



Thursday 20th March 2025

BOHUNT WOKINGHAM WEEKLY BULLETIN



Welcome from Ms Comber - Headteacher

Firstly, thank you very much to the 279 parents who completed our parent survey so far. Some of the most pleasing headlines from this are:

- 91% said my child is happy at school (national 80%)
- 92% feel your child is safe in school (national 83%)
- 98% said there is a good range of subjects available for my child (national 88%)
- 90% saying you would recommend the school (national 76%)

We are also celebrating student attendance this week, with our whole school attendance figure showing at 94%. This is still shy of the 96% we are aiming for but is 2% above the national average and is above where we were at the same point last year. Thank you for supporting our ethos of 'every minute matters'.

This time of year is important in the school calendar, as recruitment begins for next academic year. Some of you may have noticed that we recently advertised for a Deputy Headteacher. As the school is now fully established, and with the commencement of our Sixth Form build, we wanted to expand the leadership team to support the school during the next phase of its development. I am pleased to announce that after a rigorous process, Mr Oliver Woolley has been appointed to this position and will join us after May half term. Mr Woolley joins us from Hoe Valley school and will bring his extensive senior leadership experience of learning and teaching into our school. He will also introduce himself to parents in due course.

In addition, we have also appointed Mrs Sophie Tanner, who will join as Assistant Headteacher (Student Wellbeing) taking over from Mr Wilcox, who will be leaving at Easter to take up a position in another school. She again brings a wealth of pastoral experience at Maiden Erlegh school to us and I look forward to seeing how our student body will welcome her. I would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank Mr Wilcox for his commitment to our school community over the last 3 years and to wish him well for his new role.

Both of these appointments will ensure that the school has the leadership capacity to fulfil what we set out in our school improvement plan and continue to build on the many strengths of our school community as recently noted by Ofsted.

Finally, in a more personal announcement, I am excited to share that I am currently pregnant with my second child. The due date is the end of July and I am hopeful that I will see out the entirety of this academic year before taking a period of maternity leave. This news has recently been shared with the school staff (who have been phenomenally supportive) but with an ever increasing bump, it is now time to share this news more widely with the school community before people worry about how many biscuits I've been eating! In the background I have been working closely with the Governors, Senior Leadership Team and Bohunt Education Trust to ensure that we will have strong interim leadership arrangements in place to support our school from September. We will be back in touch as soon as possible to update you with further details. I am confident that I leave the school in a good position, with an experienced leadership team ready to continue in my short absence.

I hope that you and your family have a restful weekend.

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Bohunt's Talent Talent Tickets on Sale (12.03.2025)

Tickets for this year's Bohunt's Got Talent are selling fast! Don't miss out book yours [NOW!](#)



Parent Survey Spring 2025 (11.03.2025)



Each academic year we conduct a short parent survey, in order to collect the views of our community. The outcome of these surveys will be used to plan the rest of this academic year and beyond, and the headlines will be shared. Alongside this, we will also be collecting the thoughts of students and staff.

The survey takes around 2 minutes and collects the minimum amount of personal information required to make informed decisions for our work. If you have more than one child in our setting, you can complete the survey more than once. We ask that you consider your experience as a parent since September 2024. The deadline for the survey is **Friday 21st March**.

[Bohunt Wokingham Parent Survey 24/25](#)

Minor Changes to Morning Late Procedure



Thank you to all students and families who have supported us with the minor operational change to the late procedure. Last Wednesday, 12th March, 2% of our students late to school. In a week we have seen a 60% reduction; this Wednesday, 19th March, we had only 8 students late to school. Our AYPL's and Tutors continue to work with families regarding lateness. We recognise unavoidable circumstances may occur but we want to instill positive routines in our students to ensure they benefit from 'every minute matters'.

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Careers Fair 2025 - 20th March 2025

Thank you to all the industries and businesses who came along and helped make the event such a success. Our students really benefited from your expertise, knowledge and experience to be able to explore both post-16 and post-18 opportunities. Please keep an eye on our social media and upcoming Spring newsletter for more details regarding the success of the fair.

Year 8



Year 8 KS4 Options Information (03.03.2025)

Reminder that the deadline to submit KS4 option forms is **Friday 28th March 2025**. Please refer to the email sent on 3rd March 2025 with our KS4 Options Booklet and your child's option choice form attached.

Year 9



Year 9 Virtual Parents Evening (17.03.2025)

Year 9 Parents please check your inbox for an email sent on 17.03.2025 with information regarding our year 9 virtual parents evening which will take place on Wednesday 2nd April 2025.

Year 11



GCSE MFL Speaking Exams

Please note that the GCSE MFL Speaking Exams will take place from 24.04.2025 till 01.05.2025. More information regarding these exams will be shared with students and parents in the coming weeks.

Dates for your Diary

Date	Activity	Year Groups
<u>MARCH 2025</u>		
27th March	Bohunt's Got Talent	All Years
<u>APRIL 2025</u>		
2nd April	Year 9 Parents Evening	Year 9
2nd April	Early Closure at 13:10pm	All Years
3rd & 4th April	ERA Assemblies	All Years
3rd April	Year 7 ERA Assembly - Parents invited	Year 7
4th April	Year 10 ERA Assembly - Parents invited	Year 10
4th April	Last Day of Term	All Years
21st April	Bank Holiday - School Closed	All Years
22nd April	Start of Spring Term 2	All Years
<u>MAY 2025</u>		
5th May	Bank Holiday - School Closed	All Years
23rd May	Last Day of Term	All Years
<u>JUNE 2025</u>		
2nd June	Start of Summer Term 1	All Years
19th June	Year 7 Parents Evening (More information to follow)	Year 7
19th June	Early Closure at 13:10pm	All Years
24th June	Inset Day - School Closed	All Years