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The Weekly Bulletin for Great Baddow High School

HEAD LINES

STEPHENSONS BUS SERVICE

Please can any parents/carers that think that their child will need to use the school bus service next week, starting Monday 11th January, let us know by email on admin@gbhs.co.uk. These services are currently suspended due to lack of demand.

CONSENT REQUEST

To support the learning of all students, teachers who teach 'live' with visual/audio/chat functions will record these lessons/sections of lessons. We require your consent to record and store recordings of your child's lessons - please complete the link below to indicate your preference:

[Consent for Recording of Lessons](#)

Should you choose not to consent, your child may still be present in live lessons but should not contribute; alternatively, they can access the work set on SMHW/EduLink/and the recording after the lesson.

VOCABULARY SHEETS

January vocabulary sheets are now out! This month's words all describe our enjoyment & tolerance of things. Students will receive a credit if they use the word of the day with an English teacher! We hope you revel in this month's selection!

MONTHLY MATHS

Every month, our maths department produce a monthly maths sheet for students to complete one maths task per day. These can be found in Edulink along with answers for the preceding month. Please encourage your son/daughter to tackle them daily.

ACCESS TO TEAMS ON PLAYSTATION AND XBOX

To make access to remote learning and resources even easier, may we remind you that Microsoft Teams can be accessed via both Xbox and PlayStation Consoles. Information as to how to connect is readily available on social media channels.

WEEKLY CALENDAR - A

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

Dear Parent,

What a week it has been! Lock down, examinations and testing have been at the forefront of our thinking and I really appreciate the support and kind messages that we have received as we work through the process of meeting these challenges.

Our onsite COVID19 testing centre is up and running. Students and staff are being tested in line with government guidance and we will share more information with you regarding testing before students officially return to school. Please remember to complete the on-line consent form [here](#).

We have issued lots of letters to various year groups this week to keep you as informed as possible regarding examinations. We understand the Government's announcement to cancel the summer examination series is unsettling for students, but we will do all we can to ensure that every student receives the grades they so richly deserve. We will provide updates as soon as we have received further details from the Department for Education.

We are in an excellent position to deliver an extensive programme of remote learning and live lessons will form a significant part of that provision from Monday 11th January.

We are reviewing our calendar to ensure that assessments and events are placed at the right time to support learning and provide the appropriate guidance to access pathways to success for every student.

Despite the implications of the lockdown, I am very confident that the vaccine programme will allow us to resume some form of normality in the near future. We have expressed the importance for students to focus on their studies so that they are in the best position possible to return to school.

Thank you for your continued support. We have an amazing team ethos that spreads throughout our school community and together we will overcome the challenges of the next few weeks and emerge even stronger.

Take care and stay safe.

Mr Paul Farmer, Headteacher

Please Note: The Weekly Parent Bulletin will be suspended during the lockdown period. We will continue to keep you updated via email, Edulink and our website www.gbhs.co.uk and look forward to resuming your weekly newsletter again soon.

FREE DATA BOOST PACKAGES

Telecommunications companies are offering some free data boost packages to those families who are struggling to connect to the remote learning offered. This scheme is open to children and young people who:

- don't have access to a fixed broadband connection;
- cannot afford the additional data needed to access educational resources or social care services;
- have access to a mobile device that uses a participating network;
- are facing disruption to their face-to-face education, or have been advised not to attend school.

To check if your child qualifies for the offer we need to know

- what their (or their family member's) mobile network is
- whether they're on a monthly contract or a Pay-as-you-go deal

If you believe that you may qualify for support with mobile data please complete the form using the link that has been emailed to you with the Weekly Parent Bulletin and we will pass your request to the Government department arranging connectivity support.