

BODMIN COLLEGE

PARENT BULLETIN

October 2017

Striving for excellence by putting the learner first

Message from the Principal

This term is always notable insofar as we have Open Evenings for both our new cohort of Year 7 students and our emerging 6th Form. Once again, we were delighted to both welcome so many people to these events and to receive such positive feedback.

In addition to these events the fund raising for The Hideout and other charitable organisations has been on-going with staff and students joining in the fun and committing wholeheartedly to supporting the variety of activities on offer. Special mention must be made to; Ms Pavey who organised a team of staff to participate in the Plymouth 10K run dressed as sheep and led by Farmer Phil (Mr Sloggett), and to Mrs Grayston for organising, with her team, Erasmus our European Exchange Programme. With much more to come we can be sure that, once again, we are going to have a really enjoyable and exciting year.

With regard to lessons and learning students have started well and seem to have settled, after the summer holiday, back into the routine of school and study. Whilst all years are, of course, important this fact cannot be underestimated for our Year 11 and 13 students who will be undertaking summer examinations in about eight months time. With mock examinations and a variety of assessment points along the way the year will require students to attend well, get engaged in

their learning and form sound plans for revision. Should you have any worries please do not hesitate to contact either Mrs Craig (6th Form) or Mrs Seward-Adams (Year 11) for assistance and advice.

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Parking Restrictions

Please note that Cornwall Council will shortly be re-designating the layby at the front of the College as a 'No Parking At Any Time' zone which they will be enforcing.

We would like to remind parents that they can drop off and pick up students at the Dragon Centre at the start and end of the school day.

Cashless Catering System

There have been a few occasions recently where students have collected their lunch from the canteen and not been able to pay as there has been no money in their account.

Please be aware that the new cashless catering system does require student accounts to be credited by parents / carers using the parent pay system online. Alternatively, students can use the machines in the canteens to deposit cash which is then credited to their account.

It is important that there are sufficient funds in the student accounts to enable them to purchase items from the school canteen.

If the student account has not been activated and you require copies of the letter with instructions on how to do this, please email the finance office at finance@bodmincollege.co.uk

If you need any further information on this system, please also email the finance office.

Important Information: Year 11

All Year 11 parents should have now received, by email, a copy of the PowerPoint information given at the information evening on 9th October.

If you have not received this, please contact the school office to update your email address. This email contains vital information regarding English and Maths examinations as well as advice on how you can help your child at home.

Year 11 Revision Sessions

Year 11 English revision sessions are being held after-school every Monday and Tuesday from 3.40pm to 4.40pm. Students are welcome to work on any aspect of GCSE English Language or Literature, with the support of an English teacher.

Drama and Performing Arts Events

Tuesday 31st October in Respryn Woods from 7pm. Year 13 present their devised work based on Bill Mitchells' s work from Wild Works Theatre co. Invitation only-

contact the Drama dept on 01208 72114 ext 244

Wednesday 1st November Key Stage 3 Fright Night at 7pm in the Studio. Tickets £4/ £3 from Drama Dept 01208 72114 ext.244. Participants will bring a letter home

Thursday 9th November 'Missing in Action' Year 11 BTEC and GCSE performance in Studios - entrance from Studio Theatre/ Dance Studio entrance 7pm. £4/ £3. Participants will bring letter home. Tickets from Drama Dept - 01208 72114 ext.244

Wednesday 15th November Arts Award Trip to see ELF at Theatre Royal Plymouth. Leave 5.45pm £16 incl. travel. See Abbie Williams Year 12 or contact Drama dept. on 01208 72114 ext. 244

Tuesday 21st to Thursday 23rd November 'Kernow Bys Vykken' Community Dance platform in The Studio. Participants will bring letters home. Guests include HFCYTC, Jason Thomas Dance, Budehaven, Brannel, Tretherras, Stratton CP, Rob Mennear- All Boys' Dance, St Austell College, GDA, Future Dance Company and more as well as Bodmin College curriculum and extra curricula groups. Tickets from Drama Dept. after half term. £8/£6 and family ticket at £25 (2 adults/ 2 children)

Wednesday 22nd November Performing Arts Taster Day at Plymouth University for years 12 and 13 - see Ms Dures for details.

Thursday 23rd November - Matinee performance of Kneehigh's 'The Tin Drum' by Carl Grose at Hall for Cornwall , Truro. £16 for Years 9,10, 11 and 6th form studying Drama. Leave 1.10pm for 2.30pm

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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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Friday 24th November 6pm Speech and
Drama Festival, St John's Church St Austell-
Year 12 Drama and Theatre A Level
Students perform. Duologues to a panel.
Entry on door- £3. Participants will bring
letters home.

Thursday 30th November 7pm- Arts Award
Gold event - Bands from across the
county meet and share work, hosted in
the Studio. Tickets £4. Further details to
follow.

Wednesday 6th to Friday 8th December
London West End Theatres Residential trip-
Matilda, The Play That Went Wrong, Harry
Potter Studios, The Globe, West End
Workshop, Musical Theatre Workshop,
meals, coach travel , accommodation- all
inclusive. Years 9-13 Performing Arts
Students. Letters from Ms Dures.

Wednesday 13th December 7pm Winter
Warmer in the Studio. KS3, 4 and
5 seasonal celebration of work. £4/£3-
contact Drama Dept. for tickets.
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For all trips above: See Ms Dures or Ms
Prior for details. 01208 72114 ext. 244 or
email da@bodmincollege.co.uk



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Dates to Remember

30 Oct	INSET Day
31 Oct	First day of new half term
2 Nov	Year 7 Settling in Evening: Parents' evening
21-23 Nov	Dance Platform
27 Nov-1 Dec	Greenfield Parent meetings

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