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The Weekly Bulletin for Great Baddow High School

HEAD LINES

YEAR 9 OPTIONS DEADLINE

A reminder for Year 9 parents that the deadline for the selection of KS4 options is today. The link to the option form can be found in the letter emailed to parents and a copy is also available in Edulink.

ONLINE SAFETY NEWS

National Online Safety have launched a new mobile app. It offers courses, videos, webinars and guides on topics that aim to help you protect your children when they are online. <https://info.nationalonlinesafety.com/mobile-app>

YEAR 8

The Year 8 Virtual Parent/Teacher meetings will take place on Thursday 25th March. Year 8 parents are invited to book their virtual appointments from 4.00 p.m. today. Information has been emailed to parents today and a copy of the letter saved in Edulink.

SIGN LANGUAGE WEEK

The resource base is very proud of British Sign Language and how it supports our students to communicate and access the curriculum. Students are encouraged to use British Sign Language every day and the resource base uses opportunities like BSL week to encourage students to be proud of their deaf identity and to recognise that sign language supports not only their education, but their deafness and pride. <http://signlanguageweek.org.uk/>

MARCH MONTHLY MATHS QUESTIONS

Years 7-9 are provided with a Monthly Maths sheet, offering a daily maths question for completion. See Edulink for the March questions.

Dear Parents

The final week of onsite Covid 19 testing has run smoothly thanks to the efficiency of the testing team and the positive attitude of our students. Our focus now turns to home testing and the importance of consistent testing and recording of results. We understand that this is an added responsibility for families and hope that the information that has been provided will aid the process and continue to keep our school community safe.

The attendance at virtual parent evenings has been excellent and the feedback from our virtual Careers Fair and the question-and-answer sessions with subject staff regarding Year 9 options has been extremely positive.

Planning for Year 11 and 13 revision sessions over the easter period is being finalised and students will be given a full overview of the provision offered next week.

Following the appointment of Miss Draper as Assistant Headteacher in charge of Behaviour, Safety and Attendance, we have appointed Mrs Sargeant to be the new Head of Year 8. Mrs Sargeant will officially start her new role after Easter, but she will be working closely with the year group throughout next week. The familiarity of working in year group bubbles has supported the students with the re-integration back into school life. As the summer term progresses, we will follow the DfE guidance and return to normal practice when we are permitted to do so.

We welcomed the return of extra-curricular activities this week and we are planning to host a series of celebration events for our students during the summer term as restrictions are eased.

It is wonderful to have the students back in school. Structure and consistency will further support progress as the summer term unfolds and we are extremely proud of the way our students are working and supporting each other. Take care and stay safe,

Mr Paul Farmer, Headteacher

THE CREATIVE ARTS

Our music department have launched Fresh Music Friday to start your weekend with the latest new release.

Look out for this on twitter: <https://twitter.com/GBHSMusic>



WEEKLY CALENDAR - B

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

Day	Date	School Activity
Monday	22 March	
Tuesday	23 March	
Wednesday	24 March	
Thursday	25 March	Year 8 Virtual Parents' Evening
Friday	26 March	End of spring term

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

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