

# The Bishop's Stortford High School

## Parental Bulletin



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### Whole School

#### Welcome back

It was good to welcome students and staff back after the Easter break. We enjoyed two great games of rugby on Easter Saturday at Jobbers Wood, including a hotly contested match involving former students of various ages. It was followed by the rugby dinner in the evening at Bishop's Stortford Golf Club and a chance for everyone to celebrate the numerous achievements and experiences gained across the season and for many of the former students to catch up with old friends and staff.

For many students, the coming months will be filled with trepidation as they focus on the ensuing examination season. This is always a challenging time for young people, and they will rely on the steadying hands of support from both home and school as they prepare to give their best possible performance this summer. We all know that exams are stressful, so it is essential that all students minimise the stress levels and make it as easy for themselves as possible by being fully prepared for the challenges ahead. They need to find the right balance and your support in helping them remain focused on their revision is much appreciated.

#### Covid update

As mentioned at the end of last term, students and staff are no longer required to wear face masks in school. With the end of free testing for Covid-19 it has inevitably become far more challenging for individuals to determine whether they are infected with the virus, especially as the list of official symptoms has been expanded significantly. The information below is taken from the updated government website:

#### ***When children with symptoms should stay at home and when they can return to education***

*Children with mild symptoms such as a runny nose, sore throat, or slight cough, who are otherwise well, can continue to attend their education setting.*

*Children who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people, where they can. They can go back to school and resume normal activities when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend.*

*All children with respiratory symptoms should be encouraged to cover their mouth and nose with a disposable tissue when coughing and/or sneezing and to wash their hands after using or disposing of tissues.*

*It is not recommended that children are tested for COVID-19 unless directed to by a health professional.*

*If a child has a positive COVID-19 test result they should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 3 days after the day they took the test, if they can.*

All student absences should be reported via the MyEd app as usual and do not need to be reported specifically as a Covid case. For more information, including the updated list of symptoms, click [here](#).

**Mr Reeve, Headteacher**

#### PSA Plant Sale

Every year the PSA has to raise nearly £60,000 to continue to offer the students a range of sporting opportunities. As part of the fund-raising efforts we sell garden plants and flowers once per year and in the past, we have been very successful as the plants and flowers are excellent quality. They can be ordered online at <https://www.tbshspsa.org/bedding-plants-2022>

This is open to anyone so please share amongst friends and family who are local to help support the sporting opportunities at the school.

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### Overdue Books

Final reminder for overdue books to be returned as soon as possible. Any books not returned by the end of this week may be subject to replacement charges

### Family Lives Summer 2022

Below is information about Family Lives Summer 2022 programme of parenting groups for Herts parents which will be delivered online via Teams.

- **Bringing Up Confident Children for Parents of Children with SEN**  
Mondays, 6 June to 11 July 2022, 7-9pm [click here](#) for details.
- **Bringing Up Confident Children for Parents of Children with ADHD/ASD**  
Tuesdays, 7 June to 12 July 2022, 7-9pm [click here](#) for details.
- **Bringing Up Confident Children for Parents of Children with ADHD/ASD**  
Wednesdays, 8 June to 13 July 2022, 9.30-11.30am

Self-referrals and referrals by professionals can be made by completing our [referral form](#). Parents can also email [services@familylives.org.uk](mailto:services@familylives.org.uk) or call us on 0204 522 8700 or 0204 522 8701 for more information.

## Sixth Form

### Year 13 Student Finance for 2022-2023 – 20 May Deadline

With exams approaching and only a month to the deadline of 20 May to guarantee funds are in place for an autumn start, do make sure your sons and daughters have applied to Student Finance England. **They do not have to have made their firm and insurance choices to do this** and they can cancel their application after Results Day if they decide not to go. Click [here](#) for a letter outlining the process and containing links to websites and resources. **Mrs F Price**

### Year 13 Making UCAS Choices – Deadline 9 June

An increasing number of students have now made their Firm and Insurance choices since receiving their final teacher projections. Those still to accept offers, even if they are still waiting on some university decisions, should make sure that they are reviewing all their uni research in light of their final report so that they can meet the deadline of 9 June before they get too involved in the exam season. More information about making choices can be viewed in the **UCAS NEXT STEPS** presentation from earlier this term on the UCAS website at [Replying to Offers](#). **Mrs F Price**

### Year 13 Apprenticeships

Congratulations to those students who are starting to receive apprenticeship offers. Please do make sure your son or daughter keeps us informed of their progress with applications. As there will still be new vacancies coming on line throughout the term, students will still need to keep an eye on opportunities and manage this alongside their revision for exams. Key pointers and resources for apprenticeship applications can be viewed in [Yr13 Apprenticeships What next Assembly 24Feb22.pdf](#). **Mrs F Price**

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### Sixth Form Centre and Parking - Limited Disruption on Friday 22 April

Please note that due to the influx of external visitors for the Year 12 Business Professional Interviews on Friday 22 April, there will be no Sixth Form parking at the Pavilion on that day and the downstairs Sixth Form Centre will be closed in the morning until lunchtime. **Mrs F Price**

### Year 12 Key Post-18 Dates

**22 April - Business Professional Interviews:** All Year 12s were emailed their interview time and venue, plus detailed logistics and preparation guidance, yesterday. We hope that they will find this practice in a safe environment useful.

**25/27 April – Personal Statement Education:** Year 12s will be informed by the end of this week on of which day next week they will receive education how to express their strengths in their Post-18 applications. All students will then be producing a first draft Personal Statement tailored to a degree course, career or job sector by **13 May** for tutor review.

**7 June - UCAS Application Education** - Although the UCAS Hub will open for applications for 2023-entry on 3 May, students should not start an application until after they have had their in-school training.

### Year 12 Work Experience Week - 20th to 24<sup>th</sup> June

Students should now have some work experience arranged. The deadline for handing completed forms to Mrs Jonas is 20<sup>th</sup> May and will come around all too quickly. Full information and associated paperwork is available on the website. **Mr R Stark**

### 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 & 13 Revision & Study Leave

We hope that students got plenty of rest over the holidays but that they used their time wisely now that the summer examinations period is almost upon us. Study leave expectations will be discussed in assembly on 25<sup>th</sup> April. **Mr R Stark**

## Year 11

### Sixth Form Applications Update

Conditional offers of Sixth Form places have been emailed to students to the home address they recorded on their Sixth Form Application. Any students who have not already done so must click the link in the outcome email to accept the offer and book a place for induction before the online system closes. **Mr R Stark**

### Year 11 – National Citizenship Service Assembly

In preparation and readiness of a special Year 11 assembly by the NCS taking place next Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April, [please click here](#) to read a letter from the organisation which explains in more detail what they do.

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### Commendation Tea

Year 11 Commendation Tea will take place on **Thursday 28 April** at 3.00 in the Library hosted by the Headmaster. Nominated students are to leave period 5 and come straight to the library rather than go to Form to register first. If any students have a nut allergy please bring this to Mrs Cooper attention once you arrive. Thank you.

## Year 9

### Commendation Tea

Year 9 Commendation Tea will take place on **Monday 25 April** at 3.00 in the Library hosted by the Headmaster. Nominated students are to leave period 5 and come straight to the library rather than go to Form to register first. If any students have a nut allergy please bring this to Mrs Cooper attention once you arrive. Thank you.

## Interact Charity and Community Work

### Charity and Citizenship Guest Speaker Notice

Thank you very much indeed for the donation of over 70 Easter eggs that were very gratefully received by the local Food Bank.

The school's **Non-Uniform Day** generated £2,328.29 for the DEC (Disasters Emergency Committee) Ukraine Appeal. The school dropped off items for "UK-Aid" also in the last week of term. This is a local charity taking items out to Moldova. Citizenship students have been continuing to study what is happening in Ukraine in March and April.

At the **church services**, the school community raised £331.71 in collections. Together with the £310.48 raised through some break time cookie and pancake sales, and £435.94 collected at our Christmas services, the school community has raised over £1000 for St. Michael's Church this year.

We will be hosting our variety show for charity, Showcase, later this term.

We will be raising money or items for, an awareness of, other good causes and communities in future months, whilst being mindful of current economic challenges.

Our charity group meets every Wednesday at 1.30. Students are welcome to attend, especially if they have an idea or appropriate cause.

We are delighted to welcome Councillor Norma Symonds to talk with our sixth form on Tuesday about her inspirational life story and the local charity, "Red Kite", which supports victims of rape, and sexual abuse.

Thank you very much for your continued support. Mr S Etheridge

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## PSA Summer Ball Returns

**Saturday June 25<sup>th</sup>**

**Tickets now on Sale £45 each**

**(Low cost deposit available)**

**Summer Ball Ticket ([tbshspsa.org](http://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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## Mitre Fund

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The idyllic route runs from Jobbers Wood through the beautiful country lanes to Much Hadham and back again, finishing to cheering crowds of supporters. With professional chip timing and UKA measurement, this traffic free course is perfect for all abilities.

**Refreshments** will be available for family and friends as they wait to cheer you on at the finish line. Plenty of **free parking** from **9:00 am**.



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## TICKET INFO

### 10K

- £25 (£23 affiliated)
- Includes a free t-shirt
- Ages 15+

### 5K

- £15 (£13 affiliated)
- Includes free t-shirt
- Ages 11+

Anyone under 18 must have permission from a parent/guardian and their details must be provided at the time of booking.

**1K** – Fun run is free to enter on the day. No need to register (Includes a medal).

### EARLY BIRD

For Early Bird ticket prices go to our booking site at...

<https://activetrainingworld.co.uk/active-training-world-events/>



<https://mitre10k.activetrainingworld.com/tc-events/mitre-10k-5k-run/>

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