



11th  
December  
2020

# The Weekly Bulletin for Great Baddow High School

## HEAD LINES

### CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

Thank you to everyone that took part in Christmas Jumper Day today. Donations to be made through ParentPay.



### GYMNASTIC TASTER TRIAL

We will be holding a Year 7 gymnastics taster trial next week on Monday after school for Year 7's. This is an opportunity for students to come and show what they can do and where they are at with their gymnastics.

This will run on **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December** from **3:15pm - 4:30pm**.

Students who would like to be involved should come into school in PE kit and if they want to wear leotards they can bring them to change into after school.

### SIXTH FORM

The closing date for Year 11 students to apply for a place in our Sixth Form is today. Please can parents check that applications have been completed and submitted and if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us on [sixthformenquiries@gbhs.co.uk](mailto:sixthformenquiries@gbhs.co.uk).

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Dear Parent,

This term has presented many challenges, but we have grown even stronger together as a school community. We have seen lots of festive cheer this week with our Christmas dinner on Wednesday and the Christmas Jumper Competition that was embraced by students and staff. The winner of our Christmas card design goes to Louis in Year 10 this year.



With two confirmed cases in Year 10 and with a significant proportion of the year group bubble self-isolating, we have consulted with Public Health England and all Year 10 students will be learning remotely from home until the end of term. This is a precautionary measure to ensure that we keep everyone in the school community as safe as possible. Teachers will be providing live and recorded lessons to support students during this period.

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December will be our last day of term. All lessons will finish at 12.30pm, allowing students to return to their tutor rooms before we commence a staggered finish to the day (see below).

I would like to thank everyone involved in the recent Year 11 virtual parents' evening. Feedback was extremely positive, and we will further refine our practice over the coming months.

I will be writing to all parents next week as the term comes to an end, outlining processes for track and trace over the Christmas and New Year break and highlighting our start of term arrangements in 2021. Please look out for the release of our Autumn edition of Magnus that will replace the weekly bulletin next Friday.

Thank you for your continued support.

**Mr Paul Farmer, Headteacher**

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December will be a normal school day up to the end of Period 3 (12.30 p.m.), when students will return to their tutor group for registration.



Staggered dismissal as follows:

**12.45** Year 11 and Sixth Form  
**12.55** Year 9  
**1.05** Years 7 & 8

Buses will leave by 1.15.  
There will be no school lunch on this day.

## WEEKLY CALENDAR - A

The Parent Calendar for the Autumn Term: [School Calendar](#)

Day	Date	School Activity
Monday	14 Dec	Years 7 & 12 termly grade to parents 1515 - 1630 Gymnastics taster trial
Tuesday	15 Dec	Year 10 termly grade to parents
Wednesday	16 Dec	
Thursday	17 Dec	
Friday	18 Dec	Term Ends

## DIARY DATES

### AUTUMN TERM

**Term Ends:**  
Friday 18th December 2020

### SPRING TERM

**Term Begins:**  
Monday 4th January 2021  
**Half Term:**  
Monday 15th February 2021- Friday 19th February 2021  
**Term Ends:**  
Friday 26th March 2021

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