CONGRATULATIONS!

Huge congratulations to our Headteacher—Chris Edwards - on this very well deserved award!

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Dear Parents, Carers and Staff

As we approach the end of the summer term, I want to take this opportunity, on behalf of the governors, to thank you all for the efforts of the past 16+ weeks both at home and at school. We have the most amazing staff at Brighton Hill. There aren’t enough superlatives to express our admiration for everyone involved with our school. Some may say – it is their job, but it goes far deeper than that. The desire in our staff to provide high quality education in both good and challenging times is brought about by a belief in what they do and devotion to your children.

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At the helm is Chris Edwards. His leadership, continuous positivity, creative thinking and people skills has enabled all his staff to remain focussed and willing to do their best during this testing period. Working alongside Chris is a superb group of innovative thinking and inspiring senior leaders, each with their own set of skills and expertise. What a team! They have earned the respect and trust of staff and they in turn are motivated by our vision and therefore work hard to teach your children, care for the school site, and ensure the day-to-day smooth running through meticulous administration.

We know you feel the same about our staff and it has been wonderful to read some of your messages thanking all, as well as individual staff members, who have helped and encouraged your children.

As a grandparent who has had the luxury of being able to see some of my brood at a distance during lockdown and being called upon to help with home schooling via Zoom or similar, I have complete respect for the resilience and perseverance of families coping with the anxieties around C-19, furlough, work, young children and home schooling. My message to my children has been to do what you can do and don’t give yourself a hard time if you can’t do everything. A huge thank you parents and carers for holding the fort at home with home schooling and for keeping your children motivated. I am sure it has not always been an easy task but you will have achieved the best you could in trying circumstances.

Some of my grandchildren are now back in their primary schools and loving it. They have all adapted overnight to the safety restrictions on the school site and are revelling in seeing their friends and their ‘proper’ teachers. Our Year 10s and other children of key workers who have been attending Brighton Hill are also evidence of this positivity and enjoyment. They are not a lost generation and they have bounced back. When your children return to school in September they will do the same, even if it takes a while to adapt to the school routines. Those that need extra care and support will receive it. Gaps in learning will be filled and they will receive a broad and exciting curriculum.

All the advice from the Government about returning to school in September is both manageable and sensible but needs considerable thought – and that’s where Chris Edwards and our staff excel, so rest assured our school will be safe, welcoming and teaching the #YellowArmy! I also want to thank my fellow governors. I know that, like me, they have worried about the school community on a daily basis as we too are part of that team and take our responsibilities very seriously. We have not been able to visit the school site or talk to staff in person, but we have been encouraging and supportive and taken swift action when required to consider risk assessments, changes to policy and strategic issues during lockdown. We have kept regular contact with Chris Edwards and had virtual meetings to keep up-to-date with the school’s actions and to make decisions.

Enjoy the summer break as much as you can and we look forward to celebrating the well-deserved successes of the fantastic Year 11s who have just left us, introducing the new Year 7s to the Brighton Hill family and welcoming your children back to school.

Thank you for choosing and supporting Brighton Hill Community School.

Jane Pratt
Chair of Governors
I have been lucky enough to receive another poster from one of our soon to be Year 7’s, so thank you very much Gabrielle L-H - some very wise words about friendship there.

I look forward to meeting you and all of the new Year 7’s in September.

I hope everyone has a well deserved rest over the summer holidays. Look after yourselves and each other, stay safe and we will see you all next term.

Ms R Thomas
Parental Support Advisor

UKMT JUNIOR CHALLENGE

On Thursday 2 July, 16 Year 7 and 8 students took part in the nationwide UK Maths Trust Junior Challenge. This is a Maths Challenge aimed at Year 7 and 8 students across the country where logic and puzzling skills are put to the test. The Maths department are incredibly proud of all those who took part, and want to give special congratulations to Amelia D, Sam D, Finley B, Joshua S and Ashton W for achieving silver and gold certificates. A special mention to Ashton who achieved Best in School!

Here's a sample question (and answer!) for everyone to have a go at:

Amrita thinks of a number. She doubles it, adds 9, divides her answer by 3 and finally subtracts 1. She obtains the same number she originally thought of. What was Amrita’s number?

Answer E
IT & COMPUTING ROUND UP 2019/2020

KS4

Back in the Autumn term we took some Year 9 & 10 IT students to BCOT for a ‘Step into Computing’ event. The students were a credit to the school as they engaged enthusiastically with the challenges set and working with students from the other school who attended. They were able to experience a range of activities around future careers in Computing including programming and building a base unit. It was great to hear that some of them want to have a career in this sector.

KS3

This school year we launched the Year 7 micro:bit after school club to learn how to program minicomputers. The students were enthusiastic and really enjoyed testing the capabilities of their minicomputer from programming a Rock, Paper, Scissors game to programming a step counter or getting their devices to communicate with each other and testing to see if they would still communicate through walls. Micro:bit club will return and will be open to Year 8’s who missed out in Year 7. We have a band of willing volunteers in Year 7 to run the next clubs!

During lockdown, Year 7 and 8 students have tackled a text based programming quest on Code Combat – well done to Josh in Year 7 for being the first to finish the quest! The quest is open indefinitely so feel free to continue with the challenge. I have uploaded some links to the VLE with some more free programming challenges available over the summer.

Do please keep safe and we look forward to seeing you all soon!

Mrs Moore
Digital Technology & Communication Faculty
Teacher of Business, IT and Computing
VIRTUAL SPORTS DAY 2020!

Whilst we are extremely disappointed our annual Sports Days cannot take place this year, we are supremely excited to be running a ‘Virtual Sports Day’ from Friday 17th - Tuesday 21st July.

As ever, all competitors will be competing for their house: Dorney, Greenwich, Portland or Stratford. There will be three competitions running:

- Students (Years 7, 8, 9 and 10)
- Parents / guardians
- Teachers

There will be an overall winner for each competition as well as an overall House winner. Events include:

- Standing vertical jump
- Press ups
- Keepy Uppies
- Stork balance
- Standing long jump
- Speed bounce
- Wall throw
- Bonus event!
- Sit ups
- Burpees
- 1km blast

Staff has been busy creating demonstration videos to explain each event. On Friday 17th July I will be launching our Sports Day via e-mail to all students, parents / carers and staff, via @BHCSPE on twitter and the Brighton Hill website.

We cannot wait to see the results of this event. Good luck!

Miss Lambert
Head of PE

YEAR 10

As the school year comes to a close, I want to say congratulations to all of the wonderful work produced by my amazing Year 10s! Over lockdown, students have done nothing but make me proud - continuously showing a high level of effort and determination. The phased return of Year 10 back into BHCS has been a triumph. It has been filled with happy faces, eager students who want to learn and soak up the time with their teachers. I have only received positivity about the year group - and I am so excited to watch them move into Year 11 and continue to thrive. I must also congratulate our new Prefect Team - we have selected 30 wonderful students to represent the school at the highest level and I have every confidence that they will shine in their roles.

Take a break over the summer to re-energise yourselves for September. I cannot wait to see you all and welcome back the Class of 2021!

Miss Mercer - Head of Year 10
MONSTER WINNERS

Mrs Fletcher and I have been overwhelmed with the response from students in Year 7 & 8 to our Monster Design Competition. It was a tough job to decide who would win, in the end those who bagged top spots displayed creativity and a thorough response to the challenges completing not just the practical elements but all the design and evaluation work that came before and after the practical.

All we can say is that every piece of work we received impressed us and all those who sent their competition entries in will be receiving a certificate in the post. Prize winners - we will get your prizes out in the post to you before school closes for summer. We cant wait to see what you all go on to produce when we are back in school!

Well Done!

Mrs Fletcher & Mrs Carson
Technology & Creative Industries
VOLUNTEER DRIVERS NEEDED
Parents and staff of #yellowarmy we need your help!
Basingstoke Food Link (BFL) together with the Basingstoke Baptist Church are offering an amazing service to the most vulnerable families in our Community. They are going to provide one cooked meal for as many families as they can, once a week, for five weeks over the summer holidays and they desperately need volunteer drivers to help deliver the meals.

The only requirements are: a clean driving licence and aged between 30 and 70 years old (for Insurance purposes).

If you have 1, 2, 3 or more hours that you could spare and would like to help this wonderful organisation help families in our community please call Brian Foster on 07753 828673. If you would like more information about this organisation please visit these links: https://bcfd.org.uk/  https://www.facebook.com/ABiteOutOfHunger

Many thanks.
Ms R Thomas
Parental Support Advisor