

Weekly Letter Roundup

Week Commencing: Monday 15th January 2024.



BRUNE PARK
COMMUNITY SCHOOL



Headteacher Weekly Summary

Headteacher
Kerry Payne

Dear parents and carers,

I cannot believe it is already the end of week 3 this half term. It has been another week of activity and positive progress in BP across all aspects of the school.

We continue to strive to improve the quality of learning in every lesson. Our frequent and regular visits to lessons indicate that we are achieving many improvements. In particular this week it has been pleasing to see the use of assessment in lessons with students having the opportunity to respond to feedback and to improve their work (these are called green pen lessons). This as part of a sequence of learning supports all learners to achieve well across the curriculum and addresses the improvement priority to ensure assessment is used consistently.

This week also included a very special results assembly and celebration for Year 11. As well as collecting mock exam results to support students with planning their revision and next steps we also had a large group of students collect vocational qualification unit grades and iGCSE English grades. We are delighted that 65% of Year 11 students secured a GCSE grade 9-4 in English, this exceeds our previous record by a significant margin. An enormous well done to Year 11 and a special thank you to all of the staff that supported our students to secure these fantastic results.



Year 11

A reminder that prom deposits need to be in for February 1st.

You can also purchase a calculator from SCOPAY for £8.00.

23rd January - Parents evening

Fareham College, St Vincent College and Bay House School will all be in the space outside the hall for all your questions. Fareham and St Vincent will also be on hand with chromebooks to help you start or finish your application forms.

30th January - St Vincent College will be in school

On the 30th Jan St Vincent College will be in school all day working from the harbour space (outside the hall). They are here to support you with writing your applications forms.

31st January - Fareham College will be in school

Today it will be Farehams turn to help support our year 11 cohort with their applications.



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Uniform

Our uniform policy plays a crucial role in a sense of unity and pride within our school community. We continue to drive high standards and expectations for our pupils and believe that being prepared and having the right equipment for school supports our pupils to be happy, safe and successful in school.

We celebrate and recognise those students meeting our expectations but will continue to work with students to rectify any uniform infringements, this includes lending spare uniform. When a student is unwilling to change into spare uniform they will be placed in the inclusion room or with the tutor for the day. If you are having any difficulties in providing school uniform please do contact your child's tutor or Year Office who will be able to discuss the support available.

Shirt & Tie - Students are expected to wear a plain white shirt, neatly tucked in, with their ties done up correctly. Ties can still be purchased on scopyay.

Jumper - KS3 students should wear a grey jumper, while KS4 students should wear a black jumper. This contributes to a sense of identity and cohesion among different year groups.

Trousers - Plain black or dark grey

Shoes - Plain black work style shoes or trainers

Jewellery - One ear stud per ear, one nose stud, and one charity bracelet. Rings are not permitted.

We also expect students to come to school with a bag, this is part of demonstrating they are ready to learn and will be recognised through our positive points rewards. Students are expected to place their phones in a bag as opposed to their pockets or waistbands. We are keen to ensure there is no wasted learning time and students are getting it right, they do need to bring a pen and a water bottle in their bag. We are not able to provide water bottles or cups due to increasing costs.

Working with parents and carers

Brune Park School encourages close links with parents and the community. We believe that students benefit when the relationship between home and school is a positive one. When arriving on site, please can you report to reception. Knowing exactly who we have on the school site is part of keeping everyone safe.

The vast majority of parents, carers and others visiting our school are keen to work with us and are supportive of the school. However, on rare occasions we have experienced negative behaviours that have impacted on students, staff and the wider school community.

We expect and require our members of staff to behave professionally in these difficult situations and attempt to defuse the situation where possible, seeking involvement as appropriate of other colleagues and the senior leadership team. We expect parents and other visitors to behave reasonably towards members of school staff.



Celebration Friday:

Happy Celebration Friday!
Miss Payne met with a group of students this morning that had all been nominated for different reasons but overall just being amazing and positive assets to our school.



Do you need a tie?

If you have lost your tie or need a new one for any reason you can order them on scopay!

Order by the 26th January and we will order them and get them delivered to school for collection.



What do year 7 get up to in tutor time?

At Brune Park we are developing a tutor programme where students feel happy, safe and secure. What this means is we are listening to students through student voice and our impact ed data (data we collect on wellbeing) and then creating a tutor time that will support and develop students personal development.

Personal development is all about allow our students to become confident, independent and responsible citizens, making informed and responsible choices and decisions throughout their lives.

The tutor programme for year 8 is as follows;

Monday	<p><u>Today students will:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Get notices they need for the week.- Go over their attendance- Have their uniform checked- Have their timetable checked? <p><u>Why do we do this?</u> We want to ensure students are ready for the week ahead and being responsible for their learning,</p>
Tuesday	Today students will be taking part in a house project. This is to develop students teamwork and problem solving skills. This term students are looking at issues that are facing us and coming up with a Big Idea to try and solve the issue.
Wednesday	<p>Wellbeing Wednesday</p> <p>Through our student voice and Impact Ed data we identified that students wanted help with their wellbeing. Students this term are looking at how they can stay positive even when things go wrong. This is also developing on of their essential skills.</p>
Thursday	Today students work through various activities to develop as individuals and improve their progress in subjects. Previously, we worked through a six week course on character development. This term, we are working on improving our numeracy skills.
Friday	Assembly

Year 8

Last week year 8 took over student reception from year 9. From now until July each tutor group will get a chance to complete a day of work experience on reception.

The students so far have shown great leadership and teamwork skills and have enjoyed the day!



Year 9 Careers

Next week year 9 will have their first career drop down day which is centred around options. On Tuesday 23rd all year 9 students will be off timetable and in their tutor groups taking part in a range of activities to help them make informed decisions about their future.

They will have sessions from the southern university network and Portsmouth University. St Vincent college will be in talking them through options. There will also be a range of guest speakers from military mentor to an alumni (past student) of Brune Park.

Sharing their success Our Alumni



George Smith
Professional tennis
coach

What is your current job?

I am now a professional tennis coach Brune Park enabled me to go to college to further my education on areas around what I wanted to do within tennis.

GCSE's achieved
5 - 8 grades

*What advice can you give
our current students?*

*“Find a job that you will love
and you’ll make sure that you
are the hardest worker in the
room day in and day out.”*

