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Dear students, parents and friends of BES

At the start of this academic year the staff at BES looked again at our vision and what we aspire to as a new school now that we have become an academy. We are all clear that our vision is to 'be your best' at BES, both staff and students, we want to develop a vibrant learning community where individuals are inspired to achieve their full potential. Over the last four years the teaching and learning in our classrooms has become something to take real pride in and I am always pleased to show parents around the school; results have improved in all areas because of the efforts of staff to develop themselves professionally, but we know that there is still room for further improvement.

The Autumn term is a hard one for students, it is long, the days get shorter and mentally this makes it difficult. It is vital that we work together, staff and parents, to support those you entrust to our care so that we can help them to be their best. It was pleasing to see so many parents at the year 11 parents' evening, and I would hope to see every parent at these vital engagement sessions with your son/daughter, so that the discussion about progress and learning has the biggest effect on them.

I am pleased that we have launched our new peripatetic music provision this half term and look forward to the delivery of good, cost effective music tuition, so that many more students can experience the joy and pleasure of this form of creative learning. If you are interested in learning an instrument please contact either Mrs Tristham or Miss Bradford at the school for more details.

I wish you all the very best for the rest of this term and hope you enjoy this celebration of our students.

Mr P Loveday

Headteacher

***Reminder - Monday 2nd December – INSET day - School is closed to students**

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 Mrs Donegani on the birth of Ruby, Mrs Mondon on the birth of Zachariah and Ms Anderson on the birth of Libby.
- **Peter Pan** - An amazing amount of people held back the nerves and pushed themselves into the spotlight to try and acquire a role in the school show this year. With 27 parts available and almost 200 students auditioning, it was arguably the most competitive auditions there has been in school history... and with an amazing amount of talent on show, disappointment was bound to be rife. After 12 hours of auditions, countless discussions and detailed analysis of the script, a cast was decided upon. This year we will see lead roles go to Harry Lowbridge (Peter Pan), Owen Wilson-Brown (Hook), Amy Phipps (Wendy), Elliot Lewis (Michael) and Dan Morris (John). Amongst a strong cast, other notable mentions need to go to Lydia Jackson, Joe Dodd, Callum Haden, Jess Knowles and Doug Edwards who will be taking prominent roles in the production this year. Rehearsals will soon be underway for the performance just before Easter... with a sell-out crowd last year, be sure to grab your tickets as soon as you can!
- On October 16th, 40 students from BES and OWS attended a Religious Studies conference in Bridgnorth. The theme was 'Life, Death & Beyond'. Students said how much they enjoyed the day which was run by the Bridgnorth Youth & Schools Project and led on the day by Lat Blaylock, a leading expert in Religion, Philosophy & Ethics.
- Congratulations to all those Year 9 students who studied First World War Poetry last half term: they composed an anthology of original writing and poetry in fitting tribute to the fallen, for Armistice Day, entitled 'Lest We Forget'.
- Well done to all those students who attended GCSE revision over half term, they found it to be very worthwhile and an enjoyable experience!
- Year 9 and 10 students have been developing their study skills with Positively Mad Presentations.
- The library has 2 new student librarians, Conor Haycock and Daniel Loveday, both in year 9. The library team welcomes them and looks forward to working with them during the next year.

- **Rugby: Year 7.** This team has made a great start to their season with a runners-up in the inaugural Bridgnorth Rugby Club u12 Competition. They followed this up by then becoming joint winners at the recent partnership competition, well done to all. It is also very pleasing to see quite a number of these players have now taken up rugby with BRFC. A big well done to all of the following: Kieran Beech, Josh Munn, Ollie Carvell, Felix Nelson, Ben Cresswell, Adam Phipps, Owen Francis, Paddy Russell, Tim Harriman, Max Sherwood, Marcus Hill, Cameron Shuttleworth, Tom Leith, Harry Sykes, Dan Morris, Sully Tristham, James Allen, Harrison Arnold and Charlie Morris.
- **Year 8** - This team had a spectacular turnaround in results this year. After losing, convincingly, to Oldbury Wells School in a friendly at the start of the year, they came back from this loss determined to improve and did so a few weeks later by winning the partnership competition beating OWS in the final by 2 tries to 0. Kieran Beech, Niall Price, Jack Downing, Harvey Sage, George Haddon-Gill, Reilly Stallard-Gorton, Scott Hall, Ollie Turner, Joel Harman, Harry Kent-Simpson, Marcus Wain, Harry Morgan, Harry Walker, Felix Nelson and Sam Walters. Also a big thank you goes out to Mr R Harman for assisting with the development of this team during training and fixtures.
Year 9 - This group of players breezed past the teams of William Brookes School, Oldbury Wells School and Lacon Childe School in the recent South Shropshire Competition. Now they will be looking to take their level of play a step-up in the county cup competition in the coming months. Good luck to; Joe Barclay, Jacob Chainey, Will Grainger, Mike Harriman, Freddie Harris, Lewis Middleton, Matt Morris, Callum Nicholls, Morgan Penny, James Riley, Harry Ruffell-Hazel, Pat Smallman, Ed Stone, Will Stone, Ollie Taylor, Tom Wade, Robin Mitchell.
- **BES athletes** have made an excellent start to the cross country season. The year 7 & 8 teams put in some great performances in the tough Telford League races. Particular congratulations go to Kieran Clarke and Dan Fox who picked up individual silver and bronze medals over the series. The area competition was held at Much Wenlock, the course included the infamous Windmill Hill! All our athletes did really well in testing weather conditions. Congratulations go to Abbey Baldwin- 16th, Tilly Chase – 17th, Hannah Cooke - 35th, Jess Picken - 36th, Dan Fox - 3rd, Oli Carvell - 5th, Kieran Beech - 6th, Arlie Chetter 33rd, Lewis Barklam - 35th, Beth Loveday - 2nd, Cam Minifie - 6th, Ellie Shotton – 16th, Ellie McAdam - 18th, Lauren Lewis 28th, Kieran Clarke - 2nd, Dan Loveday - 3rd, Alex Carvell, Will Morgan - 23rd, Max Evenett – 35th, Lydia Jackson – 18th, Aaran Darley - 6th, Alex Allan – 19th, Peter Bills Brown - 33rd, Will Simmons - 35th

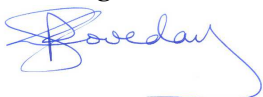
FUTURE EVENTS

- Thursday 14th November - 4.30 – 7pm Year 8 Parents' evening
- Friday 15th November – own clothes day - Children in Need
- Tuesday 26th November – 7pm BESA meeting
- Thursday 28th November – 6pm start BES Sixth Form Partnership Open Evening
- Friday 29th November – own clothes day - Umonga Secondary School.
- Monday 2nd December – INSET day - School closed to students
- Thursday 5th December – 4.30 – 6.30pm Sixth form parents' evening year 13 – OWS
- Thursday 12th December – 4.30 – 6.30 Sixth form parents' evening year 12 – BES
- Monday 16th December – 7pm Carol Service St Leonard's Church
- Friday 20th December – Tutor day and Cinema trip (tbc)

BESA

- Friday 6th December – 7.30pm Christmas Quiz

Kind regards



Mr P Loveday
Headteacher