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The Weekly Bulletin for Great Baddow High School

HEAD LINES

SUPPORT OFFER

Throughout lockdown, Skylark Church have been working with schools to support families who would qualify for free school meals. They have been working with local supermarkets to cook up over 200 freshly cooked meals which have been frozen. The frozen meals, in particular, come with basic instructions and have been cooked in a 5-star food hygiene rated kitchen on church site. With half-term looming, if families are looking for support and would welcome some frozen meals in this difficult time, please contact Skylark Church office number on 01245 255775, or alternatively call 07852952835. Delivery is discreet and strict social distance guidelines are followed. All volunteers are DBS checked.

LOST LIBRARY BOOKS

Parents are now able to pay for a student's lost book via Parentpay. Students are emailed regularly with regards to overdue books if, however, they have lost or damaged them then the cost of replacing a lost book is £4.

SIXTH FORM

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

[Watch the Virtual Tour](#)
[Apply Here](#)



Dear Parent,

As we come to the end of the half-term I am conscious of how tired we all are and welcome the chance for a well-earned rest.

The focus through this difficult period has always been to maintain the health, safety and wellbeing of our school community and I cannot speak highly enough about the positive approach that has underpinned our re-integration back into school life.

The students have demonstrated exemplary behaviour and attendance has been incredible given the circumstances. The attendance for Great Baddow High School was 96.1% during this first half term compared to the national average of 88% and the Essex average of 91%. I would like to thank all parties for your continued support and endeavours in achieving this position and I am confident that the measures we have in place will allow the students to thrive and continue to make progress.

You will be aware that Essex has been placed into tier 2, which is recognised as a high alert category and a letter for all parents, from counsellor Ray Gooding, has been posted on the Parent Noticeboard in Edulink outlining conditions and expectations relating to this.

Year 11 PPEs start immediately after half term and I wish them well with their revision over the half term break and hope that they balance this with rest and take the opportunity to share time with their families. All students are well placed to achieve highly in their PPEs and staff have been impressed with the focus and dedication that they have demonstrated this half term.

Our Sixth Form Open Evening was due to take place on Thursday 22nd October, however, this was replaced by a virtual presentation by Mrs Ferguson (Head of Sixth Form) and the release of our promotional video for our Sixth Form. The Application form is now available on our website, along with a subject specific guide for your reference. All Year 11 students have received information and guidance this week and a range of activities will take place in the coming months to give them further insight into life in our Sixth Form.

We hope that Year 7 parents found our Virtual Parents' Evening helpful and informative. More details on the forthcoming parents' events will be available shortly so that parents are able to interact with individual subject staff. As I have said, this has been a long and tiring half term but I am very proud of what we have all achieved and I wish you a happy and restful half term break.

Take care and stay safe.
Mr Paul Farmer, Headteacher

The next edition of Magnus, the newsletter for Great Baddow High School, will be issued in December at the end of the autumn term.

WEEKLY CALENDAR - A

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

Day	Date	School Activity
Monday	2 Nov	0930 - Year 7 flu vaccinations Year 11 pre-public exams begin
Tuesday	3 Nov	
Wednesday	4 Nov	
Thursday	5 Nov	
Friday	6 Nov	

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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