

BODMIN COLLEGE

PARENT BULLETIN

January 2019

Striving for excellence by putting the learner first

Message from the Principal

Many thanks to all of you who have sent such kind wishes of welcome over the past few weeks.

Throughout my previous roles within College and across the county, I have always set high expectations whilst adopting a positive, caring and supportive approach.

An environment where children feel happy, supported and valued is an environment where growth mindset can thrive, resilience develop and success be achieved.

As nationally, the educational climate is changing, Bodmin College's strong student-centred ethos, rich curriculum and vast array of extra-curricular opportunities set us ahead of the game and in great stead to give our students the chances for an exciting, successful future.

With a busy calendar of upcoming events including parent's evenings, Year 8 Options Evening and, of course, Chicago, I look forward to greeting as many of you as possible throughout 2019.

Finally, I would like to express my sincere thanks to all the kindness, support and generosity shown by staff, students, parents and the local community during the sudden snowfall last Thursday.

The spirit of Bodmin shone through with so many people going the extra mile it was a humbling and heart-warming experience. Thank you to all

E Seward-Adams

Student Safety

With the lighter evenings approaching and more students choosing to walk to and from school, we will be reminding students about keeping themselves safe both crossing roads and with regard to strangers.

May we ask that parents/carers take this opportunity to discuss safe practice with their child/children and remind them of how to contact the Police should they need to.

Students who buy school lunches

There have been a number of recent incidents when students have tried to pay for their lunch and there has not been enough money in their account to do so.

We would ask that parents and carers keep an eye on the balance of their child's account in order that there is enough money to buy lunches and top up the balance in good time. Please note that, on occasion, it can take up to an hour to register a new balance.

Thank you

Warning: Online Gaming - Fortnite

We recently emailed parents and carers regarding child protection concerns and young people playing the online game Fortnite.

We have received the following message issued by Devon and Cornwall Police:

"There has been an alleged instance of young children being groomed whilst playing the game FORTNITE in Cornwall. It might be a good idea to remind your students about their use of the internet and keeping personal information safe. Not trusting people's profiles unless they know them personally, as they could be pretending to be of a similar age to the user and have other motives for engaging them on the internet".

Chicago

Don't forget to book your tickets to Chicago using the link below

www.ticketsource.co.uk/bodmincollege

Dates to Remember

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| 1 Feb | Y8/9 Immunisations |
| 7 Feb | Year 8 Options Evening |
| 8 Feb | Year 11 photos |
| 15 Feb | INSET DAY |
| 18-22 Feb | HALF TERM |
| 25 Feb | Year 11 and 13 mocks commence |
| 26 Feb | Year 8 Paris trip parent's meeting |
| 27 Feb | SEND parent forum |

Advance Notice: Year 11 parent's evening cancelled due to snow will be

rearranged for 18 March. Further details to follow.

Attendance

Your child's attendance at school is very important to us. In order to support families in finding the balance between affordable holidays and good attendance, we try to calendar INSET days bolted onto holiday dates. We hope that this goes some way to reducing holiday costs for families and therefore reducing the need to take holiday in term time. When it comes to attendance, every day matters.

Parental Controls: Setting up devices

See overleaf for a quick screenshot guide on setting up parental controls on devices

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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.

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SETTING UP A DEVICE SAFELY FOR KIDS



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