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Parental Bulletin



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'Living with Covid'

Further to my notice last week, we have received a little more clarity regarding how we should operate in light of the governments 'Living with Covid' plan. To briefly summarise:

- There is no longer a requirement for students to test twice weekly
- Face masks are optional, though we ask parents to wear them during consultation evenings
- There are still only 3 official symptoms of COVID-19:
 - A new/continuous cough; loss of taste/smell; high temperature
- If your child has symptoms, please inform the school, arrange for them to take a PCR test and keep them at home while you await the result
- If positive, they should inform the school and still isolate. Take a test on days 5 and 6 and return on day 6 if both negative. If positive on day 6, keep testing daily and return after two negatives or after day 10, whichever is sooner
- Close contacts have been redefined. You are essentially in close contact with a positive case only if you cohabit with them i.e. overnight in the same household
- Close contacts are asked to use LFD test for 7 days
- Students with symptoms will be encouraged to go home and take a test, though we urge parents to act with caution and use a LFD test before school if in doubt. If negative, they will be allowed into school, though if we have serious concerns we would discuss those with a parent

Although not quite complete, it is great to be making the journey back to normality. There are so many different activities and events that students can enjoy. Things like the music festival, sports teams, lunchtime clubs, house competitions, subject clinics and so much more are all up and running, so please encourage your son/daughter to get involved.

Mr Reeve, Headteacher

Coronavirus - Reporting

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

All students are invited to assist the community volunteering group TUBs in their work to clean up Bishop's Stortford on the morning of the 12th March all details are included in this [letter](#). Spaces at this event will be limited, if your son/daughter would like to commit to this project please sign and return the form to Mrs Kitching by 4th March. **Mrs Miles, Assistant Headteacher**

42nd Music Festival Finalé – Next Wednesday 9th March 7pm

Exclusive to TBSHS, and for the first time since 2020, we're delighted to announce the return of the annual Music Festival Competition and look forward very much to welcoming you back to this special and unique musical event. You will see the very finest advanced musicians in school competing for the hugely prestigious title of *Musician of the Year* after which, the winner will have their name added to the school Honours Board and receive the largest item of school silverware! The performances at the Finalés are always astonishing and we're sure this year won't disappoint. The evening never fails to delight our judges, audience or staff and the competitors certainly rival any performance at a professional concert - it is truly an inspiring evening - especially for our younger students.

We're delighted to announce that our adjudicator this year is Freddie Tapner, CEO and Artistic Director of the London Musical Theatre Orchestra. Freddie is a theatre and music entrepreneur, executive, producer, conductor and musical director specialising in musical theatre and orchestral concerts; Freddie's professional credits include *Wicked* and *Jersey Boys* and *Siren*. The event is not just for parents of musicians - or those with a connection to the Music Department - **all are welcome**. Tickets for students are **FREE**, adults £5 concessions £3, **interval bar**.

Tickets now available online, via the link: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/the-bishops-stortford-high-school>

Do join us for an evening of incredible music although be prepared for some tense moments!

National Careers Week 7th-11th March

Next week is *National Careers Week* - a celebration of careers guidance and free resources in education across the UK. The aim is to provide a focus for careers guidance activity at an important stage in the academic calendar to help support young people leaving education.

There are special events and activities planned for all the students including assemblies, workshops and form sessions. Guest assemblies are as follows:

Year 7 Monday 7th March Peter Thompson; St James' Wealth Management
Personal Finance & Careers in Banking/Finance

Year 8 Tuesday 8th March Ian Devonshire: RCA Structure
Careers in Engineering

Year 9 Thursday 10th March James French & Will Lambert: Sporting Futures
Careers in Sport & Apprenticeships

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Year 10 Friday 11th March Anil Chauhan: RAF Peterborough
Careers & Opportunities in the RAF

Year 11 Monday 7th March Hannah Girling: Weston Homes
Careers in Construction

For students in Years 12-13, Hannah and her team from Weston Homes will also be hosting a careers stand on **Monday lunchtime (7th March) in the reception area of school, 1pm-2pm**. They are currently recruiting for apprenticeships so if your son/daughter is interested in this sector, they are strongly advised to attend.

Careers Workshops are as follows, and during *National Careers Week*, are open to students in **all year groups**.

Monday 7th March

Room 22 1.10pm-2pm

Sara Cody from prestigious law firm *Linklaters LLP* of London will be our guest.

Sarah will be discussing:

What do careers in law look like?

Where do lawyers work?

How do you qualify as a solicitor/barrister?

Plus opportunities for engaging with firms and getting an insight into working as a lawyer

Friday 11th March

Room 22 1.10pm-2pm

Reece Allison & Sophia Graves from major construction company *Real Ltd* will be presenting on opportunities in this buoyant sector. *Real* are currently building right in the centre of Bishop's Stortford

If your son/daughter requires an early lunch pass to attend either of the workshops, please ask them to see Mrs Jonas in the library office

Last night our Year 12 students benefitted from a special presentation on post-18 options covering *Next Steps* and career options after sixth form. They will also be visiting the *Discovery Convention* on March 14th at London ExCel to further explore and talk to employers and education providers. CV preparation is also scheduled for *NCW* ahead of external business professionals visiting TBSHS to carry out practice interviews. During form time, Year 13 are preparing, discussing and sharing their own personal post-18 plans and of course all will be invited to the special careers workshops planned next week.

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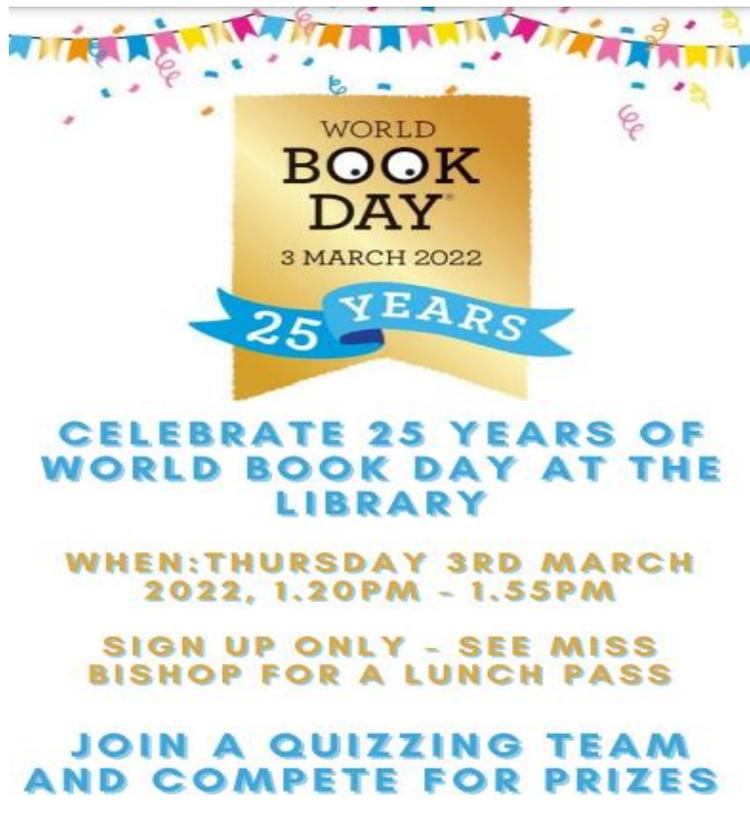
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World Book Day

Tomorrow marks the 25th year of World Book Day! To celebrate, we will be holding a Quiz Extravaganza with prizes and house points up for grabs – spaces still available!



Library Blog

For books on any of the topics mentioned below, please visit <https://uk.accessit.online/thb03/#!dashboard>

In his first instalment on Japanese Culture, Raphael walks us through the use of traditional art forms for modern use, the train systems of Japan and even the popularisation of ramen. Read more below!

Japanese Culture: Part 1 – Art and Trains

<https://library888.wixsite.com/tbshs-library/post/japanese-culture-part-1-art-and-trains>

As well as the above, Raphael has given us a play-by-play of the first half of Super Bowl 56 - part 2 to follow next week!

Super Bowl 56 <https://library888.wixsite.com/tbshs-library/post/super-bowl-56>

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The University of Hertfordshire Research Project

The University of Hertfordshire would like 8-18 year olds to be involved in a research project around children and young people's health, care, family lives and the communities they live in. I have also included the email below which I hope will provide yourselves with further information which can also be shared. Please click [here](#) for further details.

Sixth Form

Year 12 Work Experience Week - 20th to 24th June

The deadline for handing completed forms to Mrs Jonas is 20th May and will come round all too quickly. Full information and associated paperwork is available on the website. **Mr R Stark**

National Careers Week (NCW) - Sixth Form

There are so many Post-18-related events in Sixth Form at the moment which can't all be fitted neatly into the one week (e.g. Post-18 Information Evening last night!) but there are two fantastic careers visitors on Monday 7th March at lunchtime that Sixth Formers should take advantage of: **Sara Cody of Linklaters** talking about careers in **Law** and **Hannah Weston of Takeley-based Weston Homes** who will be promoting careers in the **Construction** sector. There will be an additional **Construction Workshop** on Friday 11th March. More details in Mrs Jonas's **Career News** section.

NCW Sixth Form Activity Summary: Check this list of daily-suggested event/activity/resource for Sixth Formers for the week 7-11 March. **Mrs F Price**

Year 12 Post-18 Information Evening – Tuesday 1st March – Details

Thank you to all those that attended last night and we hope you found it useful. Please find materials from the session below. Please particularly look at the **Post-18 Booklet** which is packed with further details on all the topics covered last night and has useful hyperlinks to other resources and the structured activities in the Post-18 Workbook to help with exploration, decision making and applications. Keep encouraging your sons and daughters to use Unifrog for research and to record their activities and competencies in preparation for CV and Personal Statement writing.

1. [Yr12 Post-18 Information Evening 2022 Presentation.pdf](#)
2. [Post-18 Guide 2022.pdf](#)
3. [TBSHS Post-18 Workbook](#)

Mrs F Price

Year 12 Virtual Oxbridge Information Evening – Tuesday 8th March

A further reminder that Dr Mike Sewell, retired Director of Admissions for all the Cambridge Colleges and current Senior Tutor at Selwyn College, will be running an informal session for students and parents who want to know more about Oxford and Cambridge universities on Tuesday 8th March at 7pm This will be held virtually. Please get your son/daughter to register attendance using the online form that they have been sent at: [Oxbridge Information Evening Registration](#) (this is only accessible from tbshs.org email addresses)

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The meeting link will be sent to their student email on the day but an additional email can be registered for any parent/carer who wishes to attend but cannot be in the same location. **Mrs F Price**

Year 12 Convention Visit – Monday 14th March – Parental Consent and Student Registration still required

Parental Consent: Thank you to those who have already given consent for our trip to the Excel Centre (full details can be read here: [2022 Discovery Convention Information Letter.pdf](#)) but there are a considerable number of parents who have still not done this. Direct reminders with a link to the online consent form were emailed yesterday. Please can you ensure that this consent is completed by Friday 4th March.

Student Ticket Registration: There are still over 100 students who have not registered with UCAS for the trip and obtained their ticket. They will need to do this to gain entry. Please can you check with your son/daughter and get them to do it by this Friday 4th March. They have been sent these instructions: [Discovery Convention Student Registration and Ticket Instructions 2022.pdf](#). **Mrs F Price**

Year 13 Post-18 Apprenticeship Next Steps Guidance Session Materials

Materials from last Thursday's session on Apprenticeship Next Steps can be viewed here: [Yr13 Apprenticeships What next Assembly 24Feb22.pdf](#) **Mrs F Price**

Year 11

Sixth Form Applications Update

Conditional offers of Sixth Form places will be emailed to students by the end of term. Year 11s need to keep an eye on the non-school student email they recorded on their Sixth Form Application. **Mr R Stark**

Year 8

Year 8 Options deadline

The year 8 options deadline is Thursday 10th March. Please use the link sent to you to submit your options.

Year 9

Year 9 Parents Evening

Year 9 parents evening will take place in school on Thursday 17th March from 4:30pm to 7:30pm.

Appointments can be made on the Schoolcloud system on Monday 7th March at 7:30pm

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PSA Summer Ball Returns

Saturday June 25th

Tickets now on Sale £45 each

(Low cost deposit available)

Summer Ball Ticket (tbshspsa.org)



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Cricket Season 2022

Senior Nets – Year 11, 12 & 13

Net session for senior cricketers (years 11, 12 and 13) will take place on Wednesday after school in the sports hall commencing on Wednesday 23rd February 2022. All future tourist must make every effort to train. Those training at HECC on Monday are not expected to attend both but they are most welcome. If you are unable to attend please inform Mr Hale.

Year 10 Nets

Net session for cricketers from year 10s will take place on Thursday after school in the sports hall commencing on Thursday 24th February 2022. All players due to tour this year must make every effort to train. If you are unable to attend please inform Mr Hale.

Dates for the Diary

A few key dates

Saturday 23 rd April 2022	Felsted 1st XI, 2 nd XI, U15A, U15B, U14A & U14B (Afternoon Fixtures)
Tuesday 26 th April 2022	BSC 1st XI & 2 nd XI T20
Wednesday 27 th April 2022	The Perse T20 National Cup
Wednesday 4 th May 2022	Bancrofts 1st XI & 2 nd XI
Wednesday 1 st – Saturday 4 th June	U15 Guernsey Tour
Friday 17 th – Monday 20 th June	U14 Guernsey Tour
Friday 24 th – Monday 27 th June	U16 Guernsey Tour
Wednesday 6 th July 2022	MCC
Tuesday 19 th July 2022	Heads XI

A full fixture card will be published in the near future.

Cricket Clothing/Equipment

If possible, we would like the boys to play in cricket whites; they do not need to be in school kit. We also have some kit available at school but clearly, they will need to speak with a member of staff in advance and not on the day of the fixture. However, should you wish to purchase school kit this is available from Tylers Sportswear. Once you enter the Tylers' website, click on the drop down menu entitled 'school webshops' and we are the first school listed on the left. The link is below:

<https://www.tylers-sportswear.co.uk/Catalogue/School-Webshops/The-Bishops-Stortford-High-School>

We would expect all players who tour to have a school shirt and a cap. If you only require a cap we do have some on sale for £10 in the PE office.

Should you be considering buying equipment please do not hesitate to get in touch for advice on sizes, requirements and possible suppliers.

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

Please note, next week is National Careers Week

To celebrate, look out for all the special guests & activities taking place at TBSHS

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Interact Charity and Community Work

International Women's Day

Tuesday March 8th is International Women's Day. As we have done previously, students will be invited to wear something bright with their uniform. This could be a bright top, tie, shirt, socks or skirt. It is very important we at TBSHS mark this important day again.

In the next few weeks, Interact will also be collecting new Easter eggs for those in need in our local community. Details will follow next week.

Finally, Interact hope to bring back, Showcase, our variety show in aid of charity. This would be an evening event in the last week of term. Please e-mail simon.etheridge@tbshs.org if your daughter/ son wishes to perform. Showcase began twenty years ago.

Thank you for your continued support of school charity.

Mr. Etheridge

Head of Religious Studies and Citizenship

PTFA

**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!)