

BLS BULLETIN – JANUARY 2022

Welcome to the first edition of 2022!

Parent/Carer Drop-Ins and Workshops

These Zoom sessions are currently taking place every Wednesday at 10-10.40am. More detailed information has been shared via School Gateway and Class Dojo.

2 nd Feb	Drop-in session
9 th Feb	Online safety
16 th Feb	Drop-in session

Safeguarding

Please familiarise yourself with the following terms and be alert to any changes in your child's behaviour or attitudes. Children and young adults, particularly those who are considered to be more vulnerable, are being targeted.

County Lines

"County lines" refers to a crime where drugs gangs exploit children and vulnerable adults to make them courier drugs and money across the country from the gang's base to customers. The "county line" refers to the mobile phone line which is the link for the drugs gangs to sell drugs. More information can be found on the [Devon and Cornwall Police website](#), [NSPCC website](#) and a useful video can be found [here](#).

Prevent

Prevent is part of the UK's counter terrorism strategy, aimed at preventing people from becoming involved in terrorism or supporting terrorism in our communities. From 1 July 2015, all schools are subject to a duty to have "due regard to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism". More information can be found on the [NSPCC website](#).

CSE (Child Sexual Exploitation)

Child sexual exploitation (CSE) is a type of sexual abuse. When a child or young person is exploited they're given things, like gifts, drugs, money, status and affection, in exchange for performing sexual activities. Children and young people are often tricked into believing they're in a loving and consensual relationship. More information can be found on the [NSPCC website](#).

Thank you for taking the time to read this important information. Mr Jones is our Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) at BLS. His contact details are djones@barleylane.devon.sch.uk and 0784-84-57025.

Updates from Miss Brown

We now have tropical fish in our tank and the quail have hatched! All of the boys will be able to meet them this week. They will be coming to live on my farm.

We have been granted some free tree saplings by the woodland trust, and have enough for every student to plant their own sapling on site. They arrive after half term so will be a fun project for the students when the weather perks up!



Snippets

These are being shared through Class Dojo. They include all the latest information about local services, training and freebies available to families that have children with additional needs. Well worth a read.

Free Autism Training

Attached is a leaflet for the Autism Awareness programme for parents and carers with school aged children pre or post diagnosis. The National Autistic Society is also offering free training for parents and carers of children with a diagnosis. Further information can be found [here](#).

School Gateway and Class Dojo

If you have not yet been able to sign up to School Gateway and Class Dojo, we encourage you to do so as soon as possible. These are our main ways of communicating messages and resources with the whole school community.



Curriculum Overviews for Spring

KS2 (Years 3 to 6)

English Non-chronological Reports, Explanations, Playscripts and Horror fiction	Maths White Rose Maths, Shape and Statistics	Science Life Cycles of Plants and Animals	ICT Information Technology
PSHE Belonging to a Community, Media Literacy and Digital Resilience and Money and Work	Humanities Geography: North America History: Mayan Civilisation	Careers Developing yourself through careers, employability and enterprise education	The boys have regular PE and RE lessons. They are also completing Talkabout sessions.

KS3 (Years 7 to 9)

English Biography of Nelson Mandela and Skellig	Maths Lower: Shape and Statistics Higher: Geometry, Statistics and Probability	Science Movement, Cells, Pressure and Contact Forces	ICT Information Technology
PSHE Discrimination and Emotional Wellbeing	Humanities Geography: Africa and Glaciers History: The Black Death and Life in London	Careers Developing yourself through careers, employability and enterprise education	Citizenship Children's Rights and Local Democracy

KS4 (Years 10 and 11)

English Please see next page.	Maths Geometry, Statistics and Probability AQA GCSE Foundation or Higher	Science Entry Level Physics: Forces and Motion	ICT NCFE L2 Certificate Multimedia Software and Improving Productivity using IT
PSHE Healthy Relationships and Exploring Influence N.B. All parents and carers of children accessing the Healthy Relationships topic have been informed of the content via School Gateway.	Humanities Norman Britain (BW group)	Careers Wellbeing, stereotypes and discrimination, career options and goal setting	Citizenship Current affairs Public Services course. More information will be shared about this in the next newsletter.

N.B. The AS class follow a bespoke timetable.



The students in KS4 have started their poetry module this half term by studying Romantic poetry and engaging with the works of Percy Bysshe Shelly, William Wordsworth and William Blake. They have been discussing aspects of Romanticism such as the feelings of the 'sublime' and how the absence of modern technology and industry can enhance your experience and appreciation of the beauty of nature.

In their GCSE exam, they will be expected to compare two out of the fifteen poems that we will study and describe how the poets address the theme of Power and Conflict in their work. Some students have been using YouTube, BBC Bitesize and other websites to enhance their understanding of the texts studied so far this year - which will certainly stand them in good stead for their exams in May and June.

The picture was painted by Caspar David Friedrich and is called Wanderer above the Sea of Fog

Covid Testing

Thank you for continuing to encourage your child to test twice a week. Please let us know if you are running low on lateral flow tests and we will send some home with your child.

Diary Dates

Tuesday 8th February Safer Internet Day

Friday 18th February Break up for half term holiday.

Monday 28th February Students return. 10.30am start.



Luna having a snooze. It's tiring work being so popular!

If there is something that you would like to see included in the next newsletter or you would like to find out more information about anything mentioned, please get in touch.

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