

ACADEMY UPDATE

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Friday 17 January 2025



Welcome to Week 2 of Term 3

The term is now firmly underway, and I would like to extend my gratitude to all students, parents, carers, and staff for their contributions to making it a positive start.

Last week we faced a real cold snap, but I'm pleased to say the weather has improved significantly this week, bringing a much more comfortable atmosphere for everyone.

On Wednesday, 15 January we held our Year 9 Parents' Evening, which was well attended. A huge thank you to all the students, parents and carers who joined us. It was fantastic to see such strong engagement and support for our students' academic journeys.

Upcoming Events:

Year 11 Exam Support:
Thursday 23 January
6.00-7.00pm
Please confirm your attendance
[here](#)

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



We've had a fantastic start to the term, with strong attendance figures and a notable effort from students in maintaining good uniform etiquette. This reflects the high standards we uphold as a community, and I couldn't be prouder of the way our students have embraced these values.

This week we have been focusing on the theme of kindness, encouraging everyone in our school community to treat one another with compassion and respect. As we move forward I would like to leave you with this thought: *Kindness is not just about what we do, but how we make others feel. Even the smallest gesture can leave a lasting impact. Let's continue to create a culture where kindness leads the way.*

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.



MESSAGES



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Ties

We would like to inform all students and parents that Bexhill Academy no longer has spare ties available. If a student has misplaced their tie, it will be necessary to purchase a replacement.

Lunch and Learn Online

Workshops and In-person Family Hub Workshops with 'Me & My Mind'

Are you interested in learning more about children's mental health and ways to support your child's wellbeing? If so, you might find these FREE webinars or in-person small group workshops helpful!

[Click here to book your spot.](#)

Nikki Ashdown

Follow us on Social Media

As we continue through this term, I'd like to encourage all parents who haven't yet joined our social media channels to do so. These platforms are a great way to stay informed about school events, news and updates.

A huge thank you to all those who have already engaged with us positively on social media – your support and interaction are greatly appreciated.

Juan Bishop



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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:

- 4 school weeks remain until Mock 2 Exams (starting Wednesday 26 February).
- 12 school weeks remain until the written GCSE exams commence in June.

Please encourage your child to use their time wisely, seek support where needed, and remain focused on their revision goals.

Year 11 Exam Support:

Thursday, 23 January 6.00–7.00pm

Please confirm your attendance [here](#).



FUTURE CHEF



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Bexhill Academy Represents at Future Chef Regional Finals

Year 10 students Olivia C and Mimi A showcased their exceptional culinary talents at the Springboard Future Chef Regional Finals held in Brighton.

Competing against some of the top young chefs in the region, Olivia wowed the judges with her Sticky Chicken with Pak Choy and Rice, demonstrating advanced techniques such as deboning a chicken. Mimi impressed with her Spinach & Ricotta Ravioli in a Chicken & Garlic Parmesan Sauce, featuring handmade pasta.

While they didn't progress to the next round, both students received high praise from professional chef judges for their skills, creativity and presentation. Olivia and Mimi have made Bexhill Academy incredibly proud with their outstanding achievements.

Their success even made the news!

Congratulations, Olivia and Mimi!



Y10 CERAMICS STUDENTS



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Y10 Ceramics Students

Y10 Ceramics Students this week had their first lessons on the pottery wheel. They did exceptionally well getting to grips with a really tricky process and producing their first pots. I was extremely impressed with the patience and perseverance they all demonstrated in the lesson

Chris Mayne



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CAREERS FAIR



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Careers Fair

Year 9 and Year 10 students participated in a careers fair in November, where over 30 businesses, post-16 providers, and higher education institutions attended Bexhill Academy. Students had the opportunity to explore future careers, potential pathways, and college courses.

The range of industries represented included public services, hospitality, engineering, the armed forces, construction, law, creative arts, insurance, finance and healthcare.

We are pleased to announce that another careers fair is planned for Monday 28 April 2025, which will be tailored for Year 7 and 8 students.

If you would like to support future careers fairs, please contact:

Lee Starkey at lee.starkey@bexhillacademy.org.



Science at Bexhill Academy

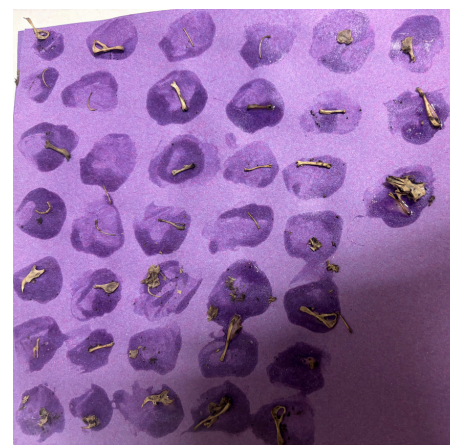
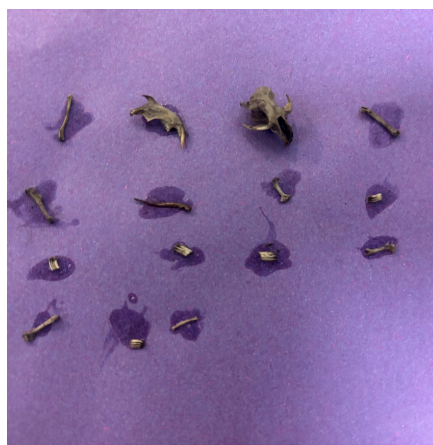
This week, our young scientists embarked on an exciting journey into the world of owls through a hands-on owl pellet dissection. Owl pellets, the regurgitated remains of an owl's meal, offered our students a fascinating glimpse into the dietary habits and hunting prowess of these remarkable birds.

During the activity, students carefully dissected the pellets to uncover tiny bones, fur, and feathers – remnants of the owl's prey. With the help of identification charts, they identified various small mammals, birds and insects, learning about the food chain and ecosystem dynamics.

The most common discoveries included rodent skulls, tiny rib bones and even the occasional bird beak. This engaging experience not only enhanced their understanding of biology and ecology but also sparked curiosity and a deeper appreciation for wildlife.

We encourage you to ask your child about their findings and what they learned about these nocturnal predators. It's a fantastic opportunity to continue the conversation at home and share in their enthusiasm for science.

Wendy Minns



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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SPORT



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Results from this week:

Year 9 Boys' Rugby vs Lewes Priory – Postponed due to frozen pitches

Year 8 and 9 Girls' Football vs St Richards – Friendly loss

W/C Monday 20 January:

Year 10 Girls' Netball vs St Richards – Wednesday 22 January

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

Ben Petty

Director of Physical Education



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SAVE THE DATE



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Coming Up

Spring Soiree – Thursday 1 May 2025

Shrek the Musical – Tuesday 15 to 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



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