Parents' Bulletin

23rd October '26

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"Great things are done by a series of small things brought together."— Vincent van Gogh

Key Dates

Coming Up:

- School closes for half term - 23rd Oct
- School reopens for Autumn 2 - 2nd Nov
- Year 11 and Year 13 Mock Exams begin -

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Headteacher's Message

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As we reach the end of another busy half term, I wanted to take the opportunity to reflect on the progress we continue to make at Biddulph High School and share some of the things that make me proud of our school community.

Our MyFutures curriculum continues to develop, with students benefiting from opportunities to work with employers and develop the skills and experiences that will support them in the future. We were also pleased to welcome representatives from the Department for Education, who visited to look at our curriculum as an example of good practice. This is something we should be proud of and reflects the work taking place across the school.

I have also enjoyed visiting both James Bateman and Woodhouse to meet with parents and talk about the opportunities available at Biddulph High School. I am grateful for the positive conversations and the questions that parents asked. Alongside this, we have held our second Parent Forum meeting, which continues to provide an important opportunity for us to listen to parents and work together to improve our school.

Our Year 9 students have been making progress with their 100 Challenge, and it has been encouraging to hear students reporting a greater sense of belonging in school. This is important to me. We want every student to feel part of our community, to be known as an individual and to have the opportunity to succeed.

This week, I also met with a group of Year 13 students to talk about their experiences in our Sixth Form. They were extremely positive about the support they receive, particularly how well their teachers know them as individuals, and spoke about the improvements they have seen over the last year. It was good to hear this directly from students and reflects the progress we continue to make with our post-16 provision.

As a quick reminder - When we return after half term, our Year 11 and 13 students will begin their mock examinations, I would encourage all of them to revise and prepare for these exams.

I also want to recognise the work of our SEND team, who have received a great deal of positive feedback from both parents and external organisations working with the school. It is important that we recognise this work and the difference it makes to our students and families.

We know there are still areas where we need to improve, and we remain committed to doing so. We continue to listen to our students and parents, strengthen our links with the wider community and respond to the feedback we receive.

I am proud of the progress we are making, but equally clear that there is more to do. We remain committed to improving the experiences and opportunities for all our students and continuing to make Biddulph High School a school that our community can be proud of.

Thank you for your continued support, and I hope everyone has an enjoyable half-term break.

Mr D Robinson

Executive Headteacher

Family Forum

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Social Sciences Students of the fortnight

Mrs Acton

Y10 Sevin L Sophie W
Y11 Tilly R Meghan J
Y12 Scarlett M
Y13 David S Bella P



Miss Lakatos

Y10 Alex L & Tilly B
Y11 Sophia A & Orla B
Y12 Libby B
Y13 Alice C

Ms Bowden

Yr10 Lizzie RP
Yr12 Vittoria
Yr13 Phoebe Alisha C
Bella

Mrs Heath

Y10 Kittie D & Scarlett A
Y11 Keira A & Mason A
Y13 Aaron &Jenson

Celebrations

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Business Excellence Award

16TH OCTOBER 2026

GJO	MSC	SST	RSC
Y10 Lacey N	Y10 Sophie S	Y10 Lily R	Y10 Amelia B
Y11 Tilly R	Y11 Mia F & Freya W	Y11 Jessica N	Y11 Sam S
BH6 Ethan E	BH6 Brodie B & Bryony B	BH6 Olly N & Mady G	BH6 Bryony B & Ruby W

We're so proud of you all!

The Business Team

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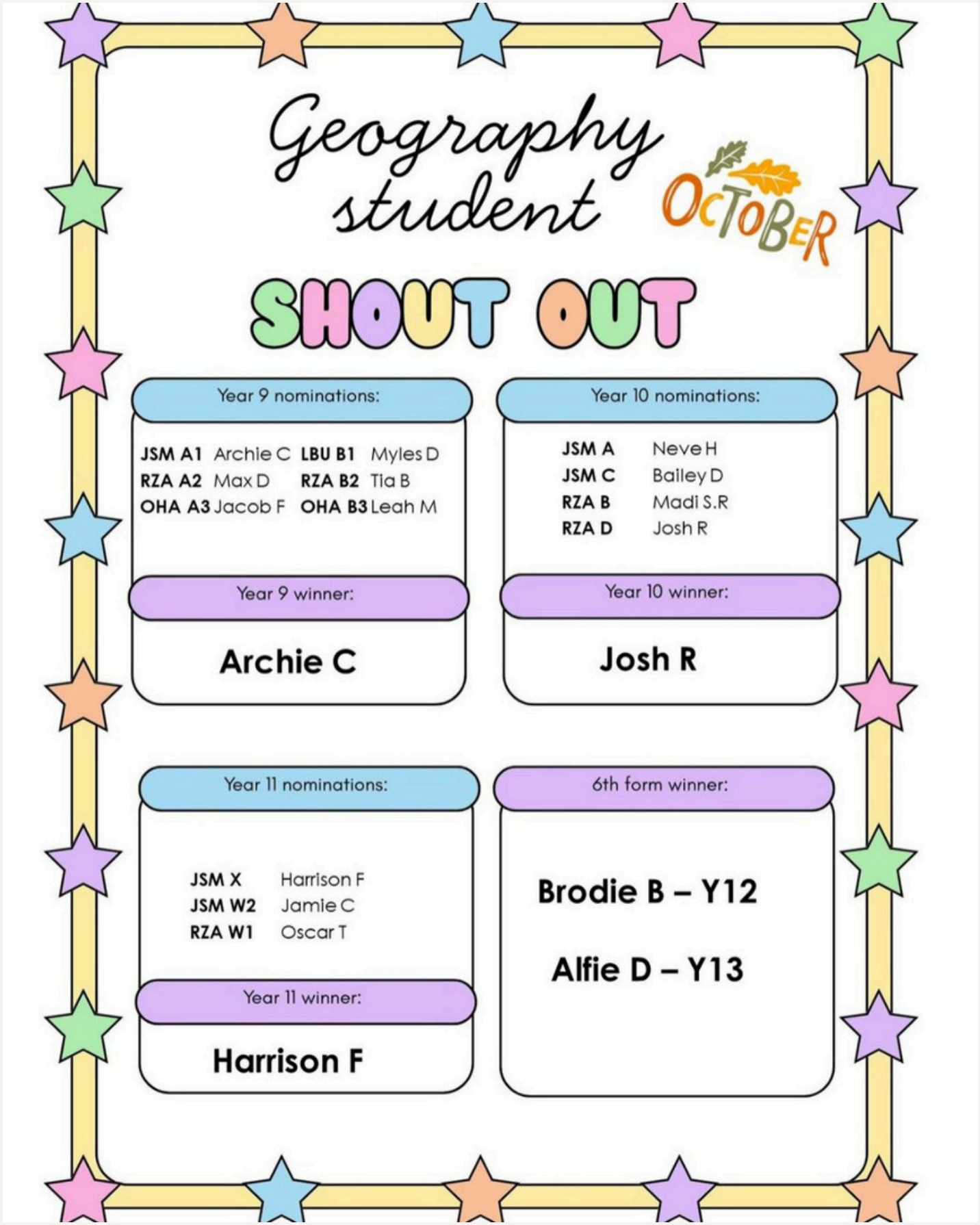

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Scientist of the Fortnight

12th - 23rd October

Year	Student and Reason	Teacher
10	Edie W - Excellent answers to questions in Biology.	Mr Williams
10	Aden R - Excellent effort in recent lessons.	Mr Woolhouse
13	Mason C - Resilience and effort in Biology.	Mrs Woolhouse
10	Georgia B - For excellent contributions in chemistry lessons - alkali metals reactivity expert!	Dr Spicer
11	Imogen K - great effort in Physics assessment. Top of the class.	Ms Edwards
12	Vittoria G - engagement in A level biology.	Miss Castro

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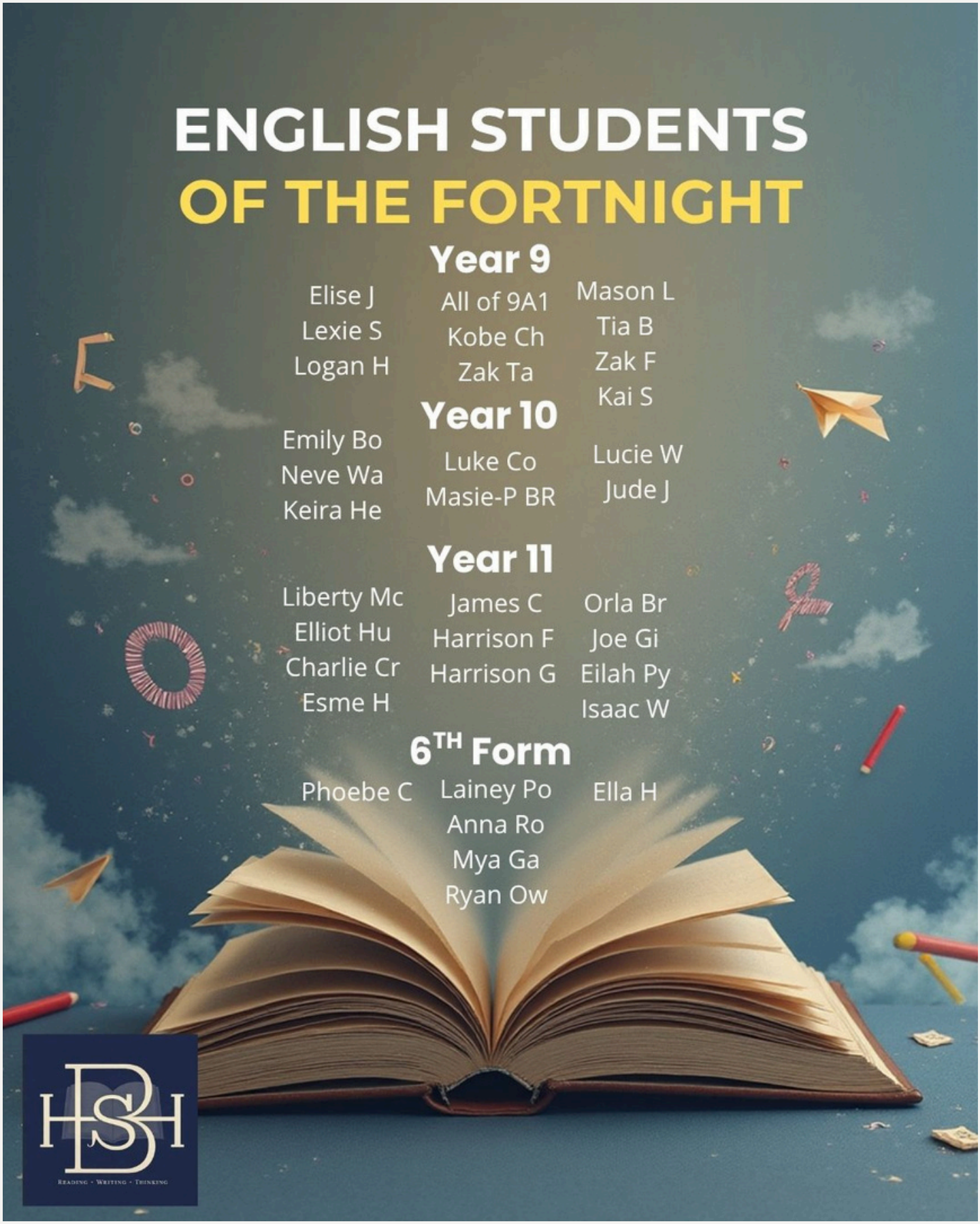

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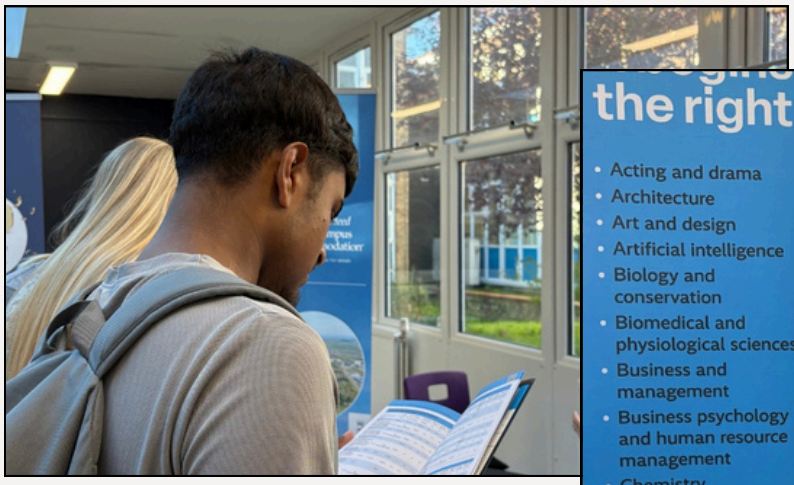
University Open Day at BH6

Our Year 12 and 13 students enjoyed meeting universities, exploring their options, and gaining valuable insight into life after sixth form. A huge thank you to all the university representatives who joined us and inspired our students today!





BH6 Visit to Parliament!

A cancelled train and plenty of rain couldn't dampen the spirits of our BH6 students on today's trip to London!

After lunch, we enjoyed a walking tour of the capital, taking in Covent Garden, Trafalgar Square, Horse Guards Parade, the Household Cavalry and Downing Street before finally arriving at the Houses of Parliament.

Wet but still smiling, we began our tour in the historic Westminster Hall before moving into Central Lobby. Students then had the opportunity to observe proceedings in both Houses, hearing discussions about Northern Ireland in the House of Commons and a debate on the social care workforce in the House of Lords. It was a fantastic opportunity to see democracy in action, develop an understanding of how Parliament works and learn more about the roles of MPs and members of the House of Lords.



Unfortunately, our planned meeting with Karen Bradley MP couldn't go ahead, but we hope to welcome her into school soon to answer the thoughtful questions students had prepared.

Our students represented BH6 with maturity, enthusiasm and curiosity throughout the day. Despite the travel disruption and rather soggy weather, they remained positive and gained a valuable insight into how our country is governed. A memorable day of learning beyond the classroom!

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On Friday 9th October we celebrated World Mental Health Day with a wonderful Instaframe produced by Mrs Hargreaves and her Art Club. Wonderful to see so many students keen for a snap!

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A huge congratulations to Scarlet P, who has made us incredibly proud this weekend! 🌟
Competing with the Tribe Dance Academy at the Calling U Out Bury Street and Contemporary Edition, Scarlet achieved an amazing three medals:
🥇 1st place with the street dance team
🥉 3rd place with the contemporary team
🏅 4th place in the street solo
What a fantastic achievement, Scarlet! We are so proud of you and all your hard work. Well done! 💙

Spotlight

Pastoral: Year 9

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What a fantastic first half term it's been for our Year 9 students at Biddulph High School!

Over the past eight weeks, our students have made a brilliant start, embracing school life and demonstrating our CARE values of Community, Aspiration, Respect and Excellence.

We've also launched our exciting myFUTURE Challenge 100, and I'm delighted that 50 students have already completed their first ten challenges, earning their first milestone certificate!

This week, we celebrated even more achievements in our Celebration Assembly, recognising students with 100% attendance, zero behaviour points, and some fantastic prize winners!c

A quick reminder that we have just 12 places remaining on our Ullswater residential, so don't miss out on this fantastic opportunity!

Finally, thank you to our students and families for such a positive start. Have a wonderful, restful half-term break, and we look forward to seeing everyone back in November!

Trip with Future Ready Future Students to the YMCA

Last Wednesday, our Year 9 students had a fantastic day at the YMCA, developing their confidence, communication and employability skills while exploring the world of work. 💼✨

A big thank you to the YMCA for supporting such a valuable experience! 👏



BIDDULPH HIGH SCHOOL

WEEKLY REVISION TIMETABLE

Take regular breaks to recharge, refuel and maintain momentum!

Break

Key areas of revision to focus on this week:

1.
2.
3.
4.
5.
6.
7.

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Sunday

BIDDULPH HIGH SCHOOL

Year 11
Revision and Support Sessions
Autumn 2026

Potteries Educational Trust

Week A & Week B

Lunch Sessions

REFUEL
REVISE
SUCCEED

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Mr Wynn Strive Support 135	**Graphics 121** Mr Halfpenny **216 Independent homework / revision club** (any subject) Mr Moody	**Maths – Miss Hughes & Mr Amison** **Product Design 122** AHA/SHA **Art & Textiles LPR 127** **German Room 201**	**Computer Science** Mr Moody 216 **Graphics 121** Mr Halfpenny **Mr Wynn** Strive Support 135 2nd half lunch	**Mr Wynn** Strive Support 135 2nd half lunch

After School Sessions (3.15 – 4.00pm)

EXTRA SUPPORT
HIGHER PROGRESS
BRIGHTER FUTURES

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
English- Class Teacher Along the English corridor **Science** Physics week A in 218 with DWO DWO trilogy Physics Monday B in 218 JWO separates Biology Monday B in 219 SWI/GSP/ZBA Biology/ chemistry on rotation each week in 209	No after school session listed.	**History** Medicine Through Time 103 Miss Harkin **Geography** Closing Gaps Mrs Horton-Smart/Mrs Zacune 101 (starting 4th November) **Maths Revision/Independent Study** Library Mr Wynn **BTEC Digital IT** Miss Clee 133	**Monthly Business Studies Masterclass** 1 hour – Mrs St Clair in 117 2nd Thursday of each month starting in October (08/10, 12/11, 10/12 etc.) **Product Design 122 / Graphics 121 / Art & Textiles 127** AHA, SHA & LPR Week A&B **Independent Study** Library Mr Wynn	No after school session listed.

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Notices and Reminders

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Current Vacancies

To find out more please visit our recruitment website
https://recruit.sampeople.co.uk/Jobboard/Trust/potterieseducationaltrust

Attendance

Please keep an eye out for attendance clinic invites sent via arbor. This is an opportunity to promote good and consistent attendance with our Attendance Officer and any barriers that we may not be aware of. If you have not received an invite and would like to speak to Mrs Jackson please do not hesitate to contact the school office.



CARE Ready Cards

Monday 2 November sees the introduction of our CARE Cards to all lower school students. This is to promote and support students being ready to learn with their equipment, correct uniform and responsible conduct in the corridors. The CARE Card has been designed to support our high expectations and help students develop positive habits that enable them to get the very best from their education alongside promoting the schools values of community, ambition, respect and excellence

All students will have information shared to them during their first day back assembly and will receive their own CARE Ready Card.

Thank you to the members of the parent forum who provided valuable feedback that will help support all of our learners in maintaining those positive standards and expectations.



I would like to take this opportunity to remind parents, carers and students of our uniform and behaviour standards but also thank everyone for their support in maintaining these as we move to the close of this half term.

Our uniform policy remains the same and can be found online ready for all our students to return in the new half term looking smart and ready for the challenges and opportunities the next 7 weeks will bring.

Miss Tracey

Potteries Educational Trust



Click the photo to check our uniform expectations.

FACE

November Timetable

All regular sessions delivered live online via zoom. 90 minutes long

£24 each or FREE with School Membership

Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk

Recordings available for 48 hours

Introduction to OCD	2 Nov 10am
Raising Self-Esteem	2 Nov 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep	3 Nov 10am
Decreasing Depression	3 Nov 7pm
Supporting a Child with ADHD	9 Nov 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	9 Nov 7pm
What is ACT?	10 Nov 10am
Improving Family Communication	10 Nov 7pm
Autism: Improving Communication	16 Nov 10am
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	16 Nov 7pm
Understanding the Teenage Brain	17 Nov 10am
Understanding Anger	17 Nov 7pm
FREE - Responding to Stress & Anxiety	19 Nov 7-8pm
Anxiety Explained	23 Nov 10am
Facing Defiance	23 Nov 7pm
Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness	24 Nov 10am
School Anxiety	24 Nov 7pm

FOUNDATION

OCTOBER FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

Thursday 29th October

12:30pm - 4:30pm (Registration from 12pm)

Power League, Trentham Lakes ST4 4TN



- Open to young people school years **9,10** and **11**
- **5** & **7 a side** depending on age
- Deadline for registration **Tuesday 27th October**
- Winning team will **represent Stoke City Foundation** in a fixture within a fixture against another championship club
- **FREE** Educational Workshop on fire safety, delivered by Staffordshire Fire & Rescue Service

For more information send email to:
lewis.mcmurdo@stokecityfc.com

Sports Participation Sponsor **theinsulationshop.co.uk**

In association with Premier League Kicks, Staffordshire Police, Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service



STOKIES HAVE YOUR SAY

Tuesday 27th October

Bet 365 Stadium, ST44EG
1pm - 4pm

Empowering young people to have a voice to impact their City

Including:

- Lunch
- Stadium tour

STOKE CITY FOUNDATION

Community Engagement Sponsor

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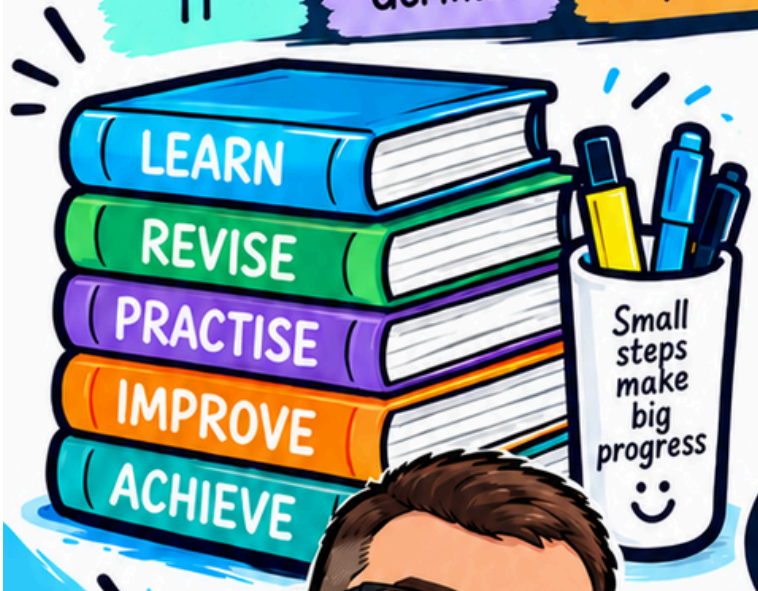
INDEPENDENT HOMEWORK / REVISION CLUB

Need a quiet space to work?

Make progress on your terms!

ANY SUBJECT

Maths | English | Science | History | Geography
IT | German | Computer Science | Business | ...and more!



WHEN? TUESDAY LUNCH TIME

WHERE? ROOM 216

YOU NEED TO COLLECT A PASS TO GAIN ACCESS

WITH MR MOODY



- GET SUPPORT
- BUILD CONFIDENCE
- MAKE PROGRESS
- WORK INDEPENDENTLY
- ACHIEVE YOUR GOALS

ALL WELCOME!

Community • Ambition • Respect • Excellence

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SCIENCE REVISION

After-school sessions

SEPARATE PHYSICS

- Monday • Week A
- Period 6 • **Room 218**
- DWO
- 3:20pm–4:00pm

TRILOGY PHYSICS

- Monday • Week B
- Period 6 • **Room 218**
- DWO
- 3:20pm–4:00pm

SEPARATE BIOLOGY

- Monday • Week B
- Period 6 • **Room 219**
- JWO
- 3:20pm–4:00pm

TRILOGY BIOLOGY & CHEMISTRY

- Wednesday
- Weekly subject rotation
- After school • **Room 209**
- SWI / GSP / ZBA
- 3:20pm–4:00pm

BTEC Digital IT

EXAMINATION is in January!

40% of the course

EXAM DATE
Wednesday 13th January

AM
1 hour 30 minutes

Be prepared



HOSTED BY ZAC SQUARED

CHESS CLUB

FIRST MEETING
Tuesday 13th October in 215
Lunchtime

Come for the challenge, stay for the friendships, and make every game a memorable experience

BIDDULPH TOWN HALL COMMUNITY

Help Us Build Something Amazing

NATURE
ART
WELLBEING
COMMUNITY

TOGETHER WE CAN CREATE SOMETHING WONDERFUL

WE NEED PARENTS & VOLUNTEERS

Our students are creating a large community art exhibition for Biddulph Town Hall, opening on the

8th May

We now need your practical help to build, create and prepare the exhibition!

YOU CAN HELP WITH...

- CONSTRUCTING DISPLAY CUBES & PLINTHS
- BUILDING EXHIBITION FEATURES
- PRIMING & PAINTING
- CREATING DECORATIONS & INSTALLATIONS
- TRANSPORTING & SETTING UP
- GENERAL HELP

VOLUNTEER SESSIONS

Wednesdays (after school)
3.20pm – 4.20pm

Biddulph High School
Art Department

Stay for however long you like – every bit of help makes a difference!

SKILLS & SUPPORT WE NEED

- Painting boxes
- Making plinths and display stands
- Collecting upcycled materials (e.g. artificial plants, lighting, square lampshades)
- Printing fabric
- Donating supplies (paint, brushes, wood, fixings, etc.)
- General practical help



THE EXHIBITION

The finished exhibition will be at Biddulph Town Hall on the **8th May.**

Help us create something our whole community can be proud of!

GET IN TOUCH

SHargreaves@bhs.potteries.ac.uk

Ask for Ms Hargreaves on 01782 523977

If you have any questions or would like to get involved, please contact me.

SUPPORT YOUNG PEOPLE | CREATE SOMETHING UNIQUE | BRING OUR COMMUNITY TOGETHER | MAKE A LASTING IMPACT

NATURE | CREATIVITY | WELLBEING | COMMUNITY

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GCSE BUSINESS STUDIES MASTERCLASS

FOR YEAR 11

Targeted GCSE Business Studies masterclasses to help you with:

TRICKY TOPICS

Clear explanations and practical tips for the areas that challenge you most.

EXAM TECHNIQUE

Learn how to approach questions, manage your time and get the marks you deserve.

GENERAL SUPPORT

Ask questions, get guidance and build your confidence in Business Studies.

WHEN?
2nd Thursday of the month

3.15 – 4pm

WHERE?
117

WHO?
Mrs St Clair & Mrs Jones

Starting Thursday 8th October

SMALL STEPS. BIG IMPROVEMENTS.

BIDDULPH HIGH SCHOOL & BIDDULPH TOWN HALL

Partner With Us

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LOCAL BUSINESSES MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE

SUPPORT CREATIVITY • WELLBEING • COMMUNITY

A COMMUNITY ART EXHIBITION AT BIDDULPH TOWN HALL

OPENING AT THE END OF APRIL

Our students are creating a large community art exhibition celebrating nature, creativity and mental wellbeing, and we are looking for local businesses to support this exciting project.

TOGETHER WE CAN CREATE A BRIGHTER, HEALTHIER COMMUNITY

- SUPPORT YOUNG PEOPLE
- INVEST IN YOUR COMMUNITY
- PROMOTE WELLBEING
- BE PART OF SOMETHING MEANINGFUL

HOW YOUR BUSINESS CAN SUPPORT

DONATE MATERIALS
(e.g. paint, wood, cardboard, plants, fabric, lighting, etc.)

OFFER SERVICES OR EXPERTISE
(e.g. lighting, sound, transport, printing, construction, design)

SUPPORT WELLBEING EXPERIENCES
(e.g. sound baths, meditation sessions, nature-based activities)

GET INVOLVED
Share ideas, resources or help in ways that suit your business.

WE ARE ESPECIALLY INTERESTED IN SUPPORT WITH:

- Lighting and sound for the exhibition
- Sound baths and natural healing sounds to complement the exhibition
- Recycled and upcycled materials
- Plants, planters and natural decorative features
- Art materials and tools
- Printing services (fabric, signage, etc.)
- Transport or storage support
- Any ideas or services that promote mental health, wellbeing or spiritual growth through nature and art.

YOUR SUPPORT HELPS US:

- Create an inspiring exhibition for our community
- Give young people real opportunities to be creative
- Promote positive mental health and wellbeing
- Bring people together through nature and art
- Showcase the amazing support from local businesses
- Help make Biddulph an even stronger, more connected community.



GET IN TOUCH

If your business can donate, offer assistance or would like to discuss how you can support this project, we'd love to hear from you.

SHargreaves@bhs.potteries.ac.uk
or
Ask for Ms Hargreaves
01782 523977

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Family Hub Staffordshire

BEST START IN LIFE

Staffordshire County Council

ARE YOU IN NEED OF ITEMS OF SCHOOL UNIFORM?

WE CAN HELP!



At the Family Hub, we have a stock of **NON-NAMED** school uniform items available.

These include T-shirts, shirts, trousers and skirts.

GOOD QUALITY PRE-LOVED UNIFORMS available **FREE OF CHARGE** to families.

NEED SOMETHING?

We're here to help!

If you are in need of any school uniform items, please contact us:

01782 297970

familyhubadminmoorlands@staffordshire.gov.uk

SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITY AND HELPING FAMILIES *TOGETHER*

Pop in and see us!

SUPPORTING FAMILIES

BUILDING CONFIDENCE

SUPPORTING HOUSEHOLD BUDGETS

STRONGER COMMUNITIES