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The Weekly Bulletin for Great Baddow High School

HEAD LINES

HOME/SCHOOL AGREEMENT

As a precaution to protect learning in the event of COVID restrictions, we request all parents to complete the Home/School Agreement document regarding the use of technology and our remote learning platform. We hope that we will not need to use this resource too much but is essential that all returns are completed and returned to the school so that we are fully prepared. A copy has been sent by email and is also available in [EduLink](#).

SHARE OUR VIRTUAL TOUR

Our virtual 'Open Day Tour' was released on Tuesday 29th September for September 2021 admissions. If you have friends who are looking at schools this year, please share the link with them - our students did an amazing job in front of the cameras and were a real credit to the school. [Watch our Virtual Tour](#).

DINER CARD BALANCES

Due to the recent issues with ParentPay and our cashless catering systems, we are aware that purchases in the Diner are not being updated to ParentPay. This is under investigation. In the interim please check EduLink for Diner Card balances and purchases in the Catering icon.

THANK YOU

The Music Department would like to thank Mr Martin who very kindly donated two electric guitars (a Tanglewood and an Elevation) and two guitar amps to the GBHS Music Department for all students to use and enjoy.

YEAR 7 PHOTOGRAPHS

Please note that Year 7 photos will be taken on Wednesday 7th October. Please remember to [pre-register](#) to view them. Details and code can be found in [EduLink](#).

Dear Parent,

As the term progresses and our community becomes more and more comfortable in the "new normal" I would like to reassure you that we are not allowing any complacency in our health and safety measures to combat the threat of Covid 19. The health and welfare of every member of our school community remains our highest priority. I have reported on several occasions the amazing response from our students regarding the current situation and it has been extremely pleasing to see their progress in lessons as we now settle into the term.

We wish our Year 13 students the best of luck as they continue with their pre public examinations next week and encourage our Year 11 students to take advantage of the English and maths after school sessions that have been added to their revision programme from next week.

I would like to thank everyone for your patience and understanding while we have been rectifying a technical problem that has prevented access to our school network. I am pleased to announce that this issue has now been resolved and normal practice has been resumed.

You will be aware that our 'Open Evening' was presented via our virtual platforms this year. We will also be delivering virtual 'parent's evenings' this term and details will be sent out shortly and posted on our website for reference. I was delighted to see how many of our students took advantage of the extra-curricular places in our sports clubs / activities this week. I would like to thank our staff for their organisation and commitment to the programme and to parents for your understanding in complying with the pick-up and collection measures that have been implemented. The staggered finishing times and exit points for year groups at the end of the normal school day have seen significant improvements in congestion in the nearby vicinity to the school. However, we are still seeing some parents dropping their children in unacceptable positions on Duffield Road and therefore request that consideration is given to all pedestrians and residents at the start and finish of the school day.

Our new trainee teachers are settling into life in the Great Baddow community superbly and are already en route to become excellent teachers. The application window for places on the Essex School Direct teacher training programme are opening in October and if anyone in our community is interested in pursuing a career in teaching please contact Mr Gibbon on gbn@gbhs.co.uk for more information.

I am exceptionally proud of the standards achieved and the resilience displayed to date by our students and staff. I would like to thank parents for your continued support as students begin to fully reintegrate back into school life. I hope you have a restful weekend.

Take care and stay safe.
Mr Paul Farmer, Headteacher

WEEKLY CALENDAR - WEEK B

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

Day	Date	School Activity
Monday	5 Oct	KS5 External 'resit' Examinations start
Tuesday	6 Oct	Year 9 Parents curriculum information (Virtual Presentation)
Wednesday	7 Oct	Year 7 photos Year 13 GBHS Oxbridge UCAS deadline
Thursday	8 Oct	
Friday	9 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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