

Friday 12th January 2024



BOHUNT WOKINGHAM WEEKLY BULLETIN

Welcome from Mr Wilcox, Assistant Head Teacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the Spring Term in this, our school's first weekly bulletin of 2024. This half term, Ms Comber has asked the Senior Leadership Team to introduce themselves and their role in school and it's my turn this week.

As a Wokingham resident, I was delighted to join Bohunt Wokingham in January 2022 and over the past two years I have been the Assistant Head Teacher responsible for student wellbeing. I have also been the school's Designated Safeguarding Lead since September 2022, taking over from Mr Hulland who continues to support me and the safeguarding team admirably as the Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead. This is my second Assistant Head position, having previously served on a leadership team for over five years before joining BET. I also continue to teach History, currently to Years 10 and 11.

As part of my responsibilities, you'll have seen recent changes I've led to refine the way that our students are rewarded for their hard work each day. This means that of the nearly 3000 positive House Points awarded on Class Charts since the start of the Spring Term, you can see that our students excel in their problem solving, resilience, aiming high and integrity. If you haven't had a chance yet, please check your child's Class Charts record this term to see the precise character traits they have demonstrated since the start of term as part of Enjoy Respect Achieve (ERA).

These changes were made to promote and celebrate our school and Trust's core ERA values, and show the staff team's commitment to ensuring your child flourishes in and out of school. This is further outlined in the Home School Agreement which is available on our website. If you've not read this since the Autumn Term, I would encourage you to do so as this important document explains our partnership for us all to work together to support your child to become a game-changer.

Teachers often refer to the Spring Term as the "engine room" of the school year, where class teachers will now have a whole term of insight and data to support your child's learning. Our Year 11s for example begin their last full term of secondary education with their November Mock Exam grades, an "exam wrapper" that outlines their strength and main area to improve in each subject and the expertise of the teaching, pastoral and SEND teams (if appropriate). On behalf of the staff team therefore, can I wish you and your family a Happy New Year and here's to some incredible achievements in the term ahead.

Mr Wilcox

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Home School Agreement

BET's principles of "enjoy, respect, achieve" underpin its vision to give all students an outstanding education. These core values help students flourish in and out of school and are central to achieving this vision for all students. For more information please refer to Bohunt Wokingham Home-School Agreement on our website [HERE](#)

Medication in school

Please be reminded that if your child requires medication to be administered during a school day, these need to be stored at the main office along with the medicines administering form signed by a parent. Students are not permitted to carry any medication on them, apart from inhalers and auto-injectors.

Lost Property

We have an ever increasing amount of lost property. If your child has misplaced any of their personal belongings they are welcome to come to Reception before school, during breaks or after school to see if these have been handed in. If it is clearly labelled you will receive an email and you or your child will have a maximum of two school weeks to claim their belongings, unfortunately we are unable to hold items for longer than this period.

Change of Address/Circumstances

Please notify us if there are any changes of address or circumstances by emailing info@bohuntwokingham.com

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Co-Curricular Clubs

Full details of our Co-curricular clubs can be found on our website [HERE](#).

DofE

Parents and Carers please find a link [HERE](#) to a guide to starting a DofE Award. A virtual session designed to help you understand how to best support a young person through their DofE journey.

Class Charts changes (email sent 08.01.2024)

Following on from Mr Wilcox letter last month outlining proposed changes to the way the school issues rewards, from Monday 8th January you will see that positive ERA points remain, but for each quality there is a more specific character trait:

Enjoy	Respect	Achieve
Positivity and Resilience Teamwork Confidence Motivation	Aiming High Leadership Integrity Compassion	High Progress & Achievement Problem Solving Resourcefulness and Creativity Courage

Year 10

Letter from Miss Hurst (email sent 10.01.2024)

We are pleased to share with you that Activate Learning is offering their NEW Taster Session Programme for Year 10 students. Between January and May 2024, students in Year 10 will be able to sign up to bespoke taster sessions on campus, aimed at helping them to make informed decisions about their next steps. Students can sign up for the taster sessions here:

- Bracknell and Wokingham Taster Sessions - [Bracknell and Wokingham College Taster Sessions.](#) | [Eventbrite](#)
- Reading College Taster Sessions - [Reading College Taster Sessions.](#) | [Eventbrite](#)

Year 11

Letter from Mrs Parker (email sent 11.01.2024)

Starting on Tuesday 16th January Maths department will be running past GCSE Maths paper during the period 6 Maths lesson, however it will run for 30 minutes after the end of the day. This will be happening on a fortnightly basis moving forward. Please email the class teacher if your child is unable to stay after school. For more information, please refer to the original email.

Dates for your Diary

Date	Activity	Year Groups
<u>JANUARY 2024</u>		
Tuesday 23 January	Year 9 Vaccination Programme	Year 9
30th January - 6th February	French Exchange Wokingham to France	
<u>FEBRUARY 2024</u>		
12th February - 16th February	Half Term	All Years
29th February (TBC)	Year 8 Parents Evening	Year 8
<u>MARCH 2024</u>		
15th - 22nd March	French Exchange France to Wokingham	
20th March	Voice in a Miliion	Year 7 and 8
27th March (TBC)	Year 9 Parents Evening	Year 9

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WBC Local Transport Plan Consultation

Wokingham Borough Council are currently consulting on the updated Local Transport Plan (LTP4) before adopting a finalised version. LTP4 is a strategic document that sets out how WBC aim to improve walking, cycling and public transport facilities in the coming years.

The council would like to get feedback from residents on the proposed document and would be grateful if parents, staff and pupils (if over 13) could express their opinions on the matter [HERE](#).

The consultation is now live and running until 23rd February 2024.

Cold-Health Alert - Yellow

Please be informed that the cold-health alert for the South East, which covers Wokingham Borough, has been extended. A yellow alert is in effect from Thursday 11th January at 12:00 to Thursday 18th January at 12:00.

As published on UKHSA and Met Office's [dashboard](#), the yellow alert means that significant impacts are possible across the health and social care sector.

If you have any questions, please write to public.health@wokingham.gov.uk.

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Have you considered full, weekly or flexi boarding for Sixth Form?

YEAR 11 OPEN MORNING INVITATION to all Bohunt schools - Saturday 20th January 2024. 10:00-12:00.

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