



Autumn Term



BBS Family Weekly Bulletin

Week beginning: 30th October 2023

Dates for your Diary: Wednesday 6th September – Friday 22nd December 2023

Event Date and Time	Event	Who is it for?	Location
Monday 30th October – Friday 3 rd November 2023	Half Term	Whole School	
Monday 13 th November 2023	PD Day	All Year Groups	
Thursday 16 th November 2023 5.00pm – 7.30pm	Year 9 Parents Evening	Year 9 Parents/Carers & Students	New Hall
Wednesday 22 nd November 2023 5.00pm – 6.30pm	Careers fair	Year 9, Year 10 & Year 11s Parents/Carers & Students	New Hall
Thursday 23 rd November 2023 6.00pm – 8.00pm	GCSE Presentation Evening	Year 11 Parents/Carers & Students Invite Only (sent nearer the date)	New Hall
Friday 24 th November 2023 6.00pm – 7.30pm	Work Experience Awards Night	Year 11 Parents/Carers & Students Invite Only (sent nearer the date)	New Hall
Wednesday 6 th December 2023 5.00pm – 7.30pm	Year 11 Parents Evening	Year 11 Parents/Carers & Students	New Hall
Wednesday 13 th December 2023 6.30pm	***Band Christmas Concert	All Families. Tickets £4 each, available from the Music Office from 20 th November onwards.	New Hall
Wednesday 20 th December 2023 6.00pm	***Christmas Panto Jack & The Beanstalk	All Families. Tickets Adults £4 each, Children Free. Available from the Music Office.	New Hall

*** All enquiries about the Concert or Panto please contact Ms Granfield at helen.granfield@taw.org.uk





Acting Principal End of Term Update

As this long half term draws to a close, it is good to reflect on the fantastic start our students have had to this academic year. I have been in and out of many a classroom over the past few weeks, and it is so good to see so many students eager to show their work, proud of what they are achieving, and approaching their learning with a smile on their face. Last week, I joined in a KS4 Literacy lesson where the standard of vocabulary being used was astounding, our Y7 scientists were transfixed on a microscope experiment, and I marvelled at the stunning artwork in a GCSE session.

I also wanted to start this week's edition of the family bulletin by thanking our community for its patience and resilience whilst we are without a canteen during this term. When our temporary food sheds on the playground started floating from the torrential rain last Friday, I was incredibly proud of how everyone pulled together to serve hot food from temporary stalls in the middle of the building, and how the students responded calmly and without fuss.

This is one of the many examples of how I have been incredibly humbled by the way in which the vast majority of our students conduct themselves, apply themselves, and care for one another. I have enjoyed seeing the number of students this week in assemblies receiving awards for attendance, good conduct, and progress in lessons. Over 70 Y9 students were today invited to an awards breakfast, and many Y11 students today proudly received their platinum status. You may have also noticed on social media, some of our Y11 students receiving the coveted 'Pen of the week' in Maths and English for their stunning work and endeavour within these subjects.

Recently I held our first parent advisory group where parents were welcomed to attend and share their views on how the school is running and to give a parent's perspective on how things could be improved. This was a fantastic evening and as a result we now have a number of parents who are going to be working alongside members of the Senior Leadership Team to input into items such as homework, assessment, feedback, and transition events. If you would be interested in joining the next meeting, then please contact Jess Boden by email jess.boden@taw.org.uk

Finally, the next half term is an incredibly busy one with Y9 options evening, Y11 mocks, plus many other events. The key focus within lessons is to continue to improve the standards of teaching and learning, and accelerate progress through both lessons, and our extensive intervention programme. Outside of the classroom we are dedicating an entire half term to inclusion and bullying prevention and looking forward to an ever-increasing extra-curricular offer.

As it states in our values, we are ambitious for our students, proud of their achievement so far, and continue to provide the framework for our community to care and look after one another. I hope families are able to have a restful break ready for the next term.

Clarification on student access to toilets

I am sure you will have noticed a lot of press nationally about student access to toilets within schools. This has grown out of situations in schools whereby students may congregate in toilets, use the toilet as an excuse to get out of lessons, or hide in toilet cubicles. This is breeding a whole host of myths and rumours surrounding when and how students can use toilets.

At BBS, students have access to toilets before school and during social times. We have separate areas during this time for Y7 and 8, and years 9,10, and 11 which are supervised. Once the bell goes for the start of the day and the start of lessons, students are expected to go straight to lessons and not the toilets. We have staff on duty during changeovers and one of their roles is to ensure that students do not congregate in these areas and swiftly move on to their next lesson.

During lesson times staff have an out of lesson pass which can be given to students should they need to go to the toilet or attend a meeting. This is always a contentious area in schools because although a student should never be denied the opportunity to go to the toilet, and we know that some students have medical needs which means they must regularly leave lessons, there are some students who may use this as an excuse to leave lessons on a regular basis. Staff are sometimes faced with a difficult judgement call.

Staff have never been told to deny anyone access to toilets, but they do sometimes challenge those who regularly want to leave lessons (Particularly when a test is about to start).

News:



Walk to work for Jack

Last Friday, a 'Walk to work for Jack' was arranged in memory of Jack Gilbert, an exstudent, who sadly passed away a few months ago. The Studio 4 and TSP Media, who Jack worked for, arranged the walk in memory of Jack, and to raise money for Midlands Air Ambulance.



For The Stars

Reach For The Stars

The team of 25 walked 9.3 miles from Shuker Field to their offices in Telford. Some members of BBS staff walked part of the way also, in memory of Jack. A Just Giving page has been set up if you wish to contribute. <u>https://www.justgiving.com/page/walk-to-work-for-jack</u>. You can learn more about the charity walk by clicking on the link below to access the article that was published in the Shropshire Star: <u>https://www.shropshirestar.com/news/local-hubs/telford/newport/2023/10/20/colleagues-and-friends-walk-in-memory-of-popular-21-year-old/</u>

Family Reading / Drop Everything and Read

Each Friday from 2:30pm onwards, Engage do Family Reading / Drop Everything and Read session. It is such a lovely way to end the week with/for these students.



- 1. Will Mullin reading with Mrs Stephens (Vice Principal)
- 2. Rowan Pugh, Martha Dunn, Carly Knott, Mo Bird and Tom Ross reading with Martha's Mum, Lucy Dunn.

Stars

- 3. Brax Holford reading with his Step-Dad, James Spice.
- 4. Jamie Hesbrook and Carson Phythian reading with Carson's Dad.
- 5. Esmee Chadwick reading with Mum.

Bright starts in Year 8!

Well done to all of these Year 8 students who have been awarded 'Star of the Week'!

For The Stars

Year 7 Tutor Boards

All Form Groups have made up a Form Board - here some of are the Year 7s creativity on display.



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Maths Awards

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected for maths awards for Autumn 1. Each student will get a certificate with their individual reason for being nominated for their award.

Y7

Inara Woods, Arabella Bains, James Allman, Alice George, Edward Nadine Y8

Katie Morris, Anna Wharton, Finlay Scaife, Ava Ridgeway-Hoult, Zoe Briggs

Arlene Coman, Harry Jefferies, Harvey Arnold, Charlie Aldridge, Oliver Armstrong Barnes, Layla Parnham

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Y10

Holly Eccleston, Penny Crabtree, Imogen Edwards, Ben Fahey, Manahil Imran, Jess Berry, Reuben Van Straaten, Joseph Hancox

Y11

Nyla Baig, Millie Templeton, Amelia Barber, Isabelle Plevin, Dominic Knight, Jenna Matthews, Holly Atkinson



Year 7 Awards

This week these students have received awards for Star of the Week and Kindness awards. Well done!!





Year 7 Music Talent Talented Year 7 students playing electric guitar outside the Year 7 office (left)



MEET OUR STUDENT COUNCIL



Jaxon – KS3 Rep



Freya–Wellbeing Officer



Nyla - President



Grace - Cler



Amelia – Vice President





Brooke – KS4 Rep



Dfficer Evan – KS4 Officer



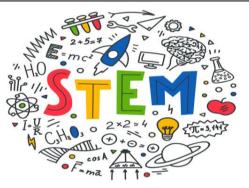
Freya – Anti-Bullying Officer



The Student Council Team for the academic year 2023/24 has now been finalised! Miss Beaver meets with the team each Thursday during form time, and we are currently focusing on teaching and learning and the student experience. The Team has already been part of the Diversity Council meeting, which was very successful, and we are looking forward to working with our well-being mentors during November in readiness for the anti-bullying week assembly. Each tutor group now has a Form Rep and this student will be a point of contact with the Council to ensure that student voice is heard throughout the year. Well done to our new team and I wish you every success over the coming year. – Miss Beaver.

STEM Workshop at Newport Junior School





On Tuesday, Miss Hughes visited Newport Junior School to run some transition workshops with their Year 6 students, as part of their STEM day on light. The students enjoyed using colours of light, and used BBS equipment, including light boxes and prisms, to investigate the colours of light.

Year 9 Starter off to a flying start!

Tusker Hanlon (right) started at BBS on Tuesday and instantly embraced his new environment, and all that BBS life has to offer. He was awarded 3 positive notes on the first day! Well done Tusker, we are very proud of you.

Careers talk for Year 8 & Year 9 Students





Years 8 & 9 enjoyed a presentation from Steve Eadon, founder and CEO of Mingalaba. He talked about how having a second language can help in career progression and opportunities in all Business, but specifically the Football sector.

Steve talked through his educational and career path and the numerous countries he has worked in. It was a captivating and enjoyable talk, that both students and staff thoroughly enjoyed. Thank you Steve.

Year 9 celebration of Attendance & Maths







Duke of Edinburgh Awards



Here are just two of our Year 10 students who achieved their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Awards. Well done!! (The other students were a bit camera shy)

congratulation

The Rotary Young Chef Competition



Watch this space!! The Rotary Young Chef Competition will be starting w/c 13th November.

The challenge will be to create a two-course health meal, costing no more than £18. More information will be provided at the very start of next term. Good Luck to anyone who is entering.



Year 7 Engage Halloween Party



Our wonderful Year 7 Engage students were treated to a Halloween party today. This was a reward for all working so hard this half term, and for settling into BBS school life so well. The party included following processing instruction, sensory regulation, and of course lots of spooky FUN!



Year 8 Drama

Miss Slade's Year 8 classes have been exploring the UK Miner's Strike. To celebrate black history month, this week classes create a still image of a picket line and a still image of the recent Black Lives Matter protests. Here are two images side by side. Students took a moment to reflect about whether we have learned from historic events.



Year 9 Achievements



Maths Superstar Awards (left)



100% Attendance Awards (right and below)



Positive Notes









Year 11 Achievements Positive Notes (right) Reward Points (left & below left)

Year 11 Form Captains (below & right)



Celebrating Black History Month

Diversity Council Meeting

Last week saw the Diversity council meet with Councillor Raj Metha, Rob Wilson, Diversity and Inclusion officer for Telford and Wrekin, Kirsty Holden, Multicultural Development Team, and staff from NGHS and BBS.

Students discussed ways to make BBS a more culturally diverse community, and how to use their skills and talents to make Newport a more inclusive place. Well done Diversity Council!





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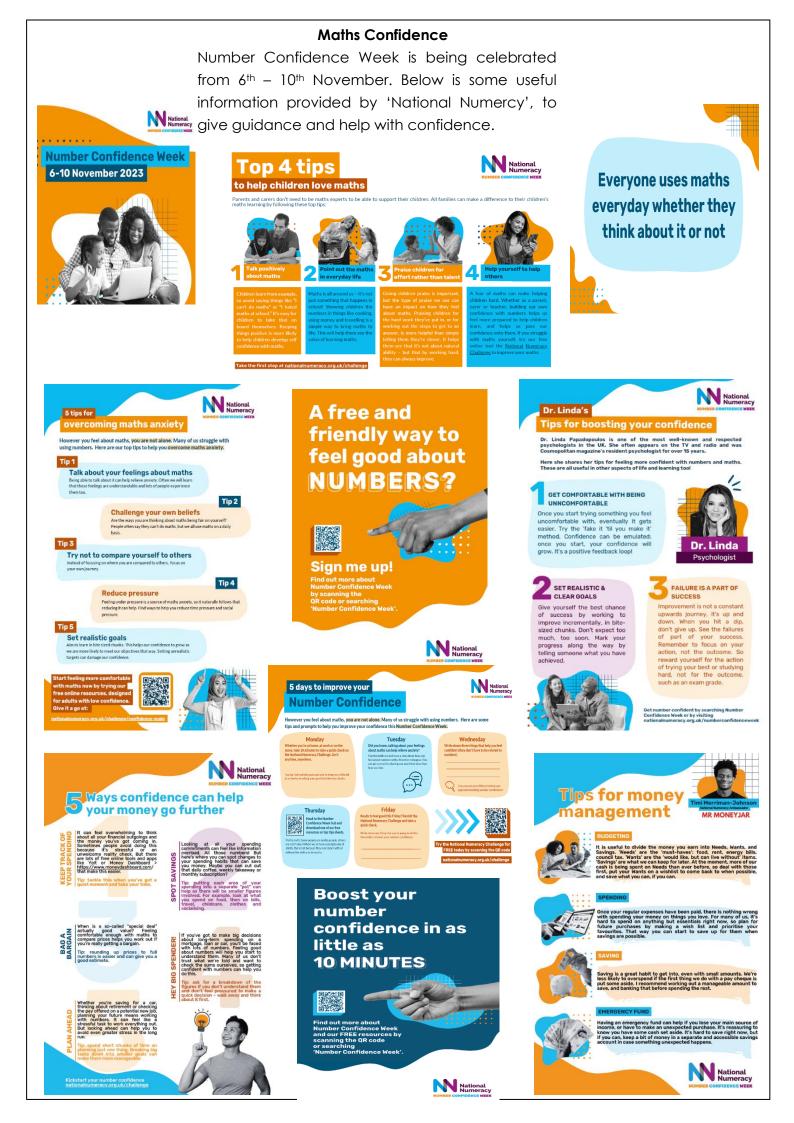
SHOW RACISM THE <u>RED</u> CARD

On Friday 23rd October, BBS celebrated Show racism the red card day. Students learnt about the importance of saying no to racism in society, and took part by wearing red stickers to show their support. The whole school was a sea of red as students proudly said no to racism!



friends to their charity fundraising event. Everyone is welcome - a night not to be missed!

Free admission.



All Years Notices:

Family Film Night – 10th November 2023 at 3:15pm – The Nightmare Before Christmas

BBS will be hosting our first 'Family Film Night' and facilitated by our Y10 & 11 students raising funds for the BBS India Expedition. We will be screening the Nightmare Before Christmas in Comms 9 & 10. Popcorn and Juice is available for £1.50 and donations towards the trip will be greatly received. All families and students welcome! For more information contact Miss Jones.

Christmas Hamper Raffle – BBS India Expedition Fundraiser

In the run up to Christmas, our Y10 & 11 students raising funds for the BBS India Expedition. We will be hosting a Christmas Hamper raffle for staff, students and the community. The 'Grand Prize' will be a Christmas hamper' with various other prizes available. Students will be selling tickets for this after half term. If you would like to donate to the cause, please contact Miss Jones or leave any donations at the school reception for Miss Jones to collect. Please do so no later than 17th November. Raffle tickets will be available to purchase after this date.

Year 7 Notices:

Year 8 Notices:

Year 9 Notices:

KS4 options evening- We will be hosting our KS4 option evening on 9th November from 5.30-7.30pm. Mr Boden will be sending out further details in his letter.

Congratulation to all our Y9 students who have just finished their assessments in each subject. Parents will receive the first report on 15th November in preparation for parents evening on 16th

Year 10 Notices:

Work Experience Forms – The deadline for family consent forms, to allow students to take part in work experience was 27th October. However, we still have several students who have not returned forms. Can you please ensure these are returned during the first week back after half term. If you require an electronic copy of the form, please contact bbs.workexperience@taw.org.uk.

Year 11 Notices:

Y11 mock exams begin on 8th November, all students have received a mock exam timetable today following our assembly. Please encourage your child to revise in preparation for the mock exams. 20min intervals are perfect!

Science mocks: Students will complete the following papers for the forthcoming science mock exams:

Physics – Paper 1, Chemistry – Paper 2, Biology – Paper 1

All revision resources are available via SharePoint and will also be shared again with students in their relevant class on MS Teams.

Photographers will be in school on Monday 6th November to take year 11 individual photos in the morning, friendship group photos after break and the whole Year group photo in the afternoon.

Well-Being Message

When you're saying yes to others, make sure you're not saying no to yourself.



Music and Drama Clubs Timetable						
👌 BBS Music and Drama Clubs / Bands 🛛 🥳						
TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY			
Choir All years 3.05-4.15pm in MU2	Pantomime Rehearsal All years 3.05-4.30pm in New Hall	Junior Band KS3 woodwind and brass players 3.30-4.30pm in MU3	Drama Club All years 3.05-4.15pm in MU3			
Musical Theatre Dance Club All years 3.05-4.05pm in MU3	Woodwind Ensemble Invite only 3.15-4.15pm In MU3 Concert Band Invite only					
	4.30-5.30pm in MU3	For more information abo clubs or bands, s Music & Dra	ee staff in the			

Extra-Curricular Timetable

These sessions are open to all Year 10 and Year 11 students. No need to book. See your subject Teacher about which room the session will be held in.

Year	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7	Staff CPD	Boys Football EMP/GRO/LTI Badminton RBI	Girls Football MRO/JDA	Netball MRO/RBI Rugby EMP/JDA	Social Sports LTI Dance ZGO
8		Boys Football EMP/GRO/LTI Badminton RBI	Girls Football MRO/JDA	Netball MRO/RBI Rugby EMP/JDA	Social Sports LTI Dance ZGO
9		Boys Football EMP/GRO/LTI Badminton RBI	Girls Football MRO/JDA	Netball MRO/RBI Rugby EMP/JDA	Social Sports LTI Dance ZGO
10		Boys Football EMP/GRO/LTI Badminton RBI	Girls Football MRO/JDA	Netball MRO/RBI/	Social Sports LTI
11			Girls Football MRO/JDA Netball ZGO		GCSE Intervention MRO/JDA CNAT intervention RBI/EMP

Year 10 and Year 11 Revision Timetable

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Year 10								
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday			
White Week	Staff CPD	MFL, DT, Food, Photography & Art	Science	RE, Child Develop.	GCSE PE, Drama			
Blue Week		Maths	Geography & History	English & Music	Comp Sci & Enterprise			
	Year 11							
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday			
White Week		Maths	Geography & History	English	Comp Sci & Enterprise			
	Staff CPD							
Blue Week		MFL, DT, Food, Photography & Art	Science	RE, Sociology & Child Develop. & Music	GCSE PE, Drama			