



W/C 18th November 2019

Focus Newsletter

Important Dates!

18.11.19 to 22.11.19 – Week A	25.11.19 to 29.11.19 – Week B
18.11.19 – Year 11 & 13 Exam Week	26.11.19 – Year 11 Awards Evening
19.11.19 – Sixth Form Open Evening	28.11.19 – Keeping in touch Evening
20.11.19 – Author Visit	

We Need You! We love to share the students outside achievements, please if your child takes part in a club, volunteers etc. let me know and I will share this news. You can email me j.nicholass.bch@osborne.coop. Please include pictures too. Join our Twitter page @BCHSUpdates and retweet our posts to share all the wonderful things our students do. Thank you ☺

Driving onto school site

Please can parents find a convenient spot to drop off and pick up their children. This is a polite reminder that parents should not be driving onto the school site until 3.45pm, as this allows the buses to load and leave safely. Keeping the students safe is of upmost importance to us, and when the car park is congested it is difficult for drivers to see students. Thank you in advance for your co-operation in this matter.

A touch of magic

Last week the wonderful Chicken and Frog bookshop invited a group of our year 9/10 students to meet published author Reni K Amayo and hear her talk about her recently published book *Daughters of Nri*. Our Dungeons and Dragons club jumped at the chance of meeting this author upon learning that her book is the first of a fantasy trilogy.

Students were surprised to hear that Reni studied aeronautical engineering at university before going into a career in finance. However, the call of writing was too strong and after pursuing lots of ideas in writing she came upon one story that she just had to finish. The story is set in the ancient Nigerian Kingdom of Nri and is about twin sisters who unbeknownst to them are descendants of the lost gods. The girls are tested in ways that awaken a mystical, formidable power deep within themselves that challenges the unjust ways of the kingdom's ruler.

Following her talk and a Q and A session, Reni signed books for the students who were positively buzzing with excitement. A very successful visit with a great time had by all.



Lost Property

Lost property that is **not labelled** will be held until the end of the half term it has been lost in. At the end of this period, any lost property not claimed, will be donated to a local charity shop.

If your child has lost an item please advise them to check in the Resources Office in case it has been given in. Items that are labelled are returned promptly to the rightful owner.

Parents can view lost property. Please contact Amanda Neall on ext. 216 (or email on a.neall.bch@osborne.coop) to arrange a convenient time.

The Rotary Club – Shoe Box appeal 2019

This year the students were asked to collect items for The Rotary Club shoe box appeal. We had a great response from everyone, Thank you for all your kind donations. Below are the results of the house competition:

- Athenians – 22 boxes
- Corinthians – 39 boxes
- Romans – 27 boxes
- Spartans – 28 boxes
- Trojans – 21 boxes
- Total number of boxes – 137

Congratulations to the winning house Corinthians!



Celebrating our students – Jude Year 7

Jude a year 7 student at BCHS, plays for the Chelsea Football clubs under 12's Tic Team (Tic = Talent Identification Centre)

The Chelsea Tic coaches a selected squad of 10 boys and they took part in the 'Cobham cup' at Chelsea's official training ground on the 27th of October, they played teams from counties all around including a team from as far as Devon. Jude's team didn't lose a game all afternoon which resulted in them lifting the 'Cobham Cup' for Essex.



Celebrating our students – Dylan Year 11

Dylan in year 11 took part in the England Boxing National Development Championships this weekend he had to fight his way out of Essex (Quarterfinal) which he won by unanimous decision, he then had the semi-final which was the South (he won by stoppage) and then he had to fight the champion of the North (A King) which was the National Final and he won! This now means that Dylan is the National Champion.



Year 11 visit to Procat College in Southend

Ten Year 11 boys visited Southend College on Tuesday 5th November to watch a practical college in action. We had the opportunity to observe Mechanical Engineering, Bricklaying, Tiling and Electrical Engineering. It was a highly productive day, all students were well behaved and it gave them food for thought!

Thank you to Mrs Blackie and Mr Mitchell for organising and assisting with this visit.

Pride of Britain Awards

3 of our students, in years 9, 11 & 12, won a regional RAF drill competition. They were given the fantastic opportunity to do the Guard of Honour on the red carpet for the Pride of Britain Awards.



All our Act of kindness students will be rewarded 15 house points. We love celebrating our students' successes. If your child participates in an outside club, volunteers or performs and act of kindness please email Mrs Nicholass on j.nicholass.bch@osborne.coop. We look forward to hearing about your amazing children.



The last couple of weeks have seen an array of activities and events covered and attended. Our weekly Primary School sessions across Holly Trees and Warley as part of our Community Engagement Programme have been fun and exciting with the weather being kind to us on the whole to enable us to provide our Football activities outdoors. On the Primary element, we have also engaged with a number of Schools across the Borough and further afield, delivering updates and information on upcoming Workshops and Events at BCHS.

In addition to the Primary, we have been very active across our Post 16's Programme with success in a friendly fixture against Coopers & Coburn, which featured a number of Year 11 students who are potentially looking to join the Programme for 2020-21. As well as the fixture, we attended the Year 11 Parents Evening/Sixth Form Open Evening supporting the BTEC Courses and promoting our Post 16 Academy Programme to the current Year 11 cohort.

Upcoming events being lead or supported by ourselves in the coming week include an U13 Girls Football MESSA tournament at Plume, our Football Workshop on Wednesday 20th November, which will be including a first training session for the School's Year 7 Football Academy squad (2020-21) as well as a second trial opportunity for those unable to attend the initial session and promoting our Post 16's Academy Programme at the Sixth Form Open Evening on Tuesday 19th November. Alongside the promotion of the Post 16's Programme, there will also be an opportunity to find out more about the NCS opportunity at the School for the Year 11's that is being delivered by West Ham United Foundation.

