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The Weekly Bulletin for Great Baddow High School

HEAD LINES

SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD



Dear Parent,

As we come to the end of the penultimate week of this half term it is only fitting that we celebrate some of the superb achievements of our students. This week I was pleased to present Elena Williams, a Year 8 student, with certificate of "Special Recognition" for earning 410 credits in Year 7. This achievement is even more remarkable as Elena managed to reach this impressive feat during a time of great change and huge challenges. The character, resilience and determination she has shown during this time has been echoed in many of our students across all year groups.

Year 7 have settled brilliantly into the Baddow family and are already producing impressive work for their subject teachers. Years 8 and 9 have reflected on the work carried out during lockdown and are building on their skills and knowledge for success.

Year 10 have settled brilliantly into their GCSE courses and have successfully completed some of their first assessments.

Year 11 have shown resilience and determination in the build up to their first PPEs that begin the first week back after half term. They have approached their studies in lessons with care and diligence and attendance at revision sessions has been excellent. We hope this superb preparation will continue until November 2nd when the PPEs begin.

Year 12 have risen to the challenge of Sixth Form life admirably, working hard in lessons, study periods and at home. Year 13 have already successfully navigated their first set of PPEs this year and are building superbly to success in the real exams at the end of the year.

SIXTH FORM VIRTUAL OPEN EVENING

Applications for the Great Baddow High School Sixth Form opens on Thursday 22nd October. We would encourage all Year 11 parents to watch the Virtual Tour on the 22nd October and view the presentations on the range of subjects that your sons/daughters may be considering.

VOTE HERE

Voting is now open for the photograph competition on display in the Meadows. If you would like to vote for Lucas, our GBHS student entry, vote here: <https://bit.ly/3iYSYrM>



On Monday we will be starting our **Sixth Form Open Week** with a session for our Year 11 on the process of applying for our Sixth Form run by Mrs Ferguson and Mr Davis. The Year 11 tutor groups will be given a series of taster sessions on new subjects that they will be able to take in the Sixth Form and on Thursday 22nd we will launch our brand new promotional video and open the window for applications.

The Great Baddow community is proud of all our students across all year groups for the successes and achievements they have enjoyed in the face of adversity. Please can I remind parents of the importance of a warm winter coat for all students as the weather becomes colder and we continue to maintain a well-ventilated environment for them to learn in.

As we approach the final week of this half term can I once again thank all members of the Great Baddow community for the character, determination and resilience we have all shown in these unprecedented times.

Take care,

Mr Paul Farmer, Headteacher

WEEKLY CALENDAR - WEEK B

The Parent Calendar for the Autumn Term: [School Calendar](#)

Day	Date	School Activity
Monday	19 Oct	
Tuesday	20 Oct	
Wednesday	21 Oct	
Thursday	22 Oct	Sixth Form Open Evening (Virtual) Year 13 Termly grade – parents
Friday	23 Oct	

DIARY DATES

AUTUMN TERM

Half Term:
Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October 2020

Term Ends:
Friday 18th December 2020

SPRING TERM

Term Begins:
Monday 4th January 2021

Half Term:
Monday 15th February 2021- Friday 19th February 2021

Term Ends:
Friday 26th March 2021

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