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Whole School

Face masks

We continue with our existing policy on the use of face masks in school. Students are required to wear them in classrooms as well as whilst in circulation around the school site. This is because although we have very few cases in school, the local rate of infection is still extremely high in young people. Any visitors to the school are required to wear a face covering unless they display a medical exemption badge, this includes Year 7 parents' evening and the Christmas concert.

Students must also wear a face mask whilst using any public or home-to-school transport.

Covid testing and vaccinating

You will receive a separate letter regarding our plans for on-site mass testing for the start of next term and it will be important for all students to continue with the twice weekly self-testing regime during the Christmas holidays. We will provide students with more test kits as required.

We will update you once we have a clear idea of when the NHS will be returning to deliver second vaccine dose to eligible students.

Mr Reeve, Headteacher

Coronavirus - Asymptomatic Home Testing

Testing remains important in reducing the risk of transmission of infection within schools. All students have been given home Lateral Flow Device (LFD) testing kits and we encourage them to take a home LFD twice weekly before school on Monday (or Sunday evening) and Thursday (or Wednesday evening).

The current guidelines suggest that this advice will be in place for the foreseeable future, dependent on the circumstances prevalent at the time.

Students who have contracted COVID-19 do not need to undertake Lateral Flow tests for 90 days. However, if they do get COVID-19 symptoms, you should immediately book a PCR test.

Please complete the following form [Covid19 Reporting](#) online if your son/daughter has tested positive on an LFD test and arrange a PCR test as soon as possible. Please complete the [PCR Update form](#) when you receive the test result.

Free School Meals

Your child could get a free school meal, worth over £450 per child per year if you receive some benefits. Full details and the online application can be found at

<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/at-school/free-school-meals/free-schoolmeals.aspx#year3> .

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Have your National Insurance number or Home Office number to hand when you apply.

If your child is eligible for free school meals, they'll remain eligible until March 2023, or until they finish their current phase of schooling (primary or secondary), if that's after the end of March 2023.

School Catering

Meal Prices and Menus: The price of a standard 2-course meal is £2.75, menus are available on the TBSHS website. The school currently offers break and lunch options.

The school has an upper limit of £6 on the amount of money that can be spent in one day. This will mean that your child cannot buy excessive amounts of food that may be being passed on to others. If you would like this amount changed, please call the school or email finance@tbshs.org to amend the amount up or down.

As I am sure that you are aware, there are a number of logistical issues affecting availability and deliveries, as a result, menus may change at short notice.

During the Covid-19 pandemic, the school will not be able to accept cash payments for any reason and the cash loader in school will not be active. If you are unable to utilise ParentPay, please ensure that you contact the finance department (finance@tbshs.org Tel: 01279 869521). Your assistance in keeping the school cash free is appreciated.

Please ensure that your child always has sufficient funds on their accounts for lunch as overdrafts will not be available. Any parent/guardian in financial difficulty should contact the school.

Breakfast Service: The breakfast service is now available. The menu will offer bacon rolls, cheese baps, cereals, yoghurts, fresh fruit and cold drinks.

Christmas Lunch

Christmas Lunch will be served on **Tuesday 14th December** and will be available for all students. A traditional Turkey Christmas Lunch as well as a Vegetarian option will be served and this will be the only menu offered on the 14th. Students will be able to order lunch from their Tutors from 1st December through to Tutor time on Thursday 9th December, tickets will not be allocated but we will rely on students remembering their choice. The price of the lunch will be the same as last year (£4.50) and payment will be deducted on the 14th December. Please note that once ordered, payment for the lunch will be deducted from your son/daughter's account as the meal will have been ordered, **please ensure that sufficient money is available on their account**. Students eligible for FSM will all be provided with Christmas lunch as normal and should choose their meal with their form.

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The menu for lunch will be:

“ALL IN ONE” G/F TURKEY PAUPIETTE
Turkey Escalope rolled with Cumberland sausage stuffing, wrapped in Bacon

“NUTLESS” VEGAN ROAST SLICE G/F
(An Individual slice of Vegetable Roast with Sunflower & Pumpkin Seeds, delicately flavoured with Herbs)

Pigs in Blankets

Vegetarian Chipolatas G/F

Crispy Roast Potatoes

Seasonal Vegetables

Rich Christmas Gravy (V) (G/F)

Festive Chocolate Brownie
(Served by Members of SLT, Heads of Year and other members of Staff)

There will be three sittings for lunch:

- 12:00 – 12:45 Years 13, 12 & 11
- 12:50 – 13:35 Years 7 & 8
- 13:40 – 14:25 Years 9 & 10

All Students participating in the Christmas Services will be back in school and able to enjoy lunch during the first sitting.

Last year we served over 900 Christmas Lunches and we would like to encourage students in all year groups to participate on this enjoyable festive occasion with lunch and associated activities with their friends, form tutors and other staff.

If your Son/daughter is currently isolating due to Covid19 but would like to participate, please email their form tutor before Thursday 9th December with “Christmas Lunch Order” in the subject line, and your son/daughter’s name and choice of Turkey/Vegetarian or None.

ParentPay Alerts

To ensure students have sufficient money on their accounts please set up the Alerts on ParentPay. You can do this quickly by logging into your account, clicking on Communication History and following the ‘How to set up email or text alerts’ link. ParentPay will then send you an automated message when the account funds drop below the threshold (£5.00).

Parent Governor Vacancies

The Governing Body of TBSHS invites nominations for two Parent Governors with effect from the Spring Term 2022.

Being a school governor is a rewarding and challenging role. It will allow you the opportunity to use your skills to have a positive impact on the education of all students at the school and work as part of an established and successful Governing Body.

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Governors do not need to be experts in the field of education but do need an interest in the school and welfare of the students, as well the time, energy and willingness to get involved. This is a particularly exciting time to consider putting yourself forward, as TBSHS progresses plans to relocate the school to a new site.

If you would like to find out more about the role by having a conversation with an existing governor, please email the Clerk to the Governors, Mrs Jane Yates at jane.yates@tbshs.org.

Please click [here](#) for **further information**. Click [here](#) for a **nomination form**.

GCSE and A level exams summer 2022 contingency day

The exam contingency date for the summer 2022 exams is Wednesday 29th June. All students must be available to sit exams up to and including this date. Therefore please ensure that any holidays are booked after 29th June.

Adverse Weather Conditions

In the event of adverse weather conditions we will endeavour to keep the school open as normal. In the very unlikely event that it is not safe to open this information will be sent to you via My Ed and published on the school's website and Twitter feed. In this situation we will move to remote learning via Microsoft Teams. If we do move to remote learning then students should check their school email for information on how to access their lessons.

Get Christmas ready with a good book!

The library is open from 8am to 4pm for all students to pick up a book before the Christmas holidays. You can view our catalogue, as well as our most popular titles and latest returns by visiting:

<https://uk.accessit.online/thb03>

Or borrow an eBook or audiobook on ePlatform at any time using the following link:

<https://tbshsuk.wheelers.co/>

You can also keep up with us over on Twitter at [@TBSHSLibrary](https://twitter.com/TBSHSLibrary)

Sixth Form

Year 13 Mock A Level Examinations – 5th to 12th January 2022

Year 13s will be sitting mock A level examinations straight after the Christmas holidays. Students have been issued with their individual exam timetables and the full timetable can be found here -

[Year 13 January 2022 Mock Exam Timetable.pdf](#). The full exam timetable is now also available on the website Examinations area: [The Bishop's Stortford High School | Academic | Examinations](#). Thursday 13th

January will be used for any clashes. Students should be using their timetable to plan their revision accordingly. Please note that **Tuesday 4th January** is an INSET day when students do not attend school due to staff training. Further details about procedures & expectations will be covered by Mr Stark in Tuesday's assembly. **Ms C Goan**

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Year 11 & 13 National Examination Contingency Arrangements

This letter was sent to all parents of year 11 and 13 earlier today. [Click here](#). **Mr R Stark**

Uniform Expectations

A reminder that if students do not have TBSHS sports kit but have a sporting enrichment on a Wednesday afternoon, they must come into school in uniform and get change into their sports kit at lunch, ready for Period 5. Students will receive a standards detention if the correct uniform is not worn. **Mr R Stark**

Year 12 & 13 Christmas Service

A reminder that this will take place on Tuesday, 14th December.

Post-18 Update

University applications continue to progress successfully with a 60% positive response rate to all course choices submitted. A variety of students are about to have Oxbridge interviews and medical and veterinary students are starting to hear about interviews the coming months.

On the apprenticeship side, some of the larger company schemes have opened and students are already making progress with applications. A reminder that I am always happy to discuss students' applications and post-18 thinking and that they can request in-depth individual appointments with our Careers Adviser, Claire Jonas. **Mrs F Price**

Year 12 & 13 Gold DofE Award

Dates have been confirmed today for the final expedition. Thursday 30th June to Wednesday 6th July. A letter will be going out next week to students.

Paula Hughes, DofE Coordinator

Year 12 Consultation Evening

Thank you for such excellent attendance & support of the school in attending your face to face meetings at our first Consultation Evening last week. I hope that productive conversations were held and that your sons/daughters are clear about how they are adapting to A level study and the steps they need to take in order to do their best. **Mr R Stark**

Rugby Victories

Congratulations to the 1st XV and the 2nd XV for their two excellent wins over Bishops Stortford College and contributions from over 40 students. Thank you also to all the supporters for approaching the event in the right spirit. **Mr R Stark**

Year 11

Year 11 Sixth Form Applications

Thank you to those who have already applied and may I remind those who have not yet done so that there is only just over a week left until the Sixth Form application deadline of by **4pm on Friday 10th December**. Our own Year 11 still need to complete an on-line application form using the following link: [TBSHS Application](#)

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System, just as students do from other schools. Please note: It is possible to change subject options at a later date, especially in light of further assessments and exam results.

For your convenience, completion instructions are repeated below

Students must:

- Sign in on the welcome page with their **existing school email and password**
- Double check their personal details which are taken from our school records
- Add a non-TBSHS email address for admissions correspondence**
- Fill in the subjects that they would like to study
- **Leave the examinations section** – this will be populated from our school records so there is no need to enter any data
- Press “Submit Application” button that will be accessible once the data upload has occurred

** We advise that the student email is not the same as the parental email. This encourages the student to take direct responsibility for their application and deal with correspondence about its progress (an essential life skill). Also, as all admissions correspondence is electronic, having two separate email addresses reduces the risk of information being overlooked.

Key dates in the application process can be viewed here: [Information for 2022 Entry to TBSHS Sixth Form](#). **Mr R Stark**

Year 10

Year 10 Bronze DofE Award.

Around half the students have completed the online questionnaire (link is on Teams). Please ask your son if they have completed the questionnaire yet.

In addition, I will be enrolling students onto the eDofE website this week and sending them their login details. Please ask them to check their emails.

I hope to run a quick online zoom session for parents and students explaining expectations and will have time for some Q&A on Thursday 9th November at 7-7:30pm. Details to follow.

Paula Hughes

DofE Coordinator

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Events

***** Tomorrow *** The TBSHS Christmas Concert Is Back! Thursday 2nd December 7pm**

There are just a few tickets left so do hurry and purchase online if you hope to come to this wonderful concert. Once sold out, there will be no tickets available on the door and due to current restrictions, we cannot put out extra last-minute chairs or have standing at the back. Thank you for your understanding. **BOOK YOUR TICKETS HERE** adults £5.50, concessions £3.30. **Interval bar selling delicious mulled wine & mince pies! Please bring a face mask with you.**

Sponsor Thankyous – Disco Inferno

Following the phenomenal success and the amazing whole school production Disco Inferno,

the producers wish to thank the generous support of our sponsors.

We're extremely grateful for their generosity and supporting our students

as well as the drama department – true black n'gold spirit!

Our sponsors are:

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Support the PSA when shopping at Amazon

AmazonSmile is a website operated by Amazon that lets customers enjoy the same wide selection of products, low prices, and convenient shopping features as on [amazon.co.uk](https://www.amazon.co.uk). The difference is that when customers shop through the URL [smile.amazon.co.uk](https://www.smile.amazon.co.uk), Amazon will donate 0.5% of the net purchase price (excluding VAT, returns and shipping fees) of eligible purchases to the charitable organisations selected by customers.

Just use your normal Amazon login details to log into the [smile.amazon.co.uk](https://www.smile.amazon.co.uk) website and enter the full PSA name "THE BISHOP'S STORTFORD HIGH SCHOOL PARENTS SPORTS ASSOCIATION" or our Charity Commission Registration Number "1144671".

All you just need to remember then is that to support the PSA that you just need to go through the [smile.amazon.co.uk](https://www.smile.amazon.co.uk) portal each time you shop with Amazon.

Illness or Injury re: Participation in P.E. and Games lessons

Please can you refer to and follow the procedures described below in the event of your child not being able to participate in PE or Games due to illness or injury.

1. Please provide your child with a signed and dated hard copy note (hand written or word processed) that they can keep in their blazer pocket to show to the member of staff. This note should explain the reason for non-participation and have an approximate timescale of absence. This is due to it not always being practical for PE staff to always be checking emails or due to receiving them several days before the lesson.
2. Please ensure your child still brings their PE kit, ideally with one of the TBSHS warm up tops or ¼ zip tops to stay warm and dry. This is for a number of reasons;
 - A) Depending on the severity of the issue they may still be able to access the curriculum in an adapted format (such as a non-contact or non-running format).
 - B) If the severity is such that no adapted physical involvement can occur they can still take part as an umpire, referee, time-keeper, scorer or coach.
 - C) We also have the option for students to continue rehab in the gym by doing cycling, stretching or exercises from their physio.
 - D) The only exception to this is if the student has a broken limb or an injury where changing would be inhibited due to the severity of the injury.

It is a legal requirement for your child to participate in physical activity in school and we are careful with managing overuse, however there seems to be an increasing number of students who not doing PE because they're 'saving themselves for a big game on Sunday'. We get very few injuries in PE lessons and therefore students should be participating in some capacity in all lessons.

Kind regards

Peter Harris

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Careers, Opportunities & Competitions

Careers - Reaching Out

The success of the school's recent Careers Forum was in part, down to terrific support from the TBSHS parent/carer community, some of whom, kindly gave up their time to host stands. If you are able to support careers initiatives for our students in any way (e.g. workshops), do please get in touch claire.jonas@tbshs.org.

There are many more opportunities for Years 12 & 13 in the 6th Form Bulletin - issued every 2 weeks by Mrs Price.



Please note, students can find the careers section of the parent bulletin in the 'Others' area of the Q Pool File

[Click here](#) for this week's Careers News

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Citizenship, Interact and Community

Interact - The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2021

You raised £812. 82 for The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

Thank you so much for your wonderful generosity.

One member of the local Royal British Legion wrote: "Congratulations on a magnificent sum from just one school - what a school!"

At TBSHS, we dedicate this to those who serve, suffer and sacrifice and those who have served, suffered and sacrificed.

Thank you to Interact's Patrick Nunn and Fin Macfie for their student leadership of this project.

Thank you

Mr. Etheridge

Interact - Bag Packing and Rotary Christmas Collections

We are bag packing / mostly collecting for charity in Bishop's Stortford on Saturday 11th December at Waitrose (other great supermarkets are available).

This charity is the Rotary Club's Christmas Collections. The Rotary Club give money to those in need at Christmas.

Let me know by e-mail if any student wishes to join us.

Mostly we will standing by/ near the entrance collecting I suspect in the current times. Students normally do a shift of between one and two hours. Numbers this year will be reduced.

This is open to all years.

Thank you

Mr. Etheridge

TBSHS Christmas Services

If any student would like to read at the Christmas Services at St. Michael's Church in the last week of term, please e-mail me.

If any student would like to write any poetry for us to consider for them or someone else to read at the services, or any art work to include, please e-mail me by this Sunday. Any poem should focus on either "The Black or Gold Spirit – being with others at school" or "Giving to Others and The Meaning Of Christmas".

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Thank you to St. Michael's Church.

Thank you

Mr. Etheridge

Guest Speakers - Tom Ryder

Thank you to former student Tom Ryder for an excellent presentation in Sixth Form Citizenship on his charity, Retune.

Tom speaks about mental health and emotional well-being.

He uses music beautifully (he plays guitar).

We recommend Tom to any Primary and Secondary School.

We will be working further with Retune next term.

Thank you

Mr. Etheridge

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Starting your Christmas shopping?

TheGivingMachine makes donating to TBSHS PTFA easy when shopping online.

What better way to help your child's school than to donate while you shop.

It's easy. Just one extra click on your mouse and it doesn't even cost you a penny! Become a giving hero by clicking the link below and adding your details to create an account. Save as a favourite, then each time you start to shop click on it and it will take you straight through to the shopping page.

<https://shopandgive.thegivingmachine.co.uk/giver/join/?pbid=13>

Many thanks for all your support.

TBSHS PTFA.

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EXCLUSIVE TBSHS PROTECTIVE FACE MASKS



AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE NOW

£5

THERE ARE TWO WAYS TO PAY:

Via ParentPay - Students can collect mask from school reception.

Or, students can purchase masks from school reception (*Exact money only please, no change given*)

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**TBSHS Golf Umbrella
Only £22**

(You'll need one at Jobbers Wood!)