

## Spring Term

### BBS Family Weekly Bulletin

Week beginning: 4th March 2024

**Dates for your Diary: Monday 19th January 2024 – Monday 8th April 2024**

Event Date and Time	Event	Who is it for?	Location
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March 2024 4.30pm – 7.00pm	Year 7 Parents Evening	Year 7 Parents/Carers & Students	Sports Hall
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	World Book Day	All Years	
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> March 2024 – Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	PGL Boreatton Park	Year 8 & 9 PGL Trip Group	Off Site
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March 2024 to Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	Italy Ski Trip	Year 9 & 10 Ski Trip Group	Off Site
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March 2024	Last Day of Spring Term	All Years	
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> March 2024 – Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> April 2024	Easter Holidays	All Years	
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> April 2024	Start of Summer Term	All Years	



Dear families,

We have had another great week, with lots happening in and around the school, including a trip for the whole of Year 10 to Telford College. Our student attendance figures have improved recently, and I would like to ask for your continued support with this matter, as we all know how much of a difference good attendance makes to progress and learning.

We are all very excited about the opening of our new dining room on Monday 4 March and to mark the occasion we are going to provide all students and staff with a FREE muffin and drink! We are therefore going to hold a series of morning breaks for each year group. At lunchtime staff and students will have opportunities to purchase a variety of food and drink. I know that our students and staff have been looking forward to having the dining facility back open, so do hope they will enjoy the new space that has been created for them over the coming weeks and months.

For more exciting news about the canteen opening, please see the Notices at the end of the bulletin.

Mr M Kelay, Acting Principal.

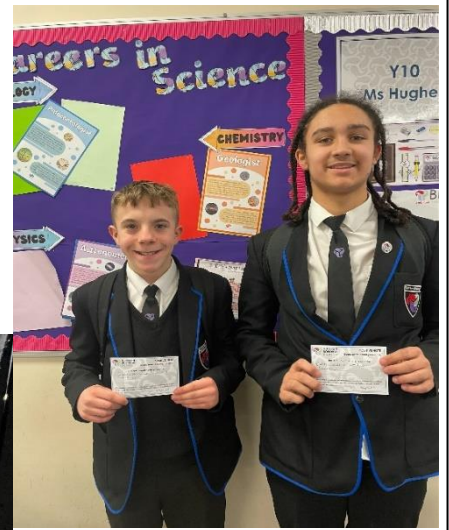
**Year 7**

Postcards going home. (below)



**Science**

Super work in Science this week, these 2 students were fantastic at explaining their scientific ideas to the rest of the class (right)



**Assembly** on our new canteen (right) and assembly certificates (below)



**Positive Notes** (below)

Setting up **biometric fingerprint ID** for the new cashless system coming soon to BBS



**Baking Soda Bread** (below)



Tom Ross and Kyle Felton receiving their positive notes and chocolate after a brilliant lesson. Well done both! (right & below).



**Baking Flapjacks**



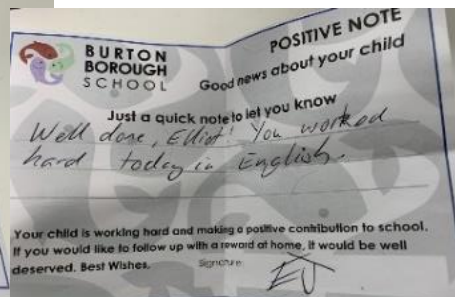
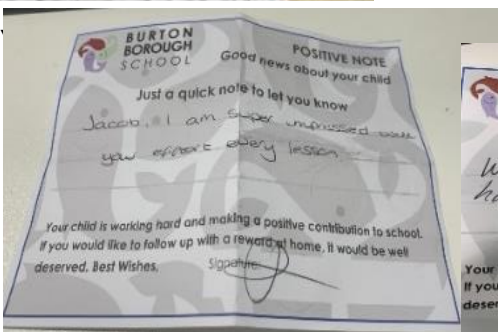
## Year 7 Continued...

### DT Craft



### Year 10 News

Well done Lauren on being awarded her Gold Badge this week (right)



### BBS English Department – Reading Notice

Books create belonging. They help us see each other and understand one another. They shine a light on the world.

It's vital that the books we read in our formative years reflect the rich diversity of the society we live in.

Here is a link a wonderful world of books rich in diversity:

<https://wp.penguin.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/Lit-in-Colour-incomplete-list-secondary-three.pdf>

Here is a link for your children to gather more information:

<https://www.penguin.co.uk/lit-in-colour/students>

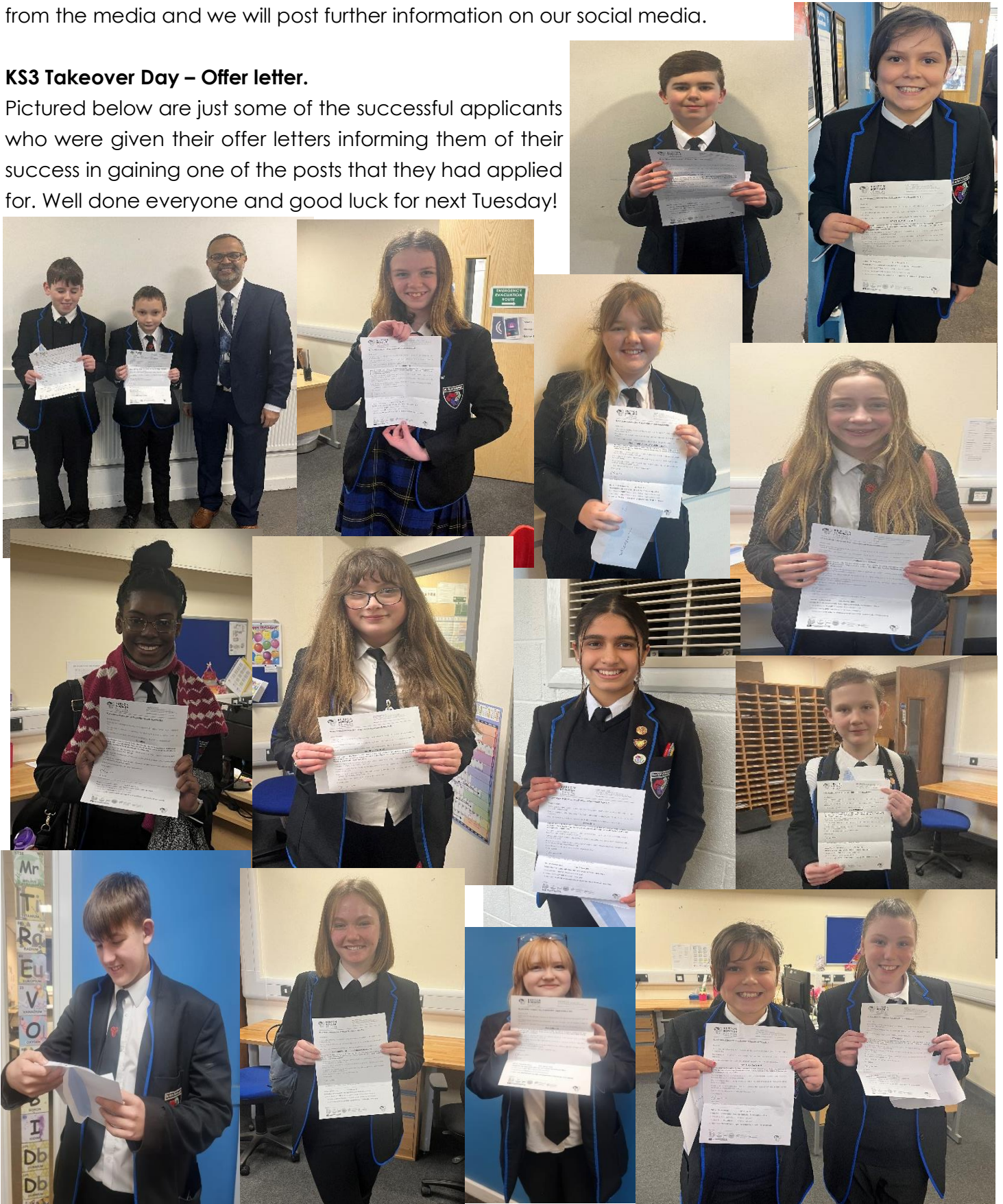


## Key Stage 3 Takeover Day – Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March

To celebrate National Careers Week, on Tuesday approx. 65 students will take part in our key stage 3 takeover day, taking on a variety of roles across the school from Principal, senior leaders, teachers, administration staff, pastoral staff, catering and site team members. If your child has been successful in one of these roles, they should have already met the member of staff they will be taking the role of and discussed the plan for the day and what attire would be appropriate. Students who will be working in the canteen, may have slightly different days than the main takeover day. We are expecting coverage from the media and we will post further information on our social media.

### KS3 Takeover Day – Offer letter.

Pictured below are just some of the successful applicants who were given their offer letters informing them of their success in gaining one of the posts that they had applied for. Well done everyone and good luck for next Tuesday!



## Year 10 Taster Day - TCAT

On Wednesday morning the whole of Year 10 visited TCAT for a 'taster' session. This gave them an opportunity to sample what it would be like to study one of the variety of sessions including: A Levels, T Levels, Creative & Music, Health & Early Years, Public Uniformed Services & Sport, Hair & Beauty, Catering, Business, Engineering, Maths & English and Apprenticeships. The morning was a great success, and the students were very well behaved.



## World Book Day – 7<sup>th</sup> March 2024

On 7<sup>th</sup> March, we will be celebrating World Book Day with a range of competitions, activities and a local author visit! Amy Beashel will be visiting BBS to complete creative writing workshops with some of our Y9 and Y10 students and a special assembly for Y11 on reading for empathy. There will be an opportunity to buy Beashel's books on the day with a meet and greet around lunch. Books cost £8 each.

These young adult books explore sensitive topics such as coercive behaviour and domestic violence. Therefore, we would suggest only purchasing these for our KS4 students.



## “School warning as explicit images shared to pupils” BBC News

A school has issued a warning to parents about a WhatsApp group in which explicit images are being shared to children. The group, called Add People, reportedly has members as young as nine years old, North Bromsgrove High School and Sixth Form said in a letter seen by the BBC. More than 200 Bromsgrove children were said to have been added to the group and West Mercia Police confirmed it had investigated a report of a safeguarding concern from a person in the town.

The BBC has contacted the school for comment. Parents and guardians were urged by the school to check their children's social media activity as police had found inappropriate videos and pictures were being added to the group. It was reported to police on 1 February, and officers have since visited a number of schools in the area "to make them aware of the group and remind students and parents of the importance of staying safe online", the force said.



### **Introducing our new “Family Forum” (Year 11)**

Through this forum we will be offering information and support to families through fortnightly workshops. **The first of these are based around the theme of exams and are aimed at the parents of all year 11 students.**



These sessions need to be prebooked using the booking form. (link attached)

**4<sup>th</sup> March 2024:** **How to revise.** This is a session run by Mr Boden and Miss Wigley to help parents/carers support their children with revision.

**21<sup>st</sup> March 2024:** **Meet the examiner.** This is a session run by Miss Owen where she and her department go through an English Language exam paper and show you how to support your child with this paper.

**8<sup>th</sup> April 2024:** **How to support your child with exam stress.** A session run by Miss Fowler and Mrs Heins aimed at parents/carers whose children have anxiety around exams. This session will give parents strategies they can use to support their child.

**22<sup>nd</sup> April 2024:** **Everything you need to know about how the GCSE exams run.** This is a session run by Mr Boden and explains how the GCSE exam series runs and what happens on the day of exams. A guide to let you know how to support your child and answer any questions you may have.

**Sessions will be held in the main hall at 5.00pm.**

If you feel that these would be of benefit to you, please book through the link below.

<https://forms.office.com/e/k27gdAK7vz>

We look forward to seeing you there.

### **Keeping children safe parent workshop Telford and Wrekin**

With more access than ever before to phones and other technology, it can be difficult to understand how to keep your child safe in an increasingly digital world.

The workshop is fully funded and will cover:

- What online harm is and online gang recruitment.
- Ways you can effectively help and support your children.
- Understand why and how children can become victims.
- How your response can support your child
- An award-winning approach to support young people at risk of exploitation
- Delivery by lived experienced professionals.

To access the workshop (delivered via Teams – Teams app not necessary for participation), please click on the link below just before the training begins.

Tuesday 12 March 2024 5.30 - 6.30pm

[Click here to join the meeting](#)



## NCS Away from home - Information Events

Whether you're looking to make a difference in the world, you're an aspiring entrepreneur or you're wanting to gain new skills for life, our NCS experiences are for you.

Now your 15-17 year old has the same opportunity to embark on an exciting new adventure where they can make friends, build their confidence, and develop and strengthen their skills for work and life.

Want to find out more? We will be hosting a series of NCS information sessions.

West Midlands- Activate  
Wednesday 6th March, 6-7pm

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/819959680477?aff=oddttdtcreator>

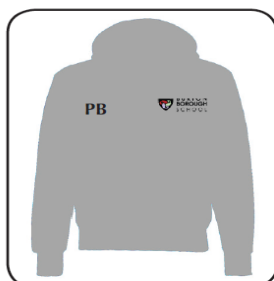


**WEARENCS.COM**

### Year 11 Leavers Hoodies

Calling all Year 11s, your leavers hoodies are now available to order through Kidz in Focus. The

## BURTON BOROUGH - CLASS OF 2024 LEAVING HOODY ORDER FORM



GREY



DARK BLUE



PURPLE



BLACK



### HOW TO ORDER

ON LINE: IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ORDER A 2024 HOODY PLEASE GO TO [www.kidzinfocus.co.uk](http://www.kidzinfocus.co.uk)

CLICK ON THE HOODY BOX ON THE HOME PAGE THIS WILL TAKE YOU TO THE ORDER FORM WHERE YOU WILL BE ABLE TO SELECT THE COLOUR, SIZE AND INITIALS AND ADDRESS DETAILS.

PAYMENT CAN BE MADE BY DEBIT OR CREDIT CARD OR PAYPAL

BY TELEPHONE : Call **07832 166777** or **01952 404411** with your order details and credit or debit card information. If no reply please leave voice mail and you will be contacted asap.

ORDERS WILL BE DELIVERED INTO SCHOOL FOR DISTRIBUTION AT THE DISCRETION OF THE SCHOOL

Orders placed on or before deadline will be delivered into school in Early May - Unfortunately orders placed after the deadline will be subject to an additional late fee of £3.00 and add up to 14 days On delivery

Sizes  
SMALL 36ins  
MEDIUM 38-40ins  
LARGE 40-42ins  
X LARGE 44-46ins

REVERSE SIDE OF HOODIE WILL INCLUDE ALL YEAR 11 NAMES INSIDE FIGURE 24



For illustration purposes only

## Wellbeing Message

“

**Mental health problems don't define who you are. They are something you experience. You walk in the rain and you feel the rain, but you are not the rain.**

**MATT HAIG**

### **All Years Notices:**

#### **Canteen Exciting News!**

The canteen is due to open on Monday, and we plan to have the cashless system up and running too. Thank you to the parents that have already given their permission for their children to use the biometric system, many of the students have already had their thumb prints taken and the Sharp team are returning on Monday to continue the process. We will have a system in school which will allow us to continue signing students up to the biometric system as we go forward but we would like to get the bulk of our students set up by Monday if possible. If you we have not already given your consent for the biometric scanning, you will have received an email regarding this today.

For those where permission has been given, the ability to upload funds to your child's account is now available on SCOPAY. You will be able to this by clicking on 'Balances', then click on 'Cashless Catering' where you will be given the option 'Top Up Balance'. Select your amount, the minimum amount is £5.00. The amount you add will then move to your basket, click on the basket icon and checkout.

Cash will continue to be taken, alongside the cashless system until the end of the Spring Term. The school will be operating a fully Cashless System, from the 8<sup>th</sup> April 2024.

From my understanding the system defaults to a maximum spend of £5 per day but this can be reduced on request. There is a one-day grace period set, whereby the student will still be able to get food should their card have run out that day but please be aware, the value will then be deducted from any top up funds added. We appreciate this is a new system, but please can you check your child's balance on a regular basis, in order that they have sufficient funds available to them when needed.

It has been an immense challenge for our Catering Team to have continued to supply food (hot & cold) to our students, while the renovation work has been taking place, but we also appreciate it has been an extremely difficult time for your children, with not having an appropriate space to eat their food during their social times. I would just like to take this opportunity to thank families for the continued support we received throughout this period and for your constant patience and understanding.

Kind regards

Rita Barton, Business Manager



# **BBS Music and Drama Clubs / Bands**

TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p><b><u>Choir</u></b> All years 3.05-4.15pm in MU2</p>	<p><b><u>Show Rehearsal</u></b> All years 3.05-4.30pm in New Hall (after Feb halfterm)</p> <p><b><u>Woodwind Ensemble</u></b> Invite only 3.15-4.15pm In MU3</p> <p><b><u>Concert Band</u></b> Invite only 4.30-5.30pm in MU3</p>	<p><b><u>Junior Band</u></b> KS3 woodwind and brass players 3.30-4.30pm in MU3</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>	<p><b><u>Drama Club</u></b> All years 3.05-4.15pm in MU3</p>
<p><b>For more information about joining any of these clubs or bands, see staff in the Music &amp; Drama Office</b></p>			

## Extra-Curricular Timetable

These sessions are open to all students. No need to book. See your subject Teacher about which room the session will be held in.

Year	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7	Staff CPD	Basketball EMP/LTI		Girls and Boys Football JDA/LTI	
8		Basketball EMP/LTI		Girls and Boys Football JDA/LTI	
9		Basketball EMP/LTI		Girls and Boys Football JDA/LTI	
10		Basketball EMP/LTI			
11		Basketball EMP/LTI	GCSE Badminton Filming Invite only JDA/MRO	GCSE Badminton Filming Invite only MRO GCSE PEP Invite Only JDA	GCSE Intervention MRO/JDA CNAT intervention EMP/LTI

## Year 10 and Year 11 Revision Timetable

<b>BBS Revision Timetable 2023-2024</b>				
Year 10				
	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
<b>White Week</b>	Photography Art	English	Geography History RE Music Child Development ( <i>invite only</i> ) Y11 GCSE PEP	CNAT PE
<b>Blue Week</b>	Maths		Science	Computer Science Enterprise GCSE PE
Year 11				
	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
<b>White Week</b>	Maths	English	Science Music	Computer Science Enterprise
<b>Blue Week</b>	MFL DT Food ( <i>invite only</i> ) Photography Art	English Sociology	RE Child Development ( <i>invite only</i> ) Geography History Y11 GCSE PEP	GCSE PE Drama