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The Weekly Bulletin for Great Baddow High School

HEAD LINES

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WEEK BEGINNING
MONDAY 5TH JULY 2021

INSET DAY
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SAFEGUARDING INFORMATION

We would like to draw your attention to two online sessions aimed at helping you safeguard your children online and in the community.

These are:

General overview of risks on the internet *
Facebook Live with [The 2 Johns](#) Sunday 11 July at 6.00pm

Consent - information for parents *
Facebook Live with [Brook Essex](#) Wednesday 14 July at 6.00pm

More information can be found here: <https://www.escb.co.uk/campaigns/online-safety/>. This web page also contains a wealth of information/videos/links to enhance your knowledge of online safety.

PERIPATETIC MUSIC LESSONS

If your son/daughter is interested in learning a musical instrument or currently has lessons outside of school and would like their lessons in school next term, we offer peripatetic lessons in:

- Piano/Keyboard
- Singing
- Clarinet
- Saxophone
- Flute
- Guitar (Acoustic and Electric) / Ukulele
- Drums
- Trumpet
- Trombone
- Violin
- Music Theory

Please contact Mr Bentley for more information. btl@gbhs.co.uk

Dear Parent,

Mersea Island was the destination for our superb Sixth Form induction trip last weekend. The students enjoyed a fun and thrill packed itinerary designed to help build a strong team spirit when they return to our Sixth Form in September. Next week our Year 12 students are all gaining experience of the world of work during their Work Experience Week. The students and the Sixth Form team have done a great job securing so many placements despite the Covid restrictions. All our trips and experiences have been planned and carried out following strict Covid rules to ensure our students do not miss out on important experiences.

This week saw the start of the House Recycling Competition. Students have been busy collecting plastic waste to fill the recycling bags that have been placed in each tutor room. The tutor group and overall house who have recycled the most will be awarded for their environmental responsibility at the end of this term. Can I thank all students, parents and staff for their tremendous efforts to ensure attendance at school continues to be excellent. Despite the difficulties of the pandemic our students have been in school enjoying learning and being with their teachers and friends.

Research shows that reading is a central element to success at school and indeed, employment and future life. In light of this we are increasing the DEAR sessions this half term and into next year to give as many opportunities as possible for our students to enjoy reading. We will also re-introduce our nationally celebrated Sports Readers Programme in September which sees some of our older students supporting our younger students with reading.

In next week's bulletin I will give details of all the end of term events and celebrations that will take place in a very busy end of year. I will also outline some of the changes and adaptations we intend to implement next year in light of the lessons learnt from lockdown and running the school under the restrictions of the pandemic. Everything is still dependent on Government announcements but our preparations to return to a new normal are well underway. Can I remind parents and students that Monday 5th July is a non-pupil INSET day, during which staff will be exploring developments in teaching and learning to ensure that your child experiences the best possible teaching and learning at Great Baddow High School.

Finally, considering the spike in reported Covid cases in schools across Essex, it is important to remain vigilant and continue to self-test, to ensure the safety of our students and the school community.

Thank you and take care,

Mr Paul Farmer, Headteacher

Click here to view the [Parent Calendar](#) and [Extra-Curricular Club Timetables](#)



The students at Great Baddow High School have many different opportunities to play sport and compete for their school. They are committed to training and are excited to get back to competing for their school. The PE department are very proud of the achievements and hard work from all of our students and we would like to take this opportunity to ask parents or guardians to consider sponsoring a sports team in order to fund the expenses of team kit. We have many different teams and some of the kit we provide for students is missing or outdated and we would like to be able to give our students the opportunity to represent their school in new team kit.

If this is something you would be interested in, please contact fre@gbhs.co.uk regarding female team kit or rsl@gbhs.co.uk regarding male team kit.

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