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Dear students, parents and friends of BES

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the autumn edition of BEST magazine ... our opportunity to celebrate some of the excellent achievements of our students. It has been a busy seven weeks with our new year 7 students integrated into school successfully, many of them making a real impression only three weeks into term as they helped out on open evening in a variety of ways. I presented year 11 with their special tie and the vast majority have risen to the challenge of demonstrating to others how they should behave around the school site and how to wear their uniform although there are a few at risk of losing their tie if they continue to forget to do up their top button or tuck themselves in!

As you know we have had OFSTED in this week. We have to wait for the report to be verified before we are allowed to inform anyone, including teachers at school, what the judgment is. As soon as we know we will email the report out to parents.

I hope you have a relaxing half term and I look forward to welcoming students back on Monday 3rd November. Please remember that there is a PD day on Friday 28th November.

Kind regards

Mr P Loveday, Headteacher

***Reminder - Friday 28th November – 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.

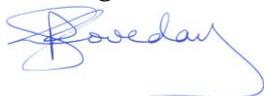
- We would like to congratulate Mr and Mrs Jones on the birth of their daughter Bella Jane
- Our school production in 2015 is 'Grease' – well done to the 300 students who auditioned. Mr Lewis, Miss Bradford and Ms Humphries are working hard to cast the show, with parts hopefully given out before half term. Performances will be held March 2015.
- 50 lucky creative arts students, members of the choir and orchestra went to see Phantom of the Opera in London on Thursday the 9th October. It was a fantastic day, and a breathtaking show, which was followed by a backstage tour plus a talk from the stage manager on the performance. Students described the show as, 'Phantastic' and were 'overwhelmed by emotion'!
- Congratulations to 9 BES students who, in July completed their Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award Qualifying Expedition in the Lake District. Over four days they walked 50 miles carrying all their food and equipment in rucksacks. Their route was a challenging one covering much of the western Lakes, Langdale to Lake Coniston and over to Eskdale, Wasdale, Borrowdale and Keswick. For the most part the weather was beautiful, but on the third day, the heavens opened and there was torrential wind and rain as the group descended to Buttermere, everyone was drenched! Nevertheless spirits remained high and at least the rain seemed to have driven the midges away. The two groups were elated at the end of the expedition, a major achievement for everyone. They are now anxious to complete the other sections of the Award, to enable them to go down to London to receive their badges and certificates.
- On Friday 26th September students at Bridgnorth Endowed School joined Europe's 800 000 000 other citizens in celebrating the European Day of Languages. The Language leaders at school had worked hard in the previous weeks, designing a programme of activities including a lunchtime film, quiz, and an inter-tutor group competition. Registers across the school were taken in languages ranging from Welsh and Gaelic to Portuguese and Catalan. The highlight of the day was a food tasting event, attended by over 100 pupils with foods from 9 different countries, including home-made tapas and paella! Students really appreciated the chance to expand their horizons with feedback including 'the day was brilliant - I loved the crunchy tortillas', 'I never thought I would be brave enough to try paella' and 'the whole place was buzzing!'
- Rehearsals for the Christmas Carol Service are well underway. The Orchestra has been practising a number of congregational carols including the classics, 'Silent Night' and 'Hark the Herald Angels Sing'. Lower school choir have started rehearsing a Christmas version of the song, 'Kwmbayah', and harmony choir have been working on a number of items including, 'The Cherry Tree' and 'Donkey Carol'. The theme this year is Joseph's story, so all items and readings will centre around helping the audience to better understand the Christmas story from the perspective of Joseph.
- Congratulations to Maddy Constantinou, who will be playing the part of young Snow White in the Midland Royal Ballets' production of Snow White in April next year.

- Lyndsey Dillon our School Games Co-ordinator recently held a very successful Hockey and Netball tournament, which involved 90 pupils from local primary schools.
- Students had a 'superb' viewing of 'Blood Brothers' at the Birmingham Hippodrome on 22nd October
- We were delighted to welcome back our Chinese visitors recently. They visited St John's School where they taught year 5 pupils how to design and make a Chinese lantern and Year 4 pupils learned how to count from 1-10 in Chinese. They enjoyed a visit to the foundry in Ironbridge, learning about how the Iron Bridge was made and the Olympic Trail in Much Wenlock. They also visited London.
- 50 lucky students are thoroughly looking forward to their half-term trip to Rome, with Mr Hall
- English Author David Gatward was very complimentary about our Year 7 students when he visited on Tuesday 21st October. The year 7 students, who loved Mr Gatward's extravagant and flamboyant clothing, were kept thoroughly engaged. Mr Gatward also signed books for the students.
- **u12 Rugby** - BES rugby had the best start possible to the season with the newly formed **u12 team** winning the Bridgnorth Invitation rugby competition in some style. They displayed incredible passing to score and determined defending to outplay the teams from Abraham Darby, Oldbury Wells and Lacon Childe Schools. This team is hoping to add the partnership trophy to their collection which takes place just before half-term. Well done to: Jakob Brooks, Joel Gennard, Reece Howells, Niall McAdam, Jim Morgan, Ben Parker, Ben Parnham, Beau Pedersen, Alby Preece, Tom Richardson, Joe Smallman, Ollie Tellam-Clark, Jude Tellam-Clarke and Ben Turner.
- **u13 Rugby** -After a spirited win in a friendly against Ludlow School, the u13 Team battled to a creditable 2nd place in the recent partnership competition, scoring some superb tries in the process. Congratulations go to: Kieron Beech, Ryan Brown, Ollie Carvell, Tim Harriman, Isaac Jones, Tom Leith, Charlie Morris, Josh Munn, Felix Nelson, Adam Phipps, Paddy Russell, Cameron Shuttleworth, Harry Sykes and Sully Tristham.
- **u14 Rugby** - Last year's u13 county finalists started the season on form by winning the South-Shropshire u14 Rugby Competition. A team who enjoy the abrasive style of rugby defeated teams from Church Stretton, Ludlow, Oldbury Wells and Lacon Childe School. Well done to: Tyler Cadwallader, Jack Downing, Tyler Evans, Scott Hall, Joel Harman, Liam Hill, Harry Kent, Harry Morgan, Niall Price, Harvey Sage, Reilly Stallard-Gorton, Ollie Turner, James Varney-Hook, Marcus Wain.
- **Representative Rugby** - Congratulations also to the following players who are still involved in the process of representing their county at rugby and especially to Kieron Beech who has been invited to attend sessions with The Worcester Warriors, they are, Matt Morris and Callum Nicholls from year 10, Reilly Stallard-Gorton, Scott Hall and James Varney Hook from Year 9 and Kieron Beech from Year 8. Good luck to all of you. Commiserations to Ed & Will Stone who have both missed out on county selection at present due to injury.
- **Badminton Booming!** Great to see the clubs on Tuesday & Thursday and the girls club on Wednesday all packed out. The National competition begins after half-term with some age groups having fierce competition for places. Watch this space for open invitation to the u16 & u14 boys' competitions.

FUTURE EVENTS

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| • Wednesday 5 th November | - | 7pm | BESA - Library |
| • Thursday 6 th November | - | 4.30 – 7pm | Year 9 parents' evening |
| • Friday 14 th November | - | | Own clothes day - Children in Need |
| • Thursday 20 th November | - | 4.30 – 7pm | Year 11 parents' evening |
| • Tuesday 25 th November | - | 7pm | BESA - Library |
| • Friday 28 th November | - | All day | INSET day - school closed to students |
| • Thursday 4 th December | - | 4.30 – 6.30pm | Year 13 parents' evening |
| • Friday 5 th December | - | 7.30pm | Quiz – Old Hall |
| • Monday 8 th December | - | | GCSE Mock fortnight begins |
| • Thursday 11 th December | - | 4.30 – 6.30pm | Year 12 parents' evening |
| • Monday 15 th December | - | 7pm | Carol Service – St Leonard's Church |
| • Wednesday 17 th December | - | | Christmas lunch |
| • Friday 19 th December | - | | Cinema Trip – last day of term |

Kind regards



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Headteacher