

20 December 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's hard to believe that a term has already ended and another new year is about to start. As always this has been a very busy term and I hope you enjoy reading about some of the wonderful activities, trips and sporting events our students have undertaken in our 'news' section of the website or via social media - <https://www.bewdley.worcs.sch.uk/latest-news/>.

The Ofsted call came in the second week of term, with two lovely inspectors (and we don't often say this) spending two days in the school and writing a glowing report. It was lovely to have the strength of relationships between staff and students and bewildering array of opportunities presented to the students formally recognised. Our Year 13 students have been busy completing their application forms for University and our best wishes go with them as they enter the finishing straight of their time at the Bewdley School. Our Year 11s have just completed their trial examinations. Hopefully their trial examination results will highlight areas that students need to be developing and working on.

We are extremely pleased to announce Sadie our school dog, who will be working with students once fully trained, is growing quickly and settling into school life very well. We are grateful to the Bewdley Old Grammar School charity for paying for her specialist training.



This second half of the term began with our Global Happiness Conference, with 6 students from Egypt, 7 students from India, 2 Palestinian students who live and go to school in Jordan, 8 students from South Korea, 4 students from Uganda and 4 students from Scotland. Alongside this we hosted a

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British Council Connecting Classrooms Conference with international delegates including staff from Egypt, India, Jordan, Palestine, South Korea, Uganda, Northern Ireland and Scotland.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/av/uk-england-hereford-worcester-50325682/global-happiness-conference-comes-to-school-in-bewdley>

The student conference involved workshops in dance, music, yoga and therapeutic art. Staff were also given opportunities to experience and learn techniques in these areas, and also had a full day of British Council training relating to International Learning and Global Citizenship. We are eternally grateful to Dale Parmenter and all at DRP group who not only supported the whole conference but also hosted the final celebratory event with full technical support. As a consequence, we are forging long-term partnerships with schools in India, Palestine and Uganda, and plan another conference in July 2021.

There has been significant interest in the launch of our 'Discovery Society' and we are progressing with our climate change project. We finished the term with our annual Christmas Concert which was a sell-out on both evenings – a huge thank you to all the musicians and staff that made the evenings so memorable.

Our philanthropic students have given generously to the annual food bank collections for the Trussell Trust as well as paying for 2 days of non-school uniform at the end of term. The Interact Group have continued to raise money through various events. Students and colleagues have also been involved in a project to clean up the school ponds following last term's eco-survey.

Extra-curricular opportunities this term have included ongoing successful Duke of Edinburgh practice expeditions, a trip to Cosford and opportunities for year 7 mathematicians to attend the Advanced Mathematical Juggling masterclass at the University of Worcester. Beyond school, notable student achievements include a student who has won the Blue Peter Ed Sheeran award for commitment to music; a student who was selected to take part in a workshop with renowned violinist, and former Young Musician of the Year, Nicola Benedetti; a student who played a football tournament at Monineux; a student who was selected to support at an international equestrian event; a student who competed at the Blackpool Junior Stunt group. Well done to these and all other students who have had notable successes both within and beyond school.

Next term's extra-curricular opportunities look even busier with trips going to Berlin, Llanrug, the Battlefields trip, the Slave Museum trip, as well as the annual skiing trip to name a few.

A reminder that school reopens on Monday 6th January 2020 for all students and that we have a TED day on Wednesday 15th January 2020. I would also like to draw your attention to The Bewdley School Christmas message to all our staff, students and parents – Enjoy!

<https://youtube.com/watch?v=u5bDjesyJt8>

The rest of my letter will focus on My Ed, behaviour, uniform and attendance.

My Ed and Show My Homework

I hope that you are finding the new 'My Ed' and 'Show my Homework' Apps for your smartphone helpful. If you have not yet installed them, please visit our website for details of how to do this as it will make communication between school and home much easier. They allow you to track your child's homework, attendance, punctuality, and behaviour incidents, with an update every 24 hours,

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thus meaning that you get instant feedback on your child's engagement with school. The links can be found at: <https://www.bewdley.worcs.sch.uk/connect-to-bewdley/> and <https://www.bewdley.worcs.sch.uk/2019/09/17/my-ed-development/>

Behaviour

The Bewdley School is committed to promoting and developing the moral values and ethos as a school. Our school motto "Learning for Life – Achievement for All" applies to both students and staff. We expect the school community to ensure they are **Ready, Respectful and Safe** by living the school values.

We expect **all** students to adhere to the school's "**non-negotiables**":

- arrive to lesson on time
- complete all classwork to the best of their ability
- complete all homework
- bring and use their Knowledge Organiser
- wear the school uniform in full and with pride
- bring a fully equipped pencil case with the following equipment to every lesson – at least 2 black/blue pens, green pen, purple pen, pencils, eraser, pencil sharpener, calculator, ruler, highlighter, colouring pencils, scissors, glue stick, compass, protractor
- students to put their hands up to ask/answer questions

We thank you in advance for your support in ensuring your child arrives to school "Ready to Learn".

School uniform

Thank you to our parents and carers for supporting the school in implementing our uniform policy and a polite reminder that trainers and hoodies are NOT permitted items of clothing and should not be worn in school. This includes hoodies/jackets under blazers. We also appreciate that shoes can be an expensive item for parents to buy and we are therefore keen to ensure the correct version is purchased. Your child may tell you differently, but trainer-type shoes are not permitted, nor are canvas pumps, trainers or mules.

All of our uniform is available to order online or by telephone from Marks & Spencer at http://www.mandsyourschooluniform.com/staffordshire-worcestershire/the-bewdley-school/prodlist_ct5167.htm?order=1&size=24. Further details and information on our school uniform and breaches of school uniform can be found in our Behaviour Policy <https://www.bewdley.worcs.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/Bewdley-School-Behaviour-Policy-v10-January-2019.pdf>

Please see the "Acceptable School Uniform Guidelines" at the end of this letter.

Attendance and Punctuality

Excellent attendance and punctuality are vital for your child to achieve and make progress at school. We ask parents/carers to ensure that students attend school on time and are only absent when it is absolutely necessary. We advise parents to make medical appointments [doctors, dentist etc.] out of

school hours where possible. However, when this is not possible, please bring your child into school to obtain their registration mark and then collect them before their appointment.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank staff and students for all their hard work and parents for your continued support in working in partnership to achieve success for our children. Finally, may I take this opportunity to wish all staff, parents/carers and students a peaceful Christmas break and a happy new year.

Yours sincerely,



Mr D Chauhan – Deputy Headteacher

Acceptable school uniform guidelines

Blazer [Boys]



Blazer [Girls]



Jumper



Polo Shirt [summer only]



School Tie

[Yrs 7, 8]



[Yrs 9, 10 & 11]



Trousers [Boys]



Trousers [Boys]



Plain White Shirt/Blouse



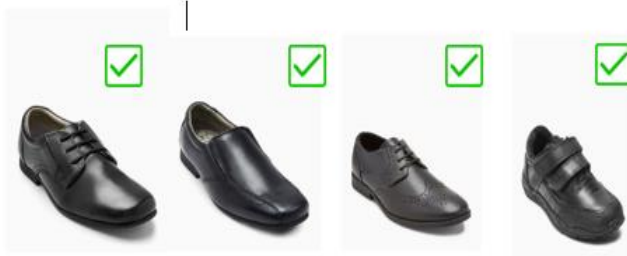
Pleated Skirt [Girls]



Trousers [Girls]



Examples of **acceptable** footwear [Boys]



Examples of **unacceptable** footwear:



Examples of **acceptable** footwear [Girls]

