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Welcome to Week 3 of Term 3

It has been another positive week here at Bexhill Academy. Students have settled well into the term, and I am pleased to report encouraging attendance figures so far.

Thank you to everyone for supporting our efforts to maintain strong attendance - it makes a real difference in ensuring students get the most out of their education.

Continuing Our Focus on Kindness

This week, we remain focused on our theme of Kindness. It has been inspiring to see students demonstrating compassion and respect in their daily interactions, creating a supportive and inclusive school environment.

Upcoming Events:

Year 8 Parents' Evening:
Wednesday 29 January
4.00-7.00pm

Year 10 Parents' Evening:
Wednesday 12 February
4.00-7.00pm



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Clubs and Activities

I'm delighted to share that our clubs are now fully up and running, with almost half the school already involved in at least one extracurricular activity. Participation in these activities is a fantastic way for students to explore their interests, develop new skills and build friendships, all of which contribute to creating well-rounded individuals.

Thank you again for your continued support.

Kind regards
Dr. Craig Neal
Headteacher



Polite Notice

A reminder to please let us know if your child is coming into school unwell.

If a child becomes too unwell to stay in school we will contact you.

Did you know?

If your child is absent, you can notify us by sending us a message via Edulink or calling 01424 730722, Option 1 and leaving a voicemail.



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Year 8 Parents' Evening

A reminder to all Year 8 parents and carers that Parents' Evening is next week on Wednesday 29 January, from 4:00pm to 7:00pm. We strongly encourage both parents and students to attend as it is a great opportunity to speak directly with teachers, discuss progress, and get some valuable face-to-face time. We look forward to seeing many of you there.

First Aid Information

Parents/carers will be contacted via email or phone if a student is injured. If necessary, we will arrange for you to collect your child and explain the next steps. For non-emergencies (headaches, stomach aches etc.) the First Aid Room is open during break and lunch. Outside these times, students must get permission from their teacher to visit if unwell.

Students are not permitted to contact parents via mobile phones during school hours, in line with our Safeguarding and Mobile Phone Policies. For more information on when to seek medical advice, please visit: [What to do when your child is unwell.](#)



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Y11 UPDATE



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Year 11 Update

For our Year 11 students, this term is crucial as they prepare for their upcoming exams:

- 3 school weeks remain until Mock 2 Exams (starting Wednesday 26 February).
- 11 school weeks remain until the written GCSE exams commence on Tuesday 6 May and end on Wednesday 25 June.

We would like to thank all the students, parents and carers who attended the Year 11 Exam Wellbeing Event on Thursday 23rd January. The session was a great success, providing valuable strategies for managing exam-related anxiety, enhancing wellbeing and improving revision techniques.

A special thank you to Mrs. Ransom for her insightful presentation and for answering your questions. Your support and engagement make a real difference in helping our students prepare for success.



KINDNESS



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Random Acts of Kindness Day
February 17 2025

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KINDNESS



Random Acts of Kindness Day

We are excited to support Random Acts of Kindness Day on Monday, 17 February.

To celebrate, we are dedicating the entire month to Random Acts of Kindness, encouraging kindness in all its forms among our students, staff and the wider community.

Throughout the month, we will be inspiring everyone to look for opportunities to show kindness - whether it's a simple compliment, helping a friend, or contributing to a community project. Acts of kindness, big or small, can make a lasting impact and strengthen the positive culture we are proud of at Bexhill Academy.

We would love to hear from you! If you are doing something kind for your community, let us know, we'd be delighted to support you and celebrate your efforts.

Let's make February a month of compassion, generosity and connection. Together we can create a ripple effect of kindness that extends beyond our school and into the community.



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CREATIVE SIDLEY



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This week students from the Sidley area participated in a special breakfast meetup with Creative Sidley. Joined by project leads from the De La Warr Pavilion (DLWP), they explored exciting ways to get involved in the Creative Sidley project.

This initiative offers students an incredible opportunity to:

- Develop leadership skills
- Build valuable creative abilities
- Contribute their ideas to shape the project

We encourage students to apply and take part in this amazing chance to make a positive impact in their community.



DRAMA UPDATE



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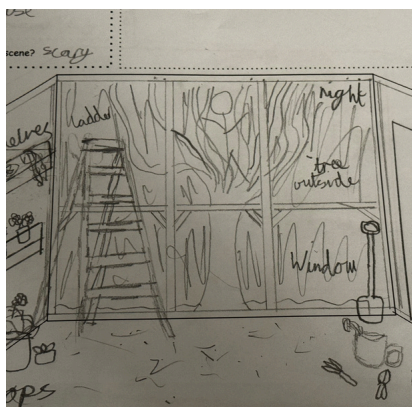
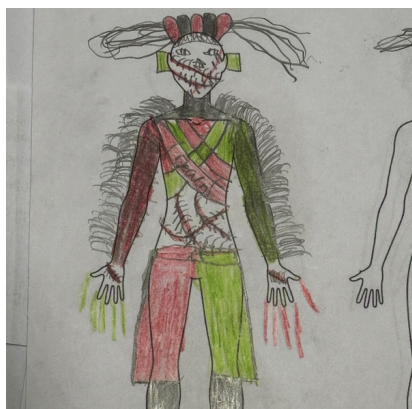
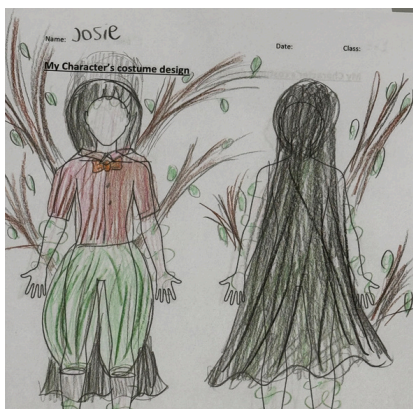
Year 8 Exploring Careers in Theatre

Year 8 students have kicked off the new year by exploring various careers within the theatre industry, starting with costume and set design. They have begun creating their own designs inspired by the play *A Monster Calls*, based on the book of the same name.

As part of the project, students have examined how texture, colour, shape and materials can be used symbolically to communicate meaning.

They have started designing in realistic, abstract or minimalist styles. We are excited to see how their work develops throughout the term as we continue to study design in the theatre industry.

Rachel Leadley



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LONDON EXCHANGE TRIP



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London Exchange Trip

On Monday, students from Bexhill Academy joined Mulbury Academy for an incredible day trip to London. Highlights included visits to St. Paul's Cathedral, the Tate Modern, Hays Galleria, and Tower Bridge, plus a walk across the Millennium Bridge.

Students were given cameras to capture their experiences and showed amazing creativity!



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CALLING ALL ARTISTS



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An exciting opportunity to be published!

Calling all artists 13-18!

Deadline: 21st March **contribute to a new zine/book**

Would you like to be published?
Do you write poetry, stories or something else?
writing Our Legacy will be publishing writing by young people about your experience of living in Sussex, this place with its towns, Downs and the sea, what does living here mean to you? How does the natural environment make you feel? What are your favourite places to go to on your own or with others? Does being out in nature help you feel more connected (or disconnected) to this place or closer to others? How? All types of writing are welcome so have a think about how you feel about living here and get writing - we look forward to reading your work!

writing prompts

- The Sussex countryside makes me feel...
- My fantasy Sussex hiding place would be...
- When I see the Sussex coast I am reminded of...
- My favourite building in Sussex is...
- I/my family moved to Sussex because...
- Hidden in Sussex are...
- The things I love and the things I would change about living in Sussex are...

Parents, Carers and teachers please send work by email to info@writingourlegacy.org.uk

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Results from this week:

- Year 10 Girls Netball vs St Richards – 17 – 11 Win
- Year 8 Boys Football vs St Leonards – Postponed due to poor weather

W/C Monday 27 January:

- Monday – Year 8 & 9 Girls Rugby Tournament – Away at Claverham
- Monday – Primary School Football Tournament – Home
- Thursday – Year 7 Boys Rugby vs Imberhorne – Away

As always, thank you for supporting our students as they represent the Academy.

Ben Petty
Director of Physical Education



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The Year 10 netball team showcased their skills in a friendly game against St Richard's on Wednesday this week.

The match started strongly, with exceptional shooting from Bella E., Grace A. and Lea P. keeping the scores tight.

Our defence - Olivia, Ava and Charlotte - were outstanding, turning the ball over multiple times and providing opportunities for the centre court players to drive the ball down to our shooters. This teamwork and determination paid off, leading to an impressive 17-11 victory.

A special congratulations to Thais B. who was named Player of the Match, and a big well done to everyone who played!

Alicia Steward



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EAL UPDATE

English as an additional language



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What to do when a Ukrainian or any foreign student does not know a word of English?

1. The first thing you should know is that they are as smart and not knowing English does not make them bad at math it just makes them think a lot more what the question is, as most likely they would know the answer to what you are asking, they just don't know what you are asking.

2. Second of all they are also as human as you are and know maybe more of the stuff English students don't know as in my experience the educational system is harder in my country and when I came to England, they straight away put me in the end of Year 5 instead of Year 4.

3. Thirdly they most likely don't want to draw attention to themselves, so you can attempt to help them through please try to draw the less attention to them as possible because they are in the most certain way are nervous and overwhelmed, especially if that is their ~~first~~ first day in a different language school.

4. In Ukrainian schools we learned how to get our memory wider by learning long poems off by heart so it won't take more than a year for them to learn English because in Ukrainian schools we already learnt a little bit of English so the chance of the student not becoming afraid to speak to others and learning English day by day is very high, so just give them time!

A Message from Ukrainian Students

Hello everyone.

Have you ever wondered what it is like to be a student in another country? Recently, I received an inspiring letter from Ukrainian students, and I'd love to share their thoughts with you.

Here are also some fascinating insights into school life in Ukraine.

Sandra Kugelberga

SAVE THE DATE



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Coming Up

Spring Soiree – Thursday 1 May 2025

Shrek the Musical – Tuesday 15 – Friday 18 July 2025

Tickets available here:

www.ticketsource.co.uk/bexhill-academy



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DATES



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Term 3 – Dates for your Diary

- Wednesday 22 January – Y5 Music Masterclass
- Thursday 23 January – Y11 Exam Support Event
- Wednesday 29 January – Y8 Parents' Evening
- Wednesday 12 February – Y10 Parents' Evening

Term 4 – Dates for your Diary

- Wednesday 26 February to Friday 7 March – Y11 Mock Exams
- Wednesday 12 March – Y9 Options Evening
- Thursday 20 March – Y9 Option Form return
- Wednesday 26 March – Y11 Parents' Evening
- Friday 28 March – Y11 Geology trip
- Tuesday 1 April – Y9 Vaccinations
- Thursday 3 April – Y10 Paris trip

Term Dates

- Monday 6 January – Start of Term 3
- Friday 14 February – End of Term 3
- Monday 24 February – Start of Term 4
- Friday 4 April 12.30pm finish – End of Term 4
- Tuesday 22 April – Start of Term 5
- Monday 5 May – Bank Holiday – The Academy is closed
- Friday 23 May – End of Term 5
- Monday 2 June – Start of Term 6
- Tuesday 22 July 12.30pm finish – End of Term 6