

Wednesday 7th September 2022

Year 7 Parents Information Evening



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Absence

- Parents must notify the school on the first day of an unplanned absence – for example, if your child is unable to attend due to ill health – ideally by the start of the school day or as soon as possible. If absence continues, parents are expected to contact the school on each day that the child is absent.
- Parents can notify the school by email, using the following email address - studentabsence@brightonhill.hants.sch.uk.
- You can also call the main school number and either report to reception, or by leaving a voice message (01256 350606).
- Parents should give a reason for your child's absence, and if possible, an estimated duration of absence.



Medical Appointments

- A medical or dental appointment is counted as an authorised absence; advance notice is required for authorising these absences.
- Parents can notify the school of medical appointments using one of the following methods:
 - Provide a note in the student planner which should be shown to the tutor in advance.
 - Email studentabsence@brightonhill.hants.sch.uk
 - Contact the school's reception (01256 350606).



Other Reasons for Absence

- The school considers each application for term-time absence individually, taking into account the specific facts, circumstances and relevant context behind the request. A leave of absence is granted entirely at the headteacher's discretion.
- Headteachers may not grant any leave of absence to pupils during term time unless they consider there to be 'exceptional circumstances'. Exceptional circumstances are explained fully in our policy which can be found on our school website.



Lateness and Punctuality

- Pupils that arrive late (between 8.25 and 8.45am) will be sanctioned according to the school's escalation policy – 'opportunity 1' on the first occasion and 'opportunity 2' on the second occasion. On the 3rd (and every other) occasion an After-School Reflection will be set.
- This escalation procedure will re-start at the beginning of each new term. Tutors will endeavour to inform parents after 'opportunity 2' is given and will communicate with parents each time an After-School Reflection is set (as per the school's behaviour policy).
- Pupils who arrive after 8.45am will sign in at the medical room. The student will then automatically be set an After-School Reflection (without any opportunity).
- Pupils who arrive after 9.35am will be marked as 'U' (arrival after registration) and this will be counted as an unauthorised absence.
- Pupils must provide an explanation (either in writing or by contacting the school) if there is a legitimate reason for their late arrival at school – the school will not sanction students for being late, where the reason is beyond reasonable control of the student and their parent(s).



Safeguarding

- ‘Safeguarding’ is defined in the Children Act 2004 as protecting from maltreatment; preventing impairment of health and development; ensuring that children grow up with the provision of safe and effective care; and work in a way that gives the best life chances and transition to adult hood.
- Our Designated Safeguarding Lead for the whole school is Mr Guy Wilkinson (Assistant Headteacher). The Safeguarding Lead for Year 7 is Mr Dan Du-Heaume, who is also Line Manager for the year group.
- If you have a concern about a child attending BHCS, you can report safeguarding concerns via email – safeguarding@brightonhill.hants.sch.uk



Key Dates

- Parents Evenings –
 - Year 7 Tutor Evening – 19th October 3.30 - 6.30pm Online
 - 7A Parents Evening - 22nd February 3.30 - 6pm Online
 - 7B Parents Evening - 1st March 3.30 - 6pm Online
- Progress Tracker Issuance – 18th October (TA1), 3rd July (TA2).
- Year 7 End of Year Exams – 5th June – 19th June.
- Year 7 Camp – Date TBC – Last half term.



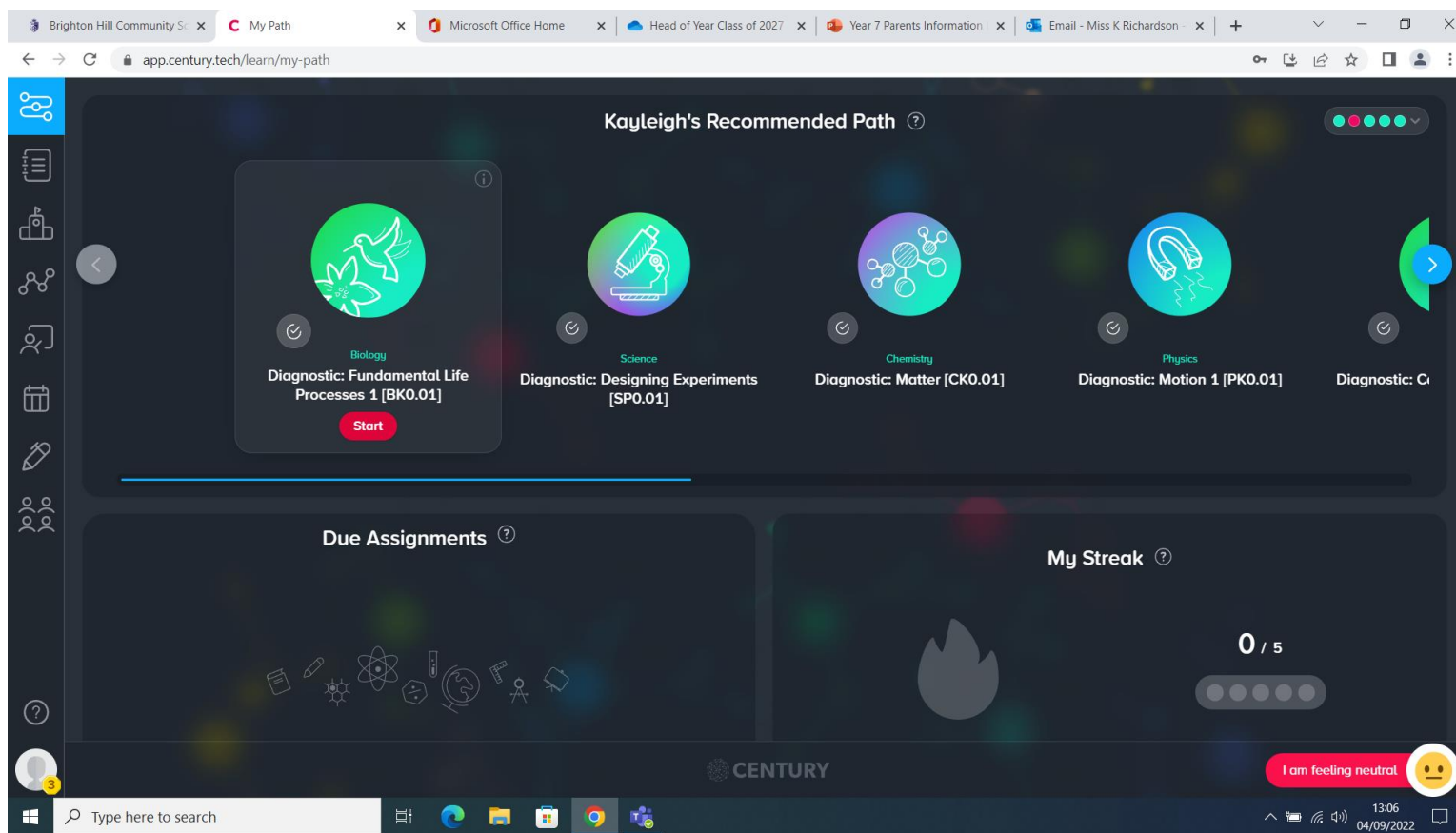
Home Learning

- We acknowledge that this is potentially an area of significant change from primary school and therefore, has the potential to cause anxiety amongst our Year 7 students.
- In order to support our Year 7 students with their transition to secondary school, we will not set home learning during the first 3 weeks of the Autumn term.
- From mid-September until the October half-term, students will only receive home learning in English, Maths and Science only, most likely on Century.
- After October half-term Year 7 students will begin to receive home learning from the full spectrum of subjects they study.



Home Learning - Century

Century can be accessed through the learning zone section on our website by clicking on the icon shown.



Home Learning

- Home learning may require the use of a laptop/computer to complete – if you do not have this available at home, there is a daily home learning club after school, where students can attend to complete home Learning tasks.
- A whole-school extra-curricular timetable will be released and published on our school website which will confirm the room that Home Learning Club will be held in.
- Students are responsible for completion of home learning to the best of their ability and on time – if home learning has not been completed for the assigned time, a Catch Up session will be set.
- If students do not attend the catch up session, an After School Reflection will be set.
- Students must record all home learning tasks in their Student Planner – it is really helpful if parents regularly check their child's planner, and help assist with time management and organisation to ensure home learning is completed.
- Home learning will also be set on TEAMS, students can check here for what they need to complete.
- If students are unsure about any home learning task, they must ensure to seek clarification from the class teacher before the time it is due in.



Clubs and Extra-Curricular

- My advice is for year 7 to get involved in as many extra-curricular clubs as possible – there is an opportunity to learn new skills, and improve skills learnt within curriculum time, they can boost academic performance, improve social skills and assist them in making new friends, and can help them to feel a sense of belonging here at BHCS.
- A whole-school extra-curricular timetable will be published by next week, which will showcase all the amazing events we will have on offer!
- To attend an extra-curricular club, please write a short note in your child's planner giving permission. I.e. I give permission for Jane to attend Boxercise club. Signed xxxx.



Who to Contact at School

- If you have a general query/concern, the first port of call would be your child's tutor. If the query needs to be directed elsewhere, they will be able to pass on to the relevant person.
- If your query related to a specific lesson or subject, then the class teacher should be contacted.
- All staff emails follow the same format – letter of first name, surname, then @brightonhill.hants.sch.uk
- E.g. krichardson@brightonhill.hants.sch.uk
- The class teachers names are featured on your child's timetable, and can also be found on our school website.



Who to Contact at School

7Ev1 - sjohnson@brightonhill.hants.sch.uk

7Ev2 - mkingon@brightonhill.hants.sch.uk

7Hz1 - cnicholson@brightonhill.hants.sch.uk

7Hz2 - mtesse@brightonhill.hants.sch.uk

7Pr1 - fheath@brightonhill.hants.sch.uk

7Pr2 - sbrautigam@brightonhill.hants.sch.uk

7Vy1 - jnicholson@brightonhill.hants.sch.uk

7Vy2 - chroberts@brightonhill.hants.sch.uk



After School Reflection Process

- If your child receives an After School reflection, this will be set on the nearest available day.
- After School Reflections run every Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.
- After School Reflections cannot be moved for any reason other than for a medical appointment, but evidence of the appointment is required to do this.
- Your child will receive a note in their planner for the day the After School Reflection is set, and you will receive either an email or a call from the member of staff setting the Reflection to let you know when it has been set for, and why.
- If a student misses their After School Reflection, they will be in our Personal Reflection Room the following day.



Year 7 Testing Schedule

- At BHCS we run assessments with our students on a variety of occasions throughout their time with us. We are going to be running a series of CAT4 (Cognitive abilities test) assessments with our year 7 students to help us see what their needs are and how we can help them learn and achieve.
- In addition to this, we will be running the following tests produced by Testwise as part of GL Assessment - Progress Test Series (PTS), Pupil Attitude to Self and School (PASS), The New Group reading Test (NGRT) and The New Group Spelling test.
- These tests will take place in either lesson time or tutor time and will take place within the first half term, with the majority happening in the first three weeks of September 2022.
- Students should bring in headphones if possible for these tests.



Questions

Thank you for attending tonight!

If you have any questions, there will be a number of staff here to assist and help answer.

