

BODMIN COLLEGE

PARENT BULLETIN

September 2017

Striving for excellence by putting the learner first

Message from the Principal

We were greeted during the summer holidays with the wonderful news of the achievements of our students both at GCSE and from those concluding their time with us in the 6th Form. In addition to this, we welcomed 240 new Year 7's on our first day and a cohort of some 180 students into our 6th Form.

Following on from their success in our 6th Form we were so pleased that the vast majority of our students gained places at Universities of their choice or into their planned employment and training routes.

The long road towards the next set of examinations begins and with the new reformed GCSEs in place alongside new courses and methods of assessment at post-16 study, the challenge will be significant. At this stage we are encouraging all of our students to attend well and to ensure that they are organised and well prepared.

With the increased emphasis on academic study as opposed to coursework, students must ask questions as they progress through the course and attempt to learn the information as they go, instead of relying on last minute revision. We wish all of them every success and urge you to contact us should you have any concerns whatsoever.

John Evans

The passing of John Evans (Headteacher at Bodmin College from 1984 to 2002) during the summer holidays was sad news indeed. Many staff, students and members of our community will remember John fondly as an exceptional Headteacher and a person who cared very much for others.

The service held at Truro Cathedral was very well attended and, with moving tributes from family and friends, a fantastic celebration of his life.

Dropping off and collecting students

To reduce congestion at the start and the end of the school day, the College advises that you do not arrange to collect students in the College car park during this time.

We would also request that you do not park in the customer car park outside Costcutters or on double yellow lines in residential roads around the College.

The Dragon Leisure Centre have agreed that parents/carers can make use of their drop off/pick up zone for collecting students but please do not use it as a waiting area. Alternatively students can be collected from the Dragon Centre's rear car park. This ensures a safer alternative for students as well as greater convenience to yourselves.

Thank you for your assistance.

English Revision Sessions

Year 11 English Language and English Literature revision sessions are running every Monday and Tuesday afterschool (3.40-4.40pm). All Year 11 students are welcome to attend for support with exam practice, set text study and reading/writing skills work, aided by English teaching staff.

Telephoning the College

The school has an answerphone message (see below) when you call please listen to all of the options then make your selection.

If you know the extension number that you require please press 1, if not please select from the following options:-

- Press 2 to report your child's absence
- Press 3 for the Sixth form office
- Press 4 for the Exams Office
- For all other enquires please hold for reception

Please note voicemail numbers for the following Heads of Year

Year 7	Mrs Taylor Voicemail – 379 Mrs Caslake Voicemail – 336
Year 8	Mr Murray Voicemail – 480
Year 9	Miss Gregan Voicemail - 330
Year 10	Mr Helgesen Voicemail – 408
Year 11	Mrs Seward-Adams Voicemail - 405

Erasmus 2017

Week commencing 16 October: 34 European students and 10 staff will be in school. Thanks to all families who have stepped forward to host them. During the week, the visitors will be working with our

students on their businesses, as part of our Confederation of Europa week.

Date for the diary: Business Fair, 18 October, students will be selling their wares. Please come along from 4-6 pm to support their efforts. Students will donate a portion of their profits to charity. More details on what's available will be on the website and Facebook page soon.

Dates to Remember

5 Oct	Prospective Year 7 open evening
19 Oct	Prospective Year 12 open evening
20 Oct	Last day of term
23-27 Oct	HALF TERM
30 Oct	INSET DAY
31 Oct	First day of new half 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>