

20th July 2022

Dear Families

Re: What a term and thank you for your support!

As I write this final letter of the year, I have a smile on my face as I have just signed a large pile of letters to go out to families today for students who have shown outstanding conduct and effort in school over the year. I know that Mr Morgan, Senior Vice Principal, has done the same for those who have shown good conduct and effort. Being able to physically see the number of students who have done so well has made me feel incredibly proud – what a lovely way to end the year!

Following lockdown and isolation periods due to Covid, the school has faced a number of challenges but slowly and surely, things are returning to the way they were. With the new behaviour policy that was introduced, the number of behaviour phases plummeted over the last half term. Not only that, but hot off the press, we were informed that the excellent work Mrs Stephens, Head of Chetwynd Small School, has carried out with parents/carers, students and governors on anti-bullying has been recognised by the Anti-Bullying Alliance who has awarded Burton Borough School with the silver award! Congratulations to Mrs Stephens and everybody who has been contributing to this work. We hope that together, we will be one of a very small number of schools to achieve the Gold award next time!

I would like to reiterate my thanks to all families who contributed to our surveys and attended the various events that we have held over the last few months such as the SEND coffee mornings, the anti-bullying working party, the Meet the Principal event on Assessment and Reporting, Small School coffee mornings, Year 7 and 8 Welcome Evenings and Open Mornings. This has meant that we have been able to work together on the policies and procedures for September and I truly believe that this is the way forward for us as a school – working together with all stakeholders to drive our school forward.

We had our first Sports Day since lock down and it was a wonderful event. It was so heartening to see how proud students were to represent their small school and their sense of achievement when completing races. If you have not seen it already, the sports day video is available on Instagram and Twitter @BurtonBorough. Mr Au brought his drone in especially for the event and put the video together!

Other notable events and achievements that have happened recently include:

- Isabelle Giles being awarded 'Most Enterprising Year 8 Student' at the National Career Challenge event and considering over 52000 students entered the competition, this is an exceptional performance! This is also the fifth year in a row that Burton Borough School students have won a prestigious award at this event out of hundreds of schools.
- We had a fantastic residential trip over this weekend to St. David's where students participated in Coasteering and visited the Bug Farm where students ate bug Bolognese, bug burgers, insect cookies and bug pakoras! They learnt about the nutritional value of bugs and how it is a much more sustainable option for our planet.



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- 30 Wellbeing Mentors for each small school (90 altogether) have been trained to carry out work their peers.
- Our first music concert in a very long time! It was brilliant to hear so many new performers and having new families on board.
- Work experience for our year 10 students who have enjoyed this immensely.
- Successful Enrichment and Extended Learning (EEL) days and trips.

All of this could not have happened without your support and the amazing staff team we have at Burton Borough School. Thank you all!

As a reminder, Mr Morgan sent a letter out on the 18th July 2022 about our new mobile phone policy from September ('off and away until the end of the day'), new reward booklets that will be replacing the Personal Study Diaries (PSD), expectations around attendance (at least 97%) and punctuality and finally, uniform and appearance. Please may I ask that families read this letter carefully and that uniform is impeccable at the start of term. Girls' trousers have been a particular issue recently so I would like to remind families that these need to be tailored and full length. We understand that things can be tough at the moment for many of our families because of the cost of living crisis so we are offering a 'Free Uniform Shop' on the 27th July from 9:30am to 3pm. Please pop by! We have items of uniform and PE kit in all different sizes.

Have a fantastic summer break and I look forward to seeing you in the next academic year.

Yours sincerely,



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Principal



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