

SBE School

PARENT NEWSLETTER

Home Learning

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WELCOME

I hope you enjoyed a well-deserved break over half term.

On Monday (22 February) it was announced that attendance for all students will be mandatory when schools reopen to more children from March 8.

Schools have been given the flexibility on how to phase the return of students over the week beginning March 8 to allow us to test students before they return to the classroom so please continue to read all ParentMail communications as we update you with further details.

As we near the end of what is hopefully our final lockdown it's an excellent opportunity to celebrate so much creativity, commitment and consistency by our students. It's great to see a number of our Attitudes being demonstrated so positively, great work all.

I hope you enjoy this issue of the newsletter.

Paul Davis - Assistant Headteacher

World Book Day Book Cover Challenge!

To celebrate World Book Day 2021, we are challenging staff and students to recreate the front covers of their favourite books. This is a **HOUSE COMPETITION** – a winner will be chosen from each house to win mega **HOUSE POINTS!**

The overall winner will be awarded a special prize of a Big Bundle of Books!

To recreate their book covers, students can...

- Use the environment around them.
- Use props, toys or household items.
- Use themselves and members of their household (with permission of all participants).
- Use their own artwork and/or design software.

Recreations **MUST NOT** include images or text clipped or pasted from the original book cover. Students must submit a copy of the original book cover along with your recreation.

The competition deadline is **Monday 1 March @ 9.00am**. Entries should be emailed to - ehazell@sbeschool.org.uk

Winners will be announced in form time on World Book Day.

Mrs Hazell – Director for English

CONTACTING US

- General enquiries - enquiries@sbeschool.org.uk (please use this rather than the school phone switchboard).
- Student absence (small school or unable to participate in online live lessons) - attendance@sbeschool.org.uk or call 01908 524897.
- Go4Schools log in details reset - data@sbeschool.org.uk
- Our dedicated anti bullying community email - anti-bc@sbeschool.org.uk
- Student Wellbeing - wellbeing@sbeschool.org.uk



FREE SCHOOL MEALS (FSMs)

If your child/children are eligible for Free School Meals and you have not received information from the school please contact: finance@sbeschool.org.uk

Mr McCluskey - Deputy Headteacher



SUPERB REMOTE LEARNING (SRL)

In the last week of half term, we passed two more SRL milestones when we not only awarded **242 Bronze Level Certificates**, we also celebrated our first **28 Silver Level Certificates** being presented.

Since we resumed remote learning in January, a total of 437 certificates have now been issued which is a fantastic indication of the brilliant commitment and engagement of SBE students. Well done to all recipients, we are very proud of them!

YEAR	BRONZE	SILVER	YEAR TOTAL
7	118	9	127
8	100	12	112
9	66	1	67
10	63	5	68
11	62	1	63

To mark the end of this very unusual half term, the students with the most SRLs in each year group received Amazon gift vouchers. They were:

MOST SRLs	
Y7	Annabel Vlok
Y8	Kasper Lubas
Y9	Oliver Small
Y10	Andrei Mikhalekov
Y11	Abby Murrell

In a video message broadcast during the last lesson on Friday 12 February, Mr Holmwood announced their names and also conducted a Prize Draw for all other SRL certificate winners, one prize for each year group. The lucky winners - also receiving Amazon vouchers - were:

MOST SRLs	
Y7	Zack Morgan
Y8	Anshul Singh
Y9	Noah Webb
Y10	Daniel Howlett
Y11	Whitney Asiedu

We hope that you all enjoy spending them!

The SRL scheme continues to run until we return to school, so please do encourage your child(ren) to strive for their SRL points and go on to achieve Bronze, Silver or even Gold Level and be in with a chance of winning a prize in the next Draw!

Mr Whitbread – Director of Extended Learning

SMALL SCHOOL

KEY WORKER PROVISION

Our small school provision is into its seventh week and supports those parents who are critical workers. Students are following the live lesson timetable, mirroring what the students are learning from home. If you have any questions at all about the small school then please get in contact with Mr Southwell ssouthwell@sbeschool.org.uk.

Please look out for the most up to date guidance on Critical workers, as we are doing our very best to provide a space for students in this challenging time.

Mr Southwell - Assistant Headteacher



Geographical Cake

An open competition to see if anyone else would like to bake an amazing geographical cake, just like this fantastic example of an ocean themed cake from Year 9 student, Thomas Findley.



Email your photos to sshowunmi@sbeschool.org.uk

Mrs Showunmi – Team Leader for Geography



Lateral Flow Device (LFD) Testing Consent

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Thank you to all the parents and carers who have given consent for your child/children to participate in our Covid-19 testing.

In preparation for the return of students during the week beginning the 8 March, we are keen to test all students during that week to give parents, students and staff confidence in a safe return to school for all.

If you **haven't** already given your consent, please could you fill in the ParentMail form that has been sent to you and either answer yes or no to our consent question. You do have the option for you or your child to opt out from testing, but we strongly encourage all students to participate in this.

MUSIC NEWS

KS3 Bandlab Project

We have had some superb work submitted on Bandlab by year 7, 8 and 9 students and many of them have overcome the challenges of 'playing' a QWERTY keyboard. I never thought I would issue the instruction '*play the comma then the full stop and hold the Q for 3 beats.*' There will be more projects to follow on Bandlab that will lead us nicely back into using Garage Band when we return to the classroom.

Music Mark

I am proud to tell you that we have been awarded Music Mark status for the fourth year running in recognition of the value that we place on music and our commitment to a broad and balanced curriculum. I would like to thank our music team and instrument teachers who have worked hard to maintain live music making through a challenging year.



Exam Success

Congratulations to the following students:

- Freya Maxwell - Grade 7 violin - Merit
- Daisy Bail - Grade 7 cello - Merit
- Shalini Sachithanathan - Grade 7 violin - Pass

Mrs Smith – Team Leader for Music

UNIFROG



Unifrog is a career pathways and employability platform that students use from Year 7 through to Year 13 to support their development and decision making.

Unifrog are running a series of university webinars for students over the coming months, which students in Years 11 to 12 may find informative.

Please note that parental oversight would be required for those students in Year 11 that wish to attend.

Sign up at: www.unifrog.org/webinars

ONLINE SAFETY

What to do if you are worried that your child has become a victim of a fake social media account.

As part of online safety awareness please be vigilant and report any impersonation on social media following the guidance in the link [HERE](#)

Over the half term break, we have been made aware of fake profile accounts being created on popular social media platforms for some of our students which has caused distress.

It is important to inform your Year Leader or contact us using our Anti-bullying email address Anti-BC@sbeshcol.org.uk, if you are worried about your child. The police should be contacted if you feel any of the content of the account has broken the law.

Content that needs to be reported to the police includes death threats, malicious communications that might be racist, sexist or homophobic and credible threats of violence.

Inspirational Alumni

Are you an ex-Shenley Brook End student or know one who has a unique and inspirational career? If so, we would love to hear from you and find out some more information about how you got into your career and what is involved. We want to open the eyes of our current students as to what careers are out there to inspire them. If you are interested in getting involved then please email Mrs Knapper (cknapper@sbeschool.org.uk).

Carla Knapper - High Potential Lead Teacher

British Science Week



We are looking forward to celebrating British Science Week, 10 days of promoting and celebrating Science. The theme of this year is **Innovating for the Future**.

This has never seemed so relevant after recent advancements with rapid vaccine development and virus testing to the Mars Perseverance lander, Heart in a box transplant process and Nanotechnology use in the development of smart materials. Our Year 7, 8 and 9 classes will all be working on issues to do with the Chemistry of Plastics and the Global impact of plastics in that week.

Look out for further information about how you can get involved with this National event.

Miss Hurrell – Director for Science

STUDENT WELLBEING SUPPORT

The latest issue of 'Wellbeing Weekly' and accompanying video went out to students this week, with the focus on mental health. We have provided them with lots of information about what mental health is, how they can promote positive mental health and places they can access support.

There are 5 steps to promoting positive mental health and wellbeing;

1. **Connecting with other people** – having positive relationships with others helps to build a sense of belonging and worth.
2. **Being physically active** – this causes chemical changes in our brain, which has a positive effect on mood.
3. **Learning new skills** – helps to build confidence and a sense of purpose.
4. **Giving to others** – acts of kindness release feel good chemicals, promoting positive wellbeing.
5. **Mindfulness** (paying attention to the present moment) - helps to reduce stress and become fully engaged in activities.

As well as encouraging your child to engage with the steps above, one of the most important skills you have as a parent, supporting your child's mental health and wellbeing is active listening. Taking the time to really listen to your child is an excellent way of creating the caring relationship and secure base that will enable them to come to you if they need support. [HERE](#) is a short video by Pooky Knightsbridge (Mental Health Educator, Speaker, Author and Advisor), about how to listen to young people so they feel heard

In order to support your child with their mental health and wellbeing it is important that you take care of your own. As a parent it is easy to put your own self-care to the back of a long 'to do' list – [HERE](#) is another video by Pooky Knightsbridge on the importance of our own self-care and how to prioritise it.

If you feel your child would benefit from support, please contact us at wellbeing@sbeschool.org.uk.

"What mental health needs is more sunlight, more candour, and more unashamed communication" – Glenn Close

The Wellbeing Team



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Please continue to take care of yourself and your family.
Please do get in touch if you would like any further support or advice..

Paul Davis – Assistant Headteacher

