

Brighton Hill Community School

'Always Learning'



Autumn Term
28 September 2018

Newsletter



WELCOME!

Welcome to another new academic year here at Brighton Hill Community School. Our school continues to grow, with the arrival of 210 fresh-faced, enthusiastic Year 7 students, who have made a sparkling start to life here at BHCS. Their energy seems contagious and the buzz around our school at the moment is something quite special! I can't wait to watch them grow over their time with us and I'm sure the future is exceptionally bright for them.

I've also been hugely impressed by the existing students who have all moved up a year since we last saw them. Their attitude to learning continues to impress and it has been a real pleasure visiting many of their lessons and sharing in their daily successes. Particular mention must go to our new Year 11 students who have started the year with great focus and commitment, attending numerous additional learning opportunities already. If they manage to maintain this drive, they will be exceeding the excellent results which our much-missed class of 2018 achieved in the summer.

I'd also like to thank the staff team for the way they have continued where they left off last year and even managed to raise the standards at the school yet higher. We have a wonderful mix of experienced Brighton Hill staff combined with a number of new staff, with some newly qualified teachers, all of whom are bringing fresh energy and ideas to make Brighton Hill Community School an even better place to be!

Mr Chris Edwards - Headteacher

CAN YOU HELP?

We have grand plans to work with students and the wider community to develop a wellbeing and outdoor learning space in association with the Woodland Trust, via their free trees for schools and communities project.

If you are a keen gardener or know someone who is, please contact Mr Watkins, as we are looking for volunteers to develop an allocated space within the school grounds for this purpose. Equally, if you have any gardening tools you are in a position to donate, we would love to hear from you.

Perhaps you own a business related to gardening or know someone who does, as we are also looking for sponsors to help this project fly!

We are hoping to take delivery of 30 trees in March 2019 so we have time to plan and build a project group - please do get in touch if you are interested.

Mr D Watkins
Deputy Head Teacher
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WOODLAND
TRUST





PE NEWS

Extra-curricular PE has kicked off this term and students have, as ever, been keen to attend. There were outstanding numbers at the boys' football trials, netball and rugby clubs and also at the gym. We are looking forward to fixtures getting fully underway in the coming weeks.

The Year 9 boys' football team travelled away to Havant in the Cup but suffered a loss. Our Year 10 and 11 girls start their campaign in netball this week. In addition, House events are launched soon with Year 10 and 11 mixed netball starting on Friday, 28 September.

Miss S Lambert
Head of PE

VISITORS TO OUR SCHOOL

If you are visiting the school at any time, please remember that during the summer holidays we had a new intercom door system installed.



INTERCOM

The doors will be locked from 8:45am until 3:15pm and you will need to press the buzzer on the left of the main reception doors to speak to reception.

Please remember to bring photo ID with you.

Mrs Chandler
Staffing & Business Leader

SAFEGUARDING

Just a reminder to all parents that our school website has a dedicated safeguarding section with information, advice and guidance on a whole host of topics that may be impacting on your child's personal, social and emotional development.

The latest addition is a website and video clip explaining 'County Lines'. 'County Lines' is high on the National Crime Agency and Home Office radar and we would urge you to be informed of what 'County Lines' is. If you become aware of any young person who might be involved in 'County Lines' please contact us, or indeed the police, immediately.

At Brighton Hill Community School we remain committed to keeping our students - and your children - safe, and therefore, the more information we can share the better.

Mr G Wilkinson
Assistant Headteacher

YEAR 7

Welcome to all the new students in Year 7 and welcome to all the new Year 7 parents/guardians reading this for the first time. Our new cohort have started to embed themselves into life at Brighton Hill Community School with confidence and gusto. New communal lunch breaks have enabled us to foster a culture of calm during meal times and begin to educate students on the importance of good nutrition at school.

CLUBS: Opportunities to take part in enrichment activities have begun with a plethora of extra-curricular clubs open to Year 7 students, both at lunch time and after school.

PE KIT: We have already had items left with us. Please ensure EVERYTHING has a name label on it - we can then return kit as soon as possible if left behind.

TUTORS: Thanks to Mr Firth, Mrs Woods, Mr Slack and Mrs Hamid for making a sterling start to tutoring at BHCS, and of course Mrs Neyroud, Mrs Espeseth, Mrs Budge, Mrs Richards and Mrs McMillan for continuing to support the Year 7's every day.

This is going to be a top year at Brighton Hill Community School - I can feel it!!!

Mr Du-heaume
Head Of Year 7



Diary Dates

1 OCTOBER	OPEN EVENING 6:00—8:00pm
3, 4 & 5 OCTOBER	OPEN MORNINGS 9:00am
10 OCTOBER	YEAR 7 TUTOR EVE 3:15 - 5:45pm