

The Bishop's Stortford High School

Parental Bulletin



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Jobbers Wood

Following problems with other schools cancelling fixtures and issues with frozen pitches, we are looking forward to having a large block of football fixtures up and running at Jobbers Wood this weekend. We are somehow managing to hold an incredible twenty (20) matches against Brentwood School, across Friday afternoon and Saturday morning. Good luck to all students who will be playing and thanks in advance to all the staff and PSA members helping to make it possible.

After many years of trying, we have finally received planning permission to widen the drive at Jobbers Wood to two lanes. We will also be moving the gate closer to the road, which we hope will reduce the risk of fly-tipping at the entrance. If any parents are involved in a company that might be able to give us a favourable quote to carry out the works, please contact paul.trigg@tbshs.org

Fundraising team

A group of staff, parents, governors and friends of the school are busy working on our fundraising project to provide sports facilities at the new school. If any parents have skills or expertise in fields such as graphic design, marketing, bid-writing, fundraising, planning etc and are willing to offer a bit of time to help with the cause, do please contact mitre@tbshs.org

Donations to our registered charity *The Mitre Fund* can still be made using the bank details below.

Charity Name/Number: The Bishop's Stortford High School Mitre Fund 1155759

Bank Sort Code: 60-02-36 (Natwest Bank, Bishop's Stortford)

Bank Account Number: 63832925

An editable Gift Aid form can be completed [here](#) . Your support is most appreciated.

Mr Reeve, Headteacher

Coronavirus - Reporting

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.

Publishing Houses and Supporting the School

If any parent has a connection with any Educational books Publishing Houses please contact

rachel.engel@tbshs.org as many organisations offer additional discounts to schools where parents work in the company. Similarly, if parents are connected to other organisations where the school can take an advantage of a discount, please contact me.

The School appreciates all offers of sponsorship and support from parents, if you feel you can help support the TBSHS in any way, please contact rachel.engel@tbshs.org and I will pass the information to the relevant members of staff. Offers of support for assistance to help us improve the marketing the School, sixth form or fundraising would be appreciated.

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Year 13 Oxford and Cambridge Offer Success

We are delighted to congratulate 3 students on receiving conditional offers from Cambridge University. Deputy Head Boy Asa Fletcher-Snow has an offer to read Natural Sciences (Biological) at Fitzwilliam College, Deputy Head Girl Kate Page Education at Magdalene and James Petty Engineering at Churchill. These 3 join our 3 Oxford offer holders reported 2 weeks ago - Head Boy Elliot Wood and Deputy Head Boy William Worthy (History & Politics and Physics respectively) and Bliss Ashley (Fine Arts) who left after A levels last year. These 6 offers almost match our record breaking 7 offers last year and again reflect our strength across both Science and Humanities subjects. They are a real testament to the students' (and staff's) immense commitment to academic excellence.

Well done to our other applicants who did so well to get through to interview stage and thank you to all the staff who have supported our students' efforts.

In addition to these individual highlights, we are also delighted that so many of our students are receiving offers from many competitive universities ranked in the Top 10 Universities List as well as offers from American universities. **Mr R Stark**

National Apprenticeship Week 7th-11th February

Take a look at *The National Apprenticeship Week 2022* tab now on the school's website ([click here](#)) as there's a lot of general information, guidance and advice around apprenticeships. There's also links on a special events page where you will find a huge variety of webinars taking place in many different sectors ([click here](#)), for example, for those interested in working in business & finance, HSBC have a week of special events – also listed on the events page detailed above. You will find other important apprenticeship opportunities, plus the careers news in the regular section within this bulletin.

Exam invigilator vacancies

The Examinations department are seeking reliable, confident male and female applicants who are available during school hours to assist in the supervision of internal and public examinations which take place at the following times –

Mid-April – End of June

Mid December

Beginning of January

No experience is necessary as full training will be given.

For a full job description / application form please contact Dr Luppi leanne.luppi@tbshs.org or telephone the exams office on 01279 869524

Result of Parent Governor Election

We are pleased to announce the appointment of two new parent governors following the recent election:

Paul B Scott and Stephen Taylor

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents who put themselves forward as candidates and all those parents who voted. We look forward to welcoming Paul and Stephen to the Governing Body.

Jane Yates, Clerk to the Governors, TBSHS

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Sixth Form

Year 13 Post-18 Next Steps Guidance Sessions – 3rd February & 24th February

It is pleasing that so many university offers are held by our Year 13s and that increasing number of apprenticeship applications are in progress. I will be running sessions for Year 13 to outline key considerations and next actions as follows:

- 2.30pm Thursday 3rd February - **University Next Steps** – students must attend if they have applied through UCAS
- 2.30pm Thursday 24th February - **Apprenticeship Next Steps** – for any students considering apprenticeships

Year 12 Post-18 Planning Tool

Year 12 were introduced to our Post-18 Planning platform Unifrog yesterday and should all now be registered. Please do ask them to give you a demonstration of its many exploring, searching and recording tools. We will introduce application/writing aids later in their post-18 journey. Please do encourage them to use Unifrog as much as possible to explore careers, subjects and to read, watch and listen to things that will broaden their knowledge and experience. Additionally, do get them to be recording Activities and Competencies (skills) in preparation for CV and Personal Statement writing. **Mrs F Price**

Year 12 Post-18 Support – Key “Save the Date”

A reminder that the timeline for formal Year 12 for Post-18 support can be viewed [here](#).

Key “Save the dates” in March:

1. **Year 12 Post-18 Information Evening** – Tuesday 1st March – 7pm online – all students and parent/carers
2. **Year 12 Oxbridge Information Evening** – Tuesday 8th March – 7pm (Venue TBC) – optional for student and parent/carers
3. **Year 12 Convention Visit** – Monday 14th March – 11am – 3.30pm - London ExCel – We will be taking all Year 12 students to a UCAS Higher Education Convention

Year 12 Student Leadership Team Applications (including Head Boy and Head Girl)

Year 12s have been informed about the application process for a position of responsibility in the Student Leadership Team. The application system link is here - <https://forms.office.com/r/GtEKZUuLaF> and the deadline is 5pm on Friday 18th February. **Mr R Stark**

Year 12 Work Experience 20-24th June, 2022

Students have received all the paperwork needed for their work experience week in June. The information letter can be found here: [Year 12 Work Experience Letter](#). The consent letter can be found here - [Work Experience Parent Consent Form 2022](#). Links to the necessary documents have also been sent to parents via MyEd. **Mr R Stark**

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Year 11

Globe Players

On Friday 25th February, the Globe Players theatre company will visit school and will perform a reduced version of 'Macbeth' followed by a performance of 'A Christmas Carol' from 2pm-5pm. 'Macbeth' is the Shakespeare text that 6/7 year 11 groups study. 'A Christmas Carol' is the text that 3/7 year 11 groups study.

The following groups will watch the performance of 'Macbeth' from 2-3:30pm approx:

Mrs Eagle's group; Ms Matharu's group; Mrs Houghton's group; Mr Shortland's group; Miss Morris's group and Mr Patterson's group.

The following groups will stay to watch the performance of 'A Christmas Carol' from 3:30-5pm approximately.

Ms Matharu's group; Mrs Houghton's group; Mr Shortland's group.

Attendance is expected for the relevant performances. For students who are staying for the second performance and need to arrange alternative transport arrangements should do so in advance.

Payment for the performance can be made via Parentpay.

Mrs K Eagle, Second in English and Literacy Coordinator.

Year 9

Year 9 Exams

The year 9 exams are scheduled to take place during the week beginning Monday 28th February 2022. The timetable has been posted on the year 9 page of the school website and parents/students have been emailed a copy. In order to work out which of the two versions applies to your son you need to ascertain which side of the year group he is on. This can be done by looking at the class codes used on his normal lesson timetable.

An electronic copy of the Y9 Revision Planner has also been posted on the year 9 webpage. Students have been working in tutor time to prepare their revision plan and I would encourage you to ask to see your son's plan and to have a conversation with him about exam preparation. There are some handy tips at the beginning of the planner which you may find useful.

Finally, can I please ask that you check your son has all the appropriate equipment to allow him to complete his exams to the best of his ability. In particular I have noticed that a number of students do not have calculators.

Dr M. Fisher, Head of Year 9

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Year 8

Options Presentation

The Year 8 options presentation will take place online at 6pm on Wednesday 9th February. More details will follow regarding how parents and students will be able to attend.

Year 8 Parents Evening

This will take place in the school hall and sports hall on Thursday 24th February between 4:30-7:30pm. Parents will need to book appointments on the schoolcloud electronic system. More details will follow nearer the time.

Sports

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.

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Careers, Opportunities & Competitions



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



PTFA

It's back! The PTFA Black and Gold Quiz 2022!

A quiz night for all the family.

Please [Click Here](#) to purchase your tickets

QUIZ NIGHT

FRIDAY 11th MARCH
7.00pm for 7.30pm start
(maximum team size 8 people)
Tickets £8
(available on TBSHS website, under PTFA)

LICENCED BAR
RAFFLE

PLEASE PURCHASE ALL DRINKS FROM THE BAR.
BRING YOUR OWN NIBBLES (NO NUTS PLEASE)

**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!)