

The Bishop's Stortford High School

Parental Bulletin



Wednesday, 23rd March 2022

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Whole School

School meal price increase

As is being keenly felt up and down the country, we are seeing significant increases in the cost of ingredients required to produce the food we sell in school. Our catering manager has tried extremely hard to source ingredients from various different suppliers in an attempt to keep costs down, though the lack of availability of many items just continues to drive the price up further. From the start of next term, the price of our lunchtime meal deal will increase by twenty pence from £2.75 to **£2.95**. Let me reassure you that, despite having a very high uptake from students, we do not make a profit from catering and will continue to keep the costs as low as possible. Any student eligible for Free School Meals will still be able to access the lunchtime meal deal each day.

Mr Reeve, Headteacher

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> .

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.

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.

Easter Church Services 2022 – St Michael's Church, Bishop's Stortford

Arrangements for TBSHS Easter Church Services

Monday 28th March: Year 7, 8 and 9 - the service will start at 9:20am. Students will walk to the church with their tutor. The service will end at 10:20am. Students will walk back to TBSHS with their tutor.

Monday 28th March: Year 10 and 11 - the service will start at 2:00pm. Students will walk to the church with their tutor. Students will be dismissed from the church at 3:05pm. Form tutors will accompany students who walk back to school in order to catch a bus or collect their bike.

Tuesday 29th March: Year 12 and 13 –students are to register with their tutor at the church at 1:45pm. The service will start at 2:00pm. Students will be dismissed from the church at 3:05pm.

General notes:

- All students and staff are to wear a face mask in St Michael's Church.
- Unfortunately, due to our Covid protocols, parents cannot attend our service this year.

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- It would be greatly appreciated if your son/daughter could make a £1 donation at the end of the service.
- Parents and carers who would like to collect students after the service should be aware that the area outside the church becomes congested and are advised to arrange alternative pick-up points with their children beforehand.

Careers – Lunchtime Workshops

We've hosted a number of lunchtime Careers Workshops recently; *Weston Group*, *Real Ltd* and *Linklaters LLP* amongst others and yesterday, it was the turn of *Deloitte* to visit TBSHS. *Deloitte* is one of the UK's leading professional services firms and part of a global network spanning 150 countries providing audit and assurance, consulting, financial advisory, risk advisory, tax, and related services. Their *Bright Start* recruitment programme is a leader in the area of apprenticeship initiatives. For students interested in pursuing professional qualifications in Chartered Accountancy & Tax Advisory Services, *Deloitte* are **actively recruiting now**. [Click here](#)

If there are any parents/carers reading this who can spare the time to come in and speak to students about their professional role/career pathway etc, please do get in touch claire.jonas@tbshs.org

Uniform - Fosters

We are pleased to announce that we are running a promotional **25% stock clearance discount** between Monday 21st & Thursday 31st March.

Unfortunately, this offer is NOT available online, however, this offer is available in our Bishops Stortford shop, (hours are Monday – Friday 9am-5pm) and for those parents who are unable to visit our shop we will be taking telephone orders on 01279 653865. Fosters.

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**

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 Charities Day – Wednesday 23rd March

Sixth Form students have been raising money for three charities today. It has been fantastic to see them in their outfits & their behaviour has been commendable. **Mr R Stark**

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Year 13 Student Careers Education and Provision Survey

Thank you to those parent/carers in Years 11 to 13 that completed the parental careers education and provision survey in January. To provide further insight into possible areas for improvement, Governors and the careers team have asked Year 13 students to complete a similar survey as they near the end of their time at TBSHS. Please encourage your son/daughter to check their email for the link to give their views. **Mr R Stark**

Year 13 Student Finance for 2022-2023 – Applications NOW OPEN

A reminder that it is a good idea for your sons and daughters to be applying now to Student Finance England, if there is any chance that they will be starting University this year. Click [here](#) for a letter outlining the process and containing links to websites and resources. **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. **Mrs F Price**

Year 12 CVs and Business Professional Interviews

All Year 12s will be receiving a practice interview with an external business professional in school on the morning of Friday 22 April. Therefore, it is imperative that they meet the homework deadline of this Friday 25 March to upload a completed CV based on education and guidance that they have received via the tutorial programme. With their consent, this will be shared with their interviewer prior to the Easter holidays in preparation for feedback at their interview in April. We are extremely grateful to ex-TBSHS student Peter Thompson taking over organising this previous Rotary Club initiative after Rodney Stock's many years of service. **Mrs F Price**

Year 11

TBSHS Sixth Form Applications Next Steps

1. Subject Changes:

Any further requests to change subjects should be emailed to admissions.sixthform@tbshs.org. It is best that these are recorded prior to the actual timetable being formulated to maximise the chances of it being a viable combination. Of course, subjects will not actually be finalised until Results Day on 25th August so it is possible to change subjects then, though choices will have to fit within the set option block structure.

2. Conditional offers:

Conditional offers to students will be sent **ELECTRONICALLY** to the student email registered on their Sixth Form application (**NOT their school email**) before the Easter holiday. It is vital that students check their external email address and acknowledge receipt of their offer by accepting or declining it and recording whether they will be attending our Induction days on 31st June & 1st July. Parents/carers will also receive a general notification when the offers have been sent.

3. GCSE Results Day 25th August:

Students must attend school on the day if they wish to speak with the SFMT.

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Sports

Inter House Football competition Saturday March 26th 2022 @ Jobbers Wood:

Year 11, Year 10, Year 9: **8am** meet at Jobbers, **start at 8.30am, finish at 10am.**

Year 8, Year 7: **10.40am** meet at Jobbers, **start at 11am, finish at 12.30pm.**

Please can parents lift share where possible, and if you are not intending on staying to watch, please can you drop your son at the entrance of Jobbers Wood. Many Thanks, Mr Sadler

TBSHS RUGBY REFEREE APPEAL

The PE department are looking for anyone would be interested in volunteering as a rugby referee for the 2022 Rugby term. Previous experience not needed. Training will be provided by Herts Refereeing society & flexibility on ability and age grade allocation and availability is high.

With up to 10 games being played at home on a Saturday and a maximum of two referees being provided by Herts Refereeing society each week the majority of our referees come from parental volunteers. Our rugby programme relies on the good will of new volunteers to survive as students and parents finish their time at the school.

Herts refereeing society are happy to provide in house training at Jobbers Wood over the coming months. This training could include the award of a formal and recognised qualification depending on the interest of volunteers.

If you are interested in volunteering for next year could you please let Elliott Kelsall (Elliott.Kelsall@Tbshs.org) by Friday 1st April. Once volunteers are identified further information will be sent out.

Many thanks for your continued support of rugby at TBSHS,

Mr Elliott Kelsall

Teacher of PE/Head of Rugby

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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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The PSA Plant Sale 2022



The Bishops Stortford High School Plant Sale 2022

Last Orders Friday April 29th

Locally grown, cheaper than shops.
We have also added a range of
shrubs this year.
we have bought the shrubs direct from Holland,
so, numbers are restricted and will be reserved on a first come basis.
All profit to go to School Sports.

ALL ORDERS TO BE PLACED & PAID FOR ONLINE @
www.tbshspsa.org/bedding-plants-2022

Orders to be collected from Jobbers Wood on Friday May 6th
12:00 - 17:00

Free delivery for orders over £100 will be made on
Sunday May 1st

If clubbing together to make an order up to £100
please only place 1 order.

Many thanks
TBSHS Parents Sports Association
Registered Charity No 1144671

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Interact Charity and Community Work

Thank you/ Items for Refugees/ Easter Eggs

Dear Students

Thank you for your contributions last week in raising over £2100 for the DEC Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal. Magnificent. Awesome. Legendary. Brilliant.

Thank YOU. YOU did this. YOU should be proud. And you also conducted yourself superbly. Massive thanks to your families also.

Should you wish to donate a physical item for refugees, we are also collecting items which will soon be transported to Ukrainian refugees by the local charity "UK-Aid". The requested items are: clean bedding in good condition, duvets, sleeping bags, sheets, duvet covers, underwear, pillows, toiletries, nappies, baby wipes, sanitary towels, tampons, hand and face wipes, shower gel, soap, shampoo, conditioner, shaving foam, toothpaste and toothbrushes. If you wish to donate, please drop your item off at Room 8. We are still collecting.

Interact are also collecting Easter eggs for our local Food Bank, for those who will not have an Easter egg this holiday. Please drop off your Easter egg at Room 8 in the next two weeks if you wish to donate. The deadline for this is Wednesday 30th March. Every one helps someone.

We are very mindful that families have their own economic commitments, as well as their own excellent commitments to good causes, but any support is always gratefully appreciated.

Thank you for all the giving you continue to do each day. Keep spreading the love.

Should you wish to get involved with organising school charity, Interact meets each Wednesday at 1.30 in Room 8.

Finally, we are looking for any students to read and write prayers for our Easter Services. Please let me know if you are interested.

With every good wish

Yours sincerely

Mr. Etheridge

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!)