

# BODMIN COLLEGE

## PARENT BULLETIN

November 2018

*Striving for excellence by putting the learner first*

### Student appointments during the school day

Please see the Student Planner page 13.

What if your child has to leave school for an appointment during the school day?

Your child will need a note in their planner or letter from a parent/carer detailing the reason as to why they need to be excused. This information should have your child's name, tutor group, reason and time of absence.

Your child will then show this to their Tutor or Head of Year who will complete an exeat form.

When they are due to leave, your child will need to take their exeat to the school office where they will be signed out.

Ideally appointments should be made for outside of school hours so that no lessons are missed, but we appreciate that this can be difficult. The least disruptive time for a student to leave school for an appointment during school hours is between 10.30 – 11.30am.

### Students who cycle to and from College

It has been noted that a number of students are cycling to and from College without lights or helmets.

We are really pleased that so many of our students cycle to school. However, as you are aware, the use of helmets is imperative for the rider's safety at all times, as is the use of lights, particularly during the darker winter months.

### Suitable coats for students

As the weather is getting colder and wetter, can parents please ensure that students wear suitable coats to and from College. We have had instances where students who have no coats or unsuitable outerwear have arrived at College wet through.

### Health Surgeries for Students

Our local GP practices offer health surgeries for students at the College.

Students will need to make appointments at the College Reception preferably the day before the health surgery. Practice staff will ring the College on the morning of the surgery and if there are no appointments, they will not usually attend.

#### Stillmoor Practice

Tuesday: Nurse

Wednesday: Doctor

#### Carnewater Practice

Thursday: Doctor or Nurse

Friday: Nurse

### Internet Safety

Click on the link below to see some information and guidance on how to keep your child safe on the internet.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/>

### Show My Homework

If you ever get stuck or have forgotten your password etc, you can always go to the site linked below which has all the homework's set across the College campus.

You can then filter your class or year group, teacher or subject to find what you are looking for.

<https://bodmin.showmyhomework.co.uk/school/homeworks/calendar>

### Support Sessions for Families

#### Family Worker Sessions

If you would like to see a Family Worker, please contact the Chestnuts Centre, Bodmin, on 01208 265760 for an appointment. Session: Tuesday's

#### Challenging Behaviour Drop In

Information, advice and support for parents or carers worried about ADHD/ ASD/ADD, no diagnosis required. Held at the Chestnuts Centre, sessions 1.00pm to 3.00pm on 20 December, 28 February, 25 April, 27 June 2019.

#### Face2Face

Drop in sessions with information and support for parents or carers of children with additional needs or disabilities. No

diagnosis required. Contact [fof2fc@gmail.com](mailto:fof2fc@gmail.com) for details of sessions.

#### Family Hub Sessions

Chestnut Centre. Every Tuesday 9.30am to 11.30am in term time in December.

### Dates to Remember

7 Dec	Year 11 Careers Fayre
10 Dec	A Level Art Exhibition
11 Dec	Santa Fun Run
12 Dec	Winter Warmers Drama production
13 Dec	Christmas Concert, 7pm. Tickets £4/£3 conc
18 Dec	Christmas Jumper Day LAST DAY OF TERM
19 Dec	Inset day
20 Dec 2018 – 6 Jan 2019	Christmas holidays
7 Jan 2019	FIRST DAY OF TERM



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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>