



Baskerville School

Newsletter



9 September 2016



A warm welcome to everyone. We hope you had a good summer holiday.

Weekly newsletters like this one will be sent home with the students on Friday each week. The aim is to keep all families / carers informed of matters relating to school activities that have been going on during the week, and to let you know of our students' achievements. We also try to include useful information for our students and their families. (Please see disclaimer below.)

Please note the term dates and staff training dates in the right hand side column.

If you have any ideas or views on what should be included, or if you would like to share any of your child's achievements or some useful information, we will be very pleased to hear from you. Please contact Jane, our PA. Please also let Jane know if you would rather receive the newsletter by post or email.

Policy on Mobile Phones & Electronic Devices



The school is keen to support teaching and learning by the use of new technologies. Students have access to computers and iPads during lessons where appropriate. However, in order to help students to focus on learning, all students are required to hand in their phones and electronic devices to their class staff at registration in the morning so that they will not be distracted during lesson time. Students will be allowed to get their phones / devices back during lunchtime but will need to hand them back at the beginning of the afternoon session.

Any students who refuse to comply with this new policy will be required to leave their mobile phones and electronic devices at home. It would be very much appreciated if parents and carers could remind their child of this policy.

Exam Results

GCSE and Entry Level results were published on 25 August and all our students performed really well. The range of subjects and courses undertaken by students and taught by staff is incredible and we are looking forward to celebrating their achievements at our Awards Evening in October. Well done!



TERM DATES

Autumn Term

Wednesday 7.9.16* to Friday 21.10.16
HALF TERM
Tuesday 1.11.16* to Friday 16.12.16

* Staff training days on Monday 5.9.16, Tuesday 6.9.16 and Monday 31 October.

School will be closed to students.

Spring Term

Tuesday 3.1.17 to Friday 17.2.17
HALF TERM
Tuesday 28.2.17* to Friday 7.4.17

* Staff training day on Monday 27.2.17.

School will be closed to students.

Summer Term

Tuesday 25.4.17* to Friday 26.5.17
HALF TERM
Monday 5.6.17 to Tuesday 25.7.17

* Staff training day on Monday 24.4.17 (to be confirmed).

School will be closed to students.

(Students will go home at 2:30pm on the last day of term.)



Disclaimer

From time to time, we will include in the newsletter information on services, activities or events provided by other organisations that might be of interest to our students and their families.

Please note that Baskerville School has not vetted the organisations providing such services or organising the events, nor does the school recommend or endorse them.

It is up to individuals to decide what is most appropriate for their child and to carry out their own checks to ensure the safety of their child and the quality of the services offered.

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Baskerville School is accredited with the Healthy Schools Award. Students are encouraged to eat healthy foods and consequently we positively discourage students from bringing certain food items into school, for example crisps and sweets. Fizzy drinks and chewing gum are also not allowed in school.

If you do send in food for your child at break time could you please make sure that it is a healthy option such as fruit, a cereal bar or similar.

Any packed lunches brought into school should also comply with nutritional standards and the school's policy as outlined above.

Please remember to let the school know if your child is suffering from any kind of allergy, needs to follow any diet or is intolerant to certain types of food if you have not already done so.

Staffing Changes

We are happy to announce that Sam Bowater has been appointed Team Leader on Beeches residential unit and Lisa Croft is continuing to teach Art. Lisa will also work with Ali Wheeler on student interventions.

Richard Wrigley and Sarah Davies have got married and Anne Slyzyk is now Mrs Shieber.

Congratulations to all of them!



Variety Children's Charity Safari Park Event

As in previous years, Variety The Children's Charity is offering families of disadvantaged children the chance to enjoy a day out at the West Midlands Safari Park on Saturday 8 October at a reduced cost of just £2 per wristband. If you would like to apply for a ticket, please read the attached letter and **complete and return the reply slip on Monday 12 September**. Please also note that due to the limited number of tickets available, not everyone can be allocated tickets.

Please only apply for tickets for your immediate family.



Improvement Works

Some improvement works have been completed during the summer holiday.

Orchards residential unit have a new kitchen converted from the old office, and a bedroom has been converted into an office. Firs residential unit has a new lounge to replace the old one.

We have a new revamped horticulture area which includes a new green house and tool shed and new polythene for the polytunnel. We also have a new fence to protect the area from damage by students not accompanied by staff. The project was funded by lottery money amounting to £10,000 following the successful bid put together by Rhoda our Horticulture teacher and Gro-Organic, the company that completed the work. **THANK YOU** to Rhoda and Gro-Organic for securing the funding and also managing and completing the works.

A removal company has moved furniture and resources to the new build for Classes 3A and 5A. The school has also received all the furniture that has been ordered.

Many thanks to Sheila and Judy for co-ordinating all the works during the summer.

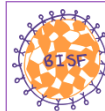


School Transport

The home to school transport policies have changed and criteria for access have been re-examined. As a result, nearly all our new Year 7 students and also students transferring to Post 16 have had their request for transport turned down.

Unfortunately, parents were not informed of the decision until towards the end of the last term and the start of the summer holiday, causing a lot of anxiety for students and parents.

The school is trying its best to guide parents through the appeal process and hopefully families who require the support of school transport will eventually be successful in securing the service. Please do not hesitate to contact Pat, our Pastoral Secretary if you need any advice / information.



**BIRMINGHAM
INCLUSIVE
SPORTS FEST 2016**

Please see the attached information on various inclusive sports activities that will take place from 17 to 25 September. All activities are free unless otherwise stated.