

# Brighton Hill Community School

'Always Learning'

Spring Term  
1 February 2019

## Newsletter

### DROP DOWN DAY

On Friday, 25 January we had the first of three Drop-Down days planned for this year, during which students came off their normal timetable to take part in a whole host of activities delivered by each faculty to celebrate *Citizenship, British Values, Respect and Tolerance*. It was fantastic to see our Key Stage 3 students so engaged in some really amazing sessions which enabled them to learn about democracy, government, the liberties that we enjoy as British citizens, the role that public institutions play in Britain and the importance of respect, tolerance and working together as communities, through some really creative activities!

At Key Stage 4 our students learnt about democracy and law in the UK abroad, human rights and international law and concepts common to all people, such as peace and justice, poverty and wealth and prejudice and equality, as well as topics that will be of real use to them in future life, such as budgeting. By all accounts our students really enjoyed the day and gained a deeper understanding of an important element of these crucial topics.

Mrs Hallum Barnard  
Leading Practitioner - ITT, Coaching & Curriculum



Mr Penney delivers an engaging workshop to students

### CAROL CONCERT



Each year the Carol Concert is a huge undertaking for me, the EPA team and all those who help out on the night, but every year I am always overwhelmed by the commitment, support and turn out for this event.

I think that the Carol Concert 2018 was the most full I have ever seen All Saints Church at the top of town, and I must say a huge thank you to everyone who made the trip out on such a cold and rainy Tuesday evening to join us in getting into the Christmas spirit.

The Dance Ambassadors came up with an amazing dance to fit the limited space in the church, but still demonstrating their outstanding skill. The Key Stage 3 Drama Club supplied us with plenty of humour with their own reinvention of the Nativity Story for modern times. And finally all the musical ensembles and soloists continue to impress with a wide range of genres and Instruments, from the hand bells to rock music!

All in all it was a fantastic night and, as always, I am incredibly proud of all the students who were involved proving that the #yellowarmy truly is the best school in Basingstoke!

Miss Earwood - Head of Music

## ROAD SAFETY

Can I please remind all parents of students who ride their bicycles to school of the following:



- ◇ Students are to come into school via the Quilter Road gate, using the pedestrian area
- ◇ Students should not use the same entrance as the cars - recently, there have been some near misses of students on bikes with cars who are pulling into the school site
- ◇ Students should walk with their bikes at all times on the school site i.e. when they have come through the school gates
- ◇ Students should not be riding their bikes in the car park as this is also a Health & Safety hazard due to the fact it is a one way system and students exiting via the gate, will face oncoming traffic
- ◇ Students riding to school should have a permit - forms for permits can be obtained from Reception

Please can you remind your children of these points. Unfortunately, students failing to follow the recommendations above may not be allowed to ride their bikes to school in future. We want all of our students to arrive safely and leave safely!

Mr G Wilkinson - Assistant Headteacher



## PARENTS / CARERS OF STUDENTS WITH AN EHC PLAN

Hampshire County Council are currently undertaking a review of the Specialist Teacher Advisory Service and are seeking views on proposals for changes to the Service and are keen for parents, carers, children and young people to help shape its future activities. We would be grateful if you could participate in the consultation by completing the online questionnaire. More information about STAS, the consultation and proposed changes, as well as access to the online questionnaire can be found at: [www.hants.gov.uk/aboutthecouncil/haveyoursay/consultations/stas](http://www.hants.gov.uk/aboutthecouncil/haveyoursay/consultations/stas). You can also e-mail your response directly to Hampshire County Council using the e-mail address: [stas.service@hants.gov.uk](mailto:stas.service@hants.gov.uk). If you require a paper copy of the Information Pack or the Response Form, or if you have any queries about the consultation, please contact [stas.service@hants.gov.uk](mailto:stas.service@hants.gov.uk) or call: 0300 555 1384. Hampshire County Council are also holding drop-in events which you are welcome to attend, where you can ask questions about the proposals: *Wednesday, 27 February 10:00am -12:00 noon, at the Basingstoke Discovery Centre, Potters Walk, Basingstoke, RG21 7LS.* Thank you in advance for completing the questionnaire.

Ms H Heath  
SENCo

## UPDATE FROM YEAR 10

It has already been a busy term for the year group with the Student Clinics in January being expanded to include an afternoon workshop looking at motivation and ways to be successful. There were 25 students who took part in the process and the feedback was very positive, indicating that the students felt there were lots of different things discussed that they could use at school to improve their progress. In addition to this, 30 students got the opportunity to take part in a two hour Careers Fayre, which was a great chance for them to discuss different pathways and find out which qualifications they need to pursue each one. We are delighted to be able to give our students these fantastic opportunities and it is great to see them embrace everything they are offered. The future is bright for the Class of 2020!

Mr P Beeching  
Head of Year 10

## Diary Dates - 2019

18 - 22 February	Half Term
Friday 01 March	INSET DAY
Wednesday 19 March	Year 7 Parents' Evening
Friday 15 March	12 hour Sports Marathon

