

20<sup>th</sup> September 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

After only two weeks of the new term we are back in the swing of things here at Budmouth. Already we have had our first Inter-School competition completed, with Turing School coming out on top of a keenly contested Tug of War. It was great to see so many students involved but a real shame to see the Sixth-Form team beaten so soundly by the teachers! I am also delighted to see thousands of reward and achievement points being issued to the students in recognition of their participation in extra-curricular activities, high standards of behaviour and hard work in lessons. This is partly because so many of our students have volunteered for our extra-curricular programme, which has already begun. Please visit our Budmouth Academy, Weymouth Facebook page if you would like to see more of what our students have been up to.

### Evening Events

We have a number of events coming up that parents and/ or pupils are invited to attend. Correspondence has already gone out regarding these, with the exception of the Year 11 Raising Achievement Evening and Mr Hudson will write to parents shortly with details. Parents' Evenings continue to take place virtually on-line, using School Cloud and this helps save time and conserve energy use. Here are the key dates for your diaries:

- Year 7 and Year 12 Tutor Evenings (23<sup>rd</sup> September)
- Open Days/Evenings (29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> September)
- Year 11 Raising Achievement Evening (7<sup>th</sup> October)
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### Bike Lockers

Students are still permitted to ride their bikes to school. Please remember that the wearing of a bike helmet is essential and that bikes must not be ridden on the school site itself. We have allocated the bike lockers in specific areas. Here is the link to the location of bike lockers:

<https://budmouth.academies.aspirationsacademies.org/wpcontent/uploads/sites/4/2020/09/Push-Bike-Locations.pdf>

### COVID-19 guidance

Please continue to test your child twice weekly at home and report the test results using the link below: <https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result>. Lateral flow test kits will be issued again next week to students that have previously received them and this will also include all Year 7 students that attended the Academy testing programme. If you have not requested kits previously, but would now like to receive them, please email Mr. Abbott on [jabbot@budmouth-aspirations.org](mailto:jabbot@budmouth-aspirations.org). Alternatively, test kits are available at local pharmacies online or by calling 119.

We have been in contact with the Department for Education, Public Health England and the NHS to receive guidance on the government's plan for vaccinating school children against COVID19. Although no schedule has been announced to us, we have understandably received a number of communications from parents concerned about the plan. Rest assured that whilst the school may host immunisation services, we have been advised that we will not be responsible for securing parents' or childrens' consent, for assessing Gillick competence or for mediating between parents and children who may disagree about whether or not to consent. It seems we will have no part in that. This is the role of registered nurses in the SAIS (School Age Immunisation Service), who have extensive experience and the expertise to handle these issues and are professionally accountable for their decisions. Legal accountability for offering COVID-19 vaccines to children and young people sits with the SAIS and not with the Academy.

You may be interested in further details available here: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/consent-to-treatment/children/>

### **Extra-curricular clubs and after school classes**

We are delighted to be able to put on a huge number of after-school clubs, revision classes and intervention sessions. At the end of the letter you will find a full timetable with details of what we have on offer. Thanks go to all of our staff and students for putting in the time to make these events happen. Please encourage your son/daughter to join in. Perhaps they will say that nothing offered so far appeals to them and if this is the case, please encourage them to approach their tutor about ideas for setting up their own club. We will do our best to support any new ideas coming forward.

### **Cross-Country Club**

Mr David is currently recruiting students of all ages to join our new cross-country club. In his previous school, Mr David led one of the most successful cross-country teams in the country, regularly appearing in national finals and achieving years of subsequent success. He started his cross-country club with just one volunteer in Year Seven and grew this steadily over the next 20 years. Many of his recruits were not even aware they were good runners until they gave it a go. Joining the club just to keep fit, gain stamina for other sports or just to accompany a friend, for example is a great idea to get the most out of school life. The club is on Monday after school and it would be great to see students volunteer, not necessarily with the aim of running competitively but because running has so many other physical and mental benefits.

### **6<sup>th</sup> Form Employability Diploma**

Having to say goodbye to our Year 11 far too early last year was very difficult. However, we are delighted that we have welcomed the majority of them back into Year 12 and they are settling into 6<sup>th</sup> Form life very well. We are pleased that our highly successful CEIL programme has been recognised by the Trust and has now been rolled out in other academies. We have been working hard to develop this even further and have created a new 'Employability Diploma' that will help support students' learning and develop those wider skills that they will need long after they have left school.

### **Mr Cool**

Last week, eight of our senior CCF Cadets were given the opportunity to travel to Exeter and listen to Kenton Cool deliver a motivational talk. Kenton Cool is one of the world's leading high-altitude climbers and also a highly engaging and inspiring motivational speaker. He has successfully climbed Mount Everest fifteen times. It was a great evening of motivational talk and supported our Academy vision of following dreams whilst being inspired in the present. His catch phrase of 'Get it done' certainly made an impression.

### **Homework**

One positive thing to come out of the closure of schools was the very fast development of 'Google Classroom' in supporting independent learning. This will continue to be the main way that we will set homework for all students. To avoid duplication, staff will not therefore be setting homework on SIMS separately. Therefore we have removed this module from the SIMS Parent App and the SIMS Student App. Mr Clark (Assistant Principal) is leading our developments with online learning and we will be able to confirm soon how you can stay aware of homework that has been set so you can help support your children with their organisation and planning.

Many thanks for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely



Michael Hoffmann  
Principal

Day	Department	Club/Activity	Open to							Time	Location
			Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12	Year 13		
Monday	Performing Arts - Music	Keyboard Club	Yes	Yes						Lunchtime	E21
Monday	Visual Arts	Painting Club	Yes							Lunchtime	E28
Monday	Performing Arts - Dance	Active Dance			Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Lunchtime	E14
Monday	Sport	Most Able Fitness								7:30 - 8:15	Fitness Suite
Monday	Sport	Cross Country Club	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	14:50 - 15:50	Field
Monday	All	Y11 Intervention					Yes			14:50 onwards	TBA
Monday	All	Y11 Revision					Yes			14:50 onwards	TBA
Tuesday	Technology	Engineering Club	Yes	Yes				Yes	Yes	15:00 - 16:00	D05
Tuesday	Duke of Edinburgh's Award - DofE	Gold DofE						Yes	Yes	15.00 - 16.00	F02
Tuesday	Duke of Edinburgh's Award - DofE	Silver DofE				Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	15.00 - 16.00	F02
Tuesday	Duke of Edinburgh's Award - DofE	Bronze DofE			Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	15.00 - 16.00	F02
Tuesday	Performing Arts - Music	Singing Group	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	15.00 - 15:45	E21
Tuesday	Visual Arts	KS3 Craft Club	Yes	Yes	Yes					15.00 - 16.00	E26
Tuesday	Performing Arts - Dance	KS5 Dance Intervention						Yes	Yes	15.00 - 16.00	E14
Tuesday	D&T	Craft Club	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	15.00 - 16.00	G03
Tuesday	English	Classics Club				Yes	Yes			15.00 - 16.00	F21
Tuesday	Visual Arts	Targeted Intervention Yr 11					Yes			15.00 - 16.00	E28
Tuesday	Sport	Basketball	Yes	Yes						14:50 - 15:50	Sports Hall
Tuesday	Sport	Girl's Football	Yes	Yes						14:50 - 15:50	Astro/Field
Tuesday	Sport	Girl's Active Club		Yes						14:50 - 15:50	Sports Hall
Tuesday	Sport	Football	Yes							14:50 - 15:50	Astro/Field
Tuesday	Sport	Rugby			Yes	Yes				14:50 - 15:50	Field
Tuesday	Sport	Netball			Yes	Yes				14:50 - 15:50	Courts
Tuesday	Maths	Y11 Intervention					Yes			14:50 onwards	Maths
Tuesday	MFL	Y11 Intervention					Yes			14:50 onwards	MFL
Tuesday	Drama	Y11 Intervention					Yes			14:50 onwards	Drama
Tuesday	Music	Y11 Intervention					Yes			14:50 onwards	Music
Tuesday	MFL	Y11 Revision					Yes			14:50 onwards	Hub
Tuesday	Drama	Y11 Revision					Yes			14:50 onwards	Hub
Tuesday	Music	Y11 Revision					Yes			14:50 onwards	Hub
Tuesday	Maths	Y11 Revision					Yes			14:50 onwards	Hub
Tuesday	D&T	Miniature Railway Club	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	15:00 - 17:00	Nr 3G Pitch
Tuesday	Science	KS3 Science Club	Yes	Yes	Yes					15:00 - 16:00	Hub
Wednesday	Ten Tors Training	Ten Tors 2022			Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	15.00 - 16.00	F02
Wednesday	Performing Arts - Music	KS4 Intervention				Yes	Yes			15.00 - 16.00	E21
Wednesday	Visual Arts - Photography	Targeted Intervention Yr 11					Yes			15.00 - 16.00	E24

Wednesday	D&T / Computer Science	Yr 7 STEM Club	Yes							15.00 - 16.00	D07
Wednesday	Sport	All Students Fitness	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	7:30 - 8:15	Fitness Suite
Wednesday	Sport	Hockey	Yes	Yes						14:50 - 15:50	Astro
Wednesday	Sport	Football		Yes						14:50 - 15:50	Field
Wednesday	Sport	Girl's Football			Yes	Yes	Yes			14:50 - 15:50	Field
Wednesday	Sport	Girl's Rugby		Yes	Yes					14:50 - 15:50	Field
Wednesday	Sport	Badminton	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	14:50 - 15:50	Sports Hall
Wednesday	Sport	Football			Yes					14:50 - 15:50	Field
Wednesday	Sport	Rugby					Yes			14:50 - 15:50	Field
Wednesday	Humanities	Y11 Intervention					Yes			14:50 onwards	Hub
Wednesday	Cit/RS	Y11 Intervention					Yes			14:50 onwards	Hub
Wednesday	Business	Y11 Intervention					Yes			14:50 onwards	Hub
Wednesday	Visual Arts	Y11 Intervention					Yes			14:50 onwards	Hub
Wednesday	English	Y11 Intervention					Yes			14:50 onwards	Hub
Wednesday	Humanities	Y11 Revision					Yes			14:50 onwards	Hub
Wednesday	Cit/RS	Y11 Revision					Yes			14:50 onwards	Hub
Wednesday	Business	Y11 Revision					Yes			14:50 onwards	Hub
Wednesday	Visual Arts	Y11 Revision					Yes			14:50 onwards	Hub
Wednesday	English	Y11 Revision					Yes			14:50 onwards	Hub
Wednesday	Humanities	Gaming Club	Yes	Yes						Lunchtime	TBA
Thursday	Combined Cadet Force - CCF	CCF Parade			Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	15.00 - 17.00	Parade Square by D&T
Thursday	Performing Arts - Music	Wind Band	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	15.00 - 15:45	E21
Thursday	Performing Arts - Music	Djembe Drumming	Yes	Yes						Lunchtime	E21
Thursday	Performing Arts - Dance	KS4 Dance Intervention				Yes	Yes			15.00 - 16.00	E14
Thursday	Performing Arts - Dance	Musical Theatre	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	15.00 - 16.00	E08
Thursday	English	Creative Writing	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	15.00 - 16.00	F21
Thursday	Visual Arts	Targeted Intervention Yr 11					Yes			15.00 - 16.00	E26
Thursday	Sport	All Students Fitness	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	7:30 - 8:15	Fitness Suite
Thursday	Sport	Rugby	Yes	Yes						14:50 - 15:50	Field
Thursday	Sport	Netball	Yes	Yes			Yes			14:50 - 15:50	Courts/Sports Hall
Thursday	Sport	Table Tennis	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	14:50 - 15:50	Sports Hall
Thursday	Science	Y11 Intervention					Yes			14:50 onwards	Hub
Thursday	DT/IT	Y11 Intervention					Yes			14:50 onwards	Hub
Thursday	Sport	Y11 Intervention					Yes			14:50 onwards	Hub
Thursday	Media	Y11 Intervention					Yes			14:50 onwards	Hub
Thursday	H&SC	Y11 & Y13 Intervention					Yes		Yes	15:00 - 16:00	B03/B09
Thursday	Psychology	Y11 Intervention					Yes			14:50 onwards	Hub
Thursday	Dance	Y11 Intervention					Yes			14:50 onwards	Hub

