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Parental Bulletin



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PTFA request

As many of you will know, we are absolutely indebted to the great work done by the PTFA, from which every student gains significantly. Along with the PSA, they raise very valuable funds that allow us to buy extra items of specialist equipment, which not only enhance the learning experience but also facilitate lots of enrichment activities. Whilst the PTFA has been joined by some new parents this year, they could really do with some more support. If lots of people are prepared to do a little bit to help, it means we do not have to over-burden a small number of parents. If you would be willing to provide a bit of help with the organisation of one or two events, do please email your contact details to PTFA@tbshs.org

Important Parental Survey

A big thank you to all parents who have already completed the Kirkland-Rowell parental survey first sent out last week. Every two years we invest in this survey process to help inform us of our current strengths, areas for development and the overall level of satisfaction in the school. The survey takes 10-15 minutes to complete and can be accessed using the link and password provided below (note: the password is case sensitive). If you have more than one child at the school, please complete a survey for each child. Your responses may differ significantly depending on age and their experiences.

Please ensure you have completed the survey by the end of **Friday 28th January**. Students and staff have been completing a similar survey in school.

Link to parent log in: <https://survey.gi-assessment.co.uk/s/VDS682/>

Parent Password: TBSHS12001Pa

Face masks

Following the announcement by the government last week, Face masks will not be required in school from tomorrow (Thursday 27th January) onwards. Students and staff are still required to carry out a lateral flow test at home at least twice a week until further notice. Do please continue to ensure your child keeps up the regular testing.

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.

School Catering

Meal Prices and Menus: The price of a standard 2-course meal is £2.75, menus are available on the TBSHS website. The school currently offers break and lunch options.

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The school has an upper limit of £6 on the amount of money that can be spent in one day. This will mean that your child cannot buy excessive amounts of food that may be being passed on to others. If you would like this amount changed, please call the school or email finance@tbshs.org to amend the amount up or down.

As I am sure that you are aware, there are a number of logistical issues affecting availability and deliveries, as a result, menus may change at short notice.

During the Covid-19 pandemic, the school will not be able to accept cash payments for any reason and the cash loader in school will not be active. If you are unable to utilise ParentPay, please ensure that you contact the finance department (finance@tbshs.org Tel: 01279 869521). Your assistance in keeping the school cash free is appreciated.

Please ensure that your child always has sufficient funds on their accounts for lunch as overdrafts will not be available. Any parent/guardian in financial difficulty should contact the school.

Breakfast Service: The breakfast service is now available. The menu will offer bacon rolls, cheese baps, cereals, yoghurts, fresh fruit and cold drinks.

Sixth Form

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**

Year 12 Testing Week

A reminder that testing week will commence on Monday 31st January. **Mr R Stark**

Year 13 Mock Exam Results

Year 13 Mock A level results are now available to parents via the MyEd app and email. Students have received hardcopy via tutors. These results will form the basis of discussions with relevant subject teachers at Consultation Evening tomorrow – see item below. **Mr R Stark**

Year 13 Consultation Evening 27th January 2022

A big thank you to all those who have already signed up. If you are yet to make an appointment, the information can be viewed here - [Year 13 Consultation Evening Invitation Jan22](#). **Mr R Stark**

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Year 12 Post-18 Planning Tool Introduction – Tuesday 1st February

To support our students in their planning and preparation for their next steps after Sixth Form, the school invests in a resource and research software platform called Unifrog. Proper use of it will greatly aid searching for university and apprenticeships options as well as the production of CVs and Personal Statements to support applications. I will be introducing all Year 12 to this tool on Tuesday 1st February and by the end of next week they will have registered on the platform. Please do ask them to show you the power of its exploration and search tools and also encourage them to use it as much as possible. **Mrs F Price**

Year 12 Post-18 Support – Key dates

A reminder that key dates for Year 12 for Post-18 matters can be viewed [here](#). **Mrs F Price**

Year 12 Post-18 Information Evening – Tuesday 1st March – 7pm online

A reminder to save the date of this crucial event for Yr12 parents and students when we outline the key Post-18 options available. Further information will be provided in due course. It will be held online at 7pm. **Mrs F Price**

Year 12 Oxbridge Information Evening – Tuesday 8th March – 7pm (Venue TBC)

There will also be an optional **Oxbridge Information Evening on Tuesday 8th March** for any interested students and parents when we have Dr Sewell, Senior Tutor of Selwyn College, Cambridge, sharing his wisdom and experience. **Mrs F Price**

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

A reminder that, with the passing of the UCAS deadline today and with feedback on mock results this week at consultation evening, students should not be rushing to take any actions on university offers – they have until 9 June. They should, however, be proactive now about searching for and applying for apprenticeships. 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 and 13 Final expedition letter

There is a copy of the final expedition letter available for the Yr12&13 students. A copy is available on the website: [Here](#)

Students in Yr13 are yet to pick up a copy from me, due to mock exams. Please make sure the dates are in your diary for the confirmed final expedition.

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Year 11

Year 11 Post-16 Guidance Meetings

Anyone who did not attend their scheduled interview needs to contact their designated interviewer to agree a new time as soon as possible. Any subject changes or requests for Next Steps appointments discussed during these meetings are being processed. **Mr R Stark**

Year 10

Yr10 DofE Update.

Meetings will start next week for the Bronze DofE cohort. Starting with an afterschool meeting on Monday 31st January or Thursday 3rd February. (Pupils can choose which one to attend and only need to attend one session).

In this meeting students will be asked to collect a letter with further information and a reply slip due back before Thursday 24th February.

Year 9

Options Evening Presentation

This will take the form of a virtual presentation on Tuesday 22nd February at 6pm. If you cannot attend a recording will be made available after the event. More details with joining links will be sent prior to the event.

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.

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Sports

TBSHS Bobble Hats

TBSHS Bobble hats are now able to purchase from the PSA website (<https://www.tbshspsa.org/product-page/tbshs-bobble-hat>) once purchased, please collect from the PE Office in school. There are only 100 available so please get them ASAP. **Mr Pike**

Running Club

EVERY TUESDAY LUNCHTIME REGARDLESS OF WEATHER.

ALL PUPILS OF ALL RUNNING ABILITIES WELCOME AND CATERED FOR.

Bring a packed lunch and appropriate old footwear – you may get muddy!! Meet changed, in reception at 1.10pm.

Mr Sadler

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. The difference is that when customers shop through the URL 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 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 portal each time you shop with Amazon.

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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Fundraising

Interact – School Charity



On Friday, Interact will be collecting the following items for the “Whitechapel Mission for the Homeless” in London.

Foods need to be allergy-safe, as usual, please. No nuts. Please bring your item(s) to school on Friday 28th January to Room 8 (Religious Studies and Citizenship), Reception or Interact will collect from the playground. Financial donations are also gratefully received.

Items and donations will be collected by the Whitechapel Mission on Monday.

Thank you so much.

The collection will be in memory of Mr. Brian Edwards, a Rotarian, founder of TBSHS interact, model citizen and great supporter of Whitechapel Mission. Mr. Edwards’ funeral was one year ago on Saturday 30th January 2021 and was attended virtually by students, staff and former students. *En route* to the funeral, the cortège circled and stopped at The Bishop’s Stortford High School for a moment’s silence, where a member of staff safely paid our respects on behalf of the school community past, present and future. A tribute to Mr.

Edwards: <https://www.tbshs.org/NewsArticle.aspx?NewsID=9933>

The following items are suggested for Friday’s collection:

- ✓ Sleeping Bags
- ✓ Woollen Hats
- ✓ Woollen Gloves
- ✓ Woollen Scarves
- ✓ Hygiene Kits
- ✓ Oyster Cards
- ✓ Brown Sauce
- ✓ Runny Honey
- ✓ Squash
- ✓ Pot Noodles
- ✓ Baked Beans

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- ✓ Plum Tomatoes
- ✓ Sugar
- ✓ Instant Hot Chocolate
- ✓ Jam
- ✓ Spray Deodorant
- ✓ Shower Gel
- ✓ Shaving Foam
- ✓ Shampoo
- ✓ Roll-on Deodorant
- ✓ Winter Jackets
- ✓ Winter Coats
- ✓ Baseball Caps
- ✓ T-Shirts
- ✓ Jumpers
- ✓ Hand Towels
- ✓ Bath Towels
- ✓ Jeans 28-36"
- ✓ Trousers 28-34"
- ✓ Small Rucksacks
- ✓ Trainers
- ✓ Shoes
- ✓ Socks
- ✓ Toothbrushes
- ✓ Body Lotion
- ✓ Body Wash
- ✓ Hand Cream

- ✓ Moisturiser
- ✓ Tinned Fruit
- ✓ Tinned Soup
- ✓ Any cereals with no nuts
- ✓ Bottled Water
- ✓ Coffee

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Shine a Light

LIGHT THE DARKNESS

27 January 8pm

Light a candle and safely put it in your window



To remember those who were murdered for who they were

To stand against prejudice and hatred today

We are all lighting the darkness on
[#HolocaustMemorialDay](#)



Thursday 27th January is a very, very important day globally. Thursday is Holocaust Memorial Day. We encourage the school community on Thursday evening at 8 pm to safely shine a light (perhaps using the torch from your 'phone) to remember.

Hannah Lewis MBE (pictured above) is a Holocaust survivor. Hannah was eight when her mother (pictured in the first picture below) was shot by the Nazis. Hannah's mother, Chaya, sacrificed her life for her daughter. When the Nazis came for Hannah's Jewish family, Hannah's mother kissed her daughter goodbye,

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hid Hannah where they were staying and went to meet the Nazi guards herself. Through a window, Hannah saw what happened to her mum. After the war, Hannah came to the UK. Hannah did not speak any English but she was warmly welcomed by the country, was married and had children. Hannah Lewis is the very model of resilience and a wonderful beacon of true inspiration. In 2018, Hannah received an MBE for her work in Holocaust Education.

Hannah regularly visits The Bishop's Stortford High School. She has spoken to generations of students and shown a courage beyond words to share her life. Hannah loves the school and the school loves her. Hannah always says she feels at home in the school. Here she tells her story to "Sky News":

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OfFxWKFHpdM>





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)

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**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!)