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The Weekly Bulletin for Great Baddow High School

HEAD LINES

INSET DAY

There will be an Inset Day on Wednesday 30th September 2020. The annual Open Evening, scheduled for Tuesday 29th September, has been cancelled and will be a normal school day.

THE DINER

The Diner is now open at lunchtimes and providing a selection of hot food for all year groups. Students should continue to bring their own snacks and drinks and the water fountains should not be used. It is vital that you ensure your child brings enough fluid for the day.

MUSIC CURRICULUM Y8/Y9

From Monday 21st September some music lessons for Year 8 and Year 9 will include composition tasks. To facilitate this we are asking students to come equipped with a specific app on their phone. All apps are free and information regarding these apps is in the letter that was emailed to parents on Tuesday 15th September and available on Edulink. Please support your son/daughter in ensuring they have the app downloaded before their first music lesson after Monday 21st September.

VACANCIES AT GBHS

We have an exciting opportunity for an Assistant Site Manager to support our Site Manager and team in maintaining and managing a safe and secure learning environment for our young people. Visit our [website](#) for further information or to apply.

Dear Parent,

The school's resolve has certainly been put to the test this week as we continue to manage the current situation. The support from within our school community has been wonderful and our students in particular have conducted themselves impeccably.

I am delighted that we have been able to re-open our dining facilities to all year groups and although we have restricted menus I am sure our students will enjoy the opportunity to again have hot meals. Teachers have commented on the positive attitude our students have displayed on their return to learning in the classroom. To further support this we have delivered and are continuing to deliver a number of virtual year group curriculum information evenings for parents that we believe are essential in offering information and guidance to assist the progress of our students. Please see Edulink for further information.

We know that our students are excited to return to extra-curricular activities as soon as possible. As you will appreciate there is a great deal of planning and organisation required to ensure that they can take place safely under the current guidance. However, we will be starting our sports clubs and activities for specific year groups (bubbles) on set evenings after school starting from 28th September. More information will follow next week to provide details, guidance, and expectations.

As the term develops, we are making various adjustments to further support our students. We are therefore amending the start time of the day to 8.55 a.m. for Years 9 and 10 and 9.05 a.m. for Years 11, 12, and 13, with effect from Monday 21st September, in order for them to access a longer tutorial period in the morning. I hope that everyone is able to enjoy a restful weekend.

Thank you for your continued support.
Mr Paul Farmer, Headteacher

Please note: Homework is gradually being introduced and next week should see homework being issued to all students.

Are you aware of the library weekly challenge set every Monday?
Challenges set on a Monday, answers on a Friday.
Please see the [library twitter account](#) for further information.

CURRICULUM INFORMATION EVENINGS

As we are unable to hold our normal Curriculum Information Evenings, presentations and information will be made available on Edulink for parents to view. This week information is available on Edulink for Year 7 parents to view the Virtual Curriculum Information presentation and Curriculum Booklet. Our KS3 curriculum is constantly evolving and we strongly advise parents to view the presentation, even if you have a sibling at the school. A Curriculum Information letter and presentation is also available on Edulink for Year 10 and 12 parents.

WEEKLY CALENDAR - WEEK B

The Parent Calendar for the Autumn Term is published on our website [School Calendar](#) and information will continue to be published in the Weekly Bulletin.

Day	Date	School Activity
Monday	21 Sept	
Tuesday	22 Sept	
Wednesday	23 Sept	Year 13 MFL orals
Thursday	24 Sept	Year 13 MFL orals
Friday	25 Sept	Year 13 UCAS deadline for Oxbridge/ medicine/veterinary applications. Year 13 MFL orals

DIARY DATES

AUTUMN TERM

Term Begins:
Tuesday 2nd Sept 2020
Inset Day:
Wednesday 30th Sept 2020
Half Term:
Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October 2020
Term Ends:
Friday 18th December 2020

