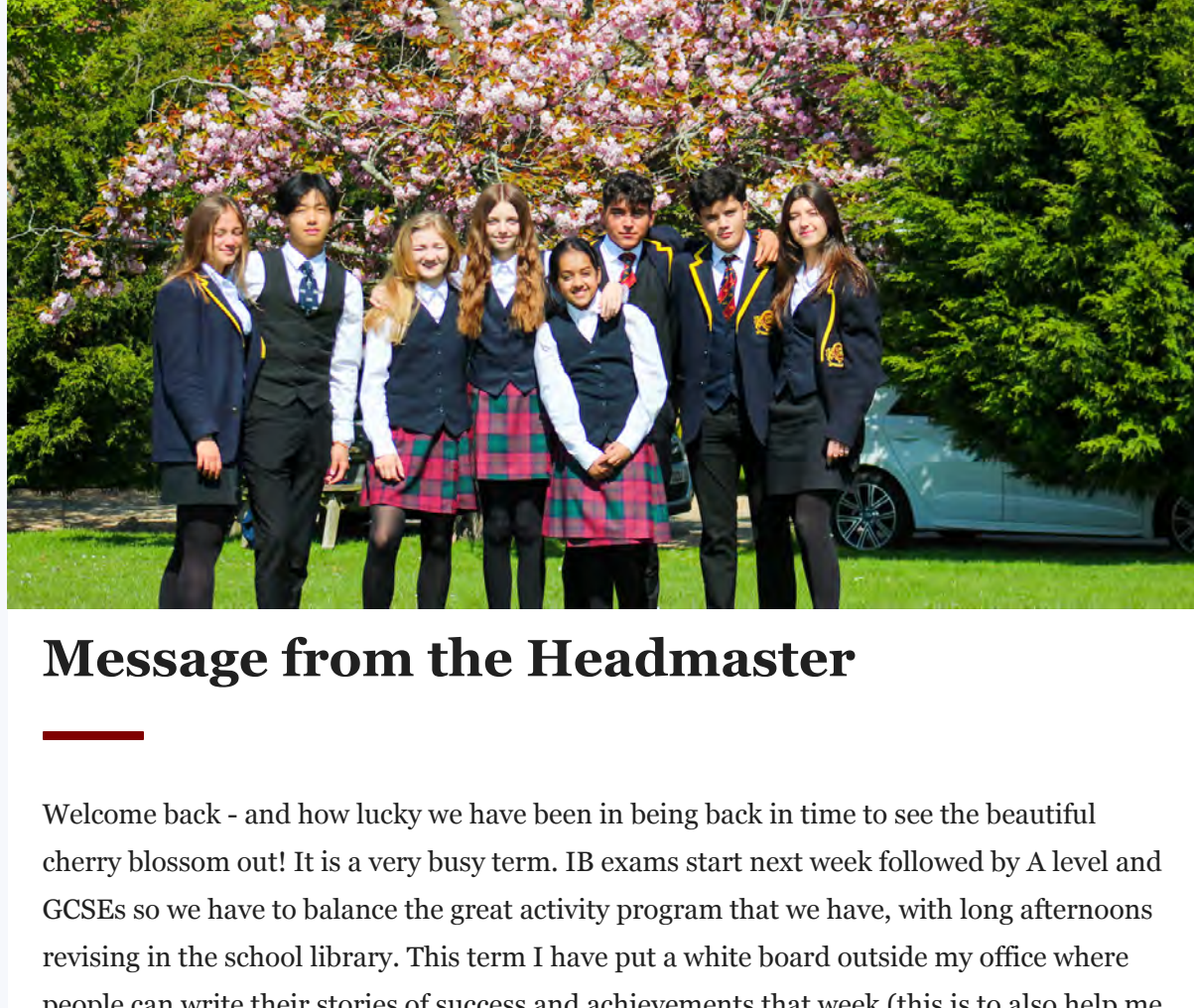


Wednesday 26th April 2022

Newsletter



Message from the Headmaster

Welcome back - and how lucky we have been in being back in time to see the beautiful cherry blossom out! It is a very busy term. IB exams start next week followed by A level and GCSEs so we have to balance the great activity program that we have, with long afternoons revising in the school library. This term I have put a white board outside my office where people can write their stories of success and achievements that week (this is to also help me with remembering things!). Looking at it, the big event for this week will be the U16 ISFA football finals – good luck lads!

Logistically, even though we have just started, please can you start planning your half term arrangements (it is the Queen's Platinum Jubilee so it will be a long and busy bank holiday). Please [click here](#) for the different options available.

Additional activities – again please do sign up for these. Please [click here](#) for the different activities available.

Buckswood is also very pleased to sponsor two Ukrainian refugees under the new refugee system as well as sponsoring schooling for some.

Have a lovely term, enjoy the glorious outdoors and work hard!

Sports & Speech day

Sports & Speech day is Saturday 18th June 2022. More details to follow. Please RVSP with the link below.

Sports & Speech day RVSP

Message from the Academic Principal

As we start the summer term, eyes quickly turn to examinations for our Form 5 (GCSE) and Upper Sixth students (A level and IB). Please be aware that all students have now received their exam timetables, so that they know when these take place and they can prepare accordingly. As part of preparations, students are encouraged to take part in Access Time (publicised on the school website) and we will be hosting a number of special revision sessions in departments to help students prepare. We strongly all students to practice as much as possible with past papers, these are made available to our students, but students are encouraged to ask if they need access to more.

For Forms 1-4 and L6, please be aware that they will have end of year exams, stretching from Wednesday 22nd to Tuesday 28th June. These will be cumulative assessments, meaning students will be tested on any aspect of content they have covered this academic year.

If you have any questions, please do contact Heads of Key Stage, and/or our teachers.

Covid

We have lots of exciting things planned for this term and we will be making the most of using our outdoor learning opportunities as the weather improves. We are very much hoping for less Covid disruption this term! We are writing to you to provide an update on guidance relating to Covid-19 and management of it here at Buckswood.

The current guidance from the DfE is that:

· Adults with the symptoms of a respiratory infection, and who have a high temperature or feel unwell, should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people until they feel well enough to resume normal activities and they no longer have a high temperature.

· Children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can go back to school, college or childcare when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend.

· If people decide to carry out their own test, adults with a positive COVID-19 test result should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 5 days, which is when they are most infectious. For children and young people aged 18 and under, the advice is 3 days if they present a positive test result.

Please note that when children are too unwell to attend school, we will provide work to do via Teams but will not be providing live online learning. Although testing and self-isolation is no longer a legal requirement, we do have a duty of care in relation to the health and safety of our school community and will still be taking measures to prevent the spread of Covid. The government has advised that all settings should have in place baseline infection prevention and control measures that will help to manage the spread of infection:

· Communicating information to all eligible groups of the offer of national vaccination programmes including COVID-19 and flu.

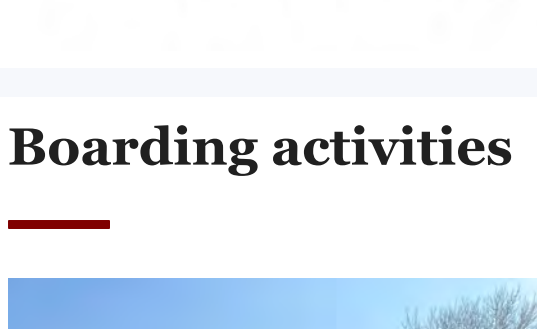
· Keeping occupied spaces well-ventilated and let fresh air in.

· Continuing good hygiene practices such as hand washing and cleaning.

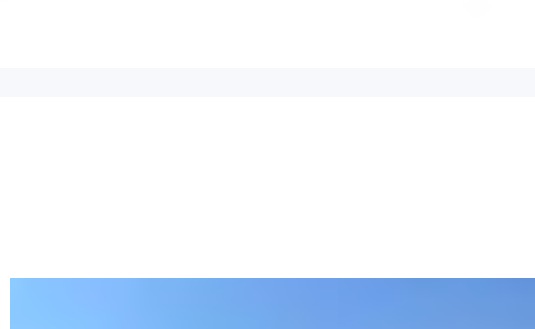
Covid presents a low risk of serious illness to most children and young people. This means we can begin to manage the virus like other respiratory infections. We are focused on the upcoming public exams for forms 5 and Upper 6th and are fully aware that these are the first public examinations taking place since the school lockdowns and we have worked hard to ensure any learning gaps have been addressed and that students are well prepared.

Please remember that if you have any questions or concerns, please speak to your child's teacher in the first instance or email their Head of Key Stage.

Thank you for your continued support



In the lab in Science



Uniform

Please do read the link below, about our updated uniform policy

Uniform

Vaccinations

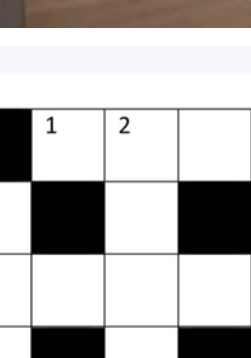


12 to 15 year olds can still get their COVID-19 vaccination

Here's how:



At school. Our immunisation service may be visiting your school soon, please check your school website for dates. Make sure you've completed a consent form (it's from noreply@cinnamon) and there will be a link to search for local clinics and book an appointment.



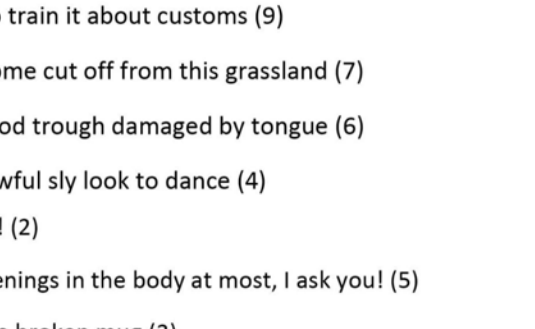
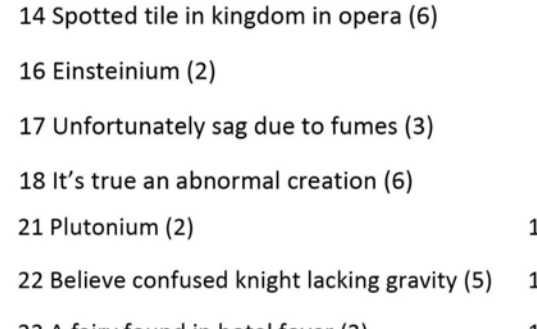
Missed the school session? Book onto a dedicated children's community clinic. Check the acknowledgment email sent to you when you submitted your consent form (it's from noreply@cinnamon) and there will be a link to search for local clinics and book an appointment.



Visit a vaccination centre. Book an appointment at www.nhs.uk/covidvaccine or by calling 119. Walk-ins available at Churchill Square, Brighton and Northgate, Chichester.

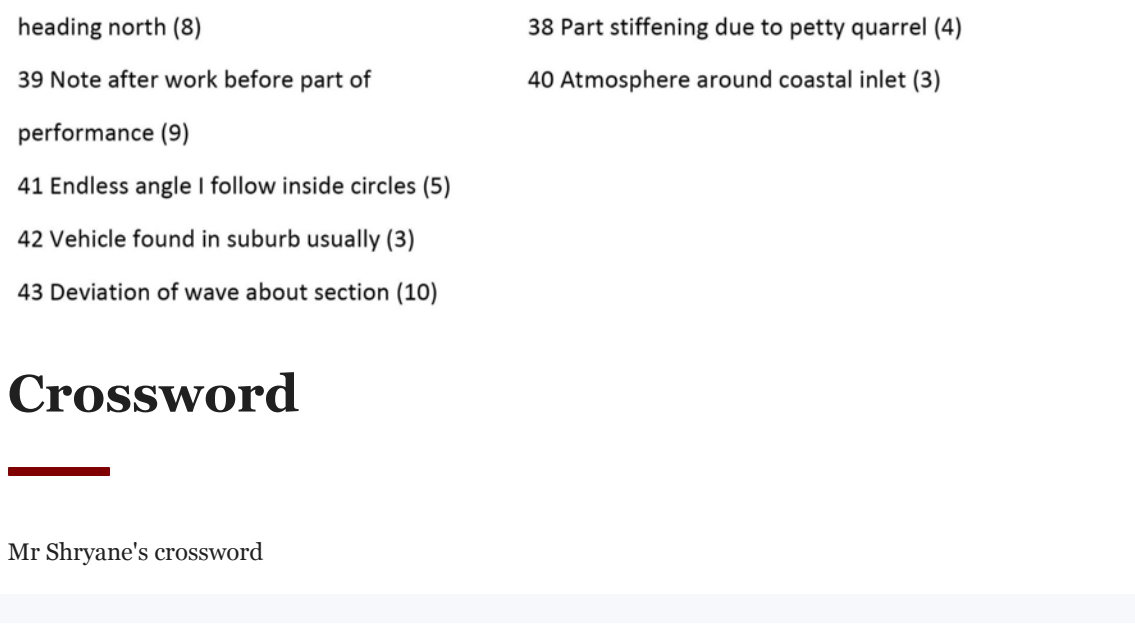
If you have any questions or need help to fill in your consent form, please call us on 01293 227797.

Boarding activities



Old Buckswoodians

Congratulations to Old Buckswoodian Ablay (pictured below with Mike Bloomberg) & his wife, announcing the birth of their baby daughter Dameli.



Crossword grid with numbers 1-43.

- Across
1 When to get opening for help (6,4)
7 Broken pot in first place (3)
10 Perform in keen action (5)
11 Wide strip gives more speed (9)
12 Killed by strange dream try (8)
14 Spilled tile in kingdom in opera (6)
16 Einsteinium (2)
17 Unfortunately sag due to fumes (3)
18 It's true an abnormal creation (6)
21 Plutonium (2)
22 Believe confused knight lacking gravity (5)
23 A fairy found in hotel foyer (3)
25 Strangely I am a name (3)
27 Sculpt out of car vent (5)
28 Lanthanum (2)
29 Feline sleep (6)
31 Bend upwards using less nylon (3)
33 Cerium (2)
34 Improve when dessert consumed awkwardly (6)
35 Early alert in favour of eastern battle heading north (8)
39 Note after work before part of performance (9)
41 Endless angle I follow inside circles (5)
42 Vehicle found in suburb usually (3)
43 Deviation of wave about section (10)

- Down
2 Church atmosphere to settle down (5)
3 Hospital department on line for admission (5)
4 Note mixed alloy used to make swords (6)
5 Metal making biro nib (4)
6 Purpose of open door (3)
7 Do train it about customs (9)
8 Home cut off from this grassland (7)
9 Food trough damaged by tongue (6)
13 Awful sly look to dance (4)
14 Yes! (2)
15 Openings in the body at most, I ask you! (5)
17 Glue broken mug (3)
19 Residents suffering with exhaustion (9)
20 Steer changed to be noisily uncooperative (5)
24 Rush off Lynx container (3)
26 Run around tree (4)
30 Clip broken about opponents writing with this (6)
32 Neon (2)
33 Cereal each forming part of the eye (6)
36 Not beginning to feel sorry about bird (5)
37 Top rate singers converted to sound (5)
38 Part stiffening due to petty quarrel (4)
40 Atmosphere around coastal inlet (3)

Crossword

Mr Shryane's crossword

Useful links

Permission forms

Curriculum plan and options - click here

Previous newsletters

Residential staff information - click here

Safeguarding & The Wellbeing Hub

