

Burton Borough School Monthly Newsletter

October 2018



Dear Families,

What a busy and brilliant start to term we've had! Year 7s have settled in really well and it is so pleasing to hear from so many of you that your children have had a positive start. 100% of year 7 families said that their children feel safe at BBS and 98% said that the transition process was smooth and that your child is happy. This is great news for us and we are looking forward to working with you over the next five years to ensure all of our students achieve excellent outcomes.

After some discussion and feedback with students and families, we have decided to create a monthly newsletter to keep you all informed of what is happening at Burton Borough School. Our final termly newsletter last academic year was about 80 pages long as there is so much news to share and what we want to do is be able to share that with you more frequently. However, if a month is still too long to wait, please make sure you follow us on Twitter or Instagram for **daily** updates using the handle **@BurtonBorough** for both social media sites!

In this issue, you will see what we have been up to over the Summer and in September, including our expedition to Tanzania, our students celebrating excellent GCSE results (70% achieved grades 9 to 4 in both English and Maths!), a visit from our Newport Mayor, Peter Scott, the Mayor's Civic Sunday Service where one of our students performed, the Friends of Burton Borough Bands' first fundraiser this year and the fantastic achievement of being awarded with Bronze Eco Award status!

KS3 students are also doing brilliantly in their new philosophy lessons and discussing some very interesting topics – my year 8 classes have some extremely deep thinkers in them and my brain hurts after just one session with them! They are phenomenal! One of the questions we discussed was around the idea of what perfection was and whether it existed. Another discussion included a debate on artificial intelligence and whether this technology would become so sophisticated that robots would need 'robot rights' like humans need human rights. It is incredible to think that I am discussing topics like this with 11 and 12 year olds!

I hope you enjoy our first monthly newsletter and I look forward to the next issue!!

Christine Raymont-Hall (Principal)



Upcoming events

Thursday 11th October
2018
Year 11 Parents Evening

Thursday 25th October
2018
EEL Day

Monday 29th October to
Friday 2nd
November 2018 - Half
term holiday

Friday 9th November 2018
Remembrance Concert

Monday 26th November
2018
PD Day - SCHOOL CLOSED



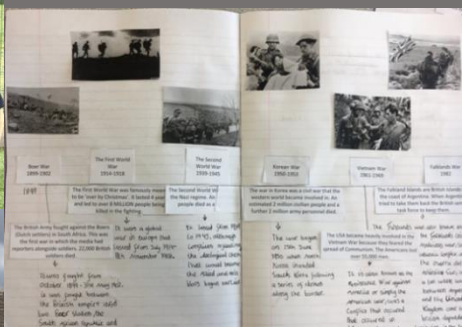
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Newport Mayor Peter Scott came to visit us with Newport Councillors in September. We showed our important visitors lessons at Burton Borough School, gave them a tour and some of our students and staff even got to speak to them! A great time was had by all!

"Our son has had a fantastic day – he even text me at lunch time to tell me! So happy he's enjoying it!" – Year 7 Parent

"Pleased to lead NTC councillors in meeting the excellent Mrs. Raymont-Hall and her staff and pupils of our Burton Borough School. An eye opener and a pleasure. Proud of the progression of my Alter Mater!" – Peter Scott, Newport Mayor



Year 8 History work with Miss Pickstock!

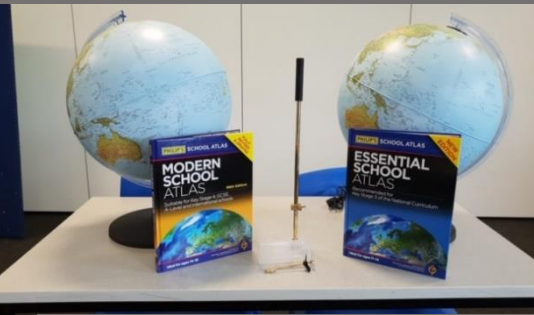


Huge numbers of our students come to after school clubs and revision sessions. On one day, we had over 230 students in PE alone! When you includes the musical rehearsals with the bands and revision sessions, over a third of the school were doing extra sessions after school! Some of our year 7s are loving school so much they asked Mrs. Raymont-Hall if they could stay overnight!

"Great to see physical activity being promoted in such fun and inclusive ways. A world away from my school days! Well done BBS!!" – Year 8 Parent



MFL's European Day of Languages Cake Competition!



Thank you to the PTA for the generous funding which has enabled the geography department to invest in new globes, atlases and an extra hydroprop!





Our students had a fantastic time on the Tanzania Expedition. They went hiking, diving, clearing a beach around the mangroves and going on a superb safari! They saw elephants, giraffes, lions, zebras and cheetahs!



Interested in going on the next expedition? Why not speak to Mrs. Stephens who will be able to tell you all about the plans for the next one!



Friday 26 September 2014

How does Shakespeare present Lady Macbeth as a powerful character?

Lady Macbeth to some extent is a powerful character especially when she manipulates Macbeth because it shows how she can easily control Macbeth suggesting to us she is the most powerful in the relationship. However later on after she kills Duncan we see a side of her that we do not expect. She becomes guilty. Lady Macbeth's power is connected with Macbeth. When they are together Macbeth feels better to feel innocent whilst Lady Macbeth feels guilty.

Shakespeare presents Lady Macbeth as a powerful character using a rhetorical question for example 'What beast made you break this enterprise to me?' This vividly suggests that she creates an image of how Lady Macbeth manipulates Macbeth confidently and this shows how strong and powerful Lady Macbeth is. This 'beast' has connotations of how she is so strong, therefore it is dangerous he is. Therefore it is how powerful and manipulative she is. Shakespeare is trying to create an audience that we see...

① Thunder and lightning → what atmosphere is immediately established? How does S.P continue the motif of weather as the play progresses + for what purpose?

② What does the idea 'fair + foul' link to? Consider the downfall of M. + the theme of betrayal and lust?

③ The atmosphere is immediately established by Shakespeare by his use of the weather is chaos, disorder and disruption. Shakespeare re-emphasises that it also gives an ominous feel to the play and this is repeated motif like when the witches say "in thunder lightning or in rain". The fact that the weather is also effected by Macbeth's actions shows how the witches play goes much further and that the aim is to effect the whole universe and that is they are purely malicious.

The idea of fair and foul links to the theme of appearance and reality or betrayal and trust. This is also gives some kind of balance to the world now when Macbeth was 'fair' in the beginning and then ambition corrupted him until he was 'foul' and then justice was served and Macbeth died therefore the punishment for Macbeth is an eternity in hell so that gives justice and makes things 'fair' again.

Some examples of live marking and extended writing.



Here are some of our students showing pieces of work they completed in Geography lessons. Look how proud they look!



The Eco Committee helped us to achieve the bronze Eco-Schools award! Wow! The next step is silver!



Our band played at the Friends of Burton Borough fundraising event. It was a brilliant evening where everyone tucked into fish and chips and participated in a quiz!



Thank you to all families for your support and excellent attendance at our events! We look forward to seeing you soon! In the meantime, make sure you follow us on Twitter and Instagram @BurtonBorough for daily updates, more photos and videos!

