Welcome to our first newsletter of this very unusual school year. What an absolute pleasure it has been to welcome your children this term, whether that be the new Year 7s who have settled beautifully despite a few routines which are new to all of us, or our returning students who are cracking on with their learning as if they have never been away.

After so many weeks of operating a largely empty site, the feeling of euphoria of seeing a full school is immense. However, we are in no doubt that there are tough times ahead and that we must continue to operate with great caution to ensure that we can remain open as long as we possibly can.

We are hugely impressed by the attitudes which your children have shown since the return to school. It appears that there is a new appreciation of the positive aspects of school life and it is fantastic to see them seizing every moment in lessons to drive their own development forward. We long for the days in the not-too-distant future when we can return to having school shows and daily sports fixtures, but for now, we must just celebrate the fact that we are able to operate to the levels at which we currently find ourselves.

I must also express my thanks to you for the relentless e-mails and comments of positivity I have received about the school’s staff. They are always passed onto the team and they are very well received indeed. Here’s to a successful year ahead, which we will look back on in the future and celebrate the incredible resilience, determination and courage shown by our entire school community!

Chris Edwards
HEADTEACHER

Are starting up — if you are interested in learning an instrument, please come and collect a booklet from Miss Earwood in Music Room 2!
There are some exciting developments with regards to the House Cup this year. All students in Years 7—9 have now been issued with a House Cup card which allows them to achieve House Cup points for completing tasks at home. Without House Cup events happening at school at the moment, it will be great to see students completing tasks at home for a positive cause and to support their House.

There is also a new development in our Open Area 1, which allows staff to award credits to a House for outstanding conduct of students around the school site. Each House has a box that will get filled with tokens to see which House will come out on top as the ‘Kindest House in the School’ at the end of the year.

Despite the new look, the question remains: Which House will come out on top this year in the House Cup?
UPDATED information for Y10/Y11 students:

College Open Events

HSDC Alton
14th October 2020 - Virtual Open Event for T-Levels and Vocational Courses
Tuesday 15th October 2020 - Virtual A-Level Open Evening
hscd.ac.uk

Peter Symonds
Tuesday 20th - Thursday 22nd October 2020
5:30pm-8:30pm
Online booking from 7th October
psc.ac.uk

BCOT
Tuesday 13th October 2020
4pm-8pm
Bookings being taken online
bcot.ac.uk

QMC
7th & 8th October 2020
Online Event
Register online at qmc.ac.uk

Sparsholt
Saturday 10th October 2020
10-2pm
Saturday 14th November 2020
10-2pm

Farnborough 6th
Wednesday 21st and Thursday 22nd October
Virtual event online at Farnborough.ac.uk
The Student Support Department are pleased to welcome to the team three new staff members. Mrs Longshaw who is our new HLTA, specialising in Maths support and will be working closely with the Maths Department to provide intervention and class support.

We also have Miss Marsh and Mrs Steele who are joining the TA team and will be working with students in class.

We are very excited to have them join our wonderful student support team!

Ms Helen Heath
SENDCo/DDSL/English Teacher

NEWS FROM THE KITCHEN

Because of what is happening in the world right now, we have made a few changes to our food service to keep you safe when dining with us.

Check the menu boards for your new menu

Morning break will be kept simple and served to you instead of the self service you may be used to. We have a great range of food available for lunch:

- World Kitchen with meat and vegetarian choices each day
- Hot Deli with pizza, pasta and paninis
- Cold Deli with sandwiches, baguettes and fruit pots that are packaged will be available from the Grab and Go fridge.
- Wrapped traybakes and bakery items

All hot items will be service by the team so there is no sharing of utensils.
CAREERS—T LEVELS

T Levels are a brand-new, two year qualification that will give you a head start towards the career you want. The government has developed T Levels to deliver world-class technical education and give you a new choice after GCSEs. T Levels have been designed in partnership with businesses and employers to give you the skills and knowledge to succeed in the workplace. Your course includes a 45-day industry placement with a local employer to help get you ready for work.

QUALIFICATIONS THAT COUNT
When you pass your T Level, you will get a nationally recognised certificate showing the overall grade you achieved - pass, merit, distinction or distinction*. It will also give details of what you learned on the course to help you move into skilled employment or a higher apprenticeship.

AWARDED UCAS POINTS
Your T Level will be worth UCAS points – a T Level Distinction* is worth the same as three A Levels at A* – and will be recognised by universities and other education providers so you can choose to continue studying if you wish.

LEARN YOUR WAY
T Levels involve more classroom study than apprenticeships, which means you can experience an industry while you continue your studies.

Like A Levels, there are no tuition fees to study a T Level if you start before you are 19. Schools and colleges set their own entry requirements, so check their website or contact them direct to find out more. There are four colleges within a 15 mile radius of Brighton Hill that are offering the new T Levels in September:

Reading College
Part of Activate Learning
Reading | RG1 4HJ - 15 miles
From September 2021 onwards:
♦ Digital Production, Design and Development

Peter Symonds College
Winchester | SO22 6RX
- 15 miles
From September 2020 onwards:
♦ Education and Childcare

Alton College
Part of Havant and South Downs College East
Hampshire | GU34 2LX - 8 miles
From September 2020 onwards:
♦ Digital Production, Design and Development
♦ Education and Childcare
From September 2021 onwards:
♦ Health

Farnborough College of Technology
Rushmoor | GU14 6SB - 15 miles
From September 2020 onwards:
♦ Digital Production, Design and Development
♦ Education and Childcare
From September 2021 onwards:
♦ Digital Business Services
♦ Digital Support Services
♦ Health
♦ Healthcare Science
♦ Science
CAREERS

We’re excited to be back in full session for the new academic year. Despite the challenges presented, BHCS will continue to deliver a comprehensive careers programme for our students. Remember all students and parents have access to the BHCS Careers & Enterprise pages on the school's website just visit the zone you are interested in for a wealth of knowledge and supporting information.

We are also very excited to continue our partnership with the Basingstoke Consortium, who provide students in KS4 with critical careers advice and guidance, through a range of targeted activities. Finally, we are delighted to announce an expansion of the work we do in partnership with Winchester University along with our continued programme of support through the Southern Universities Network.

We are proud of our commitment to delivering on the Gatsby 8 benchmarks and keeping you informed of our careers programme across the academic year ahead.

Mr D Watkins
Deputy Headteacher

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

For our literacy reading sessions this year, the students have been choosing the books that they would like to read. The short lists each year group were given included a range of books from different genres and are designed to promote the idea of reading for enjoyment. As the tutor will be reading this book once a week, we wanted them to choose something they thought would be interesting. Here are the chosen books:

YEAR 7: Tins by Alex Shearer
YEAR 8: Truth or Date by Celia Rees
YEAR 9: Unique by Alison Allen-Gray
YEAR 10: Mort by Terry Pratchett
YEAR 11: Mort by Terry Pratchett

I hope they enjoy these books and I can't wait to get their feedback.

Mrs E Veall
Second in English