



The Burgess Hill Academy

Community Newsletter

Autumn 2023

Life at our Academy.

Careers at TBHA



We have had a busy start to the term. Year 11 students have started meeting with our Independent Careers Adviser, Kate Beecham and making their Post 16 plans. They have also been receiving assemblies from local colleges and sixth forms and hearing about the range of fantastic provision in this area. Post 16 Information Evening took place on 5th October and we were delighted to welcome 25 colleges, sixth forms and apprenticeship providers to speak with our Year 11 students/parents and carers about the different opportunities available.



We are excited to launch the return of work experience week for Year 10 students and it was fantastic to be joined by so many parents and carers at the virtual information evening on 14th September. During this meeting, we also introduced Unifrog – an amazing careers package that we have purchased for all our students. Initially, Year 10 are using to register their work experience placements and Year 11 have access to research college courses and life post-secondary education. However next term, we will be introducing it to students in key stage 3.

We are aiming to create a list of companies who would be willing to support a young person with work experience. The commitment is one week during week commencing 29th April. If there are any parents/carers whose workplace are willing and able to support with work experience, please contact l.dorgan@theburgesshillacademy.org.uk

Year 9 began the Dare to Dream programme with the Love Local Jobs Foundation. The programme began with an inspirational assembly from local More Radio host, Jack “The Lad” Hayes who spoke about his upbringing and encouraged students to think about the way they portray themselves both in person and on social media. Our participation in this programme is sponsored by First Central Insurance and five employees have volunteered to be mentors to a group of Year 9 students working with them on key skills for the future. It was so good to see how well these students interacted with their mentors and began thinking about their futures. We are so grateful for First Central Insurance’s support.



Week commencing 2nd October, assemblies had a focus on Careers and Year 7 began their careers journey with a presentation from First Officer Eleanor Rowe from EasyJet who spoke about her life as a pilot and the routes into it. Eleanor also discussed how topics learnt in subjects relate in her working life now and the importance of taking every opportunity to learn.

Students in Years 8, 9 and 10 received a presentation on how to use Labour Market Information (LMI). It is important for students to understand the workplace and what the future might hold for them. Labour market information describes the condition of the labour market, past and present, as well as future projections and can be used by students to look at what job markets are increasing in our local area. Information on this can be found on the TBHA website on the Careers page. We also have a Careers twitter page which can be found at @TBHAcareers and The Burgess Hill Academy also has a LinkedIn page. Finally, should any student/parent have questions regarding our careers programme, activities or possible future opportunities for students, please do not hesitate to contact me at l.dorgan@theburgesshillacademy.org.uk

Wednesday 11th October, the Academy was delighted to welcome Luke Staton, ex-England U18 and Blackburn Rovers football player to give a series of aspirational talks to students in Years 7, 8 and 10. This programme is sponsored by FatFace and it was amazing to see our students' reactions to the topics that Luke discussed; hopes and aspirations, failures, perseverance, purpose and passion. Lots of involvement as students eagerly raised their hands to answer questions and interact with Luke. It was brilliant to see so many Year 7 students choose to go up on stage and share their dreams for the future with their year group – such a brave thing to do! After every presentation, Luke had a steady stream of students waiting to speak to him. We are so grateful to FatFace for supporting our participation in this programme.



Sports News

GIRLS SPORT REPORT

Autumn Term 2023

NETBALL

The start of the Netball season got off to a flying start with Versatility tournaments for Years 8, 9, 10 and 11. The Y11 netball team played their final versatility matches for the school and managed an impressive win over St. Pauls. Congratulations to Lilly who was voted player of the tournament.

October saw the start of the Y10 netball league, played over 3 consecutive weeks. Although the Y10s didn't finish in the top 4 it did see them achieve a brilliant win against Imberhorne, beating them 18-2! Fantastic to see all the hard work paying off from the last 3 years. Congratulations to Amelia who was voted oppositions player of the league.

We have lots of girls who play netball outside of school for local teams. Please let us know in the department if you play externally so we can share your success stories!

FOOTBALL

The girls football league for U16s kicks off in the final week of term with a match against Sackville.

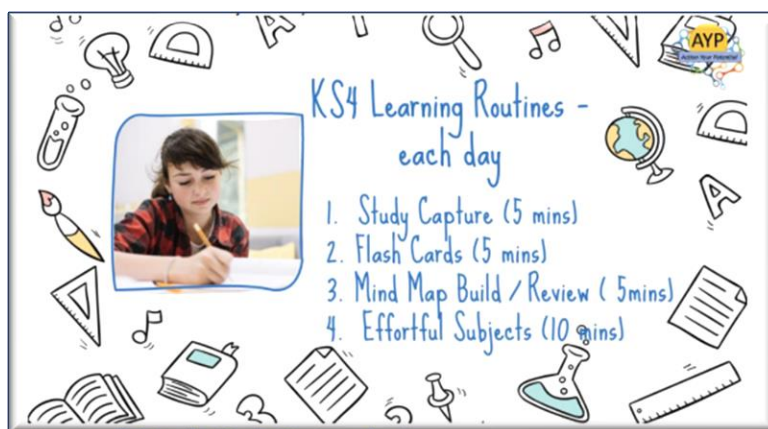
The U14s played their rearranged final at the start of September against Warden Park. Unfortunately, the result did not go our way and we lost 3-2 in the dying seconds of the match. Well done to Esme (Y8) who made her debut for the school team and was vital in our defence stopping many attacks on goal. Congratulations to Phoebe and Emily (Y10) on scoring our two goals. We face Warden Park in the U16 league this year and we will be out for revenge!

We have lots of girls who play football outside of school for local teams. Please let us know in the department if you play externally so we can share your success stories!

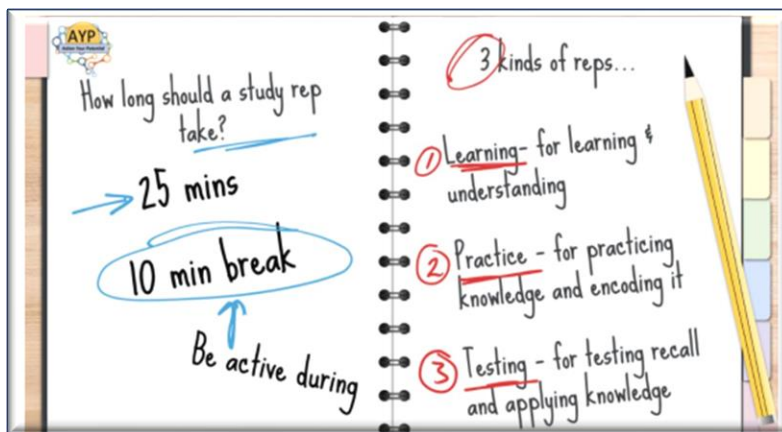
Autumn Study Skills

Study Skills for our year 11 students

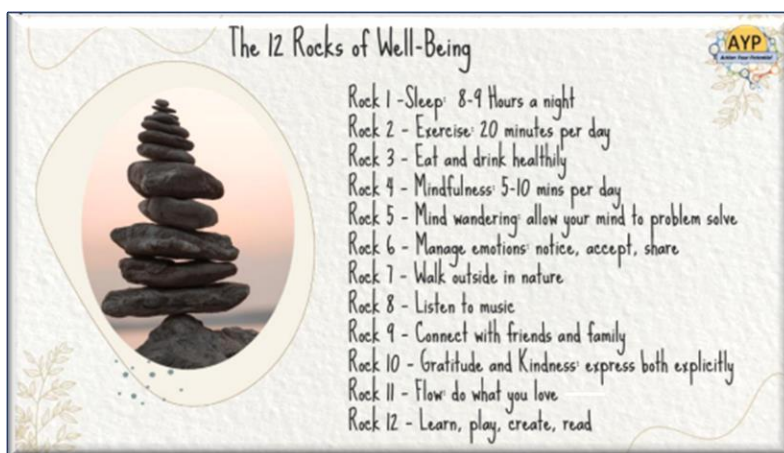
We had the privilege of working with your children to support them to prepare for their GCSEs. We talked about powerful daily habits to build memory, learning and well-being.



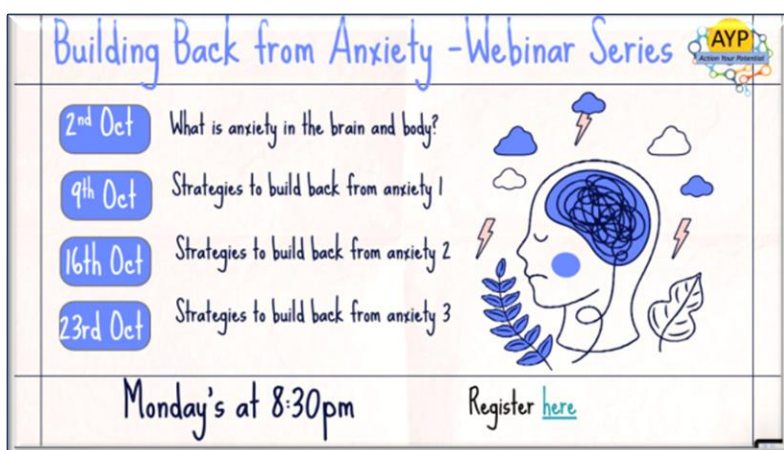
We also talked about Study Reps.



We're really looking forward to supporting you with your GCSEs and don't forget your 12 Rocks.



As parents and carers at TBHA you have access to the #NeuroNinja Learning Hub with lots of videos all about how to get the most out of your amazing brain. We also run webinars every term to support you. Details are below.




'Helping My Child Build Resilience' Webinar Series

5th October - Session 1 - Defining Resilience In Our Body, Brain & Mind
 12th October - Session 2 - The Foundations Of Mental Flexibility (12 rocks)
 19th October - Session 3 - How To Manage Our Emotions
 26th October - Session 4 - Managing Our Brain's Worry System
 2nd November - Session 5 - Building Our Calm
 9th November - Session 6 - Bouncing Back From Setbacks
 16th November - Session 7 - Choosing Growth

Thursdays at 8:30pm

Register in advance for these webinars Using this link



AYP Action Your Potential

Celebrating All Kinds Of Minds: Supporting Your Neurally Diverse Child To Live In A Balanced Mind

In this series of webinars, colleagues from Action Your Potential will unpack how to support young people with neurally diverse brains.

23rd Nov Celebrating all kinds of minds: How to help our children live in balance in their amazing brains



30th Nov Strategies to support a neurally diverse brain to manage change and build calm

7th Dec Strategies to support an ADHD brain to manage distractions & build focus

14th Dec Strategies to support your child with OCD

Thursdays 8:30-9pm

Register [here](#)


AYP Action Your Potential

Helping Your Child Cope With Challenge And Change - Webinar Series

30th October - Why Does Challenge and Change Upset Our Brain So Much
 6th November - Managing Stress Positively or Negatively
 13th November - Stepping into Challenge (1)
 20th November - Stepping into Challenge (2)

Monday's at 8:30pm

Register [here](#)



AYP Action Your Potential

Any question about the #NeuroNinja programme please email Andrew Wright on andrewwright@aypuk.com

News & Celebrations

Leavers Handbook



Ski trip



THE BURGESS HILL ACADEMY

Year 11 yearbook

Class of '24

Would you like a sentimental book of memories of your time at TBHA that you can hold onto forever?

You might outgrow your leaver's hoodie but you can't grow out of a yearbook! For a maximum of £25, you can have all your school memories in one place.

What's included:

- **Sports page** – sports events, including matches and trips
- **Tutor page** – funny memories from individual tutor groups, quotes from members of tutor groups and then and now photos
- **Group photos** - Whole year group year 7 and year 11 photos
- **Lookalikes page** – which celebrity are you similar to?
- **Farewells page** - Message from the Principal and Head of Year with special mentions from Mrs D'Costa and Mrs Bongard-White
- **Trips page** – Memories from trips over the years!

Please remind parents/carers to respond to the email if you are interested in having a yearbook!



If you have not yet registered your interest in the Year 11 Yearbook for 2024, please contact l.bell@theburgesshillacademy.org.uk as soon as possible.

Christmas Card Competition

The mayor of Burgess Hill Cllr Janice Henwood came to launch the TBHA Christmas Card competition to our year 7 students. However, the competition is open to everyone.



Art Display in the Market Place.

If you head over to The Market Place you will see some of our student's work on display. It is opposite Cex, next to WH Smith. This is something we are going to be doing throughout the year.



Academy Community Together

Joining ACT – the new PTFA for TBHA

If you would like to join ACT at The Burgess Hill Academy please email act@theburgesshillacademy.org.uk:



ACT AGM



Tuesday 28th November - 6.30pm
Drama Studio, TBHA

Come along to find out what we have been doing, funding raised & what plans/activities are coming up.

Elections for the officer posts will take place. If you are interested in joining the committee or standing for an officers role please contact Shuna, the Chair, s.china@brightonacademiestrust.org.uk

ACT - Academy Community Together
The PTFA for TBHA

Second Hand Uniform Sales



Thank you!



**£2145.92 RAISED
FROM UNIFORM SALES!**

Thanks to your generous donations of uniform,
we have supported hundreds of families and
raised much needed funds for TBHA.

Updates soon on how these will be used!

We are now running low on stock, and would be
grateful for donations of any uniform items, but
especially skirts and PE kit.

Please leave donations with School Reception.

Thank you so much for your support.

ACT - ACADEMY COMMUNITY TOGETHER

Quiz Night

Academy Community Together - ACT

**Tuesday 14th
November
7.30 for 8pm**



**The Woolpack,
Burgess Hill
RH15 8TS**

£7 per person

**Includes quiz entry, nachos and
a strip of raffle tickets**

**Team tickets for 4,5 or 6 people are
subject to availability.**

**If you don't have a team don't worry - just book a
ticket and join up with others on the night!
Bottle of bubbly for the winning team!**

To book visit:

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/tbha-act>

Community News & Events

What's Happening Near You







Events Mailing List

October Half Term Events

We can't wait for our spooky October half term activities!
Don't miss out on our exciting free events for children, this half term!





<p>Do you live or work in the Burgess Hill area?</p> <p>Thanks to a Tesco Community Grant, West Sussex Mind have two training offers available for you . . .</p>	
<p>For parents and carers</p> <h2>Suicide prevention training</h2> <p>Online session</p> <p>Saturday 11 November 2023</p> <p>10.00-12.00</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> <p>Stronger Starts.</p> </div> <p>#TescoStrongerStarts</p>	<p>Living Works Start</p> <h2>Suicide prevention</h2> <p>This is an E-Learning Course run by Living Works and can be done at a time that suits you. Only 60 tickets are available for a limited time.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">  </div> <p>@groundworkuk @TescoNews</p>
	



Petworth Festival Literary Week brings family events to this year's West Sussex Literary Festival line-up

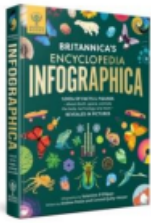


Joseph Coelho - Poetry Prompt

11:00am, Saturday 28 October at Leconfield Hall, Petworth

We are thrilled to welcome the Waterstones Children's Laureate for 2022-2024 **Joseph Coelho** to the festival, his Sunday morning interactive session being fully family-orientated and for children of 6 and upwards. A 100% must for anyone who has taken part in the festival's in-school poetry sessions of recent years.

[Click for tickets](#) - Adults £8 / 18 & under £5



Andrew Pettie - The What on Earth! Family Quiz

2:00pm, Saturday 28 October at Leconfield Hall, Petworth

How many planets in our solar system would fit between Earth and the Moon?* How many cups of snot does your body make in a day? And how many people are flying up in the sky at this very moment? All of these questions and more will be answered during this fun and

fascinating family quiz. Your host is **Andrew Pettie**, editor of *What on Earth!* Magazine, the UK's fastest-growing children's magazine. [Click for tickets](#) - Adults £8 / 18 & under £5



Lucy Reynolds - We are Family (Children's event)

10:30am, Thursday 2 November at Leconfield Hall, Petworth

There are billions of creatures on this earth, but there is only one **YOU!** Join children's author, **Lucy Reynolds**, for a fun, interactive workshop celebrating the many ways young grow up on this wild, wonderful planet. Perfect for ages 4+ but all very welcome.

[Click for tickets](#) - Adults £6 / 18 & under £5

Petworth Festival Literary Week - 25 October to 5 November 2023

[Full line up here](#)

www.petworthfestival.org.uk

Tel: 01798 344576

An exciting sensory adventure this October half-term

14 – 29 October 2023

Children
go free!

We're Going On A Bear Hunt

Wakehurst

Visit [kew.org/wakehurst](https://www.kew.org/wakehurst)
Pre-booking strongly advised

We're Going On A
Bear Hunt

Kew
Royal Botanic Gardens

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Dates & Useful Information

Dates for your Diary

Our website contains our term and INSET days

Thursday 19 October – End of term

Friday 20 October – INSET Day

Monday 30 October – Term 2 begins

Tuesday 14 November PTFA Quiz Night

Wednesday 22 November HPV, MenACWY & TD/Vaccinations (Nasal Spray)

Thursday 23 November – Presentation of Certificates Evening

Thursday 7 December – Christmas Sounds Concert

Friday 15 December – End of term

Tuesday 2 January – INSET Day

Wednesday 3 January Term 3 begins

Monday 8 January – Tuesday 23 January – Year 11 Mocks

Wednesday 24 January – Young Rotary Musician of the Year Competition

Thursday 1 February – Year 8 Parents Evening

Thursday 8 February – End of term

Friday 9 February – INSET Day

Monday 19 February – Term 4 begins

Uniform at TBHA

TBHA is a “uniform” Academy and we expect all students to wear uniform without exception.

We are grateful to parents for their full support in seeing that high standards are maintained in the wearing of uniform. All students are expected to be in full uniform each day and the school reserves the right to decide when an item of uniform or appearance does not conform to our policy. We ask parents to provide a written note or contact a student’s Pastoral Lead if there is a temporary problem with uniform or appearance. In particular we would like to remind you of our rules and expectations on jewellery, make up, false/nail extensions and eyelashes. A copy of our uniform policy can be found [HERE](#)



Those parents who are experiencing financial difficulties should not hesitate to contact the Academy regarding the uniform.

Useful Information

Reporting Student Absence

Absences should be reported by either calling the school on: 01444 241691 and select option 1, email: absence@theburgesshillacademy.org.uk or use study bug app on your mobile by 9.00am latest on the first day of any absence and each day of any subsequent absence in order for us to be satisfied of your child's safety. Get the app or register now (<https://studybugs.com/about/parents>).

Lost Property

We currently have a large amount of lost property. Items are held in our Reception area for a short period. Please ask your child to check with Reception if they have lost items.

Email addresses for Academy staff

Please be aware that you can find email addresses for academy staff on our website [HERE](#)

Change of contact details

Please email: adminteam@theburgesshillacademy.org.uk, change of address, telephone/email etc.

Our term and INSET days can be found on our website [HERE](#)

PTFA—Academy Community Together. If you'd like to find out more, offer help, join the Committee or see if your business can support our fundraising, please email: s.china@brightonacademiestrust.org.uk

Hire our Facilities

We have a large campus and a wide range of areas and facilities which are available for hire, all year round, at very competitive rates. Lettings at The Burgess Hill Academy are managed by Play Sport UK. For further information about our facilities or to make a booking, please contact info@playsportuk.com

Contact us

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Queries from parents or members of the public should be directed to the Head's PA, Mrs Heather Larcombe on 01444 716258 or email: h.larcombe@theburgesshillacademy.org.uk