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The Weekly Bulletin for Great Baddow High School

HEAD LINES

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WEEK BEGINNING
MONDAY 10TH MAY 2021

VOCABULARY SHEETS

The May vocabulary sheets are now out! This month's words are all based on describing wet and dry. We hope you find something this month to quench your thirst for new vocabulary.

YEAR 10 CAREERS GUIDANCE

As part of our on-going Careers Education and Guidance programme, students are supported to make informed choices and decisions about their futures. This term, Year 10 students have a short presentation on the options available to them after Year 11 and will be meeting with the Careers Adviser to start their research and planning. [Guide to Post 16 Options](#)

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS

Next week is **Mental Health Awareness Week** and the theme for this year is connecting with nature. Over the week students across all year groups will be taking part in a range of activities, to include a photography competition, nature trails, sunflower growing competitions and caring for a pet plant.

DIGITAL SAFETY WEBINAR

We are pleased to be able to offer all our parents and guardians a free digital safety webinar on 11th May between 7:00pm – 8:30pm. The talk will provide vital information about keeping our young people safe online and the risks they face. Please register your intention to attend using the link provided in the letter being sent to you today.

TEACHER TRAINING

We will be hosting **'Coffee, Cake & Chat'** sessions at GBHS every Tuesday and Thursday from 9am to 10am for those who want to learn about our teacher training programme. Contact gbn@gbhs.co.uk for details.



Dear Parent,

Despite a shortened week following the bank holiday we have had a testing week. An unexpected fire evacuation (false alarm) demonstrated the efficiencies of our processes and the exemplary behaviour of our students. This was followed by a power failure in our main building on Thursday morning and again the response of our team prevented disruption to lessons and key assessments. Please can I apologise if this caused any inconvenience to parents trying to contact the school by telephone.

The Year 10 Virtual Parents' Evening provided an important platform for discussion for parents as the year group approaches important Pre-Public Examinations after half term. The feedback regarding the virtual event has again been extremely positive and something we will be continuing in the future.

Year 7 learning walks will be taking place this week. We will take feedback from students and staff to evaluate the learning experience and use our findings to share best practice and refine our teaching and learning. Adapting provision and listening to the needs of students will continue to be an important aspect of our development as we make progress out of Covid-19.

Can I please remind parents of Year 8 that the online form should be completed to select their Creative Pathways by Thursday 13th May.

The Creative Arts team will be launching a new rewards programme next week with an array of opportunities and activities that will provide further incentives and help feed the interest and passion for creative subjects.

I would like to congratulate Elena in Year 8 who has gained a prestigious music scholarship at the Trinity School in London, following her outstanding achievements in a variety of musical instruments.

Sports days will take place in the second half of the Summer Term and planning is underway to ensure that bubble cohorts can access a range of events and activities.

Whilst fostering independence, we still urge parents to check Show My Homework daily for set homework and provide reminders about the equipment to bring to lessons. Reinforcing good habits has never been more important as we encourage students to maximise their potential.

We are aware that some students are running low on home testing kits and we have been waiting for a delivery that has now arrived. We will aim to get them distributed to students as swiftly as we can but if families need urgent replacements, they can be ordered online from www.gov.uk.

Thank you for your continued support.

Take care,

Mr Paul Farmer, Headteacher

YR 8 STUDENT AWARDED PLACE AT TRINITY MUSIC COLLEGE

Congratulations to Elena W (8E3) who has secured herself a position at the prestigious Trinity Music College, London for next academic year. This is a wonderful achievement for such a young age and is a first at Great Baddow High School. Elena has most recently passed her Grade 7 Piano examination with Distinction and Grade 5 Guitar with Distinction. We wish Elena all the best with her additional studies next year and the opportunities this will offer her.

This week we have been promoting **Deaf Awareness Week** to help staff and students understand the struggles deaf students overcome daily. Posters, quotes and top tips have been displayed around the school and on the digital screens for students to view videos and practice signing to one another. We are delighted with the response we have seen in school and we hope that everyone has enjoyed the assemblies and that their awareness has been raised.

DIARY DATES

Summer Term

Half Term:

Monday 31st May 2021 - Friday 4th June 2021

Inset Day: Monday 5th July 2021

Summer Term Ends: Friday 16th July 2021

Inset Day: Monday 19th July 2021

Inset Day: Tuesday 20th July 2021

Non-school day: Wednesday 21st July 2021

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