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Dear Parents, Carers and Guardians

Welcome to the Christmas Bulletin. Inside you will find lots of information about what has been going on during the first term this academic year.

Mock Exams

Year 11 and 13 approached the mock exams with care and, overall, I am really pleased with how the exam period went. The exams reflected the experience they will have in May as closely as we could. Following Year 11 consultation Evening I hope that homework was adjusted in the light of feedback from both parents and students and was closely linked to exam preparation.

Homework Online

I believe that parents should know what homework is being set and as a school we are working to improve the information online. This will take some time to bed in, but soon I expect that all homework set will be available through MCAS

Funding

The future continues to look rather black for funding for schools. The recent budget did not put any additional funding into front line budgets so, although better than it might have been, the revised funding formula does not address the funding gap.

Platinum School Games Mark

We have achieved the new Platinum School Games Mark. Only 2 schools in Crewe & Nantwich have achieved this new level. This will mean that we have status for the next 2 years.

Holidays in Term Time

Our target for overall attendance for the year is 96%. In order to achieve this we are tightening our procedures with regard to holidays in term time. In effect we have returned to the previous system of fining families for taking holidays in term time.

Coursework Marks

Compared to a few years ago, most subjects no longer have teacher assessed coursework that is then moderated by the examination boards. However, a significant number remain, ranging from Art to Technology as well as PE. New regulations have been introduced in the last few weeks which tidy up a grey area that has existed for some time. If a student disagrees with the mark awarded to a piece of coursework there now has to be a clear system where that mark can be checked by somebody who has had nothing to do with the initial marking process. There is a clearly defined route and timescale for this process to take place. Details can be found on the school website and it will also be shared with students.

Mobile Phones

Doubtless there will still be the odd sneaky text or photo going on in school, however, I have found it quite liberating to see students talking to each other again. Currently, if a child is using their phone in school without permission, it is confiscated. I have summarised a recent article from the Sunday Times which I find rather concerning: Phones are great for getting in touch; dreadful for the pressure they exert on our young people through 'likes', for images as well as the accessibility of inappropriate material.

Where children are	Age	Comments and guidance
Children are starting to build up real-world friendships - peer pressure is low, family influence is really important.	3-5	There is a temptation to use adult phones and tablets for 'babysitting' but adult guidance on devices is needed at all times.
Need to be accepted by peers becomes more important and the number with tablets or smartphones increase.	6-9	Tech tantrums, reward loops and autoplay make it difficult for adults and children to manage use.
Children begin using the internet through games consoles and handhelds.		
Potentially the most vulnerable age group. Children are more aware of 'what's cool', have an increased awareness of brands, and experience shame and dips in self-esteem as social comparisons increase.	10-12	Personal devices are the norm. They watch TV/films, shop online and communicate on social media.
		Pornographic content warps behaviour and expectations of sex.
Highly dependent on peers for a sense of wellbeing- yet want to be viewed as unique.	13-15	Unaware digital profile may be seen by future education/workplaces.
Phone is a social tool and source of information. Use social media for self-expression/support.		Parents think their adolescents can manage their digital use, but alternate this laid-back approach with 'authoritarian' interventions, creating confusion.
Self-generated images are regularly shared. The 'currency' of likes and ratings now very important.		
Brain is still maturing into mid-twenties.	16-18	This transition is not defined in the digital environment, with very few services (among exceptions for gambling, commercial pornography and financial services) distinguishing between a child and adult user.

Year 7 Armistice Memorial

Gold Standard

- Congratulations to Owen Whitehead who recently achieved the Gold Scout Award.
- Emily Bevan and Grace Wilne (both Year 8) recently took part in the Inter-Counties Cross Country competition, representing Cheshire. Well done to both of you.
- Congratulations to Will Randles and Ollie Hine (both Year 9) who have been selected to play basketball for the Cheshire Wire U14 Premier Team. Both will get the opportunity to play in competitions in the northern circuit of the National Basketball League and we wish them both the very best of luck in any upcoming fixtures.
- Polly Holden (ex-student) has qualified for the British Swimming Championships which take place in Edinburgh at the beginning of March 2018. This is a huge achievement and we wish you the very best of luck.
- Congratulations to Francesca Grigg (Year 9) who recently won a gold medal in the Junior Black Belt Teams Patterns event at the British Tae Kwon Do Championships.

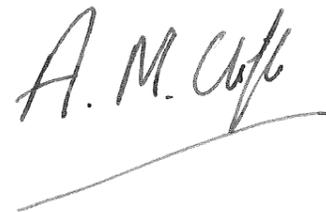
into their ethos by making it the default activity for either all their Year 11 or Year 12 students, or both. They do not mandate but strongly encourage 100% student participation in NCS by taking a strong role in promoting NCS to students, parents and teachers. Where possible they may build NCS into the curriculum and host warm-up sessions in enrichment or citizenship lessons.

Parent Pay

We are really close to joining the twenty first century in terms of paying for trips etc. We hope to be able to give details of this somewhere around February half term.

Finally

May I wish you all a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year.



Andrew Cliffe
Headteacher
December 2017

NCS Champion

Mr Mottram and Miss Miller recently attended a Celebration Dinner in Liverpool to mark the achievement of having over 50 students on the National Citizen Service last year. This was fantastic news and it looks like we have even more on the programme for next year. National Citizen Service (NCS) is a government backed youth citizenship programme that builds the skills and confidence of 15–17 year olds to help them get ahead in work and life. NCS is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, open to all 15–17 year olds across England. So far in 2013, NCS has engaged thousands of teenagers from nearly 3,000 schools & colleges including comprehensives, academies, PRUs, special and independent schools. An increasing number of schools, including ourselves, are taking NCS to the next level by becoming champion schools. A Champion School is a school, college, academy, Pupil Referral Unit (PRU) or alternative education setting that embraces NCS

Huge congratulations to all Year 7 students for the wonderful 'Poppy Artwork' produced this year at Menai.

Students were asked to research a family member who lost their life to war and each poppy produced was decorated to commemorate this. All poppies were collated and each Form produced a wreath to support Mr Cliffe's Armistice assembly.

Miss Somerville



Senior Maths Team Challenge

A team of students represented BL6 at the Senior Maths Team Challenge at Keele in November. The team performed fantastically well and finished in third place; they won the Keele Shield for being the top performing non-private school in the competition. The four competitors (Seth Hardy, Calum Parry, Tom Taylor and Charlie Wilson) also won certificates in the individual maths challenge which was also sat in November. A full list of winners for the individual challenge is below:

Gold	Silver	Bronze	
Calum Parry	Patrick Nevill	Lucy Ford	Ronan Young
Charlie Wilson	Clementine Kerwin	Isabella Shaw	Naomi Young
Chris Smith	Seth Hardy	Ellie Platt	Philippa Young
Tom Taylor	Eleanor Bennett	Maisie Torr	Amelia Atkinson
	Dominique Nobrega	Cameron Hackshall	Richard Fu
	Fin Butler	Sophie Stringer	Thomas Hooper
	Sara Paiva Sousa	Benjamin Redfearn	Thomas Brown
	Morgan Walton	Alisha Parker	Dylan Curzon
		Tegan Cope	James Turner
		Lisa Vernon	

Special mentions need to be given to Morgan Walton, Naomi Young, Philippa Young, Amelia Atkinson, Richard Fu and Tom Hooper who all sat the competition in Year 11 despite it being aimed at sixth form students. Tom Taylor, Chris Smith and Calum Parry all performed so well that they progressed through to the next round of the competition and Charlie Wilson progressed to the British Mathematical Olympiad (an achievement that no student at BL6 has had before).

Mr Barker

Music

It has been an exciting beginning to the new academic year in the Music department. It all kicked off with the annual inter-house music competition on the 3rd November. The standard of the competition this year was sky high with performances that teachers and staff will remember for many years to come. Well done to all those involved! As we enter the Christmas period the Music department is delighted to have been invited to perform at many local events. The Brine Leas Choir so far has supported the NSPCC and the Rotary club by performing at fundraising events. The Choir's numbers have soared and the dedication and talent of the students within the ensemble is exceptional. Last week we had the Brine Leas Carol Concert at St Mary's Church which featured the Choir, A Cappella Group, Flute Choir, School Band and Chamber Group. The concert was very well attended and everyone enjoyed a lovely festive night. Our final performance of the year was with Pear Tree Primary Infants in their Christmas Concert on the 18th December where the Band performed wonderful festive numbers. After Christmas we are into the final preparations for the School Show. Make sure you have purchased your tickets from the Crewe Lyceum website as they are selling fast!



Art

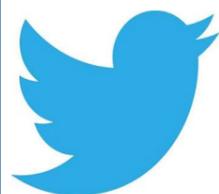
It's been a busy first term in the Art department. The new Year 10 GCSE art and ceramics groups have started their first project and are making great progress. Mrs White's students are exploring different aspects of fashion and Mr Boulton's students are constructing shoes and boots that will be decorated in the style of artist Gustav Klimt. Preparations for the annual Year 10 art residential to the Tattenhall centre near Chester are well underway. There are only two places remaining and these are likely to be snapped up by Year 11 students eager to go for a second time. Finally, we are saying a sad farewell to Miss Somerville. After seven years at Brine Leas, Miss Somerville is off to pastures new. We wish her all the best for the future.

Drama

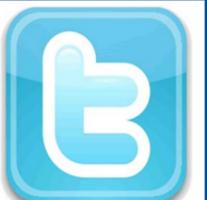
The drama department has had a busy and productive term. As well as High School Musical auditions and rehearsals, we took part in the Shakespeare Schools Festival. This year the Year 10 GCSE drama group took on the well known comedy Twelfth Night which they performed at The Lyceum theatre in Crewe. It is not easy to read and understand the language of Shakespeare, let alone perform it, but as always, Brine Leas students took on the challenge and were superb! The cast even made their own hats in keeping with the quirky setting and comedic style. Huge well done to all.

Year 10 and 12 drama and performing arts students also had the opportunity to see the critically acclaimed National Theatre production of 'Warhorse' at Liverpool Empire. Students were completely blown away by the amazing puppetry and moving story with many of us wiping away the odd tear towards the end.

We have also welcomed former drama student Sam Retford back into the department. Sam is now a professional actor and he was able to share some of his expertise with our GCSE and Performing Arts students. Thank you to Sam for giving up his time and inspiring our students!



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 Twitter page [@BLS_CreativeArts](https://twitter.com/BLS_CreativeArts)



Brine Leas School Presents...

Disney

HIGH
SCHOOL
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ON STAGE!

14th & 15th February 2018, 7.15pm performance.

Tickets available from Crewe Lyceum Theatre. Book now 01270 368 242

Tickets priced at £10 adults £8 concessions.



Physical Education Football



...to the following students for their admirable achievements outside of school:

- Roma Street - selected for Cheshire Rugby.
- Alana Gauntlett - selected for Cheshire Rugby, Under 15 and Under 18 England touch rugby.
- Alice McGeachy - selected for Under 15 Manchester Thunder netball performance pathway.
- Zoe Clifton - selected for Under 15 development Manchester Thunder performance pathway.
- Ben Nurse - selected for Under 18 England touch rugby.
- Isaac Wilding - selected for Under 15 England touch rugby.

Gymnastics club

Year 7, 8, 9 and 10 students, Kayleigh Cope, Candice Cope, Liberty Prince, Madison Matravers, Sasha Medonikov, Jemma Lewis, Rowena Young, Daisy Waving, Evie O'Connor, Leilani Hart, Bethan Innis, Grace Wilkins, Tess Crowley, Rebecca Stevenson, Lily Hinnnet, Melody Roberts, Hannah Davenport, Liv Sage, Odun Onugbemi and Jaycee Howard have taken part in the Brine Leas gymnastics club since September. The students attend the club every Monday after school. Many of the students entered a Novice Gym Competition in Preston on Saturday 21st October 2017 which involved the students doing an individual floor routine and a vault. They all performed some very impressive gymnastics. Since then, the gymnasts have been preparing to do a showcase of some group sequences including acrobatics, for the Interhouse Dance Competition.



Netball

The netball teams have had an amazing season with Year 7, 8 and 9 teams all winning the league this year! With many students playing netball out of school also, our teams are going from strength to strength and we are now seeking tougher competition from schools further afield. Best of luck for the tournaments in March; keep training hard. Mrs Dawson



Year 7

The Year 7 football squad took some time to find their feet in the league this season. But they can be proud of the resilience they showed to come back from a couple of heavy defeats early in their campaign to record a strong victory over Shavington. Notable performers were Cameron Cooke, Taylor Morris and Bayley Thompson. We hope to see more rewards for their hard work in the South Cheshire Cup after Christmas.

Year 8

A mixed season so far for the Year 8 footballers. A last gasp victory over Congleton was a highlight after some tough losses to Holmes Chapel, Alsager and Shavington. However, they have shown that with the correct approach and attitude, they can compete with the best, which they will need to do in the South Cheshire Cup after Christmas.



Year 9

Year 9 have really stamped their authority on the South Cheshire football league this season. After a draw in their opening fixture at Holmes Chapel, they won 3 from 3, including a 7-1 win over Alsager to finish top of the league. Congratulations must go to Billy O'Hara, Owen Jones and Ben Roberts who have been selected to represent the South Cheshire Under 14 district football team in fixtures against Merseyside, Chester and Manchester. Good luck boys!



Year 10

The Year 10 football team have had a solid season so far. Victories over Shavington and Alsager plus a draw against Holmes Chapel sees them top of the South Cheshire league. A pleasing 1-0 win over local rival Malbank also sees them into the last 16 of the Under 15 Cheshire Cup where they will meet St James Catholic College. Harrison Lloyd and Kyle Murphy have done a fantastic job of marshalling the midfield for their side, while Alex Chandler has been finding the net up front.



Year 11

It's been a season of 2 halves so far for the Year 11 footballers. Poor performances in the league fixtures saw them lose all 4 games, but undeterred by this, they have now mounted a serious run in the Cheshire Cup which sees them in the round of 32. Having beaten Lymm High School and Sandbach Boys, they now face Alsager with a trip to Culceth their reward in the last 16.



On Twitter?

Parents & students please follow us for all your latest PE information

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Science

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@Science_BLS

French Exchange

Pea-NA!

Our Year 9 students can extract the DNA of peas using just salt, washing up liquid, pineapple juice and ethanol!



Dissection!

As part of the curriculum KS4 and KS5 students got to examine the respiratory system of mammals. This is through dissection and a demonstration of the lungs inflating!



We welcomed 15 French students and their teachers from Brive la Gaillarde, from the 30th November to the 7th December for the 26th exchange between our schools. It is wonderful to see, year-on-year, so many students being involved with this fantastic opportunity to enhance their language learning and understanding of each country's culture, especially in the current climate. As usual the trip to Liverpool was a real success. Last year, we started spending more time in school and the French students have thoroughly enjoyed doing Art for a whole morning. The PE afternoon with both French and English students proved to be very enjoyable and so much fun. Finally, the French students have been learning about WW2 and the Cold War, a trip to RAF Cosford made this information even more real. We always have tremendous support from parents with this event and it is very much appreciated. Our students are looking forward to their return visit to Brive in March.

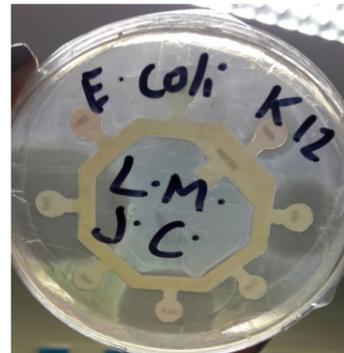
Mr Cador

'A lovely experience and opportunity to get to know a student from Brive-La-Gaillarde. He was polite and fitted in to family life. A credit to his teachers, school and parents.'
Mr Joyce

'The French exchange was one of the best experiences of my life. To see how our cultures are different was so interesting. It helped me develop my French language skills and I can't wait to go to France in March to see them all again. It has made me want to move to France even more.'
Maddy

The effectiveness of antibiotics on E-coli

Our Year 10 Biologists have been looking at the effectiveness of different antibiotics vs E-coli K12. The government are currently running an advertising campaign to educate people about the right uses of antibiotics.



'The French exchange was brilliant! It was an action packed week full of fun! I can't wait to go back to France to see my new friends!'
Pippa

'I really enjoyed the experience of living with a French pupil for a week. It has inspired and motivated me to improve my French. It was great fun meeting all the other French students and I have learnt a lot about French life and culture, the differences and similarities between English and French teenagers growing up.'
Rosa

Fire Safety

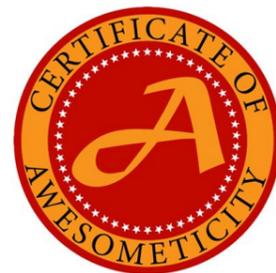
Cheshire Fire Service recently visited our Year 8 students to give a fire safety talk shortly before Bonfire night celebrations!



Science Commendations for Winter half term

Congratulations to:

Charlotte Oliver; Ingrid Charbonneau; Niall McCarthy; Rebecca Dutton; Caitlin Gregory-Williams; Anna Humphreys; Freddie Woodfine; Ella Wilcox; Alex Lonsdale; Guy Tomlinson; Annie Lowe; Ivan Barzev; Tobias Brazier; Niamh Shaw; George Clark; Libby Griffiths; Charlotte Gibbs; Dominic Marshall; Ben Cope; Katie Green; Natasha Griffin; Imogen Aspinall; Sydney Morgan. Well done everyone!





We started our idea with 4 people negotiating the perfect way to prevent a zombie apocalypse from destroying the human species. Our idea was to create an electric dome that could hold all essentials humans need to survive on such as hospitality, food, water etc. It would also have a defence system to stop zombies breaking in, shocking them until they were electrocuted and killed. Our idea was finished and on paper. We then presented our idea on a video to raspberry pioneers with some code and sketches of the idea. It was quite challenging to get our idea in but we did it and we were very happy with our outcome. “



Jack Brown, Team Aqua

Interested in Cyber Security?

CyberStart Assess - is a fun series of challenges that has been designed to help find the most suitable young people to enter the Cyber Discovery learning programme.

For more information see **Mrs Sanders** in **DG02**

Animation 18

What is it? The annual UK Schools Computer Animation Competition is all about enthusing schoolchildren about Computer Science and using computers creatively.

Who can enter? Students aged 7-19 at UK schools and colleges. It's free to enter.

How to enter? Make a 1-minute animated film on your computer, enter our competition, and you could win great prizes!

Use **any software you like** (e.g, Scratch, Flash, Blender, Maya, Max, etc). File formats accepted: sb, sb2, mov, mp4, avi, swf.

What are the prizes? Laptops, iPads, iPods, games consoles, vouchers...!

When are the prizes awarded? At our summer Animation Festival and Inspirational Computer Science Day, held at The University of Manchester.

The deadline for submitting entries is 23 March 2018

For more info: <http://animation15.cs.manchester.ac.uk/>

One of last year's winners was Sharmila Thirumurugan whose fantastic design has also been used for the advertisements of this years competition. Well done !



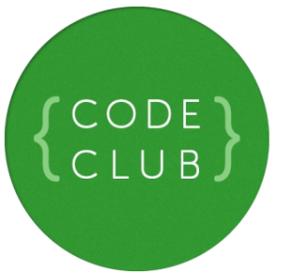
Code Club

New code club come along every **Wednesday** afterschool until 4.30pm in **DG02**. All students welcome come along and have some coding fun.

The projects are easy to follow for students to learn Scratch, HTML & CSS, and Python by making games, animations, and websites.

Free SWAG on joining.

Bonus gifts with your loyalty card.



Girls competition is back!

A unique opportunity for teams of girls in Year 8 to compete in fun online cyber security challenges.

Please see **Mrs Sanders** in **DG02** to register your team before the **16th January 2018**



Curriculum Enrichment Week

During curriculum enrichment week Year 9 students completed badges and online challenges as part of 'The Duke of York Inspiring Digital Enterprise Award'. The challenges are split into four main categories, each with its own series of badges to be won - **citizen, worker, maker** and **entrepreneur**. When students have taken enough badges in each of the categories, they can gain the **iDEA Bronze Award** - a recognised symbol of your hard work, determination and skill.




Live Streaming

Unsure about live streaming and how to keep your children safe go to:

<http://parentinfo.org/article/live-streaming-a-parent-s-guide>

There are many websites that you can access to learn how you can help your children keep safe online.

More information on the ICT pages of the VLE or visit the following websites:

<http://www.childnet-int.org>

<http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>





Library



Careers



Our BOOKmas tree!
How many books do you think we used?



Our Library Christmas party!



Top 3 Accelerated Reader Champions 2017:

1. Grace Boladuro
2. Robert Bayley
3. Chloe Marvell



Accelerated Reader Champions!



Most Quizzes Passed (English Group)

- 7zen1
- 8zen1
- 7yen2

Most Quizzes Passed (Progress/Form Group)

- 7JLE
- 8LMU
- 7DRY



Websites to help you choose your Christmas Reading:

www.lovereadingsforkids.co.uk

<http://www.theguardian.com/childrens-books-site>

<http://www.booktrust.org.uk/books/children/>

Don't forget all books due back on 8th January 2018



Careers Convention

We are once again holding our annual Careers Convention in school on Tuesday 13th February, 2018. All our Year 9 and Year 11 students will attend along with all BL6 students. Parents are welcome to come along and further details and timings will be posted to the website in the New Year.

Work Experience

Our Year 11 completed a week of work experience in October and had some wonderful placements and an enjoyable and enlightening week. Some students participated in the Army Insight Residential Course at Altcar Barracks and experienced a week in the life of the military and we also had students on overseas placements this year.

We would like to thank all the companies and organisations who supported us by provided placements. Without all your hard work, it would not be possible to offer our students this amazing opportunity.

Work Experience for Year 11 students will take place from Monday 22nd – Friday 26th October, 2018. If you would consider offering a Brine Leas student a work experience placement, please do not hesitate to contact us.



Mock Interviews

We provide all our Year 10 students with an interview scenario with an interviewer from a range of industries. They are asked to prepare and dress as they would for a real situation.

These will be taking place in school from Monday 5th March to Friday 9th March, 2018. If you have interviewing expertise then please get in touch.

For any enquires relating to our Work Related Learning Programme, please contact work.experience@brineleas.co.uk or 01270 625663 and ask to speak to Miss Morrison or Mrs Cundy

Nantwich Food Bank

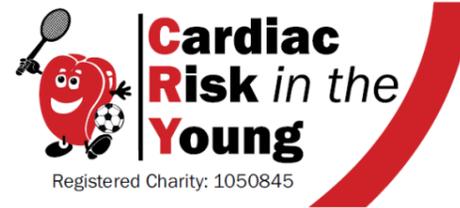
We have been collecting for Nantwich Foodbank during December and the support has been overwhelming! We would like to say a big thank you to students and families for their very generous donations. Here is 7NVN with their donations:



Cardiac Risk in the Young

On Sunday 5th November 2017, Brine Leas hosted the annual heart screening for CRY

(Cardiac Risk in the Young)



Heart Screening with CRY, funded by the Matthew Dewhurst Memorial Fund provided screening for 95 young people, from BLS and the wider community, 3 of whom have had to be referred for further investigation.

Nantwich Food Bank



Nantwich Foodbank believes that no one should go hungry in our community so they work with local churches, agencies, businesses and volunteers to ensure they can help those in need.

Ms Morrison (Careers/Work Related Learning Co-ordinator), organised for a group of BL6 students to assist with collections for the Foodbank at Tesco, Crewe, on Saturday 2nd December 2017. The students gave out Foodbank shopping lists, collected donations and sorted all the very generous donations made by shoppers into crates. During the 3 day collection period, over 100 crates of donations were very gratefully received.



We are very proud of all our students and would like to express our thanks to them on behalf of the Foodbank: Shaf Ahmed, Natalia Novak, Beth Lockett, Jasmine Tomlinson, Lucy Parry, Olivia Spencer, Charlotte Jones, Jake Lee, Sara Pavia Sousa, Lucy Halse.

BL6 students have also worked in their progress groups to collect donations for the Foodbank in the run up to Christmas. All donations, which included essential food items, Christmas gifts and seasonal treats such as Christmas puddings etc., will be made into parcels and distributed to those in need by the Foodbank.

Thank you to all students, their families and members of staff who very kindly donated to this very worthy cause.

NCS Conference

We are very proud that Shaf Ahmed in Year 12, who has been asked to speak as an ambassador for the National Citizenship Service at their upcoming annual conference in Birmingham. Shaf is heavily involved in the NCS and we would encourage students to speak to him to find out more about this very valuable enrichment experience.

BL6 Open Evening

On 8th November 2017, BL6 opened its doors to welcome all prospective sixth form students, along with their parents/guardians/families and the wider local community to the 7th annual Open Evening.

Staff and current students showcased their subjects and were on hand to offer advice and guidance to all visitors, with many participating in practical work.

BL6 Ambassadors were on site to assist visitors and answer any queries, and a number of current BLS and BL6 students provided musical entertainment in the Coffee Shop throughout the evening: Emma Cragg, Sean Tesauro, Scott Smith and Adam Whitehead.



Dates for your Diary

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| Friday 12th January 2018 | UCAS Deadline* |
| w/c 29th January 2018 | Year 13 Mock Interviews |
| Tuesday 13th February 2018 | BLS/BL6 Careers Convention |
| Wednesday 14th March 2018 | Year 12 : UCAS Convention & Manchester University |

* Please note, Year 13 students who receive a university offer by 31st March 2018, must respond to accept or decline the place by 2nd May 2018



Our PSCA organises fundraising events and creates social opportunities for all our students.

News

We are delighted to announce we have a new PSCA coordinator - Izzy! We are really excited about the new dream team! Izzy and Sarah are already planning lots of new ideas for our PSCA!



PSCA Fundraising

So far we have managed to raise a whopping £422.24 through this fantastic App. It is SO easy to use, simply buy your christmas presents through the website <http://www.easyfundrasing.com> and the retailer will donate to our cause.

Thank you.

Purchases

Table Tennis

Due to very popular demand we are in the process of purchasing 2 more table tennis tables for our students to use during break and lunch.



New curtains in the Main Hall

The Main hall is looking much smarter now thanks to our fantastic new curtains, bought by funds raised by the PSCA last year.

Events

BLS Music Department Garden Party

We had the funkiest bar set up for the Garden Party back in September, complete with colourful pineapples and fairy lights. Thank you to Katie Everett 9SBS. Our parents and local community enjoyed their beverages whilst watching our fabulous students perform.



Volunteers

We have had an impressive 40 new Year 7 parent volunteers. We are so grateful for our parents generosity in offering to send in gifts, prizes, giving up their time to come and help serve refreshments at events. Do let us know if you would also like to get involved.

Active Kids Vouchers

We have received our goodies from Sainsbury's Active Kids. The PE, SEN and Food Tech departments want to say a huge thank you to all parents, students and staff who collected the vouchers from Sainsbury's in the summer. Look at all the free equipment we got!



Please do follow us on twitter for latest updates and information from your Parent School Community Association.

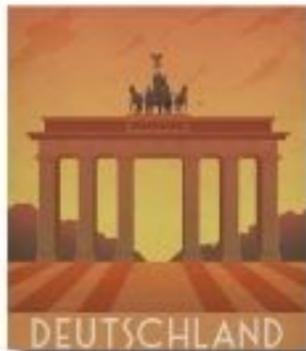


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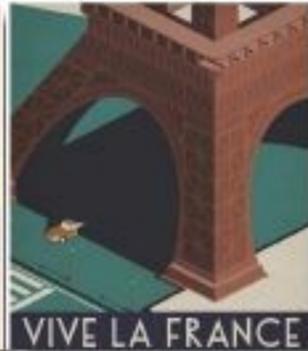
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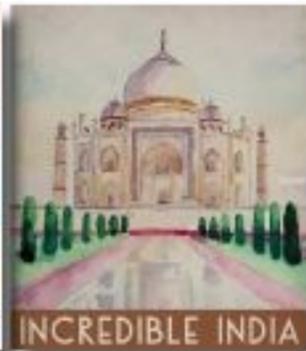
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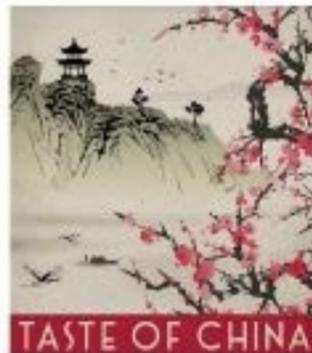
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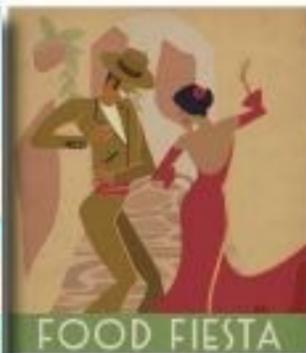
January



February



March



April



May



June



July



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We have sports and Gym facilities for:

- 5 a side
- Cricket Nets
- Martial Arts
- Dance / Exercise
- Outdoor Football and Rugby Pitches
- Floodlit Tennis Courts



For parties and performances, we have Hall and Drama facilities, which are complete with up to date sound, lighting and projection.



We can also accommodate meetings for clubs, societies or businesses in our purpose built meeting rooms. Our brand new IT suite is also available to let and is situated in the D block, a self contained unit with kitchen and toilet facilities.



For further information:

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Community Education Timetable

COURSE TITLE	DAY	LENGTH	START	TIME	COURSE FEES	NEXT STAGE	START	TIME	COURSE FEES
AROMATHERAPY - essential oils and massage	Tues	5 weeks	16-Jan	7 – 9pm	£40*	5 weeks	27-Feb	7 – 9pm	£40*
ART HISTORY – how to view paintings	Tues	9 weeks	23-Jan	7 – 9pm	£77				
CAKE DECORATING – all abilities	Tues	6 weeks	09-Jan	6.30 – 8.30pm	£48*	5 weeks	27-Feb	6.30 – 8.30pm	£40*
DRESSMAKING and HOME FURNISHINGS	Tues	6 weeks	09-Jan	7 – 9pm	£48*	5 weeks	27-Feb	7 – 9pm	£40*
FRENCH - improving the basic skills	Tues	11 weeks	09-Jan	7 – 9pm	£88				
FROM PAGE TO STAGE -an Actor's toolkit NEW	Tues	8 weeks	16-Jan	7.15 - 9.15pm	£64	not consecutive weeks			
GERMAN - improving the basic skills	Tues	11 weeks	09-Jan	6 - 8pm	£93				
GET RAGGING! - make new things from old NEW	Tues					5 weeks	27-Feb	6.30 – 8.30pm	£40*
GUITAR – make a start with the Acoustic guitar	Tues	6 weeks	09-Jan	6 – 7pm	£24	5 weeks	27-Feb	6 – 7pm	£20
GUITAR - improve your skills on the Acoustic guitar1	Tues	6 weeks	09-Jan	7.15 - 8.15pm	£24	5 weeks	27-Feb	7.15 - 8.15pm	£20
GUITAR - improve your skills on the Acoustic guitar2	Tues	6 weeks	09-Jan	8.30 - 9.30pm	£24	5 weeks	27-Feb	8.30 - 9.30pm	£20
INDIAN COOKERY - the authentic way NEW	Tues	5 weeks	16-Jan	6.30 – 8.30pm	£40*	5 weeks	27-Feb	6.30 – 8.30pm	£40*
ITALIAN - from the beginning	Tues	5 weeks	16-Jan	6 - 8pm	£42	5 weeks	27-Feb	6 – 8pm	£42
ITALIAN -advanced conversation for fluency	Tues	10 weeks	16-Jan	7 – 9pm	£80				
JAPANESE – Language for Beginners NEW	Tues	5 weeks	16-Jan	7 – 9pm	£42	5 weeks	27-Feb	7 – 9pm	£42
MANDARIN CHINESE – improve your fluency	Tues	11 weeks	16-Jan	7 – 9pm	£90				
MOSAIC ME! - be artistic with broken glass NEW	Tues	5 weeks	16-Jan	6.30 – 8.30pm	£40*				
PILATES 7.15pm class NEW	Tues	5 weeks	16-Jan	7.15 – 8.15pm	£20	5 weeks	27-Feb	7.15 – 8.15pm	£20
POLISH - an introduction to the language NEW	Tues	5 weeks	16-Jan	7 – 9pm	£40	5 weeks	27-Feb	7 – 9pm	£40
RECORDING MUSIC – learn to record your own NEW	Tues	5 weeks	16-Jan	7 – 9pm	£40	5 weeks	27-Feb	7 – 9pm	£40
SPANISH - post Beginners	Tues	10 weeks	16-Jan	7 – 9pm	£85				
UPHOLSTERY	Tues	10 weeks	16-Jan	6.30 – 8.30pm	£80*				
WATERCOLOUR PAINTING – all abilities	Tues	6 weeks	09-Jan	7 – 9pm	£48*	5 weeks	27-Feb	7 – 9pm	£40*
YOGA - exercise and relaxation for all abilities	Tues	6 weeks	09-Jan	6 – 7pm	£24	5 weeks	27-Feb	6 – 7pm	£20
BRIDGE - improve ability at the card game NEW	Thurs	9 weeks	25-Jan	7 – 9pm	£72				
CROCHET AND KNITTING - all abilities	Thurs	5 weeks	18-Jan	7 – 9pm	£40*	5 weeks	01-Mar	7 – 9pm	£40*
DRAWING TECHNIQUES – all abilities	Thurs	6 weeks	11-Jan	7 – 9pm	£48*	5 weeks	01-Mar	7 – 9pm	£40*
FLOWER ARRANGING - for the novice NEW	Thurs	5 weeks	18-Jan	7 – 9pm	£40*	5 weeks	01-Mar	7 – 9pm	£40*
FRENCH - from the beginning	Thurs	5 weeks	18-Jan	7 – 9pm	£42	5 weeks	01-Mar	7 – 9pm	£42
GARDEN DESIGN - improve your outdoor space	Thurs	6 weeks	01-Feb	7 – 9pm	£48	not consecutive weeks			
GERMAN – advanced to improve your fluency	Thurs	11 weeks	11-Jan	7.45 - 9.15pm	£70				
GERMAN – from the beginning	Thurs	11 weeks	11-Jan	6 – 7.30pm	£70				
GUITAR – playing as a group	Thurs	9 weeks	18-Jan	7 – 9pm	£72				
INDIAN COOKERY - the next stage	Thurs	6 weeks	11-Jan	6.30 – 8.30pm	£48*	5 weeks	01-Mar	6.30 – 8.30pm	£40*
ITALIAN – improvers and advanced	Thurs	11 weeks	18-Jan	6.30 – 8pm	£70				
JAPANESE: LANGUAGE, LANDSCAPE and CULTURE	Thurs	5 weeks	18-Jan	7 – 9pm	£40				
PILATES 6pm class	Thurs	6 weeks	11-Jan	6 - 7pm	£24	5 weeks	01-Mar	6 - 7pm	£20
PILATES 7.15pm class	Thurs	6 weeks	11-Jan	7.15 – 8.15pm	£24	5 weeks	01-Mar	7.15 – 8.15pm	£20
POTTERY THROW DOWN - be creative with clay	Thurs	5 weeks	18-Jan	6.30 – 8.30pm	£55	5 weeks	01-Mar	6.30 – 8.30pm	£55
RUSSIAN – from the beginning	Thurs	5 weeks	18-Jan	7 – 9pm	£40	5 weeks	01-Mar	7 – 9pm	£40*
SEWING BEES at BLS - learn basic machine skills	Thurs	5 weeks	18-Jan	7 – 9pm	£40*	5 weeks	01-Mar	7 – 9pm	£40*
SHAKE UP YOUR MAKE UP - improve appearance	Thurs	5 weeks	18-Jan	7 – 9pm	£40*	5 weeks	01-Mar	7 – 9pm	£40*
SIGN LANGUAGE – improve your skills	Thurs	10 weeks	18-Jan	7 – 9pm	£80				
SPANISH - improving the basic skills	Thurs	10 weeks	11-Jan	6 - 7.30p.m.	£65				
SPANISH – continuing basic skills	Thurs	10 weeks	11-Jan	7.45 – 9.15 pm	£65				
UKULELE FOR ALL - learn to play the instrument NEW	Thurs	5 weeks	18-Jan	7 - 8.15pm	£25	5 weeks	01-Mar	7 - 8.15pm	£25
WOODWORK - be creative and learn basic skills	Thurs	6 weeks	11-Jan	7 – 9pm	£48*	5 weeks	01-Mar	7 – 9pm	£40*
YOGA - exercise and relaxation for all abilities	Thurs	5 weeks	11-Jan	6 - 7pm	£20	5 weeks	01-Mar	6 - 7pm	£20

*materials will be extra

Enrolment: Tuesday 9th & Thursday 11th January 4pm-8pm

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