

BODMIN COLLEGE

PARENT BULLETIN

December 2017

Striving for excellence by putting the learner first

Message from the Principal

Whilst we await official cheques it gives me great pleasure to note that we have now reached the amount required to develop a new sensory facility for students at Bodmin College. Thank you to everyone who participated, helped with raising money and engaged as a supporter of the project; we now look forward to the development and a grand opening.

With regard to students taking examinations they should now be organised with their revision materials and a plan for the forthcoming term. The pressure throughout the next period of time will increase and, as such, students are requested to attend well and ask if they are not sure about any facet of their learning. They must also revise at home AND plan this revision so it is effective. Please take note of the updated Clubs and Activities brochure for the Spring term as there are additional opportunities for students to attend one, or more, after-hours sessions to help them with their revision in specific subject areas.

Please note that as soon as the Ofsted report is made available it will be posted on our website.

I wish you all a very restful and enjoyable Christmas holiday.

B Elliott

Emergency School Closure Procedures

As the weather is getting colder, we write to confirm the College's closure procedures for parents.

Please see attached for the latest guidance for parents issued by Cornwall Council.

Out of Hours Closure: Should the decision be taken out of hours to close the college, we will contact Cornwall Council so that they may add us to their website and contact the local media for announcements. A notice will also go onto the College website. Should staff be able to access the College site during the closure, a text message to parents will be sent; however, please note that this may not be possible in some circumstances, for example, extreme weather.

School Hours Closure: Should a decision be taken to close the college during school hours, we will contact all parents by text giving details on how to collect your child/how students will be released safely from College. Cornwall Council will also be informed (for their website and local media notification) and a notice will be put on our website.

To ensure you receive any information about closures, please remember to advise us of any changes to your contact details.

New arrangements for parents' evenings

We will be trialling a new online booking system for parents' evenings in 2018. This facility will allow parents/carers to make bookings on line via the parents evening website from your computer, smartphone or tablet. We can of course still help parents who do not have internet access. Details of this will be laid out in future letters.

The first parents' evening using the new online booking system will be Year 8 on January 18th 2018. The website is very easy to use and also has a facility called 'automatic booking wizard' - with the information you provide it will calculate the best order of appointments for you to save time.

More information to follow. Year 8 parents will be receiving a letter through the post with all the instructions.

Year 11 Notices

Mock Exams: Mocks will be taking place from 19th – 26th February (inclusive). Year 11 students have access to a bank of online revision resources (see attached to this bulletin).

Post-16 Applications: Year 11 students are currently receiving support with completing draft Post16 application forms during tutor time. As part of this programme they are completing their CVs and personal statements as well as receiving tips on interview technique. Sixth form interviews commence 15th January 2018 – appointment letters will be sent out.

Holocaust Memorial Commemoration

The College will be holding a Holocaust Memorial Commemoration on 26 January in the Studio. 6.00pm to 7.30pm. All welcome.

Dates to Remember

20 Dec: Christmas Jumper Day
20 Dec: LAST DAY OF TERM (Sixth form leave at lunchtime)
4 Jan: FIRST DAY OF NEW TERM
15 Jan: Sixth form interviews commence
18 Jan: Year 8 parents' evening (see notice above)
25 Jan: Year 11 parents' evening (see notice above)
1 Feb: Year 11 photos
1 Feb: Year 8 options evening

WE WISH YOU A MERRY
CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW
YEAR



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Safeguarding: Bodmin College has a duty of care over each one of its pupils and will deal with issues sensitively and in accordance with statutory requirements. Designated Safeguarding Leads: Ms L Carter and Mrs S Gilbert

Young Carers: We would appreciate knowing if any of our students are actively engaged as 'carers' in order that any support available may be accessed.

Free School Meals: Are you eligible? Follow this link, or contact Mr Greagsby at the College, for more information: <https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/default.aspx?page=20132>