

In a class of our own

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Dear Parents and Carers

As the academic year draws to a close, I would like to thank all of our stakeholders for ensuring that the learning has continued here at Bristnall Hall Academy. In the face of uncertainty and inevitable adversity, all of us in 'Team BHA' has shown and remained resilient and worked hard to make sure students make the most progress and build those crucial foundations to success in later life. With the future now looking slightly more optimistic and the Department for Education stating that life in schools will return to some sense of normality, we can be assured that the progress already made will be sustained and built upon.

The return in September will feature the need to facilitate Lateral Flow Test again and details of these arrangements are shared in the additional attachment to this newsletter. Please read the attached letter carefully and note the details of the day on which your child will return in the new academic year.

So for now, we celebrate the end of another amazing year, which culminates with us being able to share some of the great work that has been going on our academy. Please take time to read through the enriching experiences of our students and the successes they have had at Bristnall Hall. This feeling of success will continue in the new year, as we will have officially completed our new multi-million pound building project too. I look forward to sharing more of this with you and remain hopeful that you may be able to actually see it in person.

Please enjoy your summer break and take care.

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Principal

UNIFORM AND EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS

We are extremely proud of the high standards and expectations at our academy and expect all students to take pride in their uniform and appearance, including their PE kit. Our bespoke uniform items are available from A Oakes and Clive Marks School Wear.

Students are expected to adhere to our uniform policy at all times, which consists of the following items:

Uniform – All Students

- Navy blue blazer with badge to be worn at all times
- White shirt or blouse (must be fully buttoned and tucked in to waistband of trousers or skirt at all times)
- Navy blue Bristnall Hall Academy house tie (worn at all times appropriately)
- Optional 'V' necked jumper – plain, navy blue with no motif or visible branding
- Mid grey trousers or pleated skirt of at least knee length* (inappropriate skirt lengths will be challenged and addressed immediately)
- Black or grey socks or tights
- Sensible black, polishable shoes* (no boots, trainers, canvas or suede shoes, with no buckles, No mesh, material or coloured trim or soles. Shoes should be sturdy and appropriate for all weathers. Black laces only.
- Head scarves/turbans (plain black)

NB: Trousers or pleated skirt – These items must not be made of denim, canvas or corduroy. Skirts must be pleated and at least knee length. These items must not be leggings, Lycra or body-con styles or 'tight fitting'.

Shoes – Shoes must be of a polished leather appearance and should not have a clear branding e.g. Nike, Adidas, Vans.

P.E. Kit

- Navy and sky blue Bristnall Hall Academy polo shirt
- Navy and sky blue Bristnall Hall Academy shorts or Navy blue (plain) tracksuit trousers
- Navy and sky blue Bristnall Hall Academy PE socks
- Navy and sky blue Bristnall Hall Academy Rugby shirt or hooded sweatshirt
- Navy blue (plain) tracksuit trousers
- Appropriate sports trainers
- Football boots and shin pads may be required for certain activities.

Bag

A strong school bag needs to be brought into the academy every day and must be large enough to carry your basic equipment, exercise books and A4 documentation. Pouches are not permitted.

Every student is expected to bring the following basic items of equipment for every lesson every day:

- A black or blue pen (and a spare)
- Pencil
- Ruler
- Reading book - Year 7, 8 & 9 will be needed everyday
- PE Kit – Required as timetabled

BRISTNALL HALL ACADEMY EXPERIENCES

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Royal Navy STEM workshops

The Royal Navy delivered a six week STEM programme to Year 9 students. During the sessions they learnt important life skills which include, leadership and team work skills which will benefit them as they progress through their GCSE's and later in life.



Mars Balloon Launch Challenge

Bristnall's budding scientists in #STEM club were inspired to create a Mars-analogue science experiment to fly on the #MARSBalloon2021 launch. It is now on it's way back to the academy for students to analyse.



West Midlands Lieutenancy Awards

It was an honour to welcome Deputy Lieutenant Gurpreet Bhatia from West Midlands Lieutenancy to the academy to present our students with the Lord Lieutenant's Young Active Citizen Award 2020. They have been recognised for setting up a foodbank to help those less fortunate than themselves. Congratulations to Emily and Oliver, we are very proud of you both.



West Midlands Police Drone Team

Year 9 received input from the West Midlands Police about their part in the Birmingham Commonwealth Games 2022.

Students learnt about how technology plays a major part in policing, using drones for security purposes.



BRISTNALL HALL ACADEMY ENRICHMENT

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“ Enrichment has continued which has included various virtual and face to face sessions. We look forward to providing more opportunities during the new academic year to continue enriching lives of our young people. ”



During the @DofE Bronze Expedition our young people demonstrated BHA's core values which are an integral part of our academy life.
#adventurous #curious #articulate #proud #creative #resilient
develop confident individuals with key life skills as we continue
#TransformingLives



West Midlands Police Cadets Unit

A number of our young people are West Midland Police Cadets. They have had numerous training and experiences within the unit.



Careers

Some #bhamazing virtual work experience sessions have been delivered to our young people across the academy. It's great to see our students have been inspired by authors, training to become a pilot and learn more about the aviation industry.



BRISTNALL HALL ACADEMY SUCCESS

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Celebrating student achievement and success

We celebrate the achievements' and success of our young people with weekly and half termly rewards assemblies throughout the academic year academic.



Yr 7 enjoyed the @MarcusRashford interview about his new book 'You are a Champion' & look forward to reading it. A great inspiration for young people to "dream big". Thanks to @Literacy_Trust for selecting our #bhamazing academy to receive a ticket. #literacy #readingforpleasure



A superb Sports Day at BHA, students were #BHAmazing! Lots of medals won across the year groups. We are very proud of them all for being #resilient and #proud of their peers.



BRISTNALL HALL ACADEMY TERM DATES

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September 2021 - July 2022

Autumn term 2021

- Term starts: Thursday 2 September 2021
- Training day: Thursday 2 September 2021
- Induction day: Friday 3 September 2021 (Year 11 and 10 students return for Lateral Flow Tests)
- Monday 6 September 2021 (Staggered return for students this week to allow for Lateral Flow Tests)
- Half-term holiday: Monday 25 October 2021 to Friday 29 October 2021
- Term ends: Friday 17 December 2021
- Christmas holidays: Monday 20 December 2021 to Monday 3 January 2022

Spring term 2022

- Term starts: Tuesday 4 January 2022
- Training day: Tuesday 4 January 2022
- Students return: Wednesday 5 January 2022
- Half-term holiday: Monday 21 February 2022 to Friday 25 February 2022
- Term ends: Friday 8 April 2022
- Easter holidays: Monday 11 April 2022 to Friday 22 April 2022

Summer term 2022

- Term starts: Monday 25 April 2022
- May Day Bank Holiday: Monday 2 May 2022
- Half-term holiday: Monday 30 May 2022 to Friday 3 June 2022
- Training Day: Friday 1 July 2022
- Term ends: Wednesday 20 July 2022
- Training Day: Thursday 21 July 2022 and Friday 22 July 2022

Important:

Please note that following the latest amendments to The Education (Pupil Regulation) (England) Regulations 2006, Principals may not grant any leave of absence during term-time unless there are exceptional circumstances.