

# BODMIN COLLEGE

## PARENT BULLETIN

February 2019

*Striving for excellence by putting the learner first*

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### Message from the Principal

As I write this, the sun is shining, Year 10, 11 and 13 mock exams are underway and the final rehearsals for Chicago are taking place. A busy month lies ahead and there is a very positive buzz around the College.

Please note that there are several date changes outlined in this month's bulletin and also news of a very exciting event coming to the College in the Summer term, the Cornwall School Games. It was fantastic to see so many parents, carers and students at the Year 8 Options Evening and I look forward to seeing many more parents and carers in the months to come.

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### Cornwall School Games 2019

It has been long awaited and finally the time has come to announce the arrival of the annual Cornwall School Games to Bodmin College. Having been involved in the running of the games since they first began in 2011, we are very excited to be hosting this fantastic event in conjunction with the Cornwall Sports Partnership, University of Exeter and Better Bodmin Leisure Centre. On Friday 28 June we will be opening our doors to over 3000 teachers and athletes from primary and secondary schools all over Cornwall in a wide range of different sporting and cultural events. In the run up to this event there are both sporting and non-sporting opportunities including a sculpture club

and competition using recycled plastic.

To find out more, visit

[www.cornwallsportspartnership.co.uk/cornwallschoolgames](http://www.cornwallsportspartnership.co.uk/cornwallschoolgames) or Google Cornwall School Games 2019.

### Make up and nails

We want students to focus on their learning, and to get on well with others in their classes and at social times. We do not want to encourage an environment where students are competing in terms of their appearance or how 'fashionable' they look which can detract from their learning and also create problems with self-esteem. We therefore have a 'No Make-Up' policy for Year 7/8 students and a 'Natural Approach' for Year 9-11. Full guidance including FAQs is attached.

### Coats

Although the weather has been unseasonably warm, the weather can still be cold and wet and we would appreciate parents and carers encouraging students to wear coats to ensure that they arrive at College, and return home again, in a warm, dry state.

Please note that hoodies are not to be worn.

We would also request that coats are named so that if lost or mislaid, they can be returned to their owner as soon as possible.

### New Aspens Menu

Please find attached the new menu from Aspens for your information.

Aspens have also installed a hot drinks machine in the Robartes refectory for student use before school and at break and lunchtime.

As mentioned in previous bulletins, Aspens also open before school for students to purchase breakfast if they wish.

### Dates to Remember / Important Date Changes

5 Mar	Funding Evening (Sixth Form)
6-8 Mar	Chicago
8-11 Mar	Year 8 Paris trip
15 Mar	Non uniform day (Comic Relief)
18 Mar	Year 8/9 immunisations <b>New Date:</b> Year 11 Parent's evening and Mock results evening
21 Mar	Year 12/13 Parent's evening
28 Mar	<b>New Date:</b> Year 10 Parent's evening
9 May	<b>New Date:</b> year 7 Parent's evening

### Year 7 and Year 10 Parent's evenings

Due to the exam dates now being confirmed, we have made the decision to swap the Year 7 and Year 10 parent's evenings around so that Year 7 moves from 28 March to the new date of 9 May and Year 10 moves from 9 May to 28 March. This will allow Year 10 parents and students to meet with English teachers in good time before the actual Year 10 English Literature exams on 15 and 23 May. Apologies for the change but we

hope that this will benefit both students and parents of both year groups.

### Year 11 Parent's Evening

Following the snow causing us to postpone the Year 11 Parent's evening on 31 January please note that the new date also coincides with the Year 11 Mock results evening. This has been done to allow parents and students the opportunity to discuss mock results in greater depth whilst also preventing parents from having to commit time to two separate evenings. Original appointment times still stand so no need to make new ones but please allow at least 15-20 minutes BEFORE your first appointment to collect results from the Sixth Form Centre.

### MoMo Challenge

The Momo challenge is the latest in a series of online challenges that emerge and cause enormous concern.

Parents and Carers are asked to speak to their child to ensure that they know who to go to if they are worried and parents are advised to report any contact through the appropriate Social Media reporting procedures.

### Student Medication

Please remember that if your child requires medication during school hours, that this medication should be handed to reception in order for the First Aider to administer. Regular medicines will be kept with our First Aider, Sally Barker, for student safety. No student should be carrying medication or tablets including painkillers such as paracetamol. Should students need painkillers, these can be

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provided by Sally Barker or the duty First Aider with parental permission.

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