



Friday 6th September 2024

BOHUNT WOKINGHAM WEEKLY BULLETIN



Welcome from Ms Comber, Head of School

A warm welcome to our parent body as we commence our new academic year.

As a school we celebrated a game-changing set of results in August. 85% of students have achieved a grade 4 or above in English and Maths, whilst almost 70% achieved grade 5 or above in both of these subjects. Additionally, of all the grades achieved, more than 1 in 3 were awarded at grade 7 to 9. These were the best ever GCSE results in the school's history, demonstrating the resilience, commitment and determination the year group had during their time at school.

Over the Summer our site team have been carrying out a range of work across our school site. This has included a refit of two computer rooms, upgrading the schools CCTV and refitting the learning resource centre. In doing so we have created some fantastic learning and teaching spaces across the school site and I hope that the library provision will see our students taking time to develop a love of reading.

Whilst the weather may not have been conducive to having the 'first day of...' photographs outside the front door this year, our students have returned to us (or started with us) in wonderful form.

Some particular highlights for me have included:

- Fitting our biggest ever cohort of year 7 students (all 270 of them!) into our school hall on Wednesday.
- Seeing an astounding 3913 ERA points being awarded to our students on ClassCharts.
- Having 98% of the students attend our first two days, showing positive commitment to their learning.
- Walking through classrooms full of engaged learners, benefiting from the innovative Apple Learning CPD staff received earlier in the week.

Over the coming term, and starting in my 'welcome back' assembly, we will be talking to students about "every minute in school counts". As a school we set a minimum attendance target of 96%. We recognise that for some students there are factors beyond their control that impact their weekly attendance. All I ask is that, as much as possible, your child attends school so that they can access their learning and the unparalleled opportunities we pride ourselves on. The NHS has written some very helpful guidance about when you should send your child to school (a copy can be found [here](#)).

I thank you all for your support in ensuring that students have arrived back to us well rested, well presented and ready to learn. We look forward to seeing what the year ahead has to offer.

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All Years - Communications

Extra Curricular Clubs



Please be advised that after school Co- Curricular Clubs will start **next Tuesday, 10th September**. Please see Co-Curriculum timetable on our [website](#).

iPad 1-2-1 Scheme (02.09.2024)



For those that may have missed out on purchasing an iPad through our 1-2-1 iPad scheme during the summer term, the **portal** to purchase an iPad has re-opened. **Please note the portal will close on Friday 27th September 2024.**

Lunch Accounts



We would like to remind parents that it can take up to 24 hours for lunch money to be available on students accounts, therefore please ensure that lunch payments are made in advance via the School Gateway.

Y9 and Y10 House Ties



A reminder that from September 2024 all students in Year 9 and Year 10 **must** wear a white shirt and a house tie as a part of their Bohunt uniform. If you have not purchased a house tie via School Gateway, they are available to buy at Reception and cost £5 (we can only accept cash payments.)

A list of our full uniform requirements can be found on our [website](#).

Driving on School Site



If you are travelling to the school by car, please follow the signs and directions given by premises staff. There is no stopping in the turning circle out the front of the building at any time. Please make use of a designated parking space, in the main car park, to wait for your child. Please drive carefully and patiently when onsite and stick to our 10mph speed limit.

Music Lessons in School



We are pleased to announce that we have a violin teacher in school now, if your child is interested in starting lessons, please contact Mrs Bedford via rbedford@bohuntwokingham.com.

Berkshire Music Trust will continue providing instrumental lessons on a range of instruments in school. For those who already play or sing, they also offer groups and ensembles that our students are welcome to become involved in. Please visit Berkshire Music Trust website for more information about [music lessons](#) and [music groups](#).

Year 9

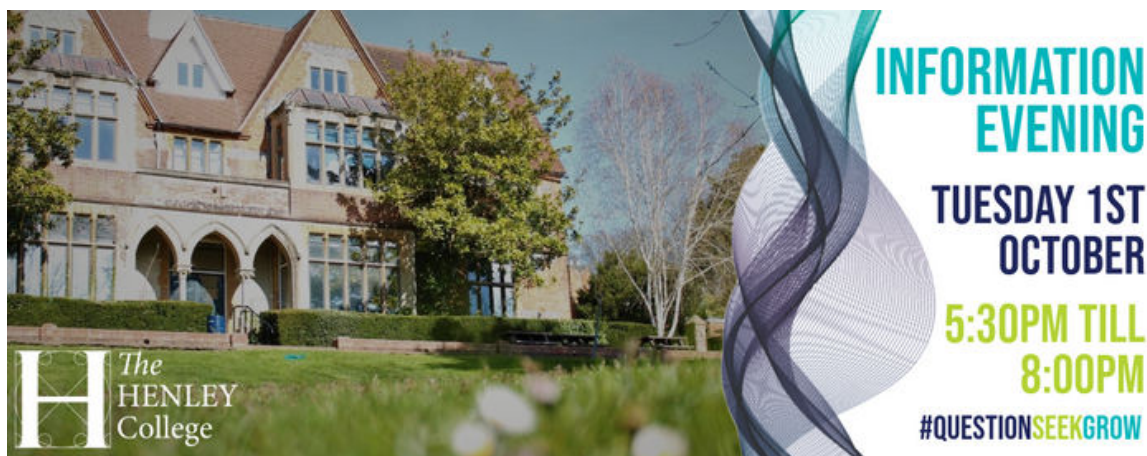
Year 9 Welcome Evening (05.09.2024)



Next **Wednesday 11th September, starting at 5pm** we will be hosting our Welcome Evening for all parents and carers of year 9 students. You will have the opportunity to put faces to the names of key colleagues, explore the resources we offer to support your child and inform you about the key moments and events in the academic year ahead. Should you be able to accept our invitation, please can you [complete this form](#) by Monday 9th September 2024 so we have accurate numbers attending.

Year 10 & 11

Henley College Open Event



Please register [here](#) to secure your place.

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Dates for your Diary

Date	Activity	Year Groups
<u>SEPTEMBER</u>		
9th September	Year 10 Photographs	Year 10
11th September	Year 9 Welcome Evening	Year 9
27th September	BET Inset Day - School Closed	All Years
<u>OCTOBER</u>		
3rd October	Open Evening	Year 6
7th, 8th, 9th October	Open Mornings	Year 6
24th October	Last Day of Autumn 1 Term	All Years
25th October (inclusive) - 3rd November	Half Term	All Years