

BODMIN COLLEGE

PARENT BULLETIN

March 2018

Striving for excellence by putting the learner first

Message from the Principal

First and foremost, I very much hope you all have a really enjoyable Easter break. Many thanks to the parents who attended the recent Parents Evening - your feedback was both very positive and important in helping us make any improvements we can.

Following some recent enquiries about accessing student folders I can inform you that your child can access their work from home by using the RM Portico link on the top left of our webpage.

Over Easter, Year 11, 12 and 13 should be engaged with the final push in getting themselves prepared for examinations which will start in earnest shortly after we return. The Easter Revision Provision programme is attached for students of Year 11.

Mr Elliott

Year 11, 12 and 13 Exams

Examination timetables for Summer 2018 exams will be posted to parents/carers before the Easter break, together with the students' Exam Desk Card and a letter containing relevant information.

Please ensure that you and your son/daughter read the letter make sure that you all understand the rules, regulations and requirements for his/her exam.

Thank you
Mrs Wright, Exams Officer

Year 7-9 Year Group Exams

As detailed in the Family Calendar, year group exams are held as follows:

18-19 June: Year 9 and 10 mock exams (All subjects).

25-19 June: Year 7 and 8 Mocks: English, Maths and Science only.

Erasmus Project

The next stage of the Erasmus project (Confederation of Europia) has started, with 12 students preparing for a trip to Vouziers in France, 14-22 April, where they will stay in host families and participate in a programme of events.

Later in the summer term I will make contact with students who are travelling to Spain in Feb 2019, and Germany in May 2019.

Any questions in the meantime, write to me at gj@bodmincollege.co.uk

Ms Grayston

Mission to Mars Easter Coding Workshop

Software Cornwall, with the support of its members, runs 'Mission to Mars' a week long work experience activity on 3-6 April. The programme invites budding software developers to code Ada and Alan, their Mars rover robots, allowing them to traverse the tricky terrain in search of extra-terrestrial life.

To join the experience, go to the Software.cornwall.org website and apply through the Mission to Mars webpages under the 'Learn' banner. Entry is free.

Lostwithiel Educational Trust

The above Trust exists to benefit young people up to the age of 25 years old who live in the parishes of Lostwithiel and St Winnow.

In the past the Trust have helped with grants to large scale projects within the town of Lostwithiel, eg. skate park, children's play areas and with small groups such as Guides/junior band. The Trust also help individuals with various enterprises, including where the applicant shows promise in a particular area for example music, drama, sport, dance etc.

Each application is discussed by the Trustees as to whether it falls within their remit and a decision is made at their quarterly meetings. Applications may be made at any time during the year by, or on behalf of, the young person. The date of the next Trust meeting is 26th March 2018.

Application for grants, with as much supporting information as possible should be sent initially to:-edtrust@gmail.com or you can request an application form.

Dates to Remember

16 April	TERM STARTS
7 May	Bank Holiday
17 May	Year 9 parents' evening
23 May	SEND Parent Forum
24 May	Year 10 Parents' evening
28 May – 1 June	HALF TERM
4 June	TERM STARTS

There will be no April bulletin due to the Easter break. Next bulletin will be issued at the end of May



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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>