

BODMIN COLLEGE

PARENT BULLETIN

May 2018

Striving for excellence by putting the learner first

Message from the Principal

As we approach the second half of the Summer Term so the examinations for Years 11 and 13 begin in earnest. Parents, please note the Year 11 and 13 revision programme attached and encourage the attendance of your child if it is at all possible. In previous years these sessions have proved very valuable for all who attended. If your son/daughter is unable to attend then please ensure they do revise over the half term in order that they can be as well prepared as is possible.

Many thanks for the positive feedback received with regard to the new online booking system for Parents' Evenings. The success of the pilot period has resulted in our decision to continue with this approach throughout the 2018/19 academic year and the foreseeable future. In addition, we will be using Show My Homework, an online system, to help students and parents engage with homework. Details are attached in readiness for the introduction in September.

I very much hope you have an enjoyable half term.

B Elliott, Principal

FAO: Parents of Year 9 Students

In preparation for GCSE English Literature examinations at the end of Year 10, we would like to advise you that we will be studying

- Jekyll and Hyde
- An Inspector Calls by JB Priestly
- Romeo and Juliet OR Macbeth
- Power and Conflict poetry

It will be of immense benefit to your son/daughter if you could purchase copies of these texts (second hand is fine) and ensure that they are reading them at home alongside their studies in school. Their Year 10 English teacher will advise which Shakespeare play they will be studying in depth, and will provide them with an anthology of poetry.

Feedback from recent examination series' has proved that students who have read widely in their own time have greater chances of success in English so it is important to establish this habit well in advance of the examinations. Many thanks for your support.

Mrs K. Lamb
Head of English

Auschwitz-Birkenau Trip 2019

Open to students currently in Year 10, 11 and 12.

Trip dates: Friday 28 June 2019 - Monday 1 July 2019

Cost: £500

Please contact Miss Fassenfelt at fp@bodmincollege.co.uk for further information.

Energy Drinks

Please note that after half term we will be enforcing a ban on students bringing and/or consuming energy drinks in College.

Our reasoning behind this is, following feedback from yourselves and our Student Council, to encourage our students and your children to develop a healthy diet.

Any students (Years 7-11) found with these drinks in school will have them confiscated.

We will dispose of any open containers and parents/carers can collect any unopened drinks from Reception.

Exciting News for Year 10

All of our year 10 students will have the opportunity to benefit from Next Steps funded training on 27th June in the Studio where we will welcome back Sander De Groot from MADE training to deliver

workshops on self made motivation and resilience.

Based on the success of trialling this with our current year 11, these students will also have a follow up in January when they will focus on revision skills and techniques and we will be inviting parents in as well to see how they can support their children with GCSE study. For more information see the link below or contact Ms Devine Next Steps In School Co-ordinator by email at dr@bodmincollege.co.uk

<http://www.made-training.com/self-made-motivation/>

Year 11 Prom and celebrations

This year's Prom takes place at St Mellion on Friday 6th July.

Prom Dresses: FREE Hire

Thanks to some generous parents and a Cornish organisation called Prom Piskies, we are able to offer a wide range of FREE prom dresses for hire. Unfortunately, we don't have any suits available but are working on this for next year. This is something that we'd like to be able to offer for future year groups too. Please contact Mrs Seward-Adams at the college for details.

Year 11 Celebration Day

The Celebration Day will take place on 22nd June. Invitations have been sent via email.

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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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Advance notice of September term dates

The College Family Calendar will be issued shortly, but further to some requests from parents, please note below the return dates in September:

Tues 4 Sept	Staff INSET day
Wed 5 Sept	Year 7 and 12 only
Thurs 6 Sept	All students

Dates to Remember

28 May – 1 June	HALF TERM
4 June	First day of term
13 June	Year 12 Higher Education Funding Evening
22 June	Year 11 Celebration day Music Department Pub Quiz
26 June	Year 6 LEAP Day
28 June	Primary Music Day
29 June	Sixth Form Prom
3 July	Year 6 Induction Evening
4 July	Sports Day
5 July	Year 6 Induction Day
6 July	Year 11 Prom

Change of Date: Summer Concert

Please note that the date of the Summer Concert has changed from 19 July and will now be held on 11 July instead.



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