

The Bishop's Stortford High School

Parental Bulletin



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HPV Vaccine Years 8 (Years 9/10 by invitation)

Please click [here](#) for a letter from the Immunisation Team regarding the HPV vaccine taking place at school on **May 18, 2022**. The link to register is within the letter.

Please note that any parents who wish to decline the vaccine still need to complete the electronic form indicating that you wish to decline.

Clothing: please ensure your son wears a short sleeve shirt to the session.

Face masks: as this is a medical appointment, a face mask or face covering is required by the Immunisation Team. Nursing staff will be wearing face masks

Should you have any queries please contact the Immunisation Team on 01727 732063 or via email on admin.imms@nhs.net

Debating and Public Speaking - Sponsorship

Hopefully you will have read, on the school website and in the local paper, of the school's many successes in debating and public speaking. In 2021 we were runners up out of around 200 teams in the English-Speaking Union Mace, the oldest and probably most prestigious interschool competition. Results last term confirmed our standing as one of the leading debating schools in the East of England and one of very few non-selective state establishments in the country to reach International Finals Day at both Oxford and Cambridge Universities. TBSHS is the only local school that competes regularly in these national debating competitions. Since last September no fewer than 34 students have represented the school in debating and/or public speaking contests and we are determined to maintain, and even extend, our participation in the future.

However, all these competitions cost money - entry fees for the past 'season' totalled £750 and, as I am you are aware, funding for schools is desperately short. We would therefore welcome any offers of sponsorship, from parents or local businesses, to support this very worthwhile activity. If you would like to help, or just find out further details, please contact anthony.fraser@tbshs.org.

Thank you
A.D.Fraser

Sixth Form

Year 12 Post-18 Gateway Exams

Please note that the Year 12 Gateway examinations will take place from 10th – 17th June. To find the timetable, please visit the examinations tab under the 'Academic' heading on the website - [Year 12 Examinations](#). **Mr R Stark**

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

Students should now have some work experience arranged. For any students struggling to find a placement, please encourage them to think outside the box, perhaps by asking at a primary school & seeking coaching

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opportunities. Please do not underestimate the value of experiences such as volunteering in a charity shop or school. The deadline for handing completed forms to Mrs Jonas is 20th May and will come around all too quickly. Full information and associated paperwork is available on the website. **Mr R Stark**

Year 13 Leavers' Arrangements

Details for Year 13 students & parents, including examination procedures, expectations & leavers' assembly, can be found [here](#). **Mr R Stark**

Key dates:

- Friday 20th May – Leavers' Assembly – 10.30am. Please note that this will be an event for students only. There will also be a Year 11 formal assessment taking place and students must be mindful of this
- Thursday 30th June, Wednesday 6th July, Friday 8th July - 2pm-4pm – return of all school resources to the Library
- Saturday 9th July – Dinner Dance

Year 10

Year 10 Bronze DofE Award URGENT notice

Please note due to staff illness, we have had to cancel the upcoming Bronze Practice expedition to Jobbers (6th – 8th May)

This does NOT affect your son's chance at completing the award. We have been given permission to complete the final expedition only, details of which will be out shortly via letter.

Thank you for your understanding.

Paula Hughes

Year 10 Work Experience 13th-17th June 2022

If students haven't done so already, please can they make contact with their private placement employer asap and confirm their work experience details.

In some instances, and particularly if the placement was arranged some months ago, employers may've had a change of personnel, not diarised the details or forgotten etc. Therefore, a phone call to employers/contacts to remind them of the work experience dates would be wise.

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Year 11

Year 11 GCSE English past papers.

Opportunities for year 11 past papers will still continue up to and during study leave.

Past paper Friday 6th May- GCSE English Literature- (modern and/ or 19th C and /or poetry anthology) 1hr 45 mins

Past paper Friday 13th May – GCSE English Language Component 1 Sec A and B (fiction comprehension and narrative writing) 1hr 45 mins

Past paper Friday 20th May- GCSE English Literature (Shakespeare and unseen poetry)

Past paper Friday 27th May- GCSE English Language Component 2 Sec A and B (non-fiction comprehension and transactional writing- article and letter)

If students wish to do a full paper, they must email Mrs Eagle 24 hours in advance.

Mrs K Eagle

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PSA

Race Night

The Jobbers Wood race night, in support of our 3 Guernsey tours this year, is on **Friday 13th May**. We would like for as many people to come to this exciting event and to support our tour efforts. Those unable to attend have plenty of opportunity to support from outside the event, such as sponsoring a race, being a jockey, or by owning a horse!

To purchase tickets, please visit the PSA website: www.tbshspsa.org/guernsey-racenight



RACE NIGHT

JOBBERS WOOD RACE COURSE • FRIDAY 13th MAY • GATES OPEN 7pm

TIMINGS:
First Race • 19:30
Last Race • Approx 22:00

TICKETS:
£10 including hog roast
£5 for tourists

STABLES {
SPONSOR A RACE • £25
BE A JOCKEY • £2
BE AN OWNER • £5

For all the details, and to purchase tickets, please visit the TBSHS PSA website: www.tbshspsa.org/guernsey-racenight

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Summer Ball Returns

Saturday June 25th

Tickets now on Sale £45 each

(Low cost deposit available)

Summer Ball Ticket (tbshspsa.org)



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](#)

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**TBSHS Golf Umbrella
Only £22**
(You'll need one at Jobbers Wood!)