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# The Weekly Bulletin for Great Baddow High School

## HEAD LINES

### MUSIC - INSTRUMENT TAGS

Now that more students are bringing their instruments into school for class and peri-lessons, can we please request every instrument case has a clear luggage tag for easy identification. Name and Tutor Group is all we need on them. The tags can be as colourful as you like!

### PE KIT REMINDER

Students should come to school in full school uniform unless they have a PE lesson that day, in which case they should attend in PE kit.

### BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK

This week we have been celebrating British Science Week with activities that could be completed at home.

Activities included a series of short videos all about the 'Perseverance' Mars Rover that landed on the red planet ([Link to Perseverance videos](#)) and a variety of experiments they could try at home ([Experiment One](#), [Experiment Two](#)). We are also running the BSW2021 Poster Competition. This year the competition theme is 'Innovating for the Future'. Winning entries in the inter-house competition will be entered in the national competition!

Entries must be sent to Mr Butcher by Sunday 14th March.

Dear Parent,

We have been delighted to welcome our students back to school this week. We have really missed them all and there is a real sense of togetherness and an appreciation for the chance to return to some form of normality. The students have conducted themselves impeccably on their return. They have demonstrated the upmost respect for each other and complied with all the safety measures that we have implemented to keep our school community safe. On-site testing has taken place with great efficiency and consideration to meet the needs of our students. The Covid-19 testing team must be commended on their unbelievable efforts to make this difficult and unprecedented process happen. Staff and volunteers are working tirelessly to secure our safety and the response to this challenge has been truly amazing.

The emphasis has been placed on students well being as they return to the social interaction they have so sorely missed. Teachers will continue to build upon remote learning experiences and work with students to ensure that progress is secured during the weeks ahead. We look forward to offering a range of extra -curricular activities in the near future as restrictions are further eased. Feedback from the Virtual Careers Fair and the question and answer sessions for our Year 9 cohort have been extremely positive. We understand that crucial decisions regarding individual pathways for our students need to be carefully considered and we want everyone to be able to make informed choices. We have shared an outline of the assessment schedule for our examination cohorts this week and we will be seeking every opportunity to secure the judgements that will enable our students to achieve the grades they so richly deserve. The Government have not released guidance on the end of year arrangements for these Year groups and we will provide this information as soon we are in the position to do so.

We are hopeful that lock down is now in the past and if we continue to demonstrate vigilance over the next few weeks then we can look forward to a summer that presents fewer restrictions and greater opportunities for our students.

Thank you for all your support.  
Take care and stay safe.  
**Mr Paul Farmer, Headteacher**

Well done to all our students that took part in the World Book Day Challenges. Details of the winning entries will be in the Easter edition of Magnus at the end of term.

### Accessit the School Library System

The school has a wonderful library database available to all students. Students can check what books are available in the library, reserve books, find out about any library clubs currently running, check out the library twitter page and find the Stretch and Challenge Reading Lists, under Quick Lists, for their year groups.

Why not take a look as a guest and see what is available for your child.



SCAN ME

**British Science Week Poster Competition: 'Innovating for the Future'**

British Science Week (10<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> March 2021) is a celebration of Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths.

This year's poster competition theme is 'Innovating for the Future'. Send your entry to [bsw2021@gbhs.co.uk](mailto:bsw2021@gbhs.co.uk) by Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> March, or ask your tutor to put it in my pigeonhole.

**Ideas**

- 1 Think about your own innovation - from inventing your own toy that you want to share with your friends to a useful machine that will help your family or the whole world!
- 2 Feeling futuristic and global? Why not think about an innovation we have never heard before that would make the world a better place?
- 3 Do you know someone who is an awesome innovator? Try to showcase their innovations and reflect on how this person's innovations impacted the lives of many.
- 4 Everyday innovations can be easily overlooked. Identify common innovations that you use daily and give a thought on how your life would be without them.

**Rules**

- Every entry gets a credit, more credits for the winner!
- Writing entries in the inter-house competition will be entered in the national competition! Judges will be looking for:
  - **Creativity in approach** - Innovative angle on the content or creative interpretation of the theme.
  - **Content** - Clear, accurate and informative about a STEM topic.
  - **Effective communication** - presented and communicated in an engaging way.
- Your poster must be A4 or A3 size as we need to be able to take a photo of it to send it to the national competition online for judging.
- You can use pop up pictures, pull out tabs or use materials such as paint, drawing pencils, crayons and paper.

Check out last year's national winners for inspiration: <https://www.britishsocietymaths.org/poster-competition-2020-winners-announced/>

## WEEKLY CALENDAR - A

The Parent Calendar can be viewed on the Great Baddow High School website:  
[School Calendar](#)

Day	Date	School Activity
Monday	15 March	
Tuesday	16 March	
Wednesday	17 March	
Thursday	18 March	Years 7/8 termly grade to parents
Friday	19 March	

## DIARY DATES

**Spring Term Ends:**  
Friday 26th March

**Summer Term Begins:**  
Monday 12th April 2021

**Half Term:**  
Monday 31st May 2021 - Friday 4th June 2021

**Summer Term Ends:**  
Friday 16th July 2021  
Inset Day: Monday 19th July 2021  
Inset Day: Tuesday 20th July 2021

