

Academy Update

Friday 22nd November 2024

Key Notices

Parent Survey

A huge thank you to all parents/carers that have taken the time to complete our parent survey. So far, we have had 239 responses. We would like some more, so that we get a really true understanding of your views to help us make continual improvements to the areas that are identified. If you have not yet managed to complete the survey, the link is below: <https://forms.gle/m5gSMCC7r1TJmFL97>

Key Stage 3 Homework: Reading Plus and Sparx Maths

If your child is in Key Stage 3 (Years 7-9) they should be completing the following homework each week for Reading Plus and Sparx Maths:

- Reading Plus. Your child's reading level impacts how much they can access in all subjects. They should be completing 5 reading blocks, and one vocabulary block each week, approximately an hour a week.
- Sparx Maths – your child should be spending an hour per week on Sparx Maths as a minimum to improve their maths ability.

East Sussex Family Hub

East Sussex Family Hub is offering free online webinars and groups to support parents and carers of children aged 0-19 years. These events are happening from January to March 2025. Please follow this link or see our website for more information:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1xgVVqQyVmM1q0GQz58Ejdq_AHdl96z8A/view?usp=sharing

This week at Bexhill Academy

Year 7 Remembrance Concert

On Friday, the Year 7 students were treated to the annual remembrance concert. The concert featured students from across the academy performing solos, ensembles and readings. As part of the concert, Year 7 students sang, and it really was a lovely event. Thank you to our performing arts teams for organising and running this great event for Year 7.

Sports Results

There haven't been quite as many fixtures this week but a huge well done to all of our students who have taken part.

- Year 10 Boys Football vs Ark – 3 – 1 win
- KS3 Boys Table Tennis – 4th place finish in County Finals
- KS3 Girls Table Tennis – 3rd place finish in County Finals

Next week we have the following fixtures planned. Good luck!

- Monday – KS4 Boys Table Tennis County Finals
- Wednesday – Year 8 Boys Rugby vs Beacon
- Thursday – Year 11 Boys Football vs Buckswood

Thank you to all staff and parents who support these events.

Shoebox Appeal

Thank you to everyone that has already donated gifts. We have received a lot of fantastic gifts that will be so well received by members of our local community. Thank you so much for your generosity. Please do continue to give generously for this great cause. See below for more details.

Parent Teacher Association (PTA)

The parent support and partnership group, formally known as PTA, met on Monday evening. It is a friendly group that is growing and is always looking for new members. The focus of the group is to support parental engagement in attending school events, bringing new ideas to enhance parent, student and school partnership work; this can range from bringing ideas, giving time to attending some events or just being part of a group which supports your child's education at Bexhill academy.

Christmas cinema – Elf night

On the back of the PTA meeting, we are having an event on the 9th of December. This is our Christmas Cinema Elf night where we invite students from Years 7 & 8. They must come with a parent and if they wish siblings to watch the Elf Christmas film in our theatre. Before the event starts, members of our team will be there to meet and chat if you are interested in joining. In addition, they will also be available at 6pm at the end of the film. Alternatively, please contact me by email Eleanore.gordon@bexhillacademy.org

Student Leadership and Student Council

This week our student leadership team have been working hard. We are collecting for our shoebox appeal, which is to supply gifts and needed items to our most vulnerable in our community. Our student leadership team supports events, represents the school and supports the academy in moving forward with ideas and solutions. They will be supporting the Christmas card making on the 4 December, Elf night on the 9th of December and also the community Christmas concert on the 17th of December.

Our student leadership team is made up of student leaders (Year 11), prefects (Year 10), student form reps (one from each tutor group), and ambassadors at key stage 3. We have over 130 students involved. Gaining roles of responsibility and developing leadership skills is a very important life skill. We also use our leadership team for student feedback which is very important to us. In addition to that, we collect student voice through

conversations and discussion and through surveys. The canteen food, toilets, uniform, clubs and rewards are always topics of conversation.

Parents Event for Students with English as an Additional Language (EAL)

We recently hosted (19th of November) our EAL Parents' Evening, a special occasion to come together and strengthen the bond between school and home.

The goal of the evening was to create close relationships with our parents, emphasizing the importance of their opinions in shaping our approach to supporting students. Thank you to our amazing EAL department for organising and running this lovely event.

Careers Fair for Year 9 and 10 Students

Year 9 and 10 took part in the annual careers fair on Tuesday 19th November at Bexhill academy sports hall. Over 25 businesses and education providers attended the event. We had a number of career and education providers that attended from further/higher education, public services, engineering, manufacturing, insurance, law, construction, creative arts, sport, leisure industry, hospitality and finance. Students in Year 9 and 10 were exceptional in their discussions with the visitors and they commented on how well the students at Bexhill academy were in engaging with careers and their future plans. The event helps to fulfil the Gatsby benchmark number 2, 3 and 4 with students learning from career and labour market information, having encounters with employers, employees and with further and higher education. The students also enjoyed the free samples of food, flyers, stationery and water bottles. Some even got to try on some of the equipment used in some of the businesses.

We plan to hold another career fair for Year 7 and 8 in April. Students can help support their career development by logging onto the online career platform Morrisby and using their log in details that has been provided through their school email. Any issues please contact me.

If you are part of a business that would be interested in supporting future events please contact Mr Lee Starkey: lee.starkey@bexhillacademy.org

Dates for your Diary

- **Tuesday 3rd December** – Parents/carers and students of Year 7. Christmas card making in the Academy. Free of charge. Sign up to come...
- **Wednesday 4th December** – Year 11 Parents' Evening (4-7pm)
- **Monday 9th December** – Parents/carers and students – Elf 'film night' in the theatre in the Academy. Free of charge. Bring your own refreshments and enjoy a movie.
- **Thursday 12th December** – Year 7 and 8 Christmas Party (4-6pm at the Academy)
- **Thursday 12th December** – Year 9 and 10 Christmas Party (6.30-8.30pm at the Academy)
- **Friday 13th December** – Year 11 Christmas Party (6.30-9.30pm at the Academy)
- **Wednesday 18th and Thursday 19th December** – Christmas Concert
- **Friday 20th** – Finish at 12.30pm

Term Dates

- **Friday 20th December 12.30pm finish** – End of Term 2
- **Monday 6th January** – Start of Term 3
- **Friday 14th February** – End of Term 3
- **Monday 24th February** – Start of Term 4
- **Friday 4th April 12.30pm finish** - End of Term 4
- **Tuesday 22nd April** – Start of Term 5
- **Monday 5th May** – Bank Holiday – The Academy is closed
- **Friday 23rd May** – End of Term 5
- **Monday 2nd June** – Start of Term 6
- **Tuesday 22nd July 12.30pm finish** – End of Term 6



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

Do you want to learn about children's mental health and how you can support your child with their wellbeing? If you do, these FREE webinars or our in-person small group workshops may be for you!

Lunch and Learn Webinars

How to support your child with worry and anxiety

Tuesday 22nd October 2024, 1pm to 2pm

Thursday 27th February 2025, 1pm, to 2pm

Wednesday 11th June 2025, 1pm to 2pm

How to support a worrying child with transition to secondary

Wednesday 21st May 2025, 1pm to 2pm

Small group in-person sessions

Supporting primary school children with anxiety and worry

Wednesday 2nd October 2024, 10am to 12pm @ Sidley Family Hub

Tuesday 8th October 2024, 10am to 12pm @ Uckfield Family Hub

Wednesday 5th February 2025, 12pm to 2pm @ Sidley Family Hub

Monday 10th February 2025, 12:30pm to 2:30pm @ Peacehaven Family Hub

Monday 10th March 2025, 12:30pm to 2:30pm @ Lewes Family Hub

Tea/Coffee and biscuits will be available, and we will be providing activities to make some items to take home with you to do with your child/ren

For more info and to book scan the QR code or visit:



www.tickettailor.com/events/mentalhealthandwellbeingineducation

If you have any questions, please email mhst.parentteam@eastsussex.gov.uk

Please support our Local Community Project this Christmas by donating items for our Community shoe boxes by 12 December.

We are looking for donations for our shoebox / hamper appeal. Can you spare the following:

For an elderly person's shoe box; - puzzle books, hot chocolate, biscuits, warm socks, gloves, slippers, scarfs, hats, tins of soup, toiletries, confectionary, mug, handmade gifts.

For a child's shoe box; warm socks, gloves, scarfs, hats, toiletries, confectionary, pens, cuddly toys, puzzles, books etc.

Local Food Bank; We are also donating towards the local food banks, non-perishable items such as tins and dried food including rice, pasta etc. would be greatly appreciated.

All donations can be either dropped off in the school reception or given to your child to hand in at school. Thanks for all your help and support.

