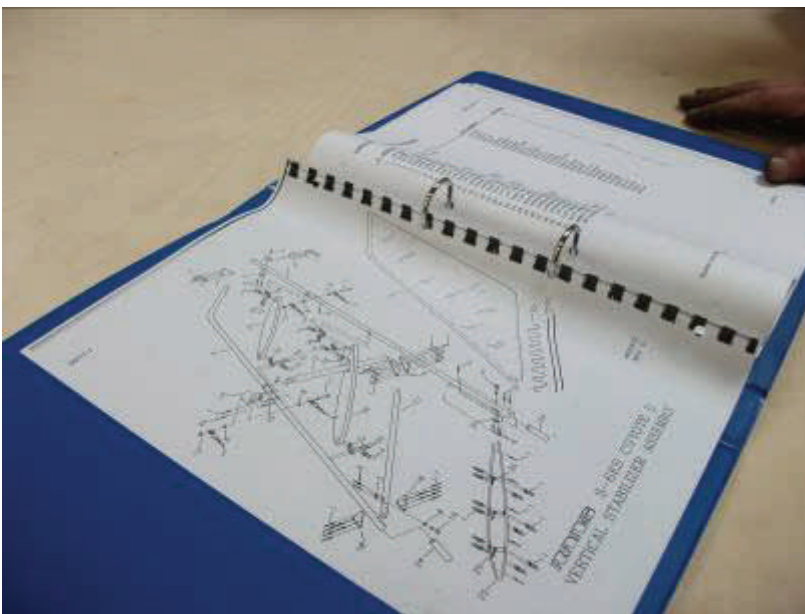
Build a Plane

The build a plane project has had another massive boost!! At the end of last term we received a delivery from Precision Profiles with a new stack of tools. The tools have been partially sponsored and we are very grateful to Precision Profiles for jumping on board with the project. With the new tools came lots of new developments! The Bridge Learning Festival was a brilliant day in which we were able to demonstrate how we make certain parts and answer questions about the build and sponsorship. Representatives were there from Boeing who sponsored the purchase of the plane kit to show how the build a plane project can be a way in to that type of career.

So far this year our dedicated group have done a great piece of work building the rear vertical stabiliser for the aircraft. We have also started the first initial fix of the fuselage. This involves making the floorboard, heelboard and pedal structures for the pilot and passenger to control the plane! Yep, that's right, its twin control... I can't wait to get it up in the air!



Mr Buckley



Quick . . . to the Shelter!

We were very lucky early in the term to be invited to take an active part in our feeder primary schools focus topics. At the moment the children are studying about the World Wars and asked if we could possibly help out. Bridge Primary decided that it would be a fantastic learning opportunity to go back in time and have to role play like it was the Blitz. We created a half size Anderson Shelter, to give the children an idea of how dark and scary it would have been back then.

Perry court children wanted to make their very own Anderson shelter so we invited two groups over to have a go making smaller models. The key learning area was to get the children to use as many different tools and processes as possible to make the models.

They used the Vacuum former, belt sander, fretsaws, pillar drill and hot-glue guns to create their wonderful shelters. Everyone (including their teachers!) had a lovely afternoon and the models should last as a reminder of both their World War learning and the great time they had here!

Mr Buckley



Art—Phase 3

It has been an exciting start to the new term, meeting new pupils and establishing new groups within the department. There are some absolutely fabulous young artists throughout Phase 3 who are working incredibly hard and are producing high quality work both during lesson time and at home. It's great to see that so many of you are keeping your own personal sketch books that you are filling with exciting sketches and doodles – keep up the good work, myself and Miss Tasker love to see what you've been up to!

Competition time!

As some of you may already be aware, the Art Department regularly sets competitions, inviting you to use your imagination and show us what fantastic artists you are!

This terms competition is called 'The Shape Game'. The rules of the game are very simple: you need to come and collect an entry sheet from Miss Bush or Miss Tasker, that has already got an abstract shape drawn onto it. You must then transform this shape into something recognisable!

The wonderful thing about the shape game is that anyone with a little bit of imagination can join in. You don't need to be good at drawing to play and transform a shape!

There are lots of prizes that need to be won! So, if you are interested, come and collect an entry sheet from us and get creative. The closing date for all entries is Friday 2nd December.



Art—Phase 4

It's been a busy first term for the Art GCSE students, both old and new! It's always an exciting time starting new courses, projects and even sketch books. There is so much enthusiasm buzzing around the department! Can't wait to see what is in store over the forthcoming year.....

Trips, trips & more trips!

So far, the Art Department are offering all Phase 4 Art GCSE students the chance to be part of our residential (overnight) trip. We will be again packing our bags and heading down to sunny Cornwall next July – it's been such a roaring success over the past two year's that 'Cornwall' has invited us back!! So, if you have taken a letter home and would love to be part of this fantastic excursion then return your reply slip with deposits to Miss Bush or Miss Tasker asap!!

There will be other trips on offer throughout the next year, so keep your eyes and ears peeled for more info...!



The beauty of St Ives

Careers

It has been an extremely busy start to the school year for careers with Year 11 continuing to complete their Student Statements and Curriculum Vitae. We have the Convention on 10th November during the morning only when parents/carers are welcome to attend – a formal letter will be sent home nearer the time.

The first 64 Mock Interviews for Year 11 take place on 17th November – students are bringing into their Careers Class details of jobs/apprenticeships/College courses they wish to apply for and writing out a formal letter. This, and their CV, will be posted off to our guest interviewers from the world of work. Each student will receive a half hour interview with two interviewers, verbal and written feedback will be given. This is an amazing help, and a real reality check!, for some of our young people. Second 64 take place 8th December.

Advance notice for Year 11 would-be builders – ONSITE Bristol will hold an information session in E106 on Thursday 1st December from 2 35 pm to 3 30 pm.

We have City of Bristol, Filton, St Brendan's 6th Form College and Ashton Park 6th Form prospectuses in school and Year 11 are applying for the courses of their choice. Filton and the City of Bristol state in their prospectus that they will begin interviewing late October!!

Year 10 are starting to apply for their work experience placements which take place 9th to 13th July 2012. We are having to fund this valuable activity this year as CONNEXIONS have had to withdraw funding. Year 10 have had an assembly on this so know the procedure. Letters have gone home to parents/carers but if there are any concerns please do not hesitate to contact me on 0117 3534472 extension 2055.

Mrs Curtis

Head of Careers



Information for Parents

Parents of Years 5, 6 and 7—Drop-In Sessions

Have you got questions about how your child is getting on in Secondary? Do you want to find out more about moving to Secondary? Or are you worried about how your child is getting on since they have moved to Secondary? Not sure who to go to if you want to speak to staff?

Miss Boyall (Head of Phase 3), Mr Brearey (Year 6 tutor) and one of our Deputy Heads of House will be in the Primary Parents Room every Tuesday from 2 40 pm until 3 30 pm starting 27th September to answer your questions and discuss any concerns you might have.

Why not drop in for a coffee and a chat to find out more about Phase 3 education at BLC and what that means for your child.

Mini Move-It Tiny Dancers

Mini Move-It Tiny Dancers has started up again this term. Sessions are held on Tuesdays from 1 30 pm to 2 30 pm in the Primary Small Hall. There is a charge of £2 per adult but children come for free. Come along and take part in movement and dance sessions with your little one in a very fun, relaxed session. Suitable for children up to age 3. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Move-It Kommunity Dance

Move-It Kommunity Dance (that's how they spell it!) has started in the Gymnastics Centre on Wednesdays from 6 30 pm until 8 pm. Led by a professional dance company, come along and learn contemporary and street dance styles, have some fun and be active. Sessions are suitable for over 15s and cost £2 per session. For those who attend there could also be a chance to work towards a Dance Leadership

Jobs Workshop

Do you want more information, advice or guidance around getting back into work? Need help with a CV or help with filling in application forms? Come along to the informal drop-in on Thursday, 6th October from 8 30 am until 11 am. Free refreshments provided—drop-in to the Primary Parents Room at any time that suits you. This workshop is being run by staff from HWV.

Parent Council Meeting Dates

Make sure you put these dates in your diary for the year:-

Thursday 24th November 6pm - 7.30pm

Thursday 19th January 1.30pm - 3pm

Thursday 22nd March 6pm - 7.30pm

Thursday 24th May 1.30pm - 3pm

Thursday 12th July 6pm - 7.30pm

For further information on parent events and support at school, keep checking back on the website for further details of workshops, drop-ins, coffee mornings etc or speak to Jess or Caroline

Parent/Carer Coffee Drop-Ins

After half-term the weekly parent and carer coffee sessions will run on alternate Tuesdays from 8 30 am until 10 am and on Fridays from 1 pm until 2 30 pm. You can drop-in to as many or as few as you like but there will be different topics for each session. Please fill in the enclosed parent consultation form so we can get your views about who or what would be useful in these sessions. We meet in the Primary Parents Room—call Jess for more information on 07707 266271 or just come along! Dates for next term are:-

- Tuesday, 1st November from 8 30 am until 10 am
- Friday, 11th November from 1 pm until 2 30 pm
- Tuesday, 15th November from 8 30 am until 10 am
- Friday, 25th November from 1 pm until 2 30 pm
- Tuesday, 29th November from 8 30 am until 10 am
- Friday, 9th December from 1 pm until 2 30 pm
- Tuesday, 13th December from 8 30 am until 10 am



FREE Parents Workshops

Two free workshops will be run for parents after half term by Saf Cooper of the Parent Support Team. They are being held on:-

Tuesday, 11th November from 9 am until 10 30 am on 'My Child's Behaviour and Dealing with Tantrums'

Friday, 25th November from 9 am until 10 30 am on 'Setting up Routines especially around Bedtimes'

Sessions are held in the Primary Parents Room and free refreshments are provided so please do come along and share your experiences with other parents and get some tips to help you deal with those difficult times. To sign up or for more information please call Caroline on 0117 353 4472 or Jess on 07707 266271.

HAWKS

Did you know that there is an Early Intervention Drug and Alcohol Worker that comes into school every week?

Her name is Ellie and she is the Early Intervention Worker that comes into school to help any pupil who is using, or thinking of using drugs and/or alcohol. Her role is to give up-to-date information and support about any substances that you are using (including alcohol) as well as help you to think about how you can make positive changes to your drug and/or alcohol use including cutting down and stopping so that risks and dangers are reduced.

If you are worried about yourself, or someone you know using drugs and alcohol and want to have a chat with someone then get in touch.



Hartcliffe Children's Centre

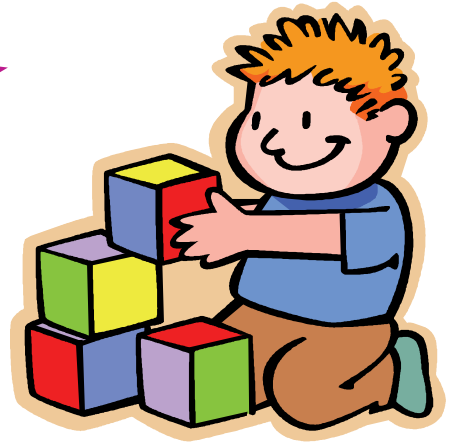


Whitchurch Children's Centre

Stay & Play

Toddler Group

*Singing &
Storytime*



Craft activities

Thursdays 2-3pm
Primary Parents Room
Starts 22nd September
Run by Hartcliffe
Children's Centre Staff &
Jess Crossley

*Refreshments
available*



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EVENTS FOR TERM 2

Year 8 Girls' Injections
10th November—Careers Fair
17th November—Year 11 Mock Interviews
21st—25th November—Mock Exams
24th November—6 pm Parent Council Meeting at PDC
8th December—Year 11 Mock Interviews
13th December—Year 8 Parents Evening
14th December—Year 8 Girls' Injections
15th December—House Day

NOTE FOR YOUR DIARIES:-

Start of Term 2— Monday, 31st October
End of Term 2—Friday, 16th December
Inset Day—Monday, 28th November
Start of Term 3—Tuesday, 3rd January 2012

