



The Governing Body

The Governing Body held its traditional beginning of year meeting last Thursday and re-elected **Dr Richard Fletcher** and **Mr Ian Cox** as its Chairman and Vice-Chairman respectively. Dr Fletcher is also this year's **Chairman of the Bury St Edmunds Academy Trust Board**. The consultation on the **Schools' Organisation Review** in some of the Bury Schools has been announced today and will start next month. Whatever the outcome, the Trust schools will remain completely unchanged and Dr Fletcher will write to all parents next week.

Photographs

Sometimes, we are asked by the local papers and others if they can photograph students. Similarly we use photographs ourselves for display and publications. No child is ever photographed on his/her own with a visitor and we find that students are pleased to be included. However, if you do **not** wish your child to be photographed, please write or e-mail Mrs Bennett cbennett@bsecus.org to this effect. Without this notification, we shall assume that parents have given their consent for this academic year.

More extra-curricular news

The clubs and activities list published last Friday is on the school's website and on the main bulletin boards.

- **GCSE Latin classes** continue at **8.30 am every Tuesday** morning in the Conference Room. **Year nine students, together with any beginners** in other year groups, who would like to try **Latin** are welcome to attend lessons for the next four **Wednesday mornings at 8.30 am** in the Conference Room. After four weeks, students can decide whether or not they would like to continue with the classes.
- The **year nine Art Club** starts **this Wednesday** lunchtime in D4 at 1.15 pm. All are welcome.
- The **Bronze Duke of Edinburgh group** starts next Tuesday from 4 pm to 5 pm in the hall.

Meet your PTA

The school's PTA is a strong one and new parents are invited to meet the committee for coffee and cake at **7.30 pm on Wednesday 25th September in the community lounge**. It will be followed at 8 pm by the AGM and the first meeting of the new committee. All parents are very welcome.

Year Group News

Years 9 and 10

Parents are reminded of the Beginning of Year Information Evenings to be held in the hall at **7.30 pm** on:

Year 9: Thursday 19th September

Year 10: Thursday 26th September

Students will be issued with their curriculum year booklets on the day before the meeting and parents are advised to bring them to the meeting.

Year 11

- This is a crucial year and all students have **today been issued with a letter for parents** about the programme of support. The appointment sheet for the **parents' evening on Thursday 3rd October** will be issued with next Friday's edition of 'The County Courier'

Sixth Form

- Thank you to those parents who attended **last night's information evening**. All parents are welcome to contact us if they have any queries or concerns at any time or would like a copy of the sixth form handbook issued to students.
- **Sixth Form Bursary** - Eligibility for free school meals in year eleven and/or known disabilities are used to determine the allocation of the bursary which replaced EMA last year. The sum we are given per term (£2,700) for the whole of our sixth form is then be divided by the number of eligible students. Students in year 12 and 13 who feel they are entitled to this bursary should see Mrs Neale in the first instance.

Medical Matters

The school is grateful to parents for all their co-operation in this area. Our policy in these matters is: .../



- a) It is essential that we have **emergency contact numbers** should we need to reach you during the school day. Your child should have returned the **contact sheet** which was issued at the start of term. If not, please send them, via your child, to the form tutor as soon as possible.
- b) If your child requires any **medication during the day**, the following points will obtain:-
- we must receive a written request for staff to handle the medicine;
 - the medicine must be clearly labelled with your child's name, dose and timing and the smallest practical dose should be brought to school;
 - any specific instructions concerning the medication or its storage must also be put in writing.
- c) **Paracetamol** is the only medication which the school will issue without specific authorisation from a parent. Parents who do not wish their child to be issued with paracetamol should put this in writing. Prior to issue, students will be asked a series of questions and may be refused the tablet(s). Any tablet(s) issued will be taken under staff supervision. Parents may wish to explain these precautionary measures to their children.
- d) **Mr McWilliam**, our Student Support Co-ordinator, can advise on all attendance and

welfare issues. **His direct line is 01284 763638 and this should be used to report all student absence and to make appointments to see him. Appointments can be made for after 10 am on most days.**

We will, of course, continue to provide a high standard of care for your child whilst at school and are happy to discuss any matters with you.

The Japan Programme

The County Upper School Japan Exchange programme is looking for families to host two Japanese girls (both in the same family would be fine) for four nights from Saturday 19th October to Wednesday 23rd October (full programme planned). Please contact Mrs Browning on mgbrowning@bsecus.org if you can help. Thank you.

Can you help?

The **Music Department** is in need of box files (especially foolscap size) for storing the school's library of sheet music. Any donations welcome!

Fixtures

- 18.09.13
U19/U16 girls' netball v Hills Road (h)
- 19.09.13
U14/U16 boys' football v St Benedict's (a)

Residential Trips

We are pleased to continue to offer a wide range of trips and activities. Day visits will be notified as they occur. However, to allow parents to plan which residential trips they would like to consider for their children, I publish those journeys already arranged.

September

- 'A' level PE residential at Loughborough University

October

- Sports Tour to South Africa
- Trip to Japan*
- Art/Modern Foreign Languages trip to Paris*

November

- Geography fieldwork in the Peak District*
- Basketball tour to the USA*

January

- Education Engineering Scheme residential*
- German Exchange

February

- Ski Trip*
- Edale international activities residential*

April

- Trip to CERN*
- History visit to Berlin*

June

- French immersion week in Normandy*

July

- Biology trip to Borneo

In addition, there will be the practice and qualifying **expeditions** for the bronze, silver and gold DofE awards. Students who host our **Spanish Exchange** visitors this year will go to Spain in 2014-2015. The autumn 2014 **Washington trip** has been launched to help parents plan. 2014-2015 will also include the **biennial music tour**, the **sports tour to Barcelona** and an **enhanced Battlefields trip** for the commemoration of the WW1 centenary.