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The Weekly Bulletin for Great Baddow High School

HEAD LINES

WEEK BEGINNING
MONDAY 21ST JUNE 2021
WEEK B

NETBALL

A great performance by our Netball Academy Team against Felsted School this week. Not the win they wanted, finishing 19-23, but an opportunity to play against the Saracens Maverick's U19 captain.



GOOD LUCK HANNAH

Good luck to Year 10 student Hannah N who is in Croatia representing GB in an International Diving Competition. Wishing her good luck and looking forward to hearing the results.

YEAR 9 MOST ABLE

Our Most Able Breakfast Club are this term attempting to save the world. The Year 9 students are working in pairs and small groups to examine the options for reducing energy consumption in the world's major cities by 2050. Amongst the ideas currently being explored are kinetic energy, photovoltaic solar panels, hydroelectricity, urban roof farms and so much more.

YEAR 9 GERMAN STUDIES

Year 9 are currently studying the topic of free time. To integrate Pride month as well as the Euros, Mr Dixon's classes looked at different football positions on the pitch and ways of describing players performance. To do this we introduced the German non-binary and gender-neutral pronoun "Xier" and compared it to the English equivalent "they" and how it is grammatically different, as it is singular in German and a new word in the language.

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Dear Parent,

Following the Government's announcement on Monday to postpone the return to 'normality' until 19th July we have received further guidance from both the DfE and Local Authority regarding Year 6 transition. We remain excited at the prospect of meeting the children that are joining us in September but, regrettably, we are having to cancel the Year 6 Induction days on 6th, 7th and 8th July and the Year 5 Day in a Secondary School week beginning 28th June. We appreciate that this is hugely disappointing, however, the guidance we have now received is very limiting and we do not feel we would be able to offer an equitable experience to our new intake and the Year 5 students under these restrictions.

We are thrilled with the number of families that have signed up for the Year 6 Summer School, this equates to two thirds of the year group. This will facilitate some very important and exciting transition work. Further induction and taster sessions will take place in September.

We have had the additional disappointment of postponing our Year 11 and 13 Prom nights due to the most recent Government announcement. The Year 11 Prom is now scheduled for the 6th September and the Year 13 Prom will take place on the 13th September.

The Year 11 into Sixth Form induction visit to Mersea will be taking place on 25th June and induction sessions for our Year 11 into Sixth Form will commence the week beginning 5th July.

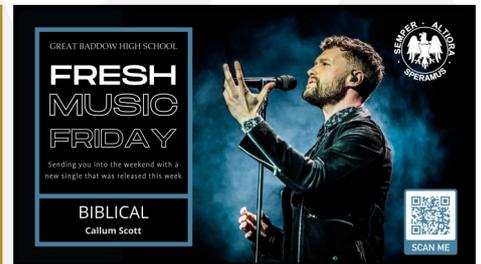
We will be revising our plans for our Key Stage 3 Awards Presentation Evening, and have undertaken a comprehensive risk assessment so that we can deliver a rewards event at the end of term that all students will enjoy and deserve. The frustration of not returning to normality on the 21st June has been felt by everyone. The co-operation and understanding shown by the school community has been amazing and we will do all we can to ensure celebratory events take place when restrictions are lifted and that all our students are prepared to return to 'normal school life' in September. This is a set back to our plans but, as ever, the school community will work together superbly and ensure that we all return to "normal" life safely and successfully. Thank you for your continued support.

Take care.

Mr Paul Farmer, Headteacher

YEAR 8 POETRY WORKSHOP

Year 8 students were inspired to write their own poetry about their strengths, achievements and hopes for the future after taking part in a poetry workshop with Zohab Zee Khan, a poetry slam champion. Our students were engaged, had fun and wrote some incredible poetry.



SPECIALISING IN SCIENCE

In the last two weeks we have enjoyed the opportunity to get back into the Platt science rooms with Year 8 and Year 9 to complete lots of practical lessons. These have included 9G4 and 9B2 investigating group 7 displacement reactions, 9B3 investigating thermal insulation, 8B3 and 8G3 forming their own cooling curves of stearic acid as well as investigating the conduction rates through metals with Miss Overton.

Mr Butcher's Year 8 Science group have been designing, making and testing ear defenders this week. Some really good applied physics/engineering from our students based on all that they have learned about how sound travels.

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