

BODMIN COLLEGE

PARENT BULLETIN

November 2017

Striving for excellence by putting the learner first

Message from the Principal

November was the month marked by an Ofsted visit. Although the result is confidential and not confirmed for several weeks we would expect to be judged, under this framework and our own analysis of it, as 'requires improvement'.

This comes as no surprise as, although we have made significant strides forward in our results (which were, in 2017, the best in terms of progress measure that we've ever had in the sixth form and at KS4), attainment in maths and English has not improved fast enough for Ofsted satisfaction.

The judgements for pastoral care and support and Greenfield should be very positive. Ofsted judgements for our 6th Form should also be encouraging as results were the best we have ever had and the level of support, care and guidance is (alongside a very diverse and exceptional curriculum offer) superb.

Thanks to all of the Parents who supported us via Parent View and to our staff who were, as always, tremendous in their commitment and dedication. Students responded well, showed an interest in the inspection and were very supportive of their school. In addition, the Student Panels did us proud answering questions honestly and with great integrity.

I wish everyone a very enjoyable break and thank you all for your messages of support both for myself and for the staff employed here at Bodmin College.

B Elliott

Sixth Form Queries

If you need to contact or speak to the sixth form pastoral staff in the sixth form office please make an appointment by phoning 01208 261038 or email to KET@bodmincollege.co.uk Please do not make your own way to the Sixth Form office for both site security reasons and also as there may not be any staff available to assist you at the time.

Medical Clinics for Students

We have doctors and nurses from local practices attending Bodmin College as follows:

Monday – School Nurse – 10.30 until 11.30
Tuesday – Nurse – 12.00 until 13.00
Wednesday – Doctor 12.30 until 13.30
Thursday – Nurse 12.30 until 13.30
Friday – Doctor 12.30 until 13.30

Students can make appointments for any of the above days and times via reception.

Next Steps South West

The College is pleased to be involved in the National Collaborative Outreach

Programme (NCOP) Next Steps South West. This is a Higher Education Funding Council (HEFCE) project which works with further and Higher Education providers in the SW and in so doing promotes progression into Higher Education.

NSSW provides a targeted, responsive and funded suite of activities in School and has a dedicated in School Co-Ordinator, Ms Devine, who works with other link staff Mrs Smith (William Clift Academy and Aspirations Co-ordinator), Mr Smith (KS4 Aspirations Co-Ordinator) and Miss Thomas (Head of Careers).

Eligible students are in Year 9-13, come from a target postcode (defined by HEFCE) and have the ability to gain 5 or more GCSEs at grade 4+ - *Please see Ms Devine if you want to check your eligibility.*

A full launch to parents is planned in the studio after school on the 4 December. Letters will be sent out directly to parents of identified students. This event will explain the project and some of the opportunities for students in years 9-13.

Already this term we have had:-

- Year 12 'Inspire' trip to Eden for motivation and information about Higher Education
- Year 13 personal statement support from student ambassadors
- Year 12 HE Fresher's Fare
- Year 10 'Why Would You?' Theatre presentation and workshop
- Year 10 & 11 Media and digital programming workshop at Falmouth Uni.
- Year 11 pilot careers interviews

Forthcoming opportunities include:-

- 'KEAP' writing course for year 10
- Year 10 e-mentoring
- 'Articulacy' year 9 - an opportunity to partake in an ESB qualification
- Year 12 drop down day – workshop carousels on budgeting and student finance, personal statements and student life
- Sixth form Summer School University Experience
- University visits – year 9-13
- Subject Specific Resource boxes – years 9-13

Information is currently being prepared for the College website but for more information about HE and details of all events and activities the following link has been designed for both students and parents www.nextstepssw.ac.uk

Ms Devine

Lost Property

Please ensure that all uniform, school bags, PE kit and coats have your child's name marked. We are only two months into this academic year and have a huge amount of lost property accumulating already, including lots of coats and items of uniform. We do record when students notify us of losing any property to enable us to try to return items. However, if items are named, we are able to return these immediately to their owners.

Thank you
Main Office

Santa Fun Run

The students at Bodmin College will be getting top marks in festive fundraising again this year by holding another one

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mile Santa Fun Run around the grounds, in aid of Cornwall Hospice Care.

Last year this event raised in excess of £1,800! The run will take place at tutor time on Tuesday 12 December and the students who have signed up need to hand in their sponsor money and form by Tuesday 5th December to the Finance Office. If students raise £5 and over they will receive a free Santa suit which they can decorate for the day.

The early hand in of sponsor money allows time to 'Bling' their Santa suit! Money can also be handed in after the event.

Please complete the sponsor form to ensure that Cornwall Hospice Care can claim Gift Aid.

Any questions regarding this event please contact Mrs Greenwood or Mrs Prior.

Christmas Concert

Our Christmas Concert will be held on 14 December at 7pm in The Studio. Tickets: £4/£3 and available on the door.

Dates to Remember

27 Nov – 1 Dec	Greenfield Parents' meetings
4 Dec	NSSW Parent Launch
7 Dec	Year 12 Parents' evening
20 Dec	Christmas Jumper Day LAST DAY OF TERM (sixth form leave at 1.10pm)
4 Jan	FIRST DAY OF TERM

Locality 5 Parenting Courses

The Early Help Hub are running the following courses:

Incredible Years (6-12 Years): 15 January to 26 March 2018 (excl half term), Chestnuts Centre, Bodmin from 1.00pm to 3.00pm

Incredible Years (3-6 years): 12 January to 23 March 2018 (excl half term), Beacon Children's Centre, Bodmin from 9.30am to 11.30am

Take 3: 16 January to 27 March 2018 (excl half term), Chestnuts Centre, Bodmin from 1.00pm to 3.00pm

Time Out for Autistic Spectrum Condition (TOFASC): 18 January to 29 March 2018 (excl half term), Chestnuts Centre, Bodmin, 9.30am to 11.30am.

Susie Project Recovery Toolkit: Sessions being held at Chestnuts Centre, Bodmin

To book a place on any of the above courses, contact the Early Help Hub on 01872 322277 or visit www.cornwall.gov.uk/earlyhelphub

Family Worker Support and Guidance: Family life can be difficult at any time. The Family Supports workers offer practical, emotional and friendly help. All support is confidential and non-judgemental. No decisions will be made without prior discussion with parents/carers. One to one appointments are available for advice on parenting, housing, relationships, grants, benefits and adult learning.

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Sessions held at Chestnuts, Bodmin on
16/13 January, 13/27 February, 13/27
March 2018.

Call Chestnuts on 01208 265760 to make
an appointment or for further information.

**Thinking of returning to work after a
career break?**

**Parents returning to work- There's help to
get your career on track**

Get back in to the job market or aim
higher in your current profession armed
with the courage, inside knowledge and
expert advice you need.

Unlocking Potential's award-winning, ESF
Funded employability course, Stand Out
from the Crowd is for anyone looking to
get ahead in their career, change
direction or return to work.

Get in touch to find out about joining the
School-hour friendly course starting in
January.

W: www.unlocking-potential.co.uk (and
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