

# B. E .S. T.

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Dear parent, carer, student and friend of Bridgnorth Endowed School, welcome to the seventh edition of **BEST** magazine; an opportunity for us to celebrate the great things students have been up to over the last half term.

This half term is always a busy one as many students prepare for, and complete, public examinations. Staff and students alike have worked hard to ensure as much progress is made as possible in these last weeks. Part of this has been our drive to improve attendance which has once again improved to 95.6% making us one of the best schools in the County on this measure.

You will be aware that Governors have opened a consultation on whether BES should change its status and become an Academy. A letter outlining what the changes would mean has been emailed out to parents and is available on the website. Parents are invited to a meeting on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> June at 5pm in the Old Hall when discussion can take place and ideas explored. Alternatively, a written reply can be sent c/o clerk to Governors of the school by Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> July.

**Please note:** We do not accept the current fashion of tight lycra 'bodycon' or 'tube' skirts as appropriate for school. We will be firm but fair on insisting that these are not worn at school and ask for parents support in this matter.

As you will be aware, I am travelling to Dodoma, the capital of Tanzania, over half term, to develop an educational partnership with a secondary school there; I look forward to as many students as possible being involved in this over coming years.

I hope you have a pleasant break and I look forward to seeing all our students at 8.40 sharp on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> June. **Please note:** There will be a crackdown on late arrival to school after half-term with students expected to be ready to start learning at 8.45, not arriving to school at this time.

**NOTE:** Please remember that term ends on THURSDAY 31<sup>st</sup> MAY.

## The **BEST** of things

This is an opportunity to celebrate the many successes of our students over the last few months and a look at future events.

- Congratulations to Jack Galloway (year 12 CSM), Megan Humphrey (year 12 TSW) and Tayla Elson (year 12 NHA) for receiving a £25.00 intunes voucher each in recognition for hard work in their sixth form studies last term. This termly draw was drawn by Mr Loveday on Monday 30 April.
- Well done to the following pupils all recently gained certificates in the UKMT Junior Maths Challenge:  
Year 8 Silver: Laura Guest (best in year), Sam Morris, David Forster  
Bronze: Will Pugh, Peter Bills-Brown, Beatrice Fraser  
Year 7 Silver: Daniel Loveday (best in year, best in school) Isobel Wood  
Bronze: Jack Denton, Sian Williams, Megan Heath, Doug South  
Also, a special well done to Millie Pratley (year 10) who, after gaining a gold certificate in the Intermediate Maths Challenge went on to compete in the Mathematical Olympiad where she achieved a certificate of Merit.
- Congratulations to the year 9, 10 and 11 GCSE textiles groups for their fabulous display in the Old Hall. They each received Headteacher's Star of the week for their fantastic controlled assessment products, for superb effort, for supporting, encouraging and congratulating one another, they were a pleasure to teach.
- BES goes to Kitzbuhel, Austria March 31<sup>st</sup>-April 8<sup>th</sup> 2012. On Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> of March a very excited group of year 10 & 11's headed off to the beautiful Ski resort of Kitzbuhel in Austria. After a very gruelling and long journey via coach and ferry the student's camaraderie was heightened and they were all set for a very jam-packed and intense week of skiing and après ski activities. With the help of some fabulous ski instructors, the student's skiing and snowboarding abilities progressed very quickly and students were all enjoying exploring the beautiful mountainous terrain that surrounds Kitzbuhel. When off the slopes, students enjoyed exploring the quaint medieval town of Kitzbuhel and indulged in many other activities such as swimming, bowling, a disco and Karaoke. All members of the group thoroughly enjoyed the week with the satisfaction of minimal injuries. The students were a real credit to themselves and were wonderful advocates for Bridgnorth Endowed school.
- Congratulations to Bethan Loveday, Izzy Wood, Lydia Aldridge and Stephen Allen who came second overall in the Be Safe Be Cool Quiz on the 13<sup>th</sup> March. There were many schools taking part from Telford and Wrekin and Shropshire.

- Chrissie Jones has qualified for 100m fly and 100m freestyle at the Nationals and Aaran Darley in the 100m and 200m backstroke. This is a really fantastic achievement and we wish them all the best for the National Finals in Sheffield in July.
- Congratulations to Ottolie Childs and Jordi Matthews, who have made a great start as part of the U14 England Rounders squad this season. We wish them good luck in their next tournament in the Isle of Man.
- Good luck to the year 8 Netball team who are through to the County Festival at Lilleshall on 14<sup>th</sup> July.
- The world famous author Darren Shan visited school on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> May. He spoke to an audience composed of year 8 and 9 students. Darren talked about how he became a writer and read excerpts from his books. Following questions from the audience Darren then met with some of his fans and signed copies of his books.
- Congratulations to Nancy Rollings who is our first rider ever to qualify on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> April for the Elementary Test in Dressage for the National Schools Equestrian Association league. We are so proud of her and this amazing achievement. Good luck to the show jumping teams on the 10<sup>th</sup> June who could soon be joining her.
- A huge well done to all the year 7 & 8 school cricket players who played in the recent rounds of partnership inter-cricket. After a total of 18 games, BES came out on top in 16 - a superb effort. Players involved were: Emily Spencer, Megan Pickin, Gemma Harris, Lily Hodgson, Naomi Berry, Maddie Berrow, Marsha Evernett, Emma Fletcher, Sarah Mottershead, Anne-Marie Peerless, Jazz Chase, Megan Boulder, Joe Barclay, Freddie Harris, Will Grainger, Will Stone, Charles Hague-Jones, Ed Stone, Ryan Wheldon, Joe Cox, Morgan Penny, Jack Denton, Conor Hopkins, Steven Allan, Matthew Parton, Elliot Reynolds, Ben Reynolds, Jordan Evans, Jacob Chainey, Owen Gumby, Tom Wade, Patrick Smallam, Ben Kempner, Mike Harriman, Sam Baugh, James Warrington, Petern Bills-Brown, Andrew Speke, Luis Ferraro, Charlie Fellows, Charlie Eyke & Milo Cowper.
- Will Manfield in year 7 is making amazing progress in the world of track cycling. At present he is ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> in the country - congratulations Will.
- Congratulations to the Science Stars of the Month: Year 7: Abbie Griffiths, Lauren Preece, Maisie Potter, Maisie Bagley, Isobel Wood. Year 8: David Forster, Olivia Davis, Tom Rutter, Antony Bealey, Meg Harper. Year 9: Dan Bowers, Verity Scoot, Paris Sinclair, April Preece, Susie Lowe, Cameron Benson, year 10: Jasmin Preston, Bryony Burton, Harriet Broster, Josh Davies, Jacob Mayes, Peter Joynt, Alexander Wood, Douglas Edwards, Dani Gardner, Jonah Farrel. Year 11: Charlie Kendrick, Keelan Chance, Harriet Rawlings, Harriet Rogers, Lucy Greenway, Danielle Fairweather, Abigail Tipping, Ryan Norman, Hannah Bentley, Dani Fairweather.
- Farewell to our year 11 Science Leaders and thank you for being such great ambassadors for the department and school – particular highlights include your contribution to Open Evening and Primary School Liaison: Lizzie O’Neil, Jawwad Farid, Jory Dunworth-Warby, Alex Baber, Ben Leather, Kennedy Round, Bethany Reid, Katie Matthews, Thor Preston.

### **FUTURE EVENTS**

- Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July – Sports Day (Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> July if wet)
- Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> July – Summer Showcase
- Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> July – Presentation Morning – Sports Hall (Due to current renovation work at St Leonard’s Church)

### **BESA (PTA)**

- BESA will meet in the library on Wednesdays as follows, Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> June and 4<sup>th</sup> July. Please come along and join us to help raise funds for those extras for our students.
- Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June - 7.30pm - Barn Dance – Old Hall
- Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July – 7pm – Battle of the Bands – Old Hall.

Kind regards



Mr P Loveday  
Headteacher