NEW RECRUIT #YELLOWARMY

In the Learning Support Department we strive to make our support interesting, fun, and engaging for our students. We have recently gained a new member to the team who is eager to meet the students, helping them to ease their worries and concerns.

WHAT IS A WORRY MONSTER?

A worry monster is designed to discuss and reduce worries. Students will be encouraged to write or draw their worry onto a piece of paper and then feed it to the worry monster. Once the monster has eaten it, the worry can be discussed and shared with an adult.

To make the introduction special we are currently running a competition amongst the lower year groups in order to name our new addition. House points are up for grabs as is a prize for the best name offered — best be quick before the monster eats the reward!

Mrs Rogers
Teaching Assistant

THE WORRY MONSTER POEM

I'm your little worry monster
I am always here
When worries pop into your head
Don't let them turn to fear

Take a piece of paper
Make sure you write your name
Explain your worry
Write it clear and plain

Put the worry into my mouth
And let me eat the fear
Put a smile upon your face
Then give a great big cheer!

www.els-support.co.uk
We're delighted to announce another extension to our ever-growing careers programme! BHCS has recently subscribed to an online platform called The Medical Maverick Academy. In the Academy you and your child can watch interviews with a huge range of medical professionals to find out what they do and what actually goes on in a hospital. There are lots of activities for students and you to try as well.

Students are often surprised to learn that the NHS does not only employ doctors and nurses, but they also employ all kinds of professionals from brick layers to kitchen porters, I.T. professionals to financial directors. Whatever profession interests your child has, the chances are that the NHS employ them! The academy includes:

**Virtual Work Experience**

Through video interviews, mini tasks & quizzes, students can explore dozens of health careers. Each career has over 90 minutes of content in bite sized chunks!

**Pharmacology & Toxicology Course**

This course takes students through the mechanism of action of 12 common medicines and how they are used to treat different pathologies and what happens at toxic levels!

**Ultrasounds Secrets Course**

Students can explore dozens of ultrasound scans and videos recorded by Tom at Medical Mavericks, looking at physiology and anatomy of organs and structures inside the body!

Parents can engage with this content from home by clicking this link and setting up an account to access the academy from home free of charge. Our Year 10 & 11 cohorts will be setting up their accounts to access the content both at school and at home as part of our dedicated careers programme.

Mr D Watkins
Deputy Headteacher
The SUN Virtual Festival of Industries is in town! We're delighted to support this virtual festival that students and parents can engage in from home (perfect for half term careers engagement). Parents, you can support your child, or they can take part independently in the challenges, learn more about different industries, and be in with the chance of winning REAL festival tickets to Victorious!

Start by clicking on this link and then the 'Intro Video' on the hot air balloon!

You can also access the festival via Option 10 on the Student Zone or Parent Zone of our careers & enterprise pages on the school website.

Please note much of the content links to YouTube videos. The content of these videos is suitable for all year groups.

Mr D Watkins
Deputy Headteacher

HELP OUR LIBRARY!

Our school needs you! Help us win £5,000 of National Book Tokens for the school library - and get £100 for yourself!

Just enter the competition online, it only takes a minute: https://www.nationalbooktokens.com/schools

Mrs Burchell — Librarian

WIN £5,000 of National Book Tokens for your school library

That's enough to buy hundreds of new books! Nominate your school for the chance to take home a £100 National Book Token just for you.

PE NEWS

Extra-curricular is back!
YOU MUST SIGN UP IN ADVANCE!

Miss Lambert
Head of PE
We have vacancies for a Parent Governor
so why not join us?

Being a Governor at your child’s school can be extremely rewarding.

Any parent or carer, of a registered student at the school, is eligible to stand for election. Parent Governors are elected by other parents. We are looking for the following skills:

- Able to ask questions
- A good listener
- Willing to learn
- Time to commit
- Working as part of a team

As a Governor with children at the school you have the unique position of having a parental viewpoint. Through your own children you have first-hand experience of the curriculum and how the school is perceived. You will bring this valuable perspective to strategic management of the school. As a Parent Governor you would be promoting the interests of all the children in the school.

The guidelines giving full details about how vacancies are filled can be found on the school’s website. You should also look at the information for prospective governors on the Hampshire Governor Services website.

Further information about the role of a Parent Governor and responsibilities of Governors at Brighton Hill Community School can be seen on the school’s website (School Information: Governing Body). Please note that for the protection of children all governor appointments are subject to a DBS and identity check.

If you want to volunteer, further information and an application form can be downloaded found at https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/governors/volunteer.

The completed form should be returned to the school marked for the attention of Mrs Laney – PA to Headteacher by Monday, 7 June 2021.

GOVERNOR UPDATE

Even though we are still meeting virtually as a governing body we continue to support the school in its strategic decision making. We cannot wait until we are able to get back into school to see all the wonderful things the students are achieving.

As the school gets ready to say goodbye to this years amazing Year 11, we would like to thank the staff for all their hard work and support that they have given them during this unprecedented time. We are positive that everyone’s hard work is appreciated by the students and their parents / carers.

We have a vacancy for a parent governor (see above!) If you’d like to get involved then please contact the school - come and join our supportive and committed team of governors

Here’s to a hopefully normal and fun filled last half term of this academic year.

Stephanie Block
Parent Governor
HALF TERM ACTIVITY!
Royal Holloway University are offering a fantastic opportunity!

Students and their friends / families follow a self-guided trail through the winding backstreets and hidden corners of villages, towns and cities around the UK - local trails include Basingstoke, Odiham, Whitchurch, Winchester and Farnham. Trailers take on the persona of a secret agent, explorer, or detective. Clues need to be deciphered – all found on features within the environment such as statues and plaques – with the answers leading to a final solution. You’ll crack clues along the route to unlock incredible stories from the past and solve the mystery at the end.

Who is it for?
This opportunity is suitable for all students and their families (one Trail per family) up until 6th June 2021 (perfect for May half term). It’s aimed at KS3 but some older students will love it too!

There are several benefits, such as precious family time spent together, as well as a much-needed digital detox and physical exercise (Trails average two miles). There are also subtle curriculum links through literacy, mathematical and problem solving, as well as learning about the local history.

What is the deal?
Trails are normally £9.99 but we have subsidised a 50% discount for students and their families. These can either be downloaded as a PDF file and printed at home or sent in the post (small p&p charge applies).

How does it work?
For more information got to: https://www.treasuretrails.co.uk/

Use this unique 50% discount code: RH-50-3gxd9HDX

Mr. D. Watkins
Deputy Headteacher

GOODBYE YEAR 11!
Year 11 are coming to the end of their journey at BHCS and I would like to take this moment to say what a fantastic, mature, kind and respectful year group they are. Over the past five years they have shone and have done incredibly well in coping with the turbulence of the past year and the multiple Lockdowns. Their attitude to the change in grades and the removal of GCSEs has been outstanding and they deserve every success in the future.

I couldn’t be prouder of the year group and will be very sad to say farewell to them next Friday on their final day.

Well done Year 11, you have been a pleasure and you have made my past five years the best I could ask for.

Good luck with the next steps!

Miss Mercer
Head of Year 11
This half-term, the Modern Foreign Languages department is running a Year 8 club focused on discovering key aspects of the French culture. Our students will learn not only about the mainland French culture, but will also endeavour to acquire some knowledge about overseas French cultures and other French speaking countries.

Whilst exploring historical, cultural and geographical details, our Year 8 will have the pleasure of discovering all sorts of ‘quirky facts’ of what it is to be ‘French’, to try to deconstruct clichés and enlarge students’ perspective on the different cultures, customs and habits that are linked to the French language. We want to go beyond the ‘baguette’ and the ‘Tour Eiffel’ answers, and open our students’ mind to the cultural diversity that this beautiful language entails! This club would be particularly beneficial for students having chosen to study GCSE French next year.

All Year 8 students welcome on Mondays in H8 at lunch time (12:50-1:20pm). Remember to sign up in advance!

Miss Césaire
Teacher of Modern Foreign Languages
RENEWAL OF INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC LESSONS

I am thrilled to be able to introduce the new, digital method of applying for and renewing Instrumental Lessons at BHCS! In the next few weeks I will be sending out an e-mail, with the new terms and conditions and a link to the new online application form, to all the parents and carers of students currently receiving music tuition.

To apply for tuition for the next academic year - 2021-2022 - please complete the online form by the date in the e-mail. If your child wishes to cease lessons at the end of the school year, please e-mail me on: fearwood@brightonhill.hants.sch.uk to ensure that we close your account for September.

Our lessons continue to be fantastic value for money and charges will remain the same as this year! I’m really looking forward to seeing our musical community at BHCS continue to grow!

Miss F Earwood
Head of Music

Virtual Apprenticeship Recruitment Fair:
Tuesday, 8th June 5:00pm - 6:30pm

Interested in an apprenticeship or want to find out more about them?

BCoT’s Virtual Apprenticeship Recruitment Fair is an opportunity for young people, parents and employers.

♦ Watch videos from employers and apprentices, both giving you an insight into how an apprenticeship looks and what is involved
♦ Learn how apprenticeships can work for you with our apprenticeship team, Aspiral Learning, in their Live Q&A session
♦ Apply for a full-time course or apprenticeship

You can attend and find out everything you need to know about an apprenticeship at https://www.bcot.ac.uk/apprenticeship-fair

Mr D Watkins
Deputy Headteacher