



Friday 6th December 2024



BOHUNT WOKINGHAM WEEKLY BULLETIN

Welcome from Mrs Gallagher- Head of Science and Technology Faculty

As we approach the end of a packed Autumn Term, our thoughts turn to reflecting on the achievements and experiences of the term - as well as preparing for our Christmas celebrations. This term, our students and staff have really embraced our school ethos of Enjoy Respect Achieve - making the most of all the unparalleled opportunities and fantastic facilities available in the Science and Technology faculty.

We've had a term packed with productive learning in Design and Technology, with Year 7 diving into textiles and pop art, Year 8 exploring computer-aided design for their clock projects, and GCSE students working on a range of skill-building tasks. Year 9 are completing their wooden travel board games, incorporating 3D printed and laser cut elements, while Year 10 have just wrapped up a graphics and drawing project, preparing for their mock NEA in the coming term. Year 11 students are progressing well with their NEA coursework, tackling research, testing, and redesigning as they develop their exciting concepts. We have high expectations for the manufacturing phase that kicks off in January, promising to bring these innovative projects to life.

There have been accomplishments a plenty in the Food department, with the launch of the new Year 9 Hospitality & Catering Vocational course and the introduction of Year 8's new skills-building curriculum. Year 10 have been immersed in Food Science theory, while Year 9 have been perfecting their pastry skills after completing their bread module, showing how food skills span across subjects like Science and Maths. Year 8 showcased their creativity with salad dishes in their first BET assessment, while doughballs were a big hit with Year 7. Year 11 students impressed us with their practice exams and are now preparing for their final 3-hour practical - you can look forward to them taking over the holiday cooking duties as they practice their key skills!

This term has been full of unparalleled learning opportunities in Science, with Year 7 starting with safety in the lab and laying a strong foundation for their future studies through the key topics of cells, particles and energy. Year 8 have been exploring chemical reactions and the vital processes of photosynthesis and respiration, while Year 9 began their GCSE biology with a focus on cells and organisation, including hands-on dissections of hearts and fish gills. Year 10 biologists have tackled infection and response, and Year 11 have studied homeostasis. In chemistry, Key Stage 4 students have honed their practical skills in reaction rates and chemical changes, with Year 11 also exploring how chemistry improves daily life. Both Year 9 and 10 physicists have studied the particle model, with Year 10 advancing to electricity and Year 11 studying waves.

We have been impressed with the positive, gamechanger attitude that so many of our Year 8 and Year 10 students have shown towards their assessments this term, as well as the focus and determination shown by Year 11 in their November Mocks. Students across all year groups have impressed with their dedication to their retrieval practice routines for homework. From the 1st of September to the 4th of December, Bohunt Wokingham Science students have answered an astonishing 467,101 Educake questions (an average of 370 questions each) with an average score of 72.3%. Amazing!

It has been a delight to see increasing numbers of our students staying after school to take advantage of the unparalleled opportunities on offer with our co-curricular activities in the Science and Technology faculty. Both Mr Holloway's Rocket Club and Miss Baldwin's Science Club have generated great enthusiasm, with students from all year groups enjoying the chance to carry out practical work and discuss their ideas with teachers. Many of our Year 11s have been dropping into Science clinic on Thursdays after school to get some extra support with their studies. And the ever-popular Cook Club continues to fill our corridors with delicious aromas.

Finally, today sees some of our Year 9 students set off on our ever-popular Food trip this year heading to Lille Christmas Market. Students and staff alike are excited to soak up the atmosphere of the festive markets and try the delicious foods (though they are perhaps not all equally excited about the early start to the day!). We hope they all have a fantastic time.

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All Years - Communications

We are now approaching the last two weeks of this term and would like to keep the momentum encouraging students to maintain high attendance in school particularly as we have entered cold/flu season. Here are some top tips for students health and wellbeing.



Get adequate sleep: Make sure your child gets enough sleep each night (ideally around 9 hours) to support their physical and mental development, as well as their ability to focus and learn in school.



Encourage a balanced diet: A balanced diet rich in fruits, vegetables, whole grains, and lean proteins to support their growth, energy levels, and overall wellbeing.



Hydration: Remind your child the importance of staying hydrated by drinking water throughout the day, especially during physical activities and warm weather. Try to avoid sugary drinks. (Reminder: refillable water bottles are part of school equipment and should be brought in daily).

Festive Fusion Tickets - 9th December (20.11.24)



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REMINDER: Early Closure 11th December 2024

Due to the Year 10 Parents Evening, school will close early at **1:10pm on Wednesday 11th December 2024**. All transport providers have been notified.

Prom Tuck Shop - 10th December 2024

Send a Candy Cane to someone special! Delivered by Father Christmas on the last day of term
(£1.50 per cane)
Cash only



To raise some money for the Prom 2025 and to boost the Christmas spirit, we will be running a tuck shop on Tuesday 10th December!
Quad 2 - Break & Lunch
Cash only



Christmas Jumper Day - 12th December 2024

On Thursday 12th December we will be taking part in the national Christmas Jumper Day, supporting Save the Children. On this day students are invited to wear a Christmas jumper replacing their school jumper **only** in exchange for £1 (either cash donation on the day or online on the school's Save the Children donation [page](#)). **Please be advised that all other school uniform will remain the same, only school jumper replaced by a Christmas jumper.**



Student Christmas Lunch - 18th December 2024 (04.12.24)

Our catering company, Accent will be serving Student Christmas Lunch on Wednesday 18th December 2024. If your child wishes to have the Christmas lunch, payment of £5.50 is to be made via the School Gateway and any allergy and dietary requirements confirmed on the [Google Form](#). Both payment and if applicable the Google Form must be made by 6pm Thursday 12th December 2024.

Bohunt Wokingham Christmas Lunch - 18th December

Roast Turkey, Pig in Blanket (halal available) (G, Su)

Or

Roasted Vegetable and Sage Wellington (G, E)

With

Apricot, Cranberry and Sage Stuffing (G, Mk, Su)

Crispy Roasted Potatoes ~ Roasted Carrots ~ Buttered Brussels

Roast Pan Gravy (none) ~ Cranberry Sauce (none)

And

Royal Iced Christmas Biscuit (E)

Plus

Choice of Water, Apple or Orange Juice Carton

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Foodbank Donations and House Competition (12.11.24)

This year at Bohunt Wokingham we are very excited to announce that we will be running a house competition aimed at supporting Wokingham Foodbank. We are asking students to bring donated items to their tutor room, who will store them accordingly. Should larger donations wish to be given, please bring them to reception ensuring they are labelled with your child's name and tutor group.

Deadline for donations is Wednesday 11th December 2024



**HOUSE COMPETITION
WOKINGHAM FOODBANK**

Tutor groups will compete to design, create and fill a hamper with donated items (list below).

Students are invited to bring donated items to their tutor room. These items will be stored accordingly. Should larger donations wish to be given, please bring them to reception ensuring they are labelled with your child's name and tutor group.

We ask that donated items are not Christmas themed, with the list of recommended items below:

- Tinned pies
- Tinned meat
- Breakfast cereal
- Tea bags (box of 40 only please)
- Meal in a tin (curry, chilli, Bolognese, stew etc)
- Jam/honey/peanut butter
- Custard
- Tinned potatoes
- Tinned carrots
- Long life fruit juice
- Fruit squash
- Store cupboard items (oil, stock cubes, dried herbs & spices)
- Baby food
- Laundry detergent

The deadline for donations is Wednesday 11th December.
Many thanks in advance for your support. May the best house win!

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Years 8 & 9

'Witness for the Prosecution' Play - 14th January 2025 (05.12.2024)

We have an exciting opportunity to take 30 Year 8 and Year 9 students to see Agatha Christie's 'Witness for Prosecution' in London County Hall. Expression of interest has to be completed on the School Gateway **by Monday 9th December 2024.**

Year 9

Year 9 ERA Assembly - 20th December 2024 (28.11.2024)

Year 9 ERA Assembly will take place on 20th December. Parents are invited to attend, please book tickets [HERE](#).

Year 10

Year 10 Parents Evening - 11th December 2024 (29.11.2024)

Year 10 Parents Evening will take place on Wednesday 11th December, between 2pm-7pm. This is a virtual event and the bookings are now open. For more information and how to book please see the original email.

Dates for your Diary

Date	Activity	Year Groups
<u>DECEMBER</u>		
9th December	Festive Fusion 6:30pm - 7:30pm	All Years
11th December	Year 10 Parents Evening	Year 10
11th December	Year 10 Parents Evening Early Closure at 1:10pm	All Years
12th December	Christmas Jumper Day	All Years
13th December	Year 11 Mock Results Day	Year 11
19th & 20th December	ERA Assemblies	All Years
19th December	Year 8 ERA Assembly - parents invited	Year 8
20th December	Year 9 ERA Assembly - parents invited	Year 9
20th December	Last Day of Autumn 11 Term Early Closure at 1:10pm	All Years
<u>JANUARY 2025</u>		
6th January	Inset Day - School Closed	All Years
7th January	Spring Term 1 Begins	All Years
9th January	Year 11 Parents Evening (more information to follow)	Year 11
9th January	Year 11 Parents Evening Early Closure at 1:10pm	All Years