

Burton Borough School Monthly Newsletter

December 2018



Dear Families,

As I write this, I can't quite believe it is nearly Christmas and the end of the first term! This academic year is flying by – it must be because we are having so much fun at Burton Borough! November has been another action-packed month and I am delighted to share some more fantastic news with you.

It has been a great month for art and photography. One of our students (pictured above right and later in the newsletter), came second in the regional finals of the Lions International Peace poster competition out of approximately 350 entries. What a fantastic achievement! Chloe Thomas in year 11 won 'Best Project Photo' at the Outlook Expeditions annual photography competition with her photo of her peers during their trip to the BBS Tanzania expedition in the summer.

At the beginning of November, our students participated in many fundraising events for the Poppy Appeal. The Remembrance Concert was particularly moving, with our Concert Band playing beautiful pieces along with the Newport Male Voice Choir. If you haven't listened to our award winning wind bands play, do make sure you check the videos out on Twitter and Instagram – it will completely blow you away (excuse the pun!) It was also great to see Newport Mayor, Peter Scott, at the concert and supporting what we do as a school.

Telford and Wrekin Mayor, Raj Mehta, attended our Work Experience awards evening and delivered a speech on the importance of work placements and preparing young people for the future. It was brilliant to see so many organisations in attendance at the evening to collect awards and I would like to thank them for offering our students placements. A huge thank you also goes to Paul Ackers, one of our governors, who delivered the keynote speech, sharing some very personal experiences of when he was growing up and to Harper Adams University for letting us use their venue.

We are also delighted to say that our excellent work on mental health, wellbeing and behaviour in school is gaining national recognition which is very exciting for us. You will see in the photo on the right, Mr Morgan, Vice Principal, is holding the Leeds Beckett University Mental Health in Schools publication which he contributed an article to. In addition, Mr Morgan and I have been invited to deliver a keynote speech in March at the Optimus Education Conference in London! More information on how we do to follow in the April edition of this newsletter!

Finally, it was wonderful seeing our ex-year 11 students at the 2018 GCSE Presentation evening recently. We are so incredibly proud of the results they achieved and I think they were very pleased to be back to speak to staff and share what they are up to now. More to follow in this issue of our newsletter!

Have a lovely Christmas break and New Year. I can't wait to see what 2019 will bring!

With all good wishes,

Christine Raymont-Hall (Principal)



Monday 17th Dec. 2018
Christmas Concert

Wednesday 19th Dec. 2018
Christmas Dinner for students and staff

Friday 21st Dec. 2018
Last day of term
(School finishes at 12:35pm)

Tuesday 8th Jan. 2019
First day of term

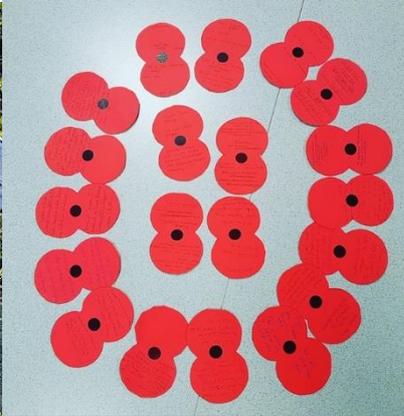
Wednesday 9th Jan. 2019
Year 9 Parents Evening

Monday 14th Jan. 2019
Year 9 KS4 Transition (Options) Evening

Thursday 24th Jan. 2019
Year 11 Mock Exam Results

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Our students and staff raised a lot of money for the Poppy Appeal in November. Restaurant staff made cakes to raise money and our Music Department held a special remembrance concert which was attended by Newport Mayor, Peter Scott. It was a very moving evening with our bands playing together with the Newport Male Voice Choir. We also had some beautiful solos, drama performances and readings. Why not check out some of the video clips on our social media accounts and see for yourself?



Burton Borough students always think of others who are less fortunate than them. We love doing charity work and making sure we do our part in contributing to society! Thank you for all Christmas Shoebox donations and contributions to Children in Need!





Some of our students went to Stafford University for a bar mock trial against other schools! They did extremely well!



Our students entered the Lions International Peace poster competition. We are very pleased to say that the student on the left who is pictured with the Gnosall and Newport Lions Club President, Rick Talbot, went to the regional finals and came second out of 350 entries. Well Done!



It was all about work experience and careers in November! Telford and Wrekin Mayor, Raj Mehta, kindly came along and delivered a speech and handed our awards while BBS governor, Paul Ackers, delivered the keynote speech. It was brilliant seeing so many organisations represented there who gave our year 10 students the work experience they needed. Thank you to Ms Kane, Ms Darby and Mrs McClean for all of the organisation!



Our girls went to see the England Lionesses play! A great day had by all, despite the result!





Our student democracy groups are working extremely hard with Ms Beaver. Here is the Eco-committee – we are hoping to achieve the Eco Schools Green Flag award very soon!



Newport Rotary Lite donated thousands of bulbs for us to plant to raise awareness of their work with ending polio. We can't wait for the flowers to bloom!

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Kim Stephens
previously Category Campaign Manager at WHSmith
now Head of Science at Burton Borough School

Department for Education



What do teachers think about their journey?

Last year, our principal, Mrs Raymont-Hall featured in the Department for Education media campaigns. This year, our very own Mrs Stephens, Deputy Head of Aqualate and Head of Science features!



Kim Stephens
Head of Science at
Burton Borough School

"It has been a successful transition because I love it. I enjoy going to work every day and spending my time with inspiring, witty, confident young people. I love being a small part of their success and development. It is lasting because it gives me opportunities to develop and progress in a way that is right for me. It also gives me the flexibility to work anywhere in the country/world, so I feel that my career can develop with me. I also feel valued by the people I work with and my success is recognised."



We are very proud to announce that ex-BBS student, Luke Smith, had his passing out parade this month with the Royal Marines! See what his experience was like below!

We had a fantastic careers evening where lots of organisations, sixth forms and colleges had stalls. We also saw some familiar faces of ex-BBS students who now go to our neighbouring school, Haberdashers' Adams! Welcome back gentlemen!



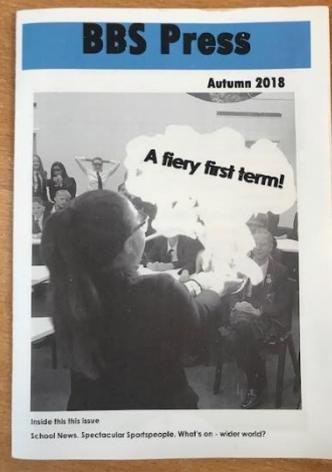
On the 9th November 2018 my family witnessed my passing-out parade as I was awarded my Green Lid (the Green Beret) and officially became a serving Royal Marines Commando. This was a proud day for us all. I'm still only 17 and was the youngest on my training troop – the odds were against me! Only 10 originals from 49 men made it to the end of training. Now I am ready to serve Queen and country and see the world in the process, my unit base will start up in Scotland. Possible training in the next 12 months will take me to Norway, Brunei and Belize. I'm looking forward to my first exercise in America in the New Year.

I've always enjoyed being physically active and fitness was important to me. It was a BBS Yr11 careers evening that I found the AFCO desk and spoke with their Recruitment advisor. This conversation and the information pack has changed my life. I had a place at Idsall 6th form College to study PE & Psychology but I wanted to give myself a choice by passing the 3 day PRMC (Potential RM Course). Royal Marines Commandos are regarded as the Royal Navy's Elite Amphibious Light Infantry unit – with the longest and toughest military training program in the world! This is designed to test your mental and physical limits and why they say only 1 in 1000 applicants make it! After 32 weeks of pain, pressure and intensive training – finishing with a 30mile 'yomp' over Dartmoor (with Kit!) I made it. Be focussed and push yourself to achieve your goals... it is always worth the effort... and success is all about your state of mind. – Luke Smith





We were delighted to see so many of our ex-year 11 students at the 2018 GCSE Awards evening. This year group achieved some of the best results Burton Borough has ever had. Well done once again! Cameron Reece won the Principal's award and Thomas Ollivier won the Governor's award.



The BBS Press team have published the first issue of their newsletter! It is FANTASTIC! Make sure you grab your copy now!



Best Project Photo

Chloe Thomas - Zanzibar
Burton Borough School

Chloe Thomas won 'Best Project Photo' at the Outlook Expeditions annual photography competition. This was taken during our expedition to Tanzania in the Summer.



Our superstar cross-country runners came third in the Shropshire Games!



Thank you to all families for your support and excellent attendance at our events, especially the family forums! This is only a small selection of photos and news so make sure you follow us on Twitter and Instagram @BurtonBorough for daily updates, more photos and videos! See you soon!

