



Burton Borough School Newsletter

December 2017

BBS Concert Band competes at the World Music Contest

Way back in July, 60 past and present members of the Burton Borough Concert Band travelled to the Netherlands to compete at the World Music Contest held in Kerkrade.

The contest is only held once every four years and this is the 3rd time the BBS Concert Band has been chosen to compete at the contest. Unlike the National Concert Band Festival that BBS Bands compete in every year in the School Band Section, the WMC is not just for school and youth bands. Our students competed against other youth bands *and* adult bands from around the world- a tough challenge going against people who have been playing for far longer! Also as the WMC is not just for school bands, it meant that several ex-members from Concert Band who had left in the last few years to go to university, could come back to play for the contest. It's always a testament to the enjoyment that students get from the bands when they return to play, even after they have left the bands at 18 years old.



Concert Band played 2 pieces for the contest. The set piece that every band had to play was *Land of Zarathustra* by Amir Moolokpour was over 15 minutes long. The second piece- that was chosen by Mrs Ruston, was *Persis* by James L. Hosay, nearly 10 minutes long. For students to play a 25 minute set of challenging music is a huge achievement in itself and we were delighted when Concert Band was rewarded with a Silver Medal, after scoring 75 points out of a possible 100. All the students' hard work and hours of rehearsals had paid off with a brilliant result.

Principal's Wall

Dear Families,

What an incredible term it has been! With the new uniform, the introduction to our new 'small schools' system with Aqualate, Chetwynd and Hawkstone and the never ending list of activities your children have been engaged in at Burton Borough, the term has certainly flown by!

In this issue of the Burton Borough School Newsletter, you will find some amazing things our young people have achieved; from winning medals in sports at a national level to our famous Burton Borough Bands winning platinum awards nationally and awards internationally, we are certainly setting the bar very high for our students. Not only that, you will undoubtedly have heard about our Burton Borough University scheme (more information in this newsletter) and the amazing work our students have produced from it. Not only have they been recognised by us for outstanding achievement but also by Oxford University, one of the country's leading higher education establishments, and the local media.

With the new, more rigorous GCSEs our students are preparing for, mental health and wellbeing is one of our top priorities this year for both students and staff. We have carried out a huge amount of work around this and it has been recognised as good practice. As a result, we are sharing what we are doing with local schools and hope to develop this nationally. During our two week mindfulness taster sessions with year 10 and 11, my favourite moment was when I turned up to a 9am meeting to be told that our governors had not yet arrived because they were participating in the Indian Head Massage session!

If you would like daily updates from Burton Borough School, please don't forget to follow us on Twitter @BurtonBorough.

Have a fantastic Christmas holiday and New Year. Thank you for your continued support and I am really looking forward January 2018!

Mrs. Raymont-Hall

As well as the Concert Band playing at the WMC, BBS Big Band performed an open air concert in Valkenberg Town Square and it wasn't all work for the students and staff, they also took part in several activities over the trip- including tobogganing overlooking Valkenberg and laser quest inside the town caves- always great fun (and ever so slightly competitive!)

Everyone involved had an amazing time on the trip and were delighted with how well the band played. It's always a fantastic opportunity for students to travel abroad and take part in international competitions so fingers crossed we can go back to the World Music Contest in another 4 years!



Diary Dates for next term:

Wednesday 3rd January
First day of term

Tuesday 9th January
Year 9 Parents' Evening

Thursday 18th January
Year 11 Mock Results Evening

Monday 22nd January
Year 9 Options Evening

Wednesday 31st January
Year 7 Parents' Evening

Tuesday 6th – Friday 9th
February
School musical – Sister Act

Monday 26th March
Aqualate Celebration
Evening

Tuesday 27th March
Chetwynd Celebration
Evening

Thursday 29th March
Hawkstone Celebration
Evening



National Concert Band Festival Regionals

November 2017

On Sunday 19th November Burton Borough School Big Band, Concert Band and Junior Wind Band took part in the National Concert Band Festival Regionals held at Wrekin College. All the bands had to play a program of music to showcase their ability for a panel of adjudicators of professional musicians marking them against a set of criteria. The adjudication is to measure the individual bands level of performance- i.e. how well that band performs, rather than making comparisons between two different bands' performances.



3
*Platinum
Awards!*

Over 60 students played in the Burton Borough School Bands that weekend, aged from 8 to 18 and all 3 bands played fantastically and were each awarded with a Platinum Award- the top award you can get! The feedback given by the adjudicators was very positive and by receiving Platinum Awards this means that all 3 bands will be invited to take part in the National Finals being held at the Royal Northern College of Music in April 2017. All the students who took part played exceptionally well and their hard work and commitment to rehearsals after school and at weekends really paid off- well done to all involved.



Rotary Lite Young Chef Challenge

On 30th November we hosted the Rotary Lite Young Chef Challenge. Students were asked to plan, cook and serve two identical main course and desserts within a budget of £10. The theme was Autumn Harvest which inspired our budding chefs to use a whole range of seasonal fruit and vegetables. The quality of the food produced was outstanding, it looked great and tasted even better. The competition is run by Rotary Lite of Newport with the winner going on to the next round. A huge thank you to Martyn Dean from Rotary Lite and his wife Jane for all their hard work, to Peter Roberts, Head Chef from The Orchard Restaurant in Newport and Lajina Leal, who runs Lajina Masala, providing cookery lessons for individuals, small groups, families and corporate team building events.

I am so proud of all the students who took part:-

Valdis Viksne

Tyler Goodman

Rebecca Stone

Alfie Heath

Isabelle Edwards

Jamie Morris

Jonathon Hawkins

Katelyn Wilkie

Katie Jones

Olivia Darby

Sam Kerrison

Molly Duffield

After much deliberation and plenty of tasting the judges finally announced the winners:-

Runner –up was Katelyn Wilkie for her main course of Pesto, tomato and mozzarella stuffed chicken breast with potato salad and Apple and plum crumble.

Winner – Olivia Darby who cooked courgette and carrot frittata served with roasted vegetables and a poached pear with vanilla and cinnamon, served with vanilla whipped cream.

I also want to say a huge thank you to Rotary Lite who sponsored the event by providing 20 chef's whites for our students to use and the winners trophies.

I am very proud of these fantastic students. Keep cooking!

Kay Goodridge

TLC Design Technology



Futurechef 2018

Futurechef 2018 took place in October and all the competitors were fantastic. They had to plan, prepare, cook and serve two identical main course meals within a budget of £5. No help was given. The quality of dishes was amazing and all of them should be extremely proud of their endeavours. A huge well done to:-

Liam Anslow
Molly Duffield
Jessica Wright

Finlay Bickerton
Nathan Hester
Olivia Darby

Louisa Bambro
Thomas Steel
Kian Marsh

Jonathon Hawkins
Katy Ingram
Rhianna Otero Salgado

Liam Anslow and Finlay Bickerton are our two winners who progress to the Local Heat in Hereford in January. We wish them all the best.

Kay Goodridge
Design Technology



*Well done to
our two
winners*



*“Quality
dishes”*

Sister Act

Rehearsals are underway for this year's school musical 'Sister Act' which will be performed from 6th-9th February 2018. As always students are working hard learning lines, songs and dances. We always like to challenge students with our shows and hopefully 'Sister Act' will be our biggest and best show yet!

Based on the 1992 film, *Sister Act* is a feel-amazing musical comedy nominated for 5 Tony Awards including Best Musical. *Sister Act* features original music by Tony and 8-time Oscar winner Alan Menken, the composer of *Beauty And The Beast*, *The Little Mermaid* and *Little Shop Of Horrors* (among others!)

When disco diva Deloris Van Cartier witnesses a murder, she is put in protective custody in one place the cops are sure she won't be a found: a convent! Disguised as a nun, she finds herself at odds with both the rigid lifestyle and uptight Mother Superior. Using her singing talent to inspire the choir, Deloris breathes new life into the church and community but in doing so, blows her cover. Soon the gang chasing her finds themselves up against Deloris and the power of her newly found sisterhood.

Tickets will be available after the Christmas holidays so watch out for further details in January.

KS4 Drama Club- Nativity (goes wrong!)

For their Christmas show this year, KS4 Drama Club looked at the work of Mischief Theatre- a theatre company who has made its name for putting on plays that "go wrong"- deliberately! They focus on comedy theatre, starting their work through improvisation on a theme- usually leading to an affectionate spoof of the world of amateur dramatics.

Taking Mischief Theatres play 'Nativity That Goes Wrong' KS4 Drama Club looked at the traditional school Nativity play and thought about where comedic situations could arise in such a production, thinking back to their infant and primary school nativity plays. They came up with an angel who is afraid of heights and a cast member who cannot remember their lines amongst other things. Students also thought about how they could satirise amateur theatre and poke fun at some of really bad acting, "diva" behaviour and pushy directors sometimes associated with am-dram! Students took their ideas and devised a 30 minute performance which was performed to parents and friends at the end of November. Students had to work really hard at acting badly and it proved harder they thought it would for our talented students. The cast also had to deal with last minute changes on the day of the performance, when unfortunately illness meant last minute re-casting was necessary- but everyone handled the changes brilliantly and professionally. Well done to all the students who took part.



And the winner is...

On the evening of Wednesday 22nd November Burton Borough hosted the annual GCSE presentation Evening, this year for the Class of Summer 2017.

Through the hard work of our school site team and a group of volunteers, in only a matter of hours our own sports hall was transformed. The carpet was laid, tables dressed in white table cloths adorned with lanterns, glitter sparkles, balloons, drinks and sweets. Using the expertise of our performance department, Mr Lane and Mr Boy fitted professional lighting and an amazing sound and announcement system. The room was unrecognizable. Purely party central!!!

All we needed now were our guests. And they came in their droves accompanied by proud parents and family members. It was so lovely to see them all again, looking less school student and more young adult now. The boys in their suits and the girls all dressed in their finery, they really had made the effort for the evening.

It was our last chance to celebrate the 'old' house system of Attenborough, Lennon, Moore and Tolkien. In honour of this Mr Lane even changed the lighting to match the colour of the house as each Head of house presented their awards to their deserving house winners. Each student took to the stage to collect their well-deserved GCSE Certificates. The programme also saw certificates presented for progress and attainment.

We were also treated to two beautiful musical performance from Lara Good and Imogen Price. Giving much valued advice of what lay ahead for our leavers, Charlie Conquest, an ex-student, gave an insight into life in post 16 education too.

The second part of the evening was given over to the individual subjects to present awards within their departments. Many amazing accounts of hard word, determination and successes were read out and many students went up to the stage to receive a glittery bag with a specially purchased gift inside.

The last two awards of the evening consisted of the Governor's Award for service to school and community and was presented to Alice Owen-Jones for her endless charity work, and the Headteacher's Award that saw a beautifully crafted trophy presented to the much deserved Sophie Avery.

The evening concluded with a magnificent buffet fit for a king and prepared and presented by our very own school catering department.

The evening was just a lovely celebration of success. Our class of 2017 did the school proud and we hope that we returned the favour on the evening.

Mrs Richardson
Exams Officer.



Spellzone

Spellzone is an online resource that BBS subscribe to for all students in Years 7-11. The website enables you to complete a 'Spelling Ability Test' which puts you on your own personalised course pathway. Once you have passed eight units, you will take another test to see what progress you've made. There are course units, mini tests, games and much more to help you improve!

Spellings are extremely important across all GCSE subjects, and therefore it is vitally important for you to take an active role in improving your spelling accuracy. For more information on how to use Spellzone, speak to your English teacher.

Mrs Maria Griffiths
Second in English



Tis the season to shop online!

Did you know that every time you buy something you could be raising money for Burton Borough School?

That's right - over 2400 well known retailers including Amazon, M&S, Selfridges & Co, Waitrose, John Lewis, House of Fraser, Vodafone, Tesco, Sainsbury's, Thornton's and many many more will donate a percentage of what you spend to Burton Borough School when you shop with them, via fundraising website easyfundraising.org.uk

It's like nectar but instead of earning points, each purchase generates a donation. So instead of going directly to a retailer's website, go to [easyfundraising](http://easyfundraising.org.uk) first and choose the retailer you want to shop with - then everything you spend with that retailer earns a free donation for Burton Borough School. It's completely free to use and your shopping won't cost you a penny more!

So whatever you need to buy this festive season, buy it via [easyfundraising](http://easyfundraising.org.uk) and raise money for Burton Borough School at no extra cost to you!

It's never too early to order your Christmas turkey or seasonal meats!

Order with Waitrose and they will donate up to £20 to Burton Borough School!



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Dear Parents/Guardians

Now that the time is approaching for your child to move onto their new school, you may be considering that they travel there by bus. If so, Arriva would like to take this opportunity to inform you of our new Scholar Saver ticket.

The ticket is available to all secondary school students up to and including year 11. Your child can have unlimited travel access across the whole of the Arriva West Midlands network for less than £1.50 a day. This not only covers their journey to and from school, but also includes travel during evenings, weekends and school holidays.

You can spread the cost of the Scholar Saver ticket by setting up a Direct Debit and paying in 10 affordable monthly payments. It's a simple process to apply. There is no minimum contract and you can cancel at any time. Once registered, a bus pass will be sent to your child every month by post, or as an MTicket to their Iphone or Android handset.

To arrange your direct debit payment please visit:
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You can register any time between now and 31st July 2017 to order your ticket for the next academic year. Your first direct debit payment will be taken on 15th August 2017 and you first ticket will be valid from 27th August 2017.

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To find out more about our full range of student tickets and other ways to buy.

Please visit:

www.arrivabus.co.uk/midlands/bus-tickets/student-tickets/

Burton Borough Students Compete in The Royal TV Society Finals

At the end of the Summer term, six year 9 students represented Burton Borough in The Royal TV society Regional Finals. Their task was to design a new TV show and pitch it. Our students worked tremendously hard and pitched their idea of a new drama series called "Aftermath" which began with a tragic car accident and then subsequent episodes featured the individual stories of six key characters who were all involved in the accident. The students created social media accounts to promote their idea and built up a strong following prior to the final, which was held at the University of Wolverhampton. Judges commended the students on their professional pitch, their creativity and the maturity of their idea.



Year nine students design their own university!

On the first EEL day of this academic year, year nine students took part in "My Perfect University" in collaboration with the University of Wolverhampton. They competed in the school heat, against their peers to design their perfect university campus. The winning team, who called their design, Landscape University, with the tag line "Together, we are the landscape" designed a fully sustainable university campus specialising in architecture. They went on to represent the school in the West Midlands finals in November, where they presented their ideas to a team of judges at the university. The judges were particularly impressed with the sustainability plans and the live social media following the students had achieved in such a short time.



Year 8 Students compete in The National Enterprise Challenge and meet Theo Paphitis!

Five students from year 8 wowed the judges at our School heat and went on to represent BBS at the National Enterprise Finals at the end of the Summer term. They were set the task of designing a space related additional attraction to complement Galactica at Alton Towers. The students put in many extra hours at school, designing a futuristic attraction using virtual reality and produced a great YouTube advert. They competed against over 200 in schools in the National Finals at Telford International Centre and pitched their idea with enthusiasm, professionalism and confidence. They also got the opportunity to participate in numerous workshops and activities on the day including a Q & A with Theo Paphitis, from Dragons Den.



Young High Street Challenge

On 24th November, 24 Key Stage 3 Students attended the launch of the Young High Street Challenge at The Place Oakengates. The Challenge, funded by Telford & Wrekin Council and The Inspirational Learning Group sees eight local schools competing against each other to win a £20,000 prize to improve their local high street.

At the launch students learnt how to use cutting edge technology and lighting to implement improve their designs. They will be working with business mentors over the next few months to come up with a full business plan and high tech design to improve Newport. The launch enthused and motivated the students as well as giving them the opportunities to do a few celebrity selfies, not least with Cel Spellmen from the drama series Cold Feet! If you would like to get involved with this project, please contact Mrs Kane who is leading the work in school (lisa.kane@taw.org.uk)

Competition launched to help revitalise town centres

Teenagers helping to revamp high streets

Report by Deborah Hardman
THE spirit of enterprise and digital design were among the themes as a competition was launched to help revitalise town centres – with a little celebrity help.
 About 200 young people from secondary schools in Telford & Wrekin are taking part in the High Street Challenge with a chance to snag £30,000 in prize money for the top two winning ideas.
 At the launch, guests included Cold Feet actor and Radio 1 presenter Cel Spellman as well as businessman Paul Gansley, of the Greater Telford and Wrekin Enterprise Partnership. The initiative aims to revive high streets in Wellington, Leeknash, Newport, Oakengates, Dawley and Madley.
 It is part of Wrekin Council's 'Pride in Our Community' High Street Fund that will see the best commercial sites worth £20,000 and the best idea to help Wellington Market win £10,000. The cash will be used to bring the winning projects to life.

Inspiration
 Pupils from Telford Priory School, Charlton School, Madley Academy, Ewell Wood Technology College, Hasley Learning Community, Burton, Borough School, Adams Grammar School, and Wrekin College are being given the task to come up with good ideas to change retailers' fortunes.
 "We definitely got some inspiration for ideas for Newport. The town looks a bit outdated at the moment. It could do with some a bit of a makeover," said 13-year-old Thomas Wright, who was very successful in the competition. "I found it interesting because now we've got some foundations we can use to develop and generate our ideas."
 Cel, who was MC on the day, told the pupils: "It's been a wonderful afternoon. I hope you are ready for your challenge. I am looking forward to seeing what you've come up with." Other guest speakers included Simon Cook, of the Local Enterprise Partnership, and Dr David Hanson, of the University of Wolverhampton.



TV star backs our toy appeal
 Cold Feet actor and Radio 1 presenter Cel Spellman joins Burton Borough pupils Thomas Wright and Joe Sadler at the launch of the Young High Street Challenge event, which is open to about 200 young people from secondary schools in Telford & Wrekin.
 Cold Feet actor and Radio 1 presenter Cel Spellman gave the thumbs-up to the Shropshire Star and Storage King Christmas Toy Appeal.
 "We are asking people to donate new toys, games, books and other gifts which will be passed to organisations that support families."
 The 22-year-old, who plays Matthew Williams, in the comedy, is the latest celebrity to back the annual collection which has so far seen 100 items delivered to collection points. He was in town for the launch of the Telford & Wrekin Young High Street Challenge which saw 200 schoolchildren inspired to come up with ideas to revitalise six struggling town centres.
 "At this time of year it's not only about giving and showing love to those who are less fortunate families, but also to those who are less fortunate than ourselves. It is the perfect time of year to share with others and spread the love. "Please help by supporting the toy appeal," Cel said.
 Other celebs to throw their weight behind the toy appeal include former super-middleweight world champion Richie Woodhall and Only Toes and Horses star Zola Challa.
 "Our chosen good causes this year are the Movement Centre in Golborne, which provides pioneering treatment for youngsters with mobility problems, Hope House children's hospice in Macclesfield, our University, and The Harry Johnson Trust for children with cancer."
 Telford & Wrekin children's services, and the children's wards at Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital trust will also benefit. Last year's appeal saw more than 1,200 gifts handed over by residents and businesses. Donations can be dropped off at any Shropshire Star office.
 Cel Spellman of Cold Feet

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Year 10 & 11 Careers Fair

We held our annual Post 16 Careers Fair in November, with a wide range of sixth forms, colleges, universities, training providers and employers exhibiting in the Sports Hall. The evening was well attended by over 200 students and parents.



Year 11 – Your Future Conference

Our annual year 11 “Your Future Conference” took place at Harper Adams University in October. Students took part in a variety of employability related workshops and each had a mock interview by one of 40 volunteers from local and national businesses. All students received verbal and written feedback on their interview to help prepare them for the future. Below are a few of the photographs taken at the event.



Work Experience Awards Evening

We hosted our first work experience awards night, partially funded by the PTA, earlier this term, where we rewarded employers and students who had shown outstanding commitment to work experience. The event was well attended by nominated students, parents and businesses. We welcomed Louis Barnett, entrepreneur and Tristram Hooley of the Careers & Enterprise Company as our guest speakers. The winners in the business categories were: Most Helpful Mentor - Kerry Slow of Wrockwardine Wood Junior School, Best Training Provider – Edgmond Hall Activity Centre, Best Overall Experience - HM Revenue & Customs (RCDS) led by Darren Worrall. In the student categories the winners were: Guy Wyre – Overcoming Difficulties, Rhianna Kevan & Lillith Hetherington – Using Initiative, Emma Jones – Punctuality & Professionalism, Megan Armstrong Barnes – Creativity and the overall Work experience student of the year, sponsored by Telford College, was awarded to Jonathan Leigh.



Year 11 Residential to St Johns College, Cambridge University

Early this term, ten of our year 11 students attended a residential at St Johns College, Cambridge University. Accompanied by Mrs Kane & Mr Roden, students enjoyed two full days at the University, taking part in debating workshops, budgeting activities & academic lectures as well as touring the college, the city and even punting on the river!

Students stayed in traditional halls of residence and ate in the formal hall, which did resemble Hogwarts!

The aim of the trip was to raise aspirations of students and to encourage applications to Oxbridge Universities.

Below are some of the photos from the trip.



Most Able and Talented Students

This has been a significant term in the development of provision for more able students at Burton Borough School. We have set up the Burton Borough University (more of that on the next page) but we have also rewritten the school policy and are working towards achieving the NACE (National Association for Able Children in Education) Challenge Award and becoming a 'Thinking School'. Each department has a specific member of staff whose focus is to advocate for the progress and achievement of more able students in their subject. As a team we work together to ensure that we are providing appropriate challenge and interest for all students in each class. We are also always looking for opportunities to enhance the experience of students outside lessons so we have been involved with a range of outside organisations.

Five of our year 10 students are now part of the Unitracks programme with the University of Warwick. This 4-year national outreach programme for highly able students from year 10 upwards aims to:

- ★ break down any perceived barriers your students may have about accessing Higher Education (HE)
- ★ encourage students to apply for, and be successful in gaining, a place at a leading research intensive university
- ★ inspire students to access different learning opportunities at leading research intensive universities

We also took a number of our year 11 students to Cambridge University for a residential where they were able to have a taste of University life and the possibilities inherent in a university education. It was hugely successful and all the students who went said they were more likely to consider prestigious universities (such as Cambridge) as a realistic option for them.

Our Computer Science and Design and Technology departments have joined forces to enter the VEX Robotics challenge. This provides students with an exciting, open-ended robotics challenge that enhances STEM skills through teamwork, critical thinking and hands-on learning. Using the VEX IQ kit, the teams have to research, design and build a robot to compete in each year's competition, an engineering challenge in the form of a game.

There is now a requirement for students on the school more able register to read 6 books from the BBS reading list and submit three position papers on topics covered in 'The Big Think' programme of the Burton Borough University. We have already seen that this sets a significant challenge and inspires all students to stretch themselves.

Lauren's robot theory wins Oxford praise

It's the sort of futuristic question that occupies the minds of some of the world's greatest thinkers. But a young pupil from Newport has won praise from Oxford University for her response to the question: "Is a robot a person?" Lauren Rigby, who is in Year 7 at Burton Borough School, used philosophical quotes from the likes of John Locke and Tomas White, as well as her own emotional reasoning, to come up with an answer.

She wrote: "If a robot thinks, talks and acts like us, why shouldn't they be considered a person?" "John Locke said that a person is

argument, taking in quotes from Tomas White and Harry G Frankfurt to debate whether emotions and desires are a key part of the human experience. Ultimately, she decided that it was subjective, and that the answer was changing all the time. "There is not one definition of what it means to be a person," she wrote. "However, I personally think that a robot could be human." The essay was written as part of Burton Borough School's new Burton Borough University scheme. Pupils are tasked with exploring big ideas that

require their own research and creative thinking. Lauren is one of five winners from numerous submissions that Tom Allen, student co-ordinator at Burton Borough, received. Winners were invited to discuss and debate their ideas with Christine Raymont-Hall, Principal, at the Philosopher's Tea Party. After being shared on Twitter, Lauren received a surprise letter of praise from Oxford University was sent to the school. Other winners included Eve Hutchinson, Frederick Charles Stacey, Oliver Tomlinson-Jones and Sam Williams.

Tom Allen, Lauren Rigby and headteacher Christine Raymont-Hall

'any human being who possesses continuous consciousness over time and is capable of framing representations about the world, formulating plans and acting on them'. Not sticking to one side of the issue, Lauren wrote a counter-



The Burton Borough University

This has been a significant term in the life of Burton Borough School with the establishment of the Burton Borough University. For many years the school has been rightly famous for its fantastic music, dance and drama provision that runs after school; they rehearse tirelessly and produce magical performances year in year out. We wanted to put together a programme of courses and clubs that would emulate this success in other areas and deliver cultural capital to all students across a range of interests.

This term we have introduced the Thinking Skills course for year 7, 'The Big Think' and Philosophers' Tea Party for all years and established the BBS Film Club. Coming up after Christmas:

- ★ Our computer science department will be running a course on the Python programming language
- ★ The Maths department will be running a MATHS4LIFE course to teach year 10 students about how to manage their finances (tax, debt, saving and spending)
- ★ The next 'Big Think' question and discussion groups
- ★ The beginning of Carnegie Medal shadowing with the English department and LRC staff for years 8 and 9
- ★ A University access programme for year 10 giving them all the most up-to-date information on the process of applying for and studying at university

Students are informed of new events and opportunities through assemblies and their CLL programme; we are also able to get the message out via twitter (@BBSUniversity) and the school website is being updated to provide a dedicated section for the BBU. It's an exciting time and we hope students get involved as much as they can to broaden their horizons and explore their true potential.



Do you have any **free time** during the week?

Are you interested in **volunteering**?

Are you interested in career in **education**?

Are you looking to further your **CV**?

If you've answered yes to any of these questions, we're looking for you!

Come and volunteer with some of our year 7-9 secondary school students.

For more information please contact

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Mathematics Department News

The Maths Department would like to congratulate all Y11 leavers for their commitment and dedication to the revision classes on a Thursday after school. Raffle tickets were given out to all those who attended and with huge thanks to Frankie & Benny's who donated a meal for 4. A ticket was drawn on the last week of school. Congratulations to Molly Kent who had the winning ticket and she invited Megan Bowsher, Jess Smallman and Courtney Davies to go with her to Frankie & Benny's, Telford. All the girls had a wonderful time. They said it was a brilliant way to celebrate the end of school at Burton Borough.

Frankie & Benny's wish to congratulate all our Y11 pupils and wish them all the best in the future.

Burton Borough Students Excel in Maths Challenge

Every year, Leeds University runs a junior maths challenge for top attaining year 7 and 8 pupils to win awards for their problem solving skills. The paper consists of multiple choice, non-calculator questions. The questions get progressively harder and marks are lost for incorrect answers. Burton Borough's maths department were delighted with this year's results, the test is very difficult and we are so proud of everyone who took part.

Year 7 Results July 2017

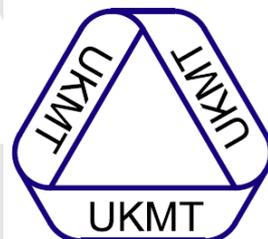
Bronze Certificate (over 50 marks)	Silver Certificate (over 64 marks)
Emily Bullock Lola Fletcher Niamh Cartwright Valdis Viksne Jakub Szul Kinga Stachowicz Nathan Lynn Dela Deglor	Harry Roberts Hannah Ash

Year 8 Results July 2017

Bronze Certificate (over 50 marks)	Silver Certificate (over 64 marks)
Sofia Holland Tia Ward Freddy Stacey Katy Pennell Oliver Robinson	Sophie Leigh Amy Pinto Freddy Stacey

Sofie Leigh also achieved Best in School. Well done!

Well done to all students who took part.



Cross Country League

BBS pupils hit the mark in recent cross country league, getting the XC season off to a flying start.

Four cross country races were held across the county at The Park School, Abraham Darby, Adams Grammar and Idsall. Approximately forty students from BBS took part alongside students from other schools across Telford and Wrekin. All BBS runners gave their best and represented their school impressively.

Dylan Lane-Craddock (Y10), Cameron-Elle Mander (Y10), Kiera Adcock (Y8) and Lydia Lane-Craddock (Y7) all performed exceptionally well in all four races, resulting in 2nd place podium positions for each of them! A special mention must also go to the new Year 7 students for representing their school so well at such an early stage in their first autumn term at BBS.

Following these races, the top performing students across the county will be selected to represent Shropshire to take part in the Inter County Championships to be held on the 25th of November.

Well done to all competitors for taking part and a huge thank you to the PE staff for supporting the races.

Report by Cameron-Elle Mander

YEAR 7

Lydia Lane-Craddock
Phoebe Jones
Kate Greenwood
Caitlyn Mander
Joeleen Charley
Rida Shah
Evie Brisco
Katelyn Wilkie
Chloe Griffiths
Tilly Jasper
Hannah Meads
Susane Palmes
Jessica Fradgley
Oliver Corbett
Cameron Kelson
Sam Kerrison
Leo Christopher
Ryan Jones
William Johnson
James Shephard
Matthew Li
Jacob Leaver

YEAR 8

Kiera Adcock
Kelly Griffiths
Kayleigh Berry
India Ellarby
Logan Robinson
Billy Bennett
William Armstrong-Barnes
Josh Mansell
Jake Harrison

YEAR 9

Katie Appleby
Katy Ingram

YEAR 10/11

Cameron Ellie Mander
Grace Padkin
Justine Rowley
Dylan Lane –Craddick
Tom Berry
Jack Brumbill



T&W Primary Sports Hall Athletics

On 7th and 8th of November 2017 some of the year 7 girls attended a leadership event, there was 16 of us in a group. This took place at Telford Tennis Centre we also had help off Adam from Sports hall UK, Mrs Goswell and Mrs Harris.

We had to work with other primary schools, for example Newport juniors, Muxton and St. Peters and Paul; we had to do different activities by being spilt into two groups and different schools on each side. Some of the activities were triple long jump, throw the ball onto the mat and see how far it goes and javelin along the mat standing. Chloe Griffiths said "it was fun as I did standing long jump also it was a good experience for me." The people that attended were Charlotte, Chloe, Chrystal, Ella, Esther, Evie, Grace, Keira, Lily, Megan, Milly, Olivia, Sophie, Caitlin, Aphiah, Ella, Emily, Evie, Faith, Izzy, Jessica N, Jessica W, Katie, Nightingale and Olivia.

By Grace Bartlett





TWSSA Gymnastics Novice Competition

On Monday 13th November, BBS hosted 4 different schools in a floor and vault competition. This involved a lot of hard work and planning from the school staff as it was the first time we had hosted this type of event. Many of the students had not competed in a gymnastics competition before and really enjoyed having the opportunity to do so. It was an enjoyable, friendly competition and everyone had lots of fun.
By Amara Otero Salgado

I took part in a gymnastics competition (floor and vault). I was in the older novice team. I am not confident on vault but did OK thanks to the support of the team. Four more teams came to Burton Borough and took part. There was a warm up floor to warm up for floor and you got practice vaults, this made me feel ready to compete. There was 4 people in our team. We placed 4th and the younger team placed 2nd.

By Rhianna Otero Salgado

PE Teams







Netball @bbspe is on the up!

Each week is seeing a fantastic turn out of girls challenging for their place on the teams.



November 2017

Newport Safer Neighbourhood Team
Donnington Police Station
Wellington Road
Donnington
Telford TF2 8AE
Tel: 101 ext 66684

Dear Parent / Carer,

Unfortunately, the Newport Safer Neighbourhood Team is receiving further complaints regarding parking problems around our schools.

We appreciate that many people have busy lives, and will be 'doing the school run' on the way to or from work but there can be few things more precious than a child's life – **poor, inconsiderate or illegal parking puts your youngsters at risk !**

It may be that when taking children to and from school by car, people need to allow a few extra minutes, park a little further away and walk the final short distance – some of our schools even operate 'walking bus' facilities for this exact purpose.

Please remember – **parking on school zig zags and single yellow lines during their times of operation, double yellow lines, blocking junctions, pavements or driveways are all offences** for which the police and authorised PCSO's can issue a £30 fixed penalty notice. If the matter goes to court the maximum fine is £1,000 plus court costs.

Due to our 'education before enforcement' efforts having little impact, we are now taking a more robust approach to enforcement of illegal parking near schools where the default position will be 'ticket not warn'.

We hope that you will consider your parking when dropping off / collecting children so that you are not the next recipient of a parking ticket from ourselves.

Yours faithfully,

Lee Thomas

PC1522 Lee Thomas
Newport Safer Neighbourhood Team



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Mental Health and Wellbeing

We have had a very busy half term with the launch of our Mental Health and Wellbeing programme with lots of things being introduced for both students and staff.

We began with a series of Taster Sessions for Key Stage 4 students to enable them to try new things that might help them manage their stress and anxiety around exams and revision. We had lots of positive outcomes with students in Year 11 trying Indian Head Massage, Music Therapy and Meditation and Year 10 trying Yoga, Art Therapy and Sport for Mindfulness. We were also lucky to be able to welcome Frazer Funnell from CAMHS into school to take assemblies for Year 10 and 11 about Mental Health and how to look after our Mental Health.

We are now able to offer Year 11 meditation sessions after school on a Tuesday from 3.15- 3.30 in Mrs Wynn's room. This will run at the beginning of that evening's revision session. We are also offering Year 10 and 11 Yoga on a Thursday lunchtime.

We have a Mental Health Nurse Practitioner working in school with us on a Friday and we are offering a series of drop in sessions for students on a Friday. If you feel these drop in sessions would be useful for your child please encourage them to come along.

Friday November 17 th	Exam Anxiety
Friday November 24 th	Are You Losing Sleep? Friendship/Relationship/Family concerns.
Friday December 1 st	Healthy Eating.
Friday December 8 th	How to deal with your emotions is a safe way.
Friday January 5 th	Exam Anxiety
Friday January 12 th	Are You Losing Sleep? Friendship/Relationship/Family concerns.
Friday January 19 th	Healthy Eating.

Our Mental Health Nurse Practitioner will also be working with individual students about exam anxiety and other issues.

On November 1st 8 members of our staff were trained as Wellbeing Mentors for staff and students. They are available for students to speak to with any concerns they may have about any topics that are worrying them. Our Wellbeing Mentors will be able to offer students help and support and will be able to signpost students to places where they can gain further support. For example, they will be able to introduce them to a particular drop in session or provide them with further information about an issue they are worried about. If you feel your child may need some extra support with an issue that is concerning them, for example exam stress or revision worries then please email the Wellbeing Mentors at MentalHealth@taw.org.uk and one of the Well Being Mentors will speak to them.

School Term and Holiday Dates



Spring Term 2018

Tuesday 2 January 2018
Wednesday 3 January 2018
Friday 16 February 2018

Monday 19 to Friday 23rd February 2018

Monday 26 February 2018
Thursday 29 March 2018

School Closed - PD Day
First day of term
Last day of half term

School closed – half term break

School returns from half term break
Last day of term

Summer Term 2018

Monday 16 April 2018
Monday 7 May 2018
Friday 25 May 2018

Monday 28 May 2018 to Friday 1 June 2018

Monday 4 June 2018
Friday 20 July 2018

First day of term
School closed – Public holiday
Last day of half term

School closed – half term break

School returns from half term break
Last day of term

Autumn Term 2018

Monday 3 September 2018
Tuesday 4 September 2018
Friday 26 October 2018

Monday 29 to Friday 2 November 2018

Monday 5 November 2018
Monday 26 November 2018
Friday 21 December 2018

School Closed - PD Day
First day of term
Last day of half term

School closed – half term break

School returns from half term break
School Closed - PD Day
Last day of term

Spring Term 2019

Monday 7 January 2019
Tuesday 8 January 2019
Friday 15 February 2019

Monday 18 to Friday 22 February 2019

Monday 25 February 2019
Friday 12 April 2019

School Closed - PD Day
First day of term
Last day of half term

School closed – half term break

School returns from half term break
Last day of term

Summer Term 2019

Monday 29 April 2019
Monday 6 May 2019
Friday 24 May 2019

Monday 27 May 2019 to Friday 31 May 2019

Monday 3 June 2019
Friday 19 July 2019

First day of term
School closed – Public holiday
Last day of half term

School closed – half term break

School returns from half term break
Last day of term

If your contact details change

Please remember to let us know if your contact details change. It is vital that we are able to contact parents and carers in the event of an emergency.

We now have email details for 95% of parents and carers: Communication via email is extremely important and very useful so please let us know if you have a new email.

Please contact us as soon as possible if you have not already given us your email address.

Attendance

If your child is ill you must contact the school as soon as possible, giving us the following information:

- Your child's name, year and CLL group;
- Reason for absence and nature of illness;
Likely length of absence if known.

You can inform us by one of the following methods:

1. By contacting the **Attendance Office** on **01952 386554** and leaving a message via answer phone.
2. By contacting us via e-mail: attendance.bbs@taw.org.uk

Please do not be alarmed if we call to check on your absent child's progress for our records.



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