

BODMIN COLLEGE

PARENT BULLETIN

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Striving for excellence by putting the learner first

Message from the Principal

The daffodils are already brightening hedgerows and gardens and the spring term is well underway.

By the time you read this, we will have reached the end of Mary Poppins with mixed emotions of pride, accomplishment and exhaustion. Once again, an incredible production will have brought people together, showcased hidden talents, given inspiration to many and shown the power of the Arts. I cannot thank the staff, students and parents enough for their hours of hard work, balancing learning lines with study and revision to bring off yet another masterpiece. If you missed out this year, be sure to get your tickets early next year.

Mrs Seward-Adams

Contacting the School

We would like to welcome Mrs Bull to our Reception Team as we wish Mrs Rowe a happy retirement. Many of you will know Mrs Bull from her previous role at Beacon ACE Academy.

Our reception staff are always happy to support you in contacting appropriate members of staff but should you wish to meet with a member of staff in person, please call ahead to make an appointment. This will avoid disappointment or a wasted journey if the

member of staff is teaching or otherwise engaged.

Please also note that for electronic contact, our 'contact us' section on the website is the best place to go. Our Facebook, Instagram and Twitter accounts are not checked regularly for messages.

Thank you

Mobile Phone Use

Please note that students are not permitted to use their phones during lesson times. Therefore, should you need to message or call your child, please do so during break (11.00 – 11.30am) or lunch (1.10 – 1.50pm). Alternatively, telephone our reception team who can get messages to your child at any time.

Free Period Products

The Department for Education (DfE) Period Product scheme to provide free period products to young people who need them in schools and colleges across England is now available.

We are delighted to announce that we are in the process of making our first order of free period products which will be available to all of our learners soon.

We will let you know when and how students can access these products shortly.

Ski Trip

The College's annual ski-trip is to take place from 4th-12th April 2020 (the second week of Easter holidays; not the first week as previously advertised).

Final payments due 14th February please.

Students will be traveling on individual passports. Current Brexit advice is that passports have at least 6 months validity on them. Please ensure passports are valid for 6 months after our dates of travel.

Any queries, please contact Mr Helgesen.

Resources for Careers and Subject Choices – Years 8, 11 and 12

If you need help guiding your child about important subject and career choices, see the www.careerpilot.org.uk website which has lots of useful quizzes, tips on choosing GCSE, A Level, university, apprenticeships or employment. This is a good place to start discussions with your child. Try the buzz quiz if they need help identifying their strengths.

Careers Focus Week: Year 9 and 10 students

The College of St Mark and St John (Marjon) in Plymouth will be holding a Careers Focus Week during February half term, organised by NSSW. This event is open to all to apply for.

If your child is interested in a career in sport, business, speech and language therapy, English or Performing Arts and can get to Plymouth during the week, this would be a great opportunity. Breakfast and lunch are provided.

Please contact Ms Devine for an application form.

Year 11 Revision Sessions in Plymouth

Year 11 students – If you want to revise for GCSE Maths and English during Easter holidays and are not able to get motivated or focus at home then what about going to Marjon (College of Mark and St John) in Plymouth?

These sessions are organised by NSSW but open to all to apply. Again breakfast and lunch provided!

See Ms Devine for details.

Dates to Remember

6 Feb	Year 8 Options Evening
13 Feb	Non-Uniform Day (Jeans for Genes)
14 Feb	INSET DAY
17-21 Feb	HALF TERM
24 Feb – 4 Mar	Year 10 & 11 Mock Exams
6-9 March	Year 8 Paris Trip



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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.

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>