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The Weekly Bulletin for Great Baddow High School

HEAD LINES

REPORTING AN ABSENCE

If a student is absent from school for any reason, parents must inform Student Administration by 9.00 a.m. on the first day of absence. Telephone the school number 01245 265821 and choose option 1. Alternatively, you may log the absence, or a forthcoming medical/dental appointment, via [EduLink](#). Please log in as a parent and click on the Absence Reporting icon then submit the necessary details. Students will not be permitted to leave school for an appointment without advance communication from the parent. If a student is absent without notification the absence will be recorded as unauthorised.

PE NOTICE

If your child has a swimming lesson during PE, they need to attend school in full school uniform and bring their swimming kit to change into (changing rooms are open for swimming only). If their PE lesson does NOT involve swimming, then they should attend school in their PE kit.

YEAR 11/13 PHOTOS

Covid safe individual Year 11 and 13 photos will be taken on Friday 23rd April. These will be used to digitally create Year Group photos which can be purchased online from the photographer Carmel Jane. Details as to how to order online will be emailed to parents next week.

The Parent Calendar and Extra-Curricular Club Timetable can be viewed on the Great Baddow High School website:

[School Calendar](#)
[Extra-Curricular Club Timetable](#)

Dear Parents

I hope you and your family enjoyed a restful break over the Easter period. We have enjoyed a calm and focused start to the term. Students continue to recognise the importance of the health and safety measures in place but there is a growing feeling of optimism as we make progress out of the pandemic. Home testing and recording is an essential part of the process in keeping the school community safe. It is imperative that we remain vigilant during what we hope will be the final phase of fighting COVID 19.

We are expecting the Government to provide guidance as further restrictions are lifted during the term, but we will be making a full review of our risk assessment before any alterations are made to our existing provision.

The support across our entire school community has provided an environment that allows our students to progress quickly and all the early signs this week indicate a strong focus on learning. Students in all year groups are approaching important assessments and we have been really pleased with the efforts of our students to date.

I am pleased that we have been able to offer a full programme of extra-curricular PE and sport activities on our return to school and we will see other events and activities being introduced in the next few weeks. The Easter break allowed us to upgrade some of our Information Technology hardware and all classrooms have now been fitted with state-of-the-art screens. The school has also entered into an exciting partnership with Microsoft that will add further provision and extend the learning opportunities for our students. Although there is some way to go in overcoming the impact of the pandemic, we are making every effort to safely return to a learning experience that reflects normality and structure for our students. At the end of the summer term Magnus will again capture the successes and experiences of our students and we look forward to a range of celebratory events in the second half of the summer term. The calendar of events is regularly updated on our website and I would like to bring to your attention the addition of an **Inset Day** that will take place on **Monday 5th July**.

Finally, I would like to thank members of our local community who have written to me to comment on the wonderful behaviour and good manners of our students. It confirms the fact that our students are a credit to us all and make us incredibly proud.

Thank you for your continued support.
Take care and stay safe,.

Mr Paul Farmer, Headteacher

WEEK B

Week Beginning
Monday 19th April 2021

DIARY DATES

Summer Term Begins:
Monday 12th April 2021

Half Term:
Monday 31st May 2021 - Friday 4th June 2021
Inset Day: Monday 5th July 2021

Summer Term Ends: Friday 16th July 2021
Inset Day: Monday 19th July 2021
Inset Day: Tuesday 20th July 2021
Non-school day: Wednesday 21st July 2021

GREAT BADDOW HIGH SCHOOL

FRESH MUSIC FRIDAY

Sending you into the weekend with a new single that was released this week

DANCING ON DANGEROUS
Imanbek, Sean Paul & Sofia Reyes

SEMPER · ALTIORA · SPERAMUS

SCAN ME

