

## IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 16 July 2021  
School Closes for Summer  
at lunchtime

Monday 6 September 2021  
Year 9 Students only

Tuesday 7 September 2021  
All other students return

Thursday 9 September 2021  
Year 9 Welcome Evening  
at 6.00 pm  
Parents, please to go to the  
School Hall

Friday 22 October 2021  
School Closes for Half Term



**Please check our school website for holiday dates. Other sources are not reliable as they request the information from the Local Authority, not directly from the school.**



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Dear Parents, Guardians and Carers,

This has been a summer term like no other! We have successfully submitted all of our Teacher Assessed Grades and three exam boards came back to us to request a sample. Everyone is now satisfied that our processes and systems are effective and robust, and we look forward to handing out results to Year 13 on Tuesday 10 August and Year 11 on Thursday 12 August.

We have, unfortunately, had to close the Year 9 bubble this half-term and instruct a number of other students to self-isolate. As a result, we were asked to 'surge' test in the last week of June which led to a few more cases in Years 9 and 10 and we are keeping everything crossed that we get to the summer holiday with no more cases. We have been asked to Track and Trace for 2 weeks into the summer break. This could mean that we will contact you if we receive notification of a positive case. In September we have been asked to mass test on return to school and testing will be used instead of isolation. Our new Year 9 students will return to school on Monday 6 September and all other years on Tuesday 7 September.

Years 10 and 12 underwent exam board assessments at the beginning of June. These went very well, on the whole, and were an invaluable experience for our Year 10 students who have not experienced exam conditions previously and our Year 12 who did not sit exams last year. This was about practising exam technique and helping us to identify students who are struggling. Some students found it very difficult sitting in exam conditions but must realise that, from September, failure to follow exam rules will lead to removal from an exam and the destruction of the paper. For most, this was a positive experience and good preparation for next year.

Year 9 have sat assessments and been able to access spaces such as the Science Labs. We know that this half-term has been incredibly disruptive for some of them but we hope that they have enjoyed accessing other parts of the building and being able to run Science experiments.

Thank you to all of you who have supported our high standards and expectations around the school. For the vast majority of students behaviour is outstanding and it makes me so proud to see them working so hard.

We have been able to go ahead with some of our extra-curricular work and it is exciting to run our Duke of Edinburgh expeditions in the last week of term. We have really had to pull back on our end of term activities this year in order to try to prevent further issues with Track and Trace.

I hope that you all have good summer break. Please remind students to take good care, especially around the roads and open water.

Mrs E Robinson

## FAREWELL TO SOME FABULOUS COLLEAGUES

We have a number of staff retiring this year who have given countless years of service to our school. They are:

Mr Briggs, Deputy Headteacher, Mrs Goodwin, Finance Manager, Mrs White, Humanities, Mr Paxton, Physics.

We also have staff leaving us to move to other schools and colleges:

Miss Gilbert, Science, Miss Dyde, Health & Social Care, Mr Marks, Teaching Assistant, Mr Rawson, IT, Mr Rokins, MFL.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all these staff for their tireless commitment to our school. They will be greatly missed but we wish them all the best in their future endeavours.

## YEAR 9 NEWS

### Year 9 Euro 2020 Tournament

Year 9 have been getting into the spirit of the Euro 2020 football tournament by taking part in their own BHS Euro 2020 football tournament! Over 50 Year 9 students signed up to take part and are currently catching up on their fixtures due to the period of self-isolation.

This is the current table as things stand on Wednesday 7 July 2021. As you can see games have been close and competitive.

EURO2020		Group A Table					HBI	
	P: 2/3	Pts: 0	GF: 0	GA: 5	GD: -5			
	P: 2/3	Pts: 3	GF: 4	GA: 3	GD: 1			
	P: 2/3	Pts: 6	GF: 6	GA: 4	GD: 2			
	P: 2/3	Pts: 3	GF: 3	GA: 3	GD: 0			
Date last updated: Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> July 2021								

EURO2020		Group B Table					HBI	
	P: 2/3	Pts: 2	GF: 3	GA: 3	GD: 0			
	P: 2/3	Pts: 4	GF: 6	GA: 5	GD: 1			
	P: 2/3	Pts: 3	GF: 7	GA: 5	GD: 2			
	P: 2/3	Pts: 1	GF: 2	GA: 5	GD: -3			
Date last updated: Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> July 2021								

Please keep an eye on the school's social media channels to find out which team progresses to the semi-finals and wins the tournament on Thursday 15 July!

## YEAR 10 NEWS

### Amazon Fulfilment Centre Tour

Computer Science and IT students in Year 10 and Year 12 have been on a trip to an Amazon warehouse this term – well, virtually at least!

Students were able to see how Amazon operates from their online store to your doorstep, whilst discovering how computer science and state-of-the-art engineering help to deliver customer orders. The tour is focussed on the real world application of the concepts that they learn in the classroom; discovering how algorithms and machine learning power the fulfilment process.

During the tour students were able to interact live with the Amazon Tour Guides and meet the engineers behind the technology. This experience enabled students to consider practical uses of what they had learnt previously, as well as ask career related questions. We hope that in the future, one of our students will be writing algorithms or designing hardware to solve the fulfilment problems of tomorrow!



### Year 10 Euro 2020 Tournament

Year 10 have also been indulging themselves into the spirit of the Euro 2020 football tournament and have been taking part in their own tournament representing a country that was drawn out of a hat!

It has been really pleasing to see all the players grouped together and have a strong team spirit.

On Tuesday 6 July, students took part in the last group game, and the table finished like this;

EURO2020		Group A Table					HBI	
	P: 6/6	Pts: 16	GF: 26	GA: 8	GD: 18			
	P: 6/6	Pts: 13	GF: 27	GA: 21	GD: 6			
	P: 6/6	Pts: 6	GF: 18	GA: 26	GD: -8			
	P: 6/6	Pts: 0	GF: 15	GA: 31	GD: -16			
Date last updated: Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> July 2021								

We had a strong competitive final between Italy and Germany and a 3rd and 4th place play-off between France and England.

England who didn't win a single group game, have managed to come third after winning on penalties in the 3rd place/4th place play-off. Saves from Marcus in goal meant that they won the game after it being level (3-3) at end of normal time.

Well done to Italy who were the overall winners of the tournament.



### The Centre for Advanced Training (CAT) Dance Workshop

On Wednesday 30 June, a group of Year 10 students took part in a contemporary dance workshop delivered by Mayowa from The Centre for Advanced Training (CAT). Mayowa is currently touring with Rosie Kays professional dance company in an adaptation of Romeo and Juliet.

During the workshop we learnt a different approach to contemporary dance that we hadn't tried before. During the first session of the day, we participated in a technique class to prepare us for the later sessions of the day. After a short break we then began learning some set choreography, which incorporated the skills we learnt in the technique exercises. The theme of the dance was how technology has evolved through time. Towards the afternoon Mayowa encouraged us to create some of our own choreography. We were placed into groups and tasked with creating material for the group dance. To end the session Mayowa talked to us about the CAT programme, and 'a day in the life' of a professional dancer.

We enjoyed trying a new style out of our comfort zone. Although it was difficult, it was beneficial and gave us a good insight into a career as a dancer, and the CAT programme at Birmingham Hippodrome.

**Olivia, Niamh, Inarra, and Hannah**



### Bertha our School Dog

'Bertha time' rewards for students working hard in lessons. Bertha also knows if students are upset or anxious about something and she responds accordingly. We see the students in a different light it is so rewarding. Bertha really is a clever dog!



### Miss Gilbert saves 'Bert the Hedgehog'

Miss Gilbert rescued a hedgehog which had got itself stuck in the goal nets on the astro turf. Miss Goodwin gave him some food and popped him into one of our new hedgehog houses where he recuperated and has now fled.



### Reaseheath College

Another resource we access for some of our students is Reaseheath College, it is a joy to watch our students develop. As you can see from the photographs below, they access a wide range of animals from Goats to Kangaroo's!



## School Garden

The revamp of the school garden originally started with a few staff volunteers. Our Duke of Edinburgh students have been volunteering as part of their awards, where they are doing a fabulous job as you can see from the photographs below.



## Libby's Pumpkin Patch Competition

A big thank you to Miss Deavall for suggesting we get involved in the Libby's Pumpkin Patch competition. Mrs Martin sowed them for us and they are now planted in the garden and growing well. Miss Goodwin is in charge of keeping them watered over the summer break! We hope to have a pumpkin patch to return to ready for Halloween!





#### NSPCC Contact Numbers

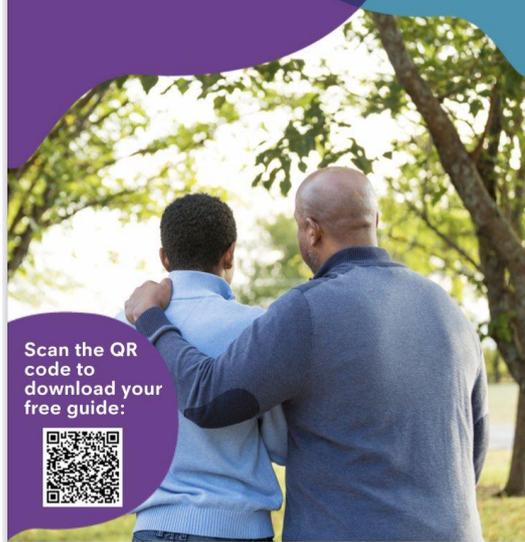
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- ⇒ Email: [help@nspcc.org.uk](mailto:help@nspcc.org.uk)

#### Safeguarding (Child Protection Information) at Biddulph High School

- ⇒ Designated Safeguarding Lead: Mrs E Moss
- ⇒ Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead: Mrs S Marks



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#### Self-help Anxiety Management

This app is helpful for helping the user manage their anxiety. The anxiety tracker can help the user better understand things that make them feel anxious, whilst the self-help toolkit allows them to learn new skills around anxiety management. Some people have found this app helpful to use whilst waiting to access further long-term support or to build on their existing anxiety management skills.



#### Moodometer

This NHS app allows the user to track and understand influences behind their mood. Acting like a mood diary, this app can be helpful in identifying triggers that can impact on low mood and also suggest ways to lift your mood.



#### Grief: Support for Young People

This app was created by Child Bereavement UK and bereaved young people. It targets young people aged between 11-25 years old who have been bereaved and are in need of support. It provides the user with information and real life experiences about feelings such as grief that people may experience following a bereavement. It also offers information about where users can access further support if needed.



#### Calm Harm

This app can be used to help the user manage urges to self-harm. It's a private app and can be password protected. The help and advice provides suggestions of 5-15 minute categorised activities that can help the user 'ride the wave' of an urge to self-harm. The user is signposted to resources that the app determines may be helpful. These suggestions are based on the users answers to questions about what triggered their urge to self-harm.



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## Learn a musical instrument at school!

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Music, like language, is a fundamental part of human existence and of the societies in which we live. The opportunity to learn to play an instrument enables children to participate in an activity which many will find to be one of the most formative experiences they have as they grow up, developing an interest and a skill which opens up so many possibilities now and in later life. A bonus is that involvement in music has been shown to have a positive effect on other aspects of development—social skills, language, physical coordination and emotional development.

[Click here to watch a short video!](#)



#### Why Choose Music for Life?

Music for Life offers children something special. We work in partnership with over 100 music tutors who visit 130 schools teaching 4,000 children each week from complete beginners to some of the most accomplished young musicians in the UK. Two national independent reviews of school music services rated Music for Life an "outstandingly effective service" offering parents and schools "outstanding value".

Instrumental lessons take place during the school day, convenient for parents and meaning students become part of a wider community of young musicians in school, avoiding the isolation that can be felt when learning at home. Thousands of students take part in our extra curricular activities—workshop days, concerts and groups, with many taking Associated Board exams. All tutors are DBS checked, and to work with Music for Life, tutors must be first class musicians and are required to meet professional performance standards.



#### Instruments Offered

Lessons may be available on guitar, piano, keyboard and violin (usually suitable for Year 2 or above) cello, clarinet, saxophone, flute, cornet, trombone, trumpet and euphonium (usually suitable for Year 4 or above) bass guitar, drums and singing (usually only available at secondary school). If we are unable to provide lessons on your first choice, we will contact you with the possibility of offering lessons on a second choice if you specify one. [Click here](#) for videos on a selection of instruments that are currently taught in school!



#### Course Fees

Specialist teaching of a musical instrument falls outside the National Curriculum, so there is a charge for lessons. This varies as some schools provide a subsidy, but up to date details of course fees for your school appear on our booking form [here](#). Music for Life offers the facility to set up a monthly subscription which makes paying for music lessons so much easier! Support with fees may be available, so please get in touch with your school for details if you are in receipt of Income Support.

#### Book Lessons

Lessons can be booked online at [www.musicforlife.org.uk](http://www.musicforlife.org.uk) where you will find much more information and a simple online booking form where you can make payment in full or set up a monthly subscription via our secure booking portal. The course length will be set automatically according to the time of year you book and how many lessons we would expect to provide during the remainder of the school year, but all new courses are only committed to the 12 week "taster" period. After that, you may choose to try another instrument, cancel remaining lessons, or join the 95% of children who decide to continue with their course! Alternatively, please email [admin@musicforlife.org.uk](mailto:admin@musicforlife.org.uk) and we will get back to you.



Recently, we have had great success in lessons online through Skype. If lessons are not possible in school or you would like some information regarding Skype lessons, please get in touch with us at [admin@musicforlife.org.uk](mailto:admin@musicforlife.org.uk) or select the option of online lessons on the booking portal.

*"We have been extremely pleased with the service you have provided over the past 9 years. Your admin has been excellent and you have always been helpful and polite."*

*"May I take this opportunity to say how very happy and impressed we are with the level of care and motivational input given to young musicians by ALL of your staff"*

*"A big 'THANK YOU!' to Music for Life for the wonderful service and great teaching for quite a number of years!"*



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#### Deadlines for course bookings are as follows:

End of July to start in September, although later bookings will be accommodated wherever possible.

20th October to start after October half term

21st December to start in January

31st March to start after Easter

Please note, we are able to accommodate almost all requests received before the end of July for a September start, after this, teachers may get booked up and new places can become more limited.



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Main switchboard: 01782 523977

SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES 2021 - 2022			
<b>Term 1</b> Autumn 2021	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2021	INSET – school closed to students	
	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2021	INSET – school closed to students	
	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> September 2021	Year 9 students return	
	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> September 2021	All students return	
	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October 2021	School closes	
	<b>Half Term Monday 25<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> October</b>		
<b>Term 2</b> Spring 2022	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> November 2021	INSET – school closed to students	
	Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November 2021	School opens to all students	
	Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> December 2021	CPD INSET – school closed to students	
	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> December 2021	School closes at lunchtime (12.35pm)	
	<b>Christmas Holidays Monday 20<sup>th</sup> December – Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> January</b>		
	Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2022	School opens to all students	
<b>Term 3</b> Summer 2022	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> February 2022	INSET - School closed to students	
	<b>Half Term Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> February</b>		
	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> February 2022	School opens to all students	
	Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> April 2022	School closes	
	<b>Easter Holidays Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> April</b>		
	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> April 2022	School opens to all students	
<b>Term 3</b> Summer 2022	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May 2022	School closed for Bank Holiday	
	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May 2022	School closes	
	<b>Half Term Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June</b>		
	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June 2022	School opens to all students	
	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2022	School closes at lunchtime (12.35pm)	
	<b>Summer Holiday Monday 25<sup>th</sup> July – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September</b>		

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Freestyle & Street.....5:15-6:00  
(Ages 9-12)

**Monday- Biddulph High School**

Heels.....6:45-7:30  
(Ages 14+)  
Contemporary.....7:30-8:15  
(Ages 14+)  
Adult Disco.....8:15-9:00  
Adult Tap.....9:00-9:30

**Wednesday - The Victoria Centre**

Nursery Ballet & Freestyle.....4:30-5:00  
(Ages 2-4)  
Musical Theatre.....5:00-5:30  
(Ages 4-8)  
Introduction to Ballet.....5:30-6:00  
(Ages 5-8)  
Freestyle.....6:00-6:30  
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