

BODMIN COLLEGE

PARENT BULLETIN

March 2019

Striving for excellence by putting the learner first

Message from the Principal

As always it's been a busy and exciting term packed full of events and opportunities for our students.

Chicago was a huge success and those of you lucky enough to have seen the show will, I'm sure, agree that it was quite phenomenal! Coupled with the recent trips to Hong Kong, Paris and as usual a wide range of day and evening trips, there's been a lot of fantastic extracurricular experiences for our students.

With the exam season approaching quickly, our Year 10, 11 and 13 students are now focusing strongly on their revision and I'd like to draw their attention to the wide range of Revision Provision going on over Easter (attached).

Easter is the last opportunity for students to take the time to organize their independent study and get themselves prepared for the final push in the summer term. Please see the Revision area on the College Website for more helpful hints and tips.

Attendance

Your child's attendance is often a direct indicator of how well they will succeed. Please see the attached poster for more information about attendance. Below

are some top tips for improving your child's attendance:

- Refrain from taking holidays during term time. As a school we deliberately bolt Inset Days onto the school holiday dates to allow parents to make the most of slightly cheaper travel costs. This both prevents the need to take leave during term time and helps to reduce the impact of parents and carers having to take time off work.
- Book dental and medical appointments after-school or in the holidays. We know this can be tricky, so another alternative is to avoid lesson times by using break and lunch and booking between 10.30-11.30 or between 1.00 – 1.45. This will have less of an impact on your child's progress.
- Embed a professional attitude. Ask the question, if it your child was self-employed would they be taking time off?
- Obviously there are genuine times when missing school is unavoidable. Speak to your child's Head of Year if you require any help, support or advice. There are useful websites that students can access from home should they need to.

Contacting the School

Should you ever have a concern or enquiry and need to speak to a teacher, Head of Year or other member of staff, please note that we can be contacted via our website

www.bodmincollege.co.uk or via reception on 01208 72114.

Staff will always endeavor to get back to you within 24-48 hours (usually much sooner but dependent on teaching load and meeting times). However, if you require a more urgent response please let us know.

A copy of the home-school agreement is attached for further information.

Student Support

At Bodmin College we have always been recognised for our high standard of pastoral care and support. Accredited as a Trauma Informed School, we have a team of highly trained mental health support staff, including: three counsellors, five bereavement counsellors, a high-level Headstart mental health support practitioner, several Level 3 Safeguarding trained staff and a very broad pastoral structure that means EVERY student has a range of people that they can turn to in addition their classroom teachers.

As part of our wraparound support package, we have a wide range of services on offer to our students including: Peer Mentoring, LGBTQ Group, Young Carers Group, Mental Health Student Mentors, Anxiousness Workshops, Exam Stress Buster Workshops, 1:1 drop ins, Wellbeing Student Voice, "I wish someone

knew" and much more. In addition to this we also work closely with a vast number of external agencies which includes: Youth worker drop in sessions, Carnewater and Stillmoor GP and Nurse Drop In sessions, YZUP, Young Woman's Centre, Jigsaw and much more.

Further details will be available via our website.

Lostwithiel Educational Trust

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

In the past the Trust has helped with grants given 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. They also help individuals with various enterprises, including where the applicant shows promise in a particular area eg. music, drama, sport, dance etc.

Each application is discussed by the Trustees as to whether it falls within the Trust's 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. Meetings for 2019 will be held in March, July and October.

Application for grants should be made either by email to:- The Secretary Educational Trust, to coffabridge3@yahoo.co.uk or edtrust@gmail.com or by post, marked for the attention of Lostwithiel Educational Trust c/o Church Administration Office, St

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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>

Bartholomew's Church, Church Lane PL22 0EG.

Dates to Remember

3 April	Sixth Form Open Evening
8-22 April	EASTER HOLIDAYS
23 April (Tues)	First day of term
6 May	BANK HOLIDAY
9 May	Year 7 Parents evening
22 May	SEND Parent Forum
23 May	Year 13 leave
27-31 May	HALF TERM
3 June	First day of term

VTCT Level 2 Diploma in Ladies Hairdressing (TECHNICAL)

Bodmin College are offering the above course to students. Once qualified, job opportunities could include: commercial salon stylist, independent self-employed freelance mobile hairdresser, Armed forces, cruise liners, Hospital care homes, TV and theatre.

For more information please contact: Ms Gavin, Curriculum Area Manager at GY@bodmincollege.co.uk Alternatively Sarah or Kirsty Level 2 Hairdressing team by email at SMB@bodmincollege.co.uk by telephone on 01208 79220 or click on <http://www.bodmincollegesixthform.co.uk/courses/hairdressing>

Help win £50,000 funding for The Writers' Block

The Writers' Block is the writing centre for Cornwall, and works with children, young people, schools and the community to increase skills, confidence and enjoyment in writing.

PLEASE VOTE FOR THE WRITERS' BLOCK TO WIN £50,000 OF FUNDING!

Bodmin College students have already had amazing support through this project - can you help keep it going?

Vote here

<https://www.thepeoplesprojects.org.uk/projects/view/the-writers-block> between 1 April and midday 15 April.

Due to the Easter Holidays there will be no parent bulletin at the end of April. Next bulletin will be issued at the end of May



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