

Headteacher

The weeks have passed very quickly since the first bulletin of the year. We continue to be impressed with the way students in all years have settled to work—particularly students who have joined us in Year 7 and Year 12. The first sets of assessments support this—and are also enabling us to identify where further intervention and support will help students make more progress towards achieving their targets.

I am delighted to be able to confirm the appointment of Mrs Anderson as Assistant Headteacher. Mrs Anderson fills the vacancy left by Mrs Hatch and will be leading on KS3 behaviour, extra curricular activities and the school calendar amongst other activities, whilst continuing as Head of Drama and as a Y11 Form Tutor.

In the past week we have switched over to our new website—www.bwsgirls.org. We hope you like the design and would welcome any feedback and observations by email to kmccarthy@bullerswood.bromley.sch.uk.

I am grateful to all parents and carers who were able to attend recent fundraising events organized by the Friends of Bullers Wood. Both the Quiz and the our first Christmas Fayre were well attended and have raised a combined total of £1200. With Christmas approaching please consider signing up for the EasyFundraising Scheme—which enables the Friends of Bullers Wood to benefit from your online purchases at a range of websites. Further details are in this bulletin and also on our website.

Mr Greene

School Uniform

I wanted to write and thank all parents and carers for their support in maintaining our high standards of behaviour and school uniform. Our students are generally very well presented and excellent ambassadors in the local community whilst on their way to and fro from school.

As the weather draws colder I would like to take this opportunity for a few gentle reminders.

- Skirts should be knee length or below.
- Make up and jewellery are not allowed.
- Hair accessories should be of school colours – cream, white, navy, dark green, red or black. No large flamboyant hair accessories.
- Hair should be of a natural colour and appearance. No extreme hair styles or shaved hair.
- Black plain, fabric coat with long sleeves. (large logos, hoodies, denim, leather, suede, PVC and “fur” coats/jackets are not allowed.
- Plain scarf or hat (optional) in any of the school colours (ie. cream/white/navy/dark

green/red/black) - this may not be worn in lessons

- A strong waterproof black School bag large enough for A4 books and files.
- Navy or Black knee length or short socks, or plain Navy or Black tights - patterned tights are not permitted.
- Black, sensible, low-heeled, traditional, shoes or low ankle boots only, (with black laces if appropriate) - no trainers, canvas shoes, open-toes, flip flops, sling-backs or casual style footwear.

Thank you for working with us to ensure our students are well dressed and represent our school community with pride.

Mrs Lile, Deputy Headteacher





Career Talks

As part of Bullers Wood School ongoing Career Programme, we would like to invite students and parents of years 9 to 13 to attend a series of talks given by professionals in a variety of fields . The sessions will start at 3.15pm in the DALO.

- 23rd November 2016 Careers in Engineering
- 7th December 2016 Transport for London
- 12th December 2016 Veterinary Medicine

Bullers Wood School employs an Independent Careers Adviser—Kirsty Taylor. If your daughter or son has a question regarding a career path they should go along to one of her drop-in sessions.

Tuesday and Wednesday from 12.35—1.15pm in B34.

Winter Weather

The arrival of ‘Storm Angus’ this weekend heralds the end of the relatively warm and dry autumn we have enjoyed.

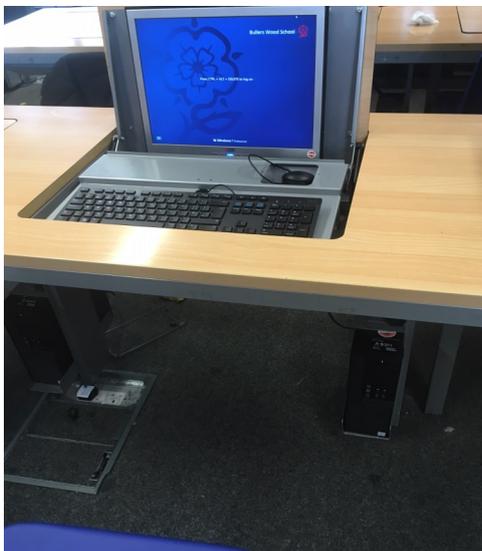
Over the winter period we will monitor weather forecasts and conditions carefully—particularly in relation to snowfall. Decisions in relation to closure are governed by considerations of safety for staff and students moving around the site, and also in relation to travelling to and from school.

In the event of school closure all announcements will be communicated via the website.



Wolfson Foundation

During last academic year school submitted a bid to the Wolfson foundation for improved IT facilities in Technology and the conversion of an existing room into a new Science laboratory in Inglewood. The Technology facilities have been used by students since September who are enjoying new PCs in 2 classroom areas plus a large touch screen television which is a fantastic progression from the interactive whiteboard technology previously in use. We currently have contractors working on site to finish the new laboratory. Sixth form students have been involved in picking the colours for floors, cupboards, benches, etc and we hope to finish this work over the coming weeks.





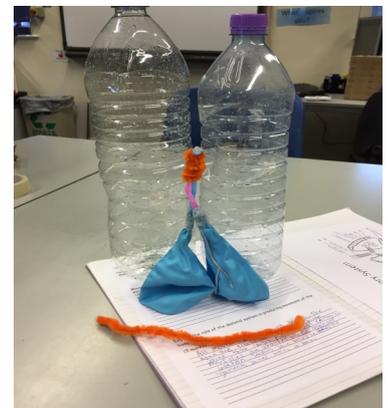
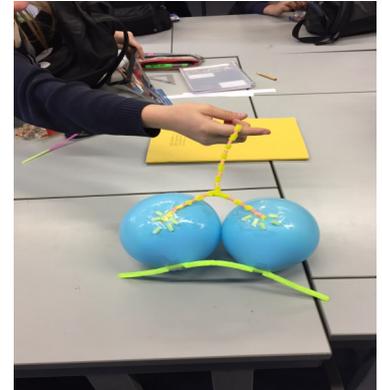
No Pens Day

Following on the national success of last year's 'No Pens Day', staff and students at Bullers Wood decided to put down their writing implements on Wednesday 5th October and take part in the national event. The day was promoted by the Communication Trust, which encourages students to celebrate and practise the use of their oracy skills. Throughout the day, students were required to reason, experiment and memorise without the use of pens whilst improving their recall skills and levels of articulatory.

Many classes were involved and a programme of interesting activities took place throughout the day including:

- In Science, 7F performed dances and short plays to demonstrate the properties of solids, liquids and gases.
- A GCSE PE class made models of the respiratory system with Miss Sydney.
- In Drama lessons, Year 11 students verbally annotated some posters which led to some very creative work and Year 12, students gave presentations which involved practical workshops on areas of theatre history.

The day was a great success and we plan to take part in next year's event.



Attendance and Punctuality

I am very pleased with the positive start that students have made in maintaining their high levels of attendance. The school average for year 7-11 is an impressive 97.5%, matching the excellent start made last academic year. In order to motivate the students during the Winter months the school is again offering those who can achieve 100% attendance from 31/10/2016 to 31/5/2017 a trip to Thorpe Park in June. All students who have full attendance for any calendar month will also receive an achievement point. I am further pleased to report that punctuality to school is improving steadily and many thanks for your support in this matter.

Mr K Parsons

Christmas Carol

Bullers Wood School production of 'A Christmas Carol' by Charles Dickens will be performed in the School Hall on Tuesday 20th December, with a matinee at 1.45pm and an evening performance at 7pm. Tickets will cost £5 and will be available to buy online through www.positickets.co.uk

This is a collaborative show involving the Drama, Music, Dance and DT Departments, combining all their expertise to create a visually creative production. There are students involved across all year groups, and Year 7 students have been encouraged to participate fully through studying 'A Christmas Carol' in their English and Drama lessons. Students have taken on leadership roles both onstage and backstage, for example as assistant director, stage manager and costume supervisor. A large number of staff and students have been involved in creating this original production of a truly magical Christmas story.



Bullers Wood Boys School Update

Thank you for your continued support of Bullers Wood School for Boys. It has been confirmed that the Boys' School plans **will not** be on the Planning Committee agenda for the **24th November**. This is because London Borough of Bromley planners requested additional information from the Contractor in relation to the application.

We understand from the teams that we are working with in order to open the School, that these changes have now been submitted, as soon as we receive further information, **we will** update you.

Bullers Wood School for Boys is pleased to announce the launch of its formal consultation. As a new school, we are required to carry out a statutory consultation* set out in Section 10 of the Academies Act 2010. Your views will help us shape our school and ensure that it lives up to the expectations of our community.

The formal consultation runs for 7 weeks from Monday 28th November 2016 to Monday 16th January 2017,

after which we will publish the results on our website.

Read all about the School and complete our consultation survey at www.bwsboys.org Paper copies are available from the reception area of Bullers Wood School for Girls.

All stakeholders are warmly invited to meet us at Bullers Wood School for Girls, St Nicholas Lane, Logs Hill, Chislehurst, Kent, BR7 5LJ on **Friday 9th January from 4 pm to 8 pm** in the Main Hall.

We look forward to hearing from you.

*Please note: This consultation is not related to any building or planning applications related to the new school; it is solely to consult on whether appropriate persons support the Academy Trust to enter into a Funding Agreement with the Secretary of State for Education to run Bullers Wood School or Boys

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