

# BODMIN COLLEGE

# PARENT BULLETIN

September 2019

*Striving for excellence by putting the learner first*

## Message from the Principal

After a very successful summer of exam results, I welcome you back to the new school year as we hit the ground running. There are lots of exciting opportunities to look forward to throughout the College, including this year's musical production of Mary Poppins, numerous trips and residentials and lots more community links and aspiration raising experiences for our students.

We are pleased to have been recognised nationally for our work on improving social mobility (see our website and Facebook page) and proud to open our new Student Wellbeing Centre. More information on this is included below.

You will have read previously of our Green Charter commitment and all the work in place to reduce our impact on the environment. So as you can see, it's a busy but exciting year ahead and one where we look forward to working closely alongside you in supporting every Bodmin College student achieve personal success.

Mrs Seward-Adams

## Student Absence

If your child is absent please call us on 01208 72114 leaving their name, tutor group and reason for absence as soon as possible.

If we do not have a reason, you will receive a text message and / or email (dependant on your communication preferences) asking you to inform us of their whereabouts.

This is a very important safeguarding aspect and also enables us to make sure that students have the correct marks to contribute to a healthy attendance percentage.

## Winter Weather

As the weather will start to get colder and wetter, please ensure that your child has an appropriate outdoor coat so that they do not arrive at school, or back at home, cold and wet if they are caught in inclement weather.

## Young Carers Group

We have an active group for Young Carers within school. This group is run by Action for Children who come in monthly to meet identified students.

If your child is a young carer and new to school or not already attending the group please make contact with Sally Barker at the College.

## Student Health and Wellbeing

Our new Wellbeing Centre is open to students at break and lunchtime as well as before school for students. The Centre is run by qualified staff who offer support, guidance and counselling in a wide range of areas from academic mentoring to emotional resilience, and advice on all sorts of other issues that students are concerned about.

This year we are introducing a new peer-support programme where Year 13 students, trained by the Invictus Trust, will be offering lunch and break time drop-ins.

Our local GP surgeries hold drop-in sessions for students in the Wellbeing Centre at the following times:

- Stillmore: Tuesday and Wednesday from 12.00noon to 1.00pm
- Carnewater: Thursday and Friday from 11.15am to 1.45pm

Confidential bookable appointments are also available if required.

We also hold Youth Worker drop-in sessions every month for parents/carers and students. If you would like to make an appointment with the Youth Worker, please contact Sue Gilbert at the College who will arrange an appointment for you.

#### Parent Evenings 2019/2020

Bodmin College use an online booking system for all parents' evenings. Information regarding how to log in and book appointments for each evening will be emailed to parents and carers nearer the date of the parents' evening; Please ensure the main office has an up to date email address for you.

Year 7 Settling in	31 October 2019
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Evening	
Year 12/13	14 November 2019
Year 10 English, Maths & Science	28 November 2019
Year 8	23 January 2020
Year 11	30 January 2020
Year 12/13	19 March 2020
Year 10	26 March 2020
Year 7	7 May 2020
Year 9	14 May 2020

#### Dates to Remember

3 Oct	Prospective Year 7 Open Evening
15 Oct	Year 9 NSSW Parents/Carers meeting
17 Oct	Prospective Year 12 Open Evening
18 Oct	INSET DAY
21-25 Oct	HALF TERM
31 Oct	Year 7 Settling in Evening

#### Clubs and Extra-Curricular Activities

An email has been sent to parents detailing the wide range of clubs and extra-curricular activities offered during the school day and after school hours.

This list is also available on the website.

#### Erasmus Project: Hosting Overseas Students

We will be hosting approximately 30 students from France, Germany and Spain at the end of April 2021 for one week - This is as a result of a successful Erasmus project bid.

If you think you would be able to host a student for that week, please contact Judith Grayston (Erasmus Coordinator) for further information.

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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.

**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>

Students will be busy in school all week, but there will be some evening and weekend time to spend in families. Please email [gj@bodmincollege.co.uk](mailto:gj@bodmincollege.co.uk) if you think you would be able to assist or would like further details.

If you think that this may affect you, we strongly recommend reading all of the guidance on the government website at <https://www.gov.uk/settled-status-eu-citizens-families> which should answer the vast majority of any queries you might have.

### **Brexit Guidance for Parents and Carers**

As I am sure you will be aware, the UK government is planning to take the UK out of the European Union. In preparation for this, we are writing to all parents to ensure that both they and their children are prepared for the UK leaving the EU.

If you are an EU, EEA or Swiss citizen, you and your family can apply to the EU Settlement Scheme to continue living in the UK after 30 June 2021. If your application is successful, you will be awarded either 'settled' or 'pre-settled' status. It is very important to bear in mind that you will also need to make an application for your child(ren) if they are not UK citizens.

You may be able to stay in the UK without applying - for example, if you are an Irish citizen or have indefinite leave to remain (also known as 'permanent residency').

At the date of this bulletin, the deadline for applying is 30 June 2021. However, if the UK leaves the EU without a deal, then the deadline for applying will be 31 December 2020.

To apply for settled or pre-settled status, you will need to make your application online at <https://www.gov.uk/settled-status-eu-citizens-families/applying-for-settled-status>.

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