Virtual Visit to Gershwin Road Baptist Church with Rev Dave Bishop

Year 9 students have been studying certain Christian practices in their GCSE Religious Studies lessons, so what better way to bring it alive than visiting the Gershwin Road Baptist Church just around the corner to Brighton Hill School with our very own Pastor Dave — as he has come to be known by the RS classes. Obviously it has to be a virtual visit during these times, but on Tuesday, 20 April 2021, Pastor Dave, whilst in the Church, was able to come into the classroom on the ‘big screen’. We were able to experience how communion is conducted during COVID and each student was able to see the individual juice and bread. We talked about different ways of baptism, believers and babies and what the difference might be. Finally, students were able to ask questions about other aspects of Christianity (or football if you are George D!)

We are looking forward to a time when Pastor Dave can actually come back into the classroom or we can walk over to the Church to visit.

Mrs C McMillan
Teacher of Humanities
NEWS FROM YEAR 10

Prefect Application Process

There has been an incredible response to the Prefect application process and there have been over 35 applications received from the magnificent members of the Class of 2022. The students will now find out the next stage of the process, which will ultimately result in our wonderful Prefect team being selected. Following the selection of the Prefect team, the students will then be able to apply for the role of Head Boy and Head Girl. It is going to be a very hard decision when it gets to that process as there are so many exceptional candidates in the year group. Good luck to all of the students involved!

Mr P Beeching
Head of Year 10
CAREERS PROGRAMME

Our students in Year 10 have been busy in recent weeks researching numerous Post 16 pathways through a variety of different platforms and many have attended virtual Open Evenings at our local colleges. This is a very enlightening and exciting time for the students as they begin to formulate ideas of how they wish to develop and proceed with their lives after leaving Brighton Hill Community School. We cannot wait to support our students further, as they come closer to the application process and ultimately make their final decisions on what they wish to do after their GCSE examinations next year.

Mr P Beeching
Head of Year 10

MENTORING

On Monday, 26 April the first Year 10 mentoring event took place. Over 50 students took part in a Growth Mindset session run by Inner Drive, a company we have worked with over the last two years to help us deliver the appropriate message of support, motivation and focus to our students. After the session, our students then met their staff mentor for the first time and were able to build a rapport that will develop further as the mentoring process builds over the next year towards the end of Year 11. This is a really powerful intervention that allows lots of our students to have one-to-one conversations about their current progress, as well as any other matters they may wish to discuss.

Mr Beeching
Leading Practitioner

ATTENDANCE TUTOR GROUP WINNERS

Congratulations to 7A1 and 9A2 in the KS3 / KS4 attendance competitions.

Both tutor groups received a free pizza lunch—with chicken nibbles, a selection of sweet treats and free slush puppy drinks as a well-deserved prize.

The same prize is on offer this half term for the tutor groups with the highest average attendance in KS3 (Year 7 and 8) and KS4 (Years 9, 10 and 11).

Mr G Wilkinson
Assistant Headteacher
There is a very exciting new House competition this half term, where the students in each House have been challenged to walk, cycle or swim as far as they can in the next four weeks.

The students will be seeing which House will be the first to cover the distance between Brighton Hill Community School and Kings Kids Choir in Mtyana, Uganda.

Who will come out on top?

Mr P Beeching
Assistant Headteacher

SUMMER TERM IN PE

There are few happier professionals than a PE teacher in the summer term! This is especially true when the sun is shining and you have the glorious field at Brighton Hill Community School to conduct your lessons on! The next few weeks see the return of our ‘summer sports’ lessons including; rounders, softball, cricket and athletics. Our ever vigilant Groundsman — Nigel has made sure the field is in tip top condition and the markings are ready!

We are also unbelievably excited that within a week or two, our extra-curricular programme will be able to restart (with precautions in place obviously). We want as many students in attendance as possible, but they must sign up in advance otherwise we will have to turn them away. Watch out for the information about this soon!

Miss S Lambert
Head of PE
We are on Instagram!

Please follow our brand new page on Instagram bhcs_foodprep_and_nutrition

We will be showcasing work completed in class, homework, tagging recipes for you to try, improve your skills and sharing ideas together.

Use as inspiration or tag us in your Insta stories for house cup points.

I can’t wait for you to see the amazing work that our students produce! Please note any parents/caters/students who have not agreed to photograph access will not be included in any images online to adhere to our school policy.

Mrs Fletcher
Teacher of History, RS and D&T
NEW HOUSE RESTRUCTURE

The consultancy phase of the new House restructure is now complete, and we hope to be able to unveil the new House names for next year in the upcoming weeks.

Mr P Beeching
Assistant Headteacher

WELL DONE!

On Friday, 19 March we were delighted to be able to support Red Nose Day, with all our students wearing a touch of red for our non-uniform day! Mr Beeching also organised a fantastic ‘BHCS does The Masked Singer’ event, recording several of our wonderful teachers performing a song in full disguise and inviting students to guess the Masked Singer and purchase a voting form to nominate their overall favourite!

Prizes were also awarded to those who correctly guessed all of the participating staff.

Many congratulations to our disguised cowboy — Mr Head-Riordan, who was voted the best Masked Singer! The money raised from our Masked Singer event, combined with the non-uniform money received, totalled a whopping £1,053.48!

Many thanks to all those who took part!

Mrs S Hallum Barnard
Assistant Headteacher