

14TH DECEMBER 2018

O'Byrne Year Newsletter



Year Team

Congratulations! Many thanks to the Performing Arts Department and to all pupils, but especially those in Year 10 who performed, danced, played music. The show was a real success and every member of the cast and support teams should be very proud of themselves.



Head of Year

Mrs K O'Byrne

Deputy

Head of Year

Mr R Mackay

Pastoral assistant

Mrs S Forfar

Charity Focus:

The "reverse advent calendar" where pupils will have an opportunity to donate to class boxes is going well. We will donate to the Gosport foodbank on 20th December so any contributions will be gratefully received. In addition, we are supporting a local charity for the homeless for whom items like hats, gloves, socks and toiletries are a godsend. We appreciate it is a big ask – but if you can support us we would be very grateful.

My thanks to Mr Steinberg and Mrs Oliver who have coordinated the efforts!



Behaviour:

The process of monitoring learning behaviours has been an interesting one. I have been impressed by the work ethic and commitment of colleagues and pupils alike and have had many positive comments from staff about the efforts being made by year ten pupils.



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DATES FOR THE DIARY

The Autumn term will finish on 21st December 2018 –

**school will close to pupils at 12.30 pm—this will be a non school uniform day—
donations to charity**

Spring term begins on Monday 7th January 2019 at 8.30 am

I wrote to some parents in November where there had been specific issues in behaviour and attitudes to learning. I will be sending letters next week to those parents highlighting any additional behaviour issues and improvements where appropriate. I mention this so that parents who are concerned about the impact of some pupils' behaviour on their child's learning are aware that we are acting to support all learners in classrooms.

Staff are setting target grades for Year ten this week. These are by their nature ambitious and dependent upon a diligent approach to study. Please do reinforce that these are "target" grades; they need to work to achieve these, they are not grades that will be achieved without effort. Effort grades are included as part of this process and I would ask that you have discussions with your children and class teachers if you have any concerns.

In all aspects of life, and certainly with examinations, rewards will be commensurate with their efforts.

***We endeavour to have a consistent approach across the Year Groups re Behaviour**

Management:

The Heads of Year would like to remind parents and pupils of the criteria for the use of the E room. There is an automatic E room for two back-ups in one day, or four back-ups in a week. There is an expectation that pupils will "pass" the E room by demonstrating excellent behaviour, completing all work set and reflecting on the issues that led to the sanction.

Failure to attend a department detention will result in a Senior Leadership (SLT) Detention, which lasts for one and half hours.

If pupils do not attend a SLT detention the repercussion is a day in the E room **and** a SLT detention. *



Uniform:

Jewellery seems to be an issue at the moment. Can you please ask pupils to leave rings and necklaces at home? I have asked tutors to confiscate jewellery worn into school that is not acceptable within the uniform policy

A reminder please that pupils should wear a **school V-neck Jumpers or sweatshirt** with School logo at all times now that we are in "winter uniform" non-school items such as hoodies, with or without zip, cardigans, branded items, track suit tops should not be substituted for the school sweatshirt or a coat.

Shoes plain black work style shoes. Leather style or faux-leather is acceptable. Trainers, plimsolls, leisure wear, canvas, non-leather style, brand-named footwear, any combination of black with other colours, sequins or decoration, thick platforms, heels higher than 6cm or any other extremes of fashion are not acceptable.

Trousers should not be Brushed denim, cord, canvas, jeans, leggings or have visible fashion zips

Again, if you need to shop for uniform, please check the school website before you spend money on items that may not be acceptable under the school uniform policy.



Attendance and Punctuality:

We are focussed on [#makeyeartencount](#) and good attendance and punctuality are essential to this.

The attendance team and year team continues to monitor punctuality and attendance. We are continuing to do detentions on a weekly basis for attendance on a Thursday. These are issued by Mrs Forfar, but she can only issue these based on the registers. The detentions period 5 and six are supervised by me. We are finding that this is effective in improving punctuality. We had nine pupils out of 350 who were late to one tutor period in a week and 3 pupils who were late for two.

If there are extenuating circumstances for lateness please email the Year office to let us know at the time. Sometimes pupils are delivered to the gate on time and then dawdle to their tutor bases. This is not an excuse for being late.

*Key Stage Three and Key Stage Four responses for arriving late to school.

Years			
Years 7,8,9	3 lates = tutor detention	6 lates = Year office detention	9 lates = SLT detention
Years 10 and 11 Weekly detentions	1 late =20 mins	2 late = 40 mins	3 lates= 60 mins

The detentions for key stage three take place by arrangement with individual tutors, year offices and the SLT detentions will be issued by the Assistant Head Teacher attached to the Year Group.

For KS4 Ms O'Byrne and Mr Kitchen hold their detentions periods 5 and 6 on Thursdays and Fridays respectively.

Work Experience for Year Ten will be the **8th – 12th July 2019**. I have put the forms on every pupils "Show My Homework". If you could please return these asap it would be much appreciated. If you need to pay can you, please do it on line or by check to the finance office. If you have any questions please see Mrs Cotterill
Pupils will find her office at the top of the Old House, her email should you wish to contact her direct is

kcotterill@bayhouse.gfmat.org



Wishing you all a peaceful, restful Christmas and New Year.

The Year Ten Team

All years groups had an assembly which examined the value of learning about religion in the wider world as part of developing 'mutual respect for and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs and for those without faith' which is one of the fundamental British values. Following the assembly there was a challenge for pupils to identify the links between religion and faith and other subjects that they study across the curriculum. An example given was the need to understand different dietary requirements relating to religion and faith within catering.

The winning tutor groups who demonstrated excellent knowledge, understanding and engagement were as follows:

709,803,908,1004 A very big well done!



Mobile Phones in School

We would like to take this opportunity to thank parents for their support of the mobile phone policy.

Towards the end of the summer term we took the view that pupils would benefit from a school day without the pressures of social media. Walking around our site it is rare to see a phone because the pupils know that they are likely to be confiscated. I would add that this is enforced from the time pupils step through the gates in the morning.

If this is their first offence then the pupil may collect it from the finance office at the end of that day.

For second and subsequent occasions we arrange for a parent to collect the phone from a member of the Year Team.

Earphones are also likely to be confiscated if seen but we do not require a parent to collect them. If any pupil needs to contact a parent throughout the day they are advised to go to their Year Office or the Pastoral Hub.

At the end of each child's day the rules are relaxed and Pupils are allowed to use their phones. We felt that this was reasonable as we know that they are contacting their friends and parents to arrange lifts home and other domestic issues.



Uniform update

We want everyone to take pride in their uniform. Could I take the opportunity to remind everyone of a few key parts of our uniform expectations - especially during the colder months.

- Bay House jumpers/sweatshirts should now be worn at all times (pupils can still request to remove their jumper once in the lesson.)
- Hoodies, cardigans, leather and denim do not constitute a school-acceptable outdoor coat and as such are likely to be confiscated.
- Fake nails are not appropriate for school and should be removed before returning after the holidays
- Nose studs are not permitted at school and are likely to be confiscated.

Shoes should be 'plain black work style'.

Trainers or leisure wear are not acceptable.

A fuller description of our uniform expectations can be found at

<https://www.bayhouse.hants.sch.uk/practical-information/uniform>

Have a restful break,

Mr Adderley

Assistant Headteacher

Bike gifts

With Christmas just around the corner, it could be the perfect time to gift a new bike lock, helmet or lights. It's great that so many of our pupils cycle to school but we want

everyone's bike to remain where they left it and for them to return home safely at the end of the day.

Encouraging your children to: lock their bikes in the correct pound, cycle safely and wear a helmet, helps ensure they can continue to

enjoy cycling to school.

Festive wishes,

Mr Adderley

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Our House "A Top Performance"

On the 4th,5th,6th and 7th of December the Performing Arts team and a cast of nearly 60 pupils and students performed Our House.

Set in Camden and using the music of Madness the performance told the story of Joe Casey and how one night one decision could change the rest of his life.

It was the culmination of 11 weeks of hard work and commitment from cast crew and staff and over the course of the week the performances received amazing reviews.

"Really want to say congratulations to you all it's a fantastic show, great acting, singing, dancing, music, set design-amazing what you can all achieve in such a short time".

" I was absolutely astonished to see Our House performed to such a high standard. It was absolutely brilliant".

"Truly professional in every aspect"

"The whole cast were superb they all worked so well together"

Our thanks go out to all those involved on and off stage and to all those that came along to support us,

The Performing Arts Team

