

Weekly Letter Roundup



Week Commencing: Monday 26th February 2024. **BRUNE PARK**

COMMUNITY SCHOOL



Headteacher Weekly Summary

Headteacher
Kerry Payne

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was with real pride that I completed a tour of Brune Park site with Nick Cross, the Chief Executive from King's Group Academy Trust (KGA). All of the lessons we visited demonstrated the improved consistency and higher expectations we have for all students. The culture of learning was evident and all students were working really hard. The ongoing work with KGA has continued to positively impact on the progress we are making to addressing the school improvement priorities and the Ofsted areas for improvement.

There have been a number of other opportunities for feedback this week including from members of the public when our students have been on a trip, invigilators and the exams team supporting our food and nutrition exams and a research paper here. All of the feedback has been how exemplary, positive and well behaved our students are. Well done Team Brune Park!

Our next steps continue to be focused upon ensuring that students are being challenged to think more deeply in their learning by justifying and explaining their responses. Punctuality to lessons is another area we are working on, having improved punctuality at the start of the day we know our students can arrive to lessons on time.

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Bike Doctor maintenance sessions



John Clode from Sustrans was in school again this week working with a small group of students. This week they learnt how to fix punctures, gears, chains and more. John will be back for one more session next Thursday. If you would like your child to take part please complete this google form.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1lgSmj7-lm3XszUnJgJrYhUJmcEXbpeP4bvLKCCaEG_k/edit

Over the next few weeks we will be working with Sustrans for Big wheel and walk and more.



Celebration Friday:

This morning, Miss Payne met with a group of Year 7's that had all been nominated for Celebration Friday!
They have all been nominated for always aiming high and continuing to show everyone how hard they work.
Well done everyone!



Updated Footlights Price List:

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are writing with some updates and information about our catering offer at Brune Park School. Footlights, our canteen, operates at lunch time every day. We offer a range of nutritious options from snacks, treats to full hot meals and have attached a copy of our current menu for your information.

Price Changes

We have not made any changes to the prices of food available in our canteen for over four years as we have wanted to maintain access to this for all of our learners during the challenges of COVID and financial instability. However, due to significant changes in pricing from our suppliers we can no longer absorb this without impacting other areas of schooling. We are therefore going to increase prices slightly to cover costs.

From the start of March the cost of the daily hot main meal will increase from £2 to £2.20 and other items will increase proportionally. Whilst we have avoided this increase as long as possible, this still represents excellent value for money and remains below the canteen costs of other local and national schools.

[Brune Park Footlights Menu](#)

For students in receipt of free school meals, the allowance will be increasing to £2.80 which is sufficient to cover a main meal and snack. This allowance is paid daily and reset each day so it is not possible to rollover the amount. To check your eligibility and to make an application for free school meals please visit the Parents & Carers section of our school website or email support@brunepark.gfmat.org for any support.

Food options are selected to be nutritious, but students do select independently. There are many very healthy options available and it can make a big difference to a young person to be eating a balanced diet.

Kind Regards

Mr R Gustafsson
Executive Head Chef

Non-uniform or optional book character dress up day - Friday 15th March

Please be aware that although we are celebrating World Book Day in school on Thursday 7th March, **this will not be a non-uniform day** - students will need to come to school in school uniform. Our planned **non-uniform day is taking place on Friday 15th March**, when students will be able to come to school in non-uniform or optional book character dress up for a donation of £1 on the gate or via Scopay. Proceeds from this will be split between the charity Book Aid International, the library for resources to support all learners and the Year II Prom. Thank you for your support in advance.



A REMINDER THAT THE WORLD BOOK DAY NON-UNIFORM DAY IS ON FRIDAY 15TH MARCH!

Internal Truancy:

One week in and we have already seen a reduction in the number of students out of lesson and an improvement in the number of students in lessons learning. This is a fantastic start, and we want to continue to strive for further improvements.

As a reminder, any student out of a lesson without a legitimate reason will be sanctioned. These students will be placed in an after-school restorative session that day, from 3.10pm - 4.10pm, to support them in how to be successful and make up for lost learning. Further truancy, and defiance throughout the same day will result in the student being placed in the Iroom and an after-school restorative session that day, from 3.10pm - 4.10pm.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Mobile Phones

We would just like to remind all parents and students that students need to have their mobile phones placed on silence or off at the 8.40 bell. If a student is seen on their mobile phone during the school day it will be confiscated and taken to reception.

If at any point a student needs to check their timetable they need to ask their tutor in the morning or come to the harbor space. Students are not allowed to use arbor during the school day. If a student needs to call home for any reason they just need to go to a trusted adult. This could be their year office, tutor or the harbor space where we can allow that.

Some classes may use phones for research purposes, revision or APPs but the teacher will make it clear the expectations and phones are to go back into bags straight after the lesson. We do however recommend chromebooks over phones. If your child has a chromebook please make sure it is in their bag and fully charged.

Rewards

We have slightly updated our rewards policy in light of the arbor change for positive points. On the next page you will see what students can now cash in for and what they will get automatically for meeting certain points.

As you may be aware we have separated out the behaviour points from the positive. Please be assured that while you cannot see any points from before January on arbor we can! We have them stored safely so students can still cash them in or save them up.

National career week



Next week is national career week and at Brune Park we will be having a focus on careers.

Students will see a range of different careers next week and how they link to subjects. Then the following week we have a few visits to Military mentors and Fareham college.

If students want to find out more about possible career paths they can use the unifrog website! If they cannot remember their password they just need to click forgotten password.

<https://www.unifrog.org>

Brune Park Rewards

Cash in points

50 points	Lunch queue fast pass	Collect from your Year Office
100 points	Stationery set	Collect from your Year Office
150 points	Sweet treat from the canteen	Collect from your Year Office
250 points	£5 gift card	Will be awarded in assembly
500 points	Inflatable Total wipeout course session	You will receive an invite when you cash in your 500 points

Automatic recognition

200 points	Bronze certificate in assembly	
400 points	Silver certification in assembly	
500 points	Breakfast with the headteacher	
700 points	Gold certification in assembly	
1000+ points	Platinum certificate in assembly	

Other awards around school

Celebration Friday	Nominated by year office or staff for a wide range of things e.g.	
End of term rewards (Christmas, Easter and Summer)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Form tutor student of the term ● Subject awards for progress and improvement ● 100% attendance ● House student of the term 	
Subject awards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Postcards ● Certificates ● Subject celebration 	
Attendance rewards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 100% attendance recognition ● Improvement in attendance recognition 	Fast passes Sweet treats

Year 10:

Work experience

Year 10 have officially had their work experience launched this week. Work experience is from June 10th - June 14th 2024.

This year we are doing our work experience through Unifrog. All students should now have a login to Unifrog in their school email accounts.

Over half term we need students to start sending emails or talking to possible places they might want to do work experience. We know for many students they will not know what they want to do and they can use Unifrog to help them get some ideas.

On the Year 10 Cole Google classroom students have access to a video that shows they how to use Unifrog and the slides from the assembly that contain a writing frame on how to email employers (The link to the assembly can also be found here: [Year 10 Work Experience](#)).

If a student cannot find a placement in school we will have a plan where students will not be sat in a classroom but will be listening to past students and what career path they have taken and completing some volunteer work around the local area and school.

Useful links

<https://www.unifrog.org/>

<https://www.careerpilot.org.uk/>

If you have any questions please contact the career team at careers@brunepark.gfmat.org

Year 11:

Post 16 Choices

We have over 200 of our year 11 students who have already secured a place with one of our local colleges. For those who have not yet put in an application it is not too late to apply. All colleges still have their applications open and there are lots of new apprenticeship opportunities in the area available.

Useful links:

<https://www.fareham.ac.uk/>

<https://www.stvincent.ac.uk/>

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship> - Where to apply for apprenticeships

BAE have also recently announced some new apprenticeships these can be found here:

<https://www.baesystems.com/en/careers/careers-in-the-uk/apprenticeships>

Year II:

Drama

We had our Eduqas examiner come to watch and assess the Year II students performing the scripts they have been working on since before Christmas. The day went extremely smoothly and the examiner was very pleased with not only the organisation of the day but especially the positivity and supportive nature of our students.

All 9 students performed to the very best of their ability but something I noticed that really touched me was the way in which they helped one another to take down a set and prepare the next set for performance, checking in on the wellbeing of their peers and calming down each other's nerves. They were all 100% there for one another!

It was wonderful to watch. They are all a credit to themselves, their families and to Brune Park!



Prom event

After such a successful Prom Event we are pleased to be holding another one in April to support our year 11 students wanting to attend their Prom in 2024.

We would love to give everyone the opportunity to attend by providing this amazing opportunity to borrow a dress or a suit for this.



GOSPORT COMMUNITY HUB

Prom Event

Saturday April 27th
2024, 12pm to 4pm.

Come along to our next
Prom event to see our
array of beautiful Prom
dresses and suits available
to borrow.



If you would prefer to book an appointment
for another time please email
gospportcommunityhub@gfmat.org or call
02392 616017 to book a 1:1 appointment.



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