

# BODMIN COLLEGE

## PARENT BULLETIN

June 2018

*Striving for excellence by putting the learner first*

### Message from the Principal

Congratulations to all of the students who have survived this year's summer examinations. We wish you all every success and await Results Days and 6th Form Enrolment.

Thanks to all those who attended our end of year celebrations to mark the end of Year 11. Of particular note, were Harry Dent and Jodie Stocks who spoke on behalf of the student body to reflect their thanks and appreciation for the wonderful efforts of our staff in supporting them throughout secondary school.

We also now look forward to the new Year 6 who arrive for their second induction evening and then their full day at the College on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> July.

As end of year exams and Year 13 entry exams draw to a close so sports days, College camps and residential experiences approach. Once again, this term is looking both extremely exciting and very busy.

Mr Elliott

pavement without consideration to pedestrians or the large amount of traffic on the road at these times.

Assemblies for younger tutor groups on this subject have already been delivered but we would be grateful for parents to reiterate the message of riding safely and the importance of consideration to other road users and traffic dangers. We would also urge that your child wears a helmet whilst on their bikes for their own safety.

Thank you

### Making appointments to see staff

If you need to see a particular teacher or your child's Head of Year outside of the standard scheduled parent's evenings, please call or email ahead to make an appointment.

Whilst staff always try to accommodate drop in requests, they may not always be available due to lessons or other meetings. Making an appointment will ensure that they can give you the time needed.

Thank you

### Students riding bikes to school

We have received reports of some students riding their bikes dangerously on the way to and from College.

Some riders are swerving in and out of traffic and mounting and dismounting the

### Parent Pay

As previously notified, the college will be switching to the online Parent Pay system from September to make payments for trips and other items.

This will reduce the need for students to carry cash and cheques.

Details on activating these accounts were sent to all parents last year, however, if you need your activation details again, please email [finance@bodmincollege.co.uk](mailto:finance@bodmincollege.co.uk) for a copy to be sent.

### Year 11 Prom

As the Year 11 Prom approaches on Friday 6th July, we would like to thank parents for their support through Year 11 and remind you of the arrangements for the Prom Evening.

Students who have booked seats on the minibus will need to meet at the front of school at 5.30pm for photographs and a 5.45pm departure.

Students making their own way to the venue, should arrive at St Mellion at 6.30pm.

Parents wishing to watch the red carpet arrivals and grand entrance should arrive by 6.10pm. St Mellion kindly request that all parents watching the arrivals park in the main car park on the left as you arrive.

If you are collecting your son/daughter at the end of the evening, please be ready at the entrance at 11.45pm.

The coach will be leaving shortly after midnight and will arrive at the back of College at approximately 1am.

We ask that anyone collecting students, please respect that local residents will be sleeping.

Thank you

### Breakfast Club

A breakfast club for students will be starting on 18 June in the Robartes Canteen from 8.00am until 8.30am.

Items available include bacon/sausages, hash browns, toast, cereal, fruit pots, 'build your own yoghurt breakfast' with granola toppings, oats and fresh fruit.

Items are individually priced and students should use their parent pay accounts.

### PE Kit

The PE policy at the college states that ALL STUDENTS SHOULD HAVE THEIR PE KIT FOR LESSONS regardless of whether or not they have a parental/medical note.

In extreme cases of injury where changing in not appropriate ie – broken leg, bad back etc kit is not be expected.

If your child is injured or unwell please provide a supporting note and the PE staff will arrange suitable alternative arrangements or activities for your child to take part in where appropriate.

Please do not excuse your child from taking part as the content of the lesson could well be appropriate for them. Any long term exclusion from PE must be supported with a doctor's note.

Mr Russell, Head of PE

### Year 10: Emerging William Cliff Academy

Now that our Year 11 have left we would like to invite ALL Year 10 students and their parents to join the Emerging William Cliff Academy Facebook group. This is where

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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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opportunities will be posted; to include university outreach events, Next Steps events, work experience & volunteering, study skill links etc.

This is a much smaller version of what happens in the Sixth Form William Cliff Academy.

If you have any queries, please contact Mrs Jayne Smith at the College or by email to [Sj@bodmincollege.co.uk](mailto:Sj@bodmincollege.co.uk)

### Maths support

As I am sure you know, the demands of maths that young people face today are very high.

Knowing the times tables is really important to speed things up when working out maths problems.

Although one would hope that every student would know their 1 – 12 times tables by the time they leave primary school, sadly this is not the case. We feel that it is imperative that every child in our school masters this skill as soon as possible.

To help with this, your child now has a login to allow them to access the Pixl timestable app - please see the link below:

<https://timestable.pixl.org.uk/>

School id - BD4249  
Userid - surnamefirstname (no gaps)  
Password - DOB (e.g. 8022003 for 8th February 2003) – note that if the day begins with a 0 then this should not be included in the password.

We would hope that if your child accesses this app for a small amount of time and frequently (at least three times per week), they will soon be confident with this skill and make quick progress in other aspects of their maths.

This app is provided free of charge. Please have a look at this with your child and encourage them to use it. Preparation work, quizzes and a game are all available here and it is very simple to use.

Mrs Caslake

### Next Steps South West Events

2-6th July: Year 9 articulatory course based in Beacon block for 32 students culminating in an English Speaking Board Exam.

9-11th July: Year 11 students attending Falmouth University summer School residential

### Dates to Remember

3 July	Year 6 Induction Evening
4 July	Sports Day Summer Dance Showcase
5 July	Year 6 Induction Day
6 July	Year 11 Prom
11 July	Summer Concert <i>(Please note correct date as this is different from the family calendar)</i>
16-20 July	Year 7 Camp
20 July	LAST DAY OF TERM (finish at lunchtime)



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