

26th September 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a busy few weeks here at Bridgnorth Endowed and I would like to welcome you all to the new school year with some updates on what will be happening in the coming weeks.

Ofsted

As you will already be aware, the term started with a full two-day Ofsted inspection and I would like to take this opportunity to thank parents, pupils, governors and staff for their support and hard work during the process. It was lovely to receive kind messages of support and be able to demonstrate the wonderful school community we have. I look forward to sharing the report with you, which we should receive within 30 working days.

Year 11

To help prepare our Year 11 students for their forthcoming GCSE examinations, our first set of mock examinations will start on Friday 1st December. These will be sat in full exam conditions to get students ready for the experience of sitting the final exams later this academic year.

The GCSE exam season will start on Thursday 9th May 2024, with the completion of practical and coursework elements before this date. Therefore, Year 11s have just 32 weeks (26 school weeks) before their exams, which is why it is imperative that they begin the revision process now and not rely on last-minute preparation.

To support our students, we are offering a full timetable of revision classes both during the day and after school. As an added incentive, the two students who attend the most revision sessions over the academic year will receive a free ticket to the Year 11 Prom in June.

Friends of BES

We are delighted to be relaunching the school PTA, Friends of BES, with the focus of fundraising and reaching out across the Bridgnorth community and surrounding areas. The first meeting is on Wednesday 11th October from 6.00-7.00pm in the Old Hall and is open to all parents/carers and friends of the school. We hope you are able to attend.

Kitchen Garden

This term, we will begin work on our new kitchen garden where we plan to build raised beds and grow food which can be used to help support the local community. We are currently asking for donations of wooden crates, scaffold boards, sleepers, and wooden pallets for us to build the beds.

If you have any donations, please contact admin@bridgnorthendowed.co.uk to arrange a time to drop them into school. We would also welcome any seeds or plants to add to those that we are already propagating in school.

Uniform

Students have returned to school with improved standards in uniform and we will continue to insist on our expectations for school skirts, formal trousers or tailored shorts and black socks. Tutors will be contacting home when pupils are not in the correct uniform to ensure these standards are maintained throughout the year.

Open Evening

Open Evening is on Wednesday 4th October, and we hope that students will be able to support in subject areas and as ambassadors showcasing our school to prospective students and their families. Please ensure you have returned the reply slip confirming your child's attendance at the evening.

I will be in touch with further updates later in the term and look forward to meeting you in person over the forthcoming weeks and months.

Yours faithfully,

Michael Penn

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Headteacher