

6<sup>th</sup> September 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome back to a new academic year. I hope that you have all been able to enjoy some part of the school summer holidays with your children, and that they are returning back to school feeling refreshed and ready to go!

### **Thank you!**

The students have arrived back looking incredibly smart. I would like to thank you for supporting the Uniform Policy and the difference in appearance with aspects that you still choose like shoes, skirts and trousers is absolutely fantastic, so thank you very much indeed. Out of nearly 1300 students wearing the new blazers, Brigade has been able to supply all but 5 with the right size and these will be arriving early next week. I know that some of you have had issues with a delay in other orders from Brigade (which relate mainly to PE kits) and thank you for making us aware of these. Please be assured that no students will be sanctioned for incorrect uniform when it is not their fault and out of their hands, so please just keep us informed.

### **Welcome and welcome back!**

The first day of starting a new school is always special and it was lovely to see our new Year 7 students on Wednesday looking so smart, keen and eager on their first day. They made a very good first impression on the staff. At the other end of the school and on the same day it was great to welcome back so many of our outgoing Year 11 students and induct them as 'sixth formers'. It was good to see them welcoming the new students who have joined us from All Saints, Atlantic and Wey Valley. We wish both cohorts all the very best with their new studies.

### **Exam Results**

During the holiday we were busy with GCSE and Post 16 Results Days. They are always nervy, but lovely days and it was nice to see our students being rewarded for their hard work with such positive results. It was good to see so many parents, staff and also exam invigilators coming in to support the students receiving their results. The Dorset Echo joined us on both days and there was some excellent coverage of our students and plenty of smiling faces; you may have seen some of the pictures.

### **New Staff**

I am delighted to welcome new colleagues who have joined us this year. We were very fortunate in the spring and summer terms to have been able to make some excellent appointments. So it is welcome to:

- James Bryant-Harries (Subject Co-ordinator for Maths)
- Steve Bassett (English)
- Chloe Driver (English)
- Nita Dooley (SEND/CO)
- Joe Hooper (English)
- Paul Norman (Computing)
- Alexia O'Mara (English)
- Keiran Poole (Maths)
- Jamie St John Brind (Psychology)
- Kathryn Tennant (Ethics and Philosophy)
- Carol Watson (Maths)
- Elliot Williams (SSI, Combined Cadet Force).

### **Conversion to Academy Status**

The Aspirations Academies Trust is a charitable company limited by guarantee registered in England and Wales.  
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As you will be aware Budmouth is now part of the Aspirations Academy Trust. Our conversion was completed on the 1<sup>st</sup> September. Clearly this is a significant change for us and there will be a number of changes that will be made across the year and lots of new things that staff will be adapting to. At the moment, members of the admin and office teams are getting used to very new systems. Changes that will be coming soon include:

- Moving to an online payment system for parents. Details will follow but, in the meantime, if you need to write a cheque they need to be made payable to Aspirations Academies Trust.
- Making the canteen a cashless facility with biometric technology. This will speed up service in the canteen and the current aim is to introduce this by October half-term. We will keep you updated.
- Student and staff emails will be changing this term as we move over to a Google system. This will be useful for students and means that work they save at school will also be available to them at home. Work will be saved in the 'Cloud' and be available to them anywhere using their password and internet access.
- We will inform you when the staff emails have been changed, but please note the new email address for contacting us with general enquires is: [office@budmouth-aspirations.org](mailto:office@budmouth-aspirations.org).
- A new website is in the process of being finalised by the central Aspirations ICT team and we will inform you when this comes into operation.
- There have been refurbishments to three ICT suites over the holiday and, in the next two weeks, both our broadband and Wi-Fi are going to have significant upgrades. I hope students and staff will notice the benefit.

### **Reading Programme**

Our staff were very busy on the two INSET days making preparations for the new term. Lorraine Graves our Subject Co-ordinator for English has introduced a new whole school reading programme called DEAR (Drop Everything and Read). Students in all year groups will be exploring a range of interesting books and other literacy activities throughout the year during their morning and afternoon tutorial sessions.

### **Clubs Timetable**

Please see attached a first draft of the extra-curricular programme for the autumn term. As more things are added we will update this and place it on the website. The students have a copy of this in their tutor rooms and I would encourage them to get involved in at least one activity. In my experience, busy students are generally happier students.

### **Who to contact?**

As a large school I know it is not always easy to know who to contact if you have a question or concern. Also attached to this letter is an outline of who to contact. It is not an exhaustive list and you can always phone or email the Main Office [office@budmouth-aspirations.org](mailto:office@budmouth-aspirations.org).

I hope that your children enjoy a great academic year. We want them to work hard, be successful and have fun. Thank you for supporting us in achieving those aims.

Yours sincerely



David Herbert

## Who to contact at Budmouth Academy

If you want to speak with a member of staff and are unsure who the right person would be, please do contact our Main Office by telephone (01305 830500) or email ([office@budmouth-aspirations.org](mailto:office@budmouth-aspirations.org)) and they will be happy to help you. We always aim to respond to urgent enquiries within 24 hours and non-urgent within 72 hours.

If you want to discuss a general query about your child, their Form Tutor should be the main point of contact.

If you have a more serious concern about any aspect of your child's welfare, then you should contact the relevant Head of School:

Attenborough: Jayne Guppy ([guppyj@budmouth.dorset.sch.uk](mailto:guppyj@budmouth.dorset.sch.uk))

Shelley: Lesley Carter ([carterl@budmouth.dorset.sch.uk](mailto:carterl@budmouth.dorset.sch.uk))

Turing: Andy Clark ([clarka@budmouth.dorset.sch.uk](mailto:clarka@budmouth.dorset.sch.uk))

Hawking: Pete Lydford ([lydfordp@budmouth.dorset.sch.uk](mailto:lydfordp@budmouth.dorset.sch.uk))

The Heads of School work closely with our Pastoral Support Leaders who are attached to Year Groups.

Year 7: Deb Roberts ([robertsd@budmouth.dorset.sch.uk](mailto:robertsd@budmouth.dorset.sch.uk))

Year 8: Jane Taylor ([taylorj@budmouth.dorset.sch.uk](mailto:taylorj@budmouth.dorset.sch.uk))

Year 9: Dawn Kirby ([kirbyd@budmouth.dorset.sch.uk](mailto:kirbyd@budmouth.dorset.sch.uk))

Year 10: Ali Lawrence ([lawrencea@budmouth.dorset.sch.uk](mailto:lawrencea@budmouth.dorset.sch.uk))

Year 11: Luke Bartlett ([bartlettl@budmouth.dorset.sch.uk](mailto:bartlettl@budmouth.dorset.sch.uk))

With any aspect of Special Educational Needs support then please contact Nita Dooley our SENDCO ([dooleyn@budmouth.dorset.sch.uk](mailto:dooleyn@budmouth.dorset.sch.uk)) or Pete McCarthy, Director of Inclusion ([mccarthyp@budmouth.dorset.sch.uk](mailto:mccarthyp@budmouth.dorset.sch.uk)).

Questions or queries in relation to any aspect of the 6<sup>th</sup> Form should be directed, in the first instance, to Mark Henman our Director of 6<sup>th</sup> Form ([henmanm@budmouth.dorset.sch.uk](mailto:henmanm@budmouth.dorset.sch.uk)).

Our Designated Safeguarding Lead is Zillah Rainback ([rainbackz@budmouth.dorset.sch.uk](mailto:rainbackz@budmouth.dorset.sch.uk)).

Should you wish to make contact with one of your child's subject teachers, you are very welcome to do. To request a call back or arrange an appointment, please contact the Main Office.

You are also welcome to contact the Subject Co-ordinators.

English: Lorraine Graves ([gravesl@budmouth.dorset.sch.uk](mailto:gravesl@budmouth.dorset.sch.uk))

Maths: James Bryant-Harries ([bryant-harriesj@budmouth.dorset.sch.uk](mailto:bryant-harriesj@budmouth.dorset.sch.uk))

Science: Matt Williamson ([williamsonm@budmouth.dorset.sch.uk](mailto:williamsonm@budmouth.dorset.sch.uk))

Humanities: Martin Pick ([pickm@budmouth.dorset.sch.uk](mailto:pickm@budmouth.dorset.sch.uk))

Sport: Sam Morris ([morriss@budmouth.dorset.sch.uk](mailto:morriss@budmouth.dorset.sch.uk))

Technology: Tony Walker ([walkera@budmouth.dorset.sch.uk](mailto:walkera@budmouth.dorset.sch.uk))

Expressive Arts: Shelley Trott ([trotts@budmouth.dorset.sch.uk](mailto:trotts@budmouth.dorset.sch.uk))

Languages: Simon Lewis ([lewiss@budmouth.dorset.sch.uk](mailto:lewiss@budmouth.dorset.sch.uk))

If you want to discuss a medical need or provision for your child, then please contact Justin Abbott, First Aid & Health & Safety Co-ordinator ([abbottj@budmouth.dorset.sch.uk](mailto:abbottj@budmouth.dorset.sch.uk)).

The list above covers the main enquires that we receive, but if in doubt, please contact the Main Office.

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Venue</b>
Badminton Club	Mon	Lunchtime	Sports Hall
e-Duke of Edinburgh (DofE) Support (Y9 - 6th Form)	Mon	Lunchtime	F02
Crochet Club	Mon	Lunchtime	E29
Keyboard Club	Mon	Lunchtime	E21
Fitness	Mon - Fri	Lunchtime	Fitness Suite
Homework Club (Years 7 & 8)	Mon-Thurs	3.15 - 5pm	Resources Centre
Debate Club	Tues	Lunchtime	C027
Volleyball	Tues	Lunchtime	Sports Hall
Singing Club	Tues	Lunchtime	E21
Ukulele Club	Tues	Lunchtime	E20
Netball	Tues	3.15 - 4.15pm	Netball Courts
Rugby (Years 7 & 8)	Tues	3.15 - 4.15pm	Sports Field
Football (Year 10)	Tues	3.15 - 4.15pm	3G
Inventors Club (Years 7 & 8)	Tues	3.15 - 4.15pm	D02
Ten Tors (Years 9, 10, 11 & 6th Form)	Tues as required (May - Nov)	2.30 - 2pm 3.20 - 4.20pm	F02
School Production Rehearsals	Tues & Thursday	3.15 - 4.15pm	Drama Studio
Football (Years 8 & 9)	Wed	Lunchtime	3G
Board Game Club	Wed	Lunchtime	Resources Centre
Historical Film Club (Years 7-9)	Wed	3.15 - 4pm	F08
Hockey	Wed	3.15 - 4.15pm	3G
Girls Table Tennis	Wed	3.15 - 4.30pm	Clare Hall
Print-making, ceramics & crafts	Wed	3.20 - 4.20pm	E29
GCSE/A level Music (Years 10-13)	Wed	3.15 - 4.15pm	E21
GCSE Art & Photography Club (Years 10 & 11)	Wed	3.15 - 4.15pm	E32
Girls Engineering (Years 7 & 8)	Wed	3.15 - 4.15pm	D12
Impulse Dance Company (Years 9 - 11)	Wed	3.15 - 4.15pm	Dance Studio
Raspberry Pi Club	Wed	3.15 - 4.15pm	F13
Bronze DofE (Years 9 & 10)	Wed (Mch - June)	3.20 - 4.20pm	F02
Gold DofE (Year 11 & 6th Form)	Wed (Sept - July) As required.	1.20 - 2pm	F02
Silver DofE (Years 10 & 11)	Wed (Sept to Oct)	3.20 - 4.20pm	F02
Reading Group	Thurs	Lunchtime	Resources Centre

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African Drumming	Thurs	Lunchtime	E21
Health & Social Care coursework support	Thurs	3.15 - 4.15pm	B03
Elevate Dance Company (Years 7 & 8)	Thurs	3.15 - 4.15pm	Dance Studio
The RC Film Club	Thurs	3.15 - 5pm	Resources Centre
Gaming Club	Fri	Lunchtime	F05
Basketball	Fri	Lunchtime	Sports Hall
Homework Club (Years 7 & 8)	Fri	3.15 - 4pm	Resources Centre
The Role Playing & Table Top Gaming Club	Fri	3.15 - 4.30pm	G01
D&T GCSE support sessions	Fri	3.15 - 4.15pm	Various
Sailing (£120 for 6 two-hour sessions)	Fri	4.20 - 6.40pm	Weymouth & Portland Sailing Academy