

# Burton Borough School Monthly Newsletter

February 2020



Dear Families,

As I write this, I am looking forward to this week's KS3 Takeover Day where students at Burton Borough School will be taking on the jobs of the adults. Already, I have had my first meeting with Matilda Hedge in year 8, who will be me for the day and I must say, I have been very impressed! I can't wait for the next edition of the newsletter to tell you more about this initiative to promote careers at BBS!

Our student democracy team have worked incredibly hard with Miss Beaver and staff to discuss teaching and learning at BBS and have come up with some brilliant ideas on how to further develop this area at school. Not only that, but our student democracy eco committee has created further change by looking at what we use in the canteen in terms of packaging and what we can do to minimise waste. Last year, the canteen introduced wooden forks and this year, we are introducing refillable sauce pumps instead of packets. Well done to everybody involved and thank you to the canteen staff for enabling these changes to be made.

Congratulations and recognition goes to our sports leaders who ran a very successful archery competition and cricket festival for primary school students. Also to Kate Wilson in year 11 who had her work on 'text speak' and whether it is destroying the English language published in The Scholar 14 as part of our work with the Brilliant Club. The Brilliant Club is one of the many activities we run at Burton Borough School for our high potential students, giving them amazing opportunities to work with PhD students and writing pieces at university undergraduate standard. Well done also to our year 10 girls' football team who beat Church Stretton School 11-0 and our Disability Gymnastics Squad.

Other activities recently have included a visit from Specsavers who spoke to our triple scientists about optometry, a year 10 history event where students watched Susan Pollack in the Holocaust UK Live Survivor webcast, the VEX Robotics competition which was hosted at BBS.

In terms of sharing good practice nationally, Mr Allen, our High Potential Student Co-ordinator had the privilege of sharing the work we do on creative and critical thinking skills with our students at Oxford University and I delivered a session on our work on mental health and wellbeing at the SecEd Conference in London. It is brilliant that we are continuing to be asked by external organisations to share what we are doing at BBS!

Yours sincerely,  
**Krissi Carter (Principal)**



## Upcoming events

- 19<sup>th</sup> March 2020  
Year 10 Parents'/Carers' Evening
- 25<sup>th</sup> March 2020  
BBS Bands Easter Concert
- Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2020  
Aqualate Celebration Evening
- Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020  
Chetwynd Celebration Evening
- Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020  
Hawkstone Celebration Evening
- Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2020  
School breaks for Easter holiday
- Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2020  
School returns from Easter holiday

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Some lovely time capsules from year 7 in history (left)



Year 8 football team

### Students race to take part in F1 challenge



Year 9 made some delicious carrot cake (above)



Some of our students went to Shrewsbury Prison as part of EEL day. They learnt how prisoners would access their medication



The student on the left had her work published in the Young Writers' latest book 'Through Their Eyes'



Our National Enterprise Challenge winners (left) who will be competing with other schools in July. Last year, we won 'Most Enterprising School 2019'. No pressure!



The year 7/8 Rugby team with the Telford Park team (above)

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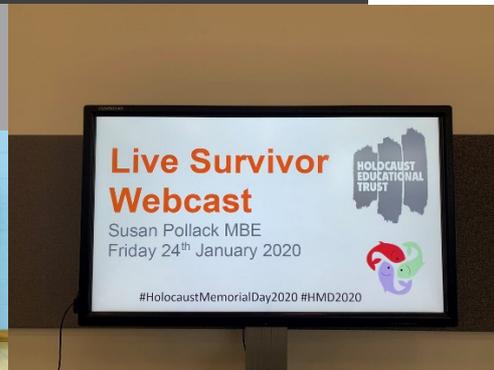
**Critically discuss the notion that textspeak is destroying the English language**

Year 10, Key Stage 4

Pupil: K. Wilson  
School: Burton Borough School, Newport  
Supervised by: T. Summerfield  
Tutor University: University of Wolverhampton  
Course Title: OMGI! Is textspeak destroying the English language?



Triple scientists welcomed Specsavers who spoke to them about optometry (left)



The BBS Disability Gymnastics Team (Right)

Look at the amazing cake this student made! What a beautiful purple dragon!



Our student democracy team worked with staff to talk about best approaches to teaching and learning (above)



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