



# Burton Borough School Monthly Newsletter

October 2019



Dear Families,

There are no signs of students or staff slowing down as we approach half term! As I write this, we have a fabulous Enrichment and Extended Learning (EEL) day taking place where students are engaged in various activities, from interview practice for jobs to meeting exotic animals. Photos and more information will be available in the next edition of the newsletter – EEL days are always some of my favourite days as students and staff get to do something that is completely different from their usual subjects and enhances the curriculum we offer.

Year 7s have settled in very well and we have had some fantastic feedback from our year 11 parents'/carers' evening. Particular highlights from the feedback are as follows:

- 97% said their child is happy at Burton Borough
- 97% said their child felt safe
- 94% said their child made good progress
- 99% said their child was well looked after
- 96% said their child was taught well
- 97% said that the school is well led

Thank you so much to year 11 parents and carers for this positive feedback and I know that small school teams have contacted parents who have left comments that we feel we need to address to improve these responses even further. Although these are brilliant results, we won't be happy until we reach 100% for everything! If your child's year group has a parents'/carers' evening coming up, please do complete the surveys which will be handed out at the front desk where you sign in as we really want to work with you to further improve what we do at BBS.

We couldn't believe that we had nearly 2000 visitors at our Open Evening which made the front page of the Newport Advertiser and featured in the Shropshire Star. It was an evening packed full of different activities and one lucky prospective student even had the opportunity to set me on fire! I was a little nervous (thank you to prospective and current parents/carers for circulating my worried face on Twitter!) but it all went very well and a great time was had by all. Thank you to all staff and students who worked really hard that evening to help out. If you are a prospective family and you want to apply for a place at Burton Borough for a September 2020 start, the deadline is 31<sup>st</sup> October 2019. We pride ourselves with the great transition work we do and will continue to work closely with our partner primary schools to ensure that there is a smooth transition before your child starts with us.

Well done to our budding scientists and engineers (photo in the header) who participated in the Telford and Wrekin Full STEAM Ahead event. They entered three competitions against our local secondary schools and won all three! Wow! Our Concert band had the privilege of playing at the Newport Civic Sunday Service for Newport Mayor, Peter Scott, and other VIPs and our PE department celebrated sporting successes at their annual Sports Awards Evening. Congratulations to all!

I hope you have a restful half term break.

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



## Upcoming events

13<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> November 2019  
KS4 GCSE Drama  
Performance Evening

16<sup>th</sup> November 2019  
BBS Bands Autumn  
Concert

27<sup>th</sup> November 2019  
Work Experience Awards  
Evening

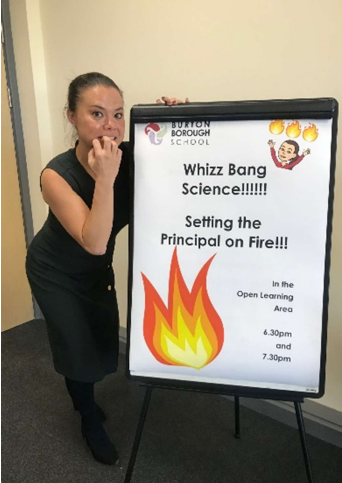
28<sup>th</sup> November 2019  
Year 11 2019 GCSE  
Examination Cohort  
Presentation Evening

2<sup>nd</sup> December 2019  
Year 8 and 9 Meet the  
Tutor Event

16<sup>th</sup> December 2019  
BBS Bands Christmas  
Concert

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Nearly 2000 visitors came to Burton Borough School for our Open Evening which was held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> October. It was a fantastic event and we were delighted to see so many prospective families enjoying themselves at our school! The Burton Borough Concert Band played at the Principal's Speech and Miss Carter was even set on fire as part of a science experiment that made front page in the Newport Advertiser! We've never seen Miss Carter look so nervous before!

## NEWPORT ADVERTISER

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# HOTEL HOUSING SCHEME RESTARTS

**Report by Matt Growcott**

**AFTER more than nine months of delays, the £4 million project to build affordable homes behind Newport's Royal Victoria Hotel has resumed.**

Development on the site came to a standstill in January when Amicus Finance, which were funding the project, went into administration along with Hawk Plant, the building company.

Work has now restarted on the old car park where 21 two and three-bedroom town houses are being built.

The houses are now being funded by Telford & Wrekin Council and The Wrekin Housing Trust, which said they would be available for affordable rent from the spring.

Plans to continue the development of 12 apartments within the Grade II listed hotel is reported to start again in 2020.

The whole project is still being managed by Town Centre Properties, a Shropshire-based property company.

The council's contribution to the partnership of £750,000 has been funded from "diversified" contributions from other development, or called Section 106 income.

Councillor David Wright, cabinet lead for housing and infrastructure, said: "This is another significant investment into the centre of Newport which is helping to bring a long-term vision forward."

**Need**

"It will also help to create a very exciting and for more affordable rental housing in the borough which the Wrekin Housing Group will operate with private for people from, or connected with, Newport. It's another sign of the council's intention to create a better borough."

Shrewsbury, project manager at The Wrekin Housing Group, said: "We're delighted to have been able to get this development going again with the assistance of Telford & Wrekin Council. The builders Hawk Contractors started again on site in May."

Roger Brock, managing director of Town Centre Properties, said: "The last year has been difficult for us, but we have now secured the funding for the project. It's a relief to have the project restarted and we are looking forward to working with the council and the housing trust to complete the build of the 33 houses. I am also in final talks with building contractors for the development of the hotel."

Project 2020 is to be the more progressive way for the housing trust to allow us to restore the Royal Victoria Hotel to its former glory.



**Don't forget to apply for a place at Burton Borough School by the 31st October 2019!**

### POLICE

#### Patrols stepped up near monument after woman raped

A WOMAN aged in her 20s was raped near to the Lilliball Monument, police have revealed.

Police officers are looking to speak to two men who were seen in the area at the time.

The incident happened at about 10pm on September 17 on Lilliball Hill. It was reported to police ten days later. Police have since been increased to offer reassurance to the local community.

Captain Mark Wright, head of the force, said: "We know incidents such as this cause concern to our local community however, I would like to offer reassurance we believe this to be an isolated incident."

"Patrols have been increased in the area and specialist officers are working with the victim to offer her support throughout our investigation. If anyone has information that may help our investigation, I would urge them to get in contact with us."

Contact West Mercia Police on 101 quoting reference 94855 20019. Alternatively contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111 or at crimestoppers-uk.org. Police are also investigating the rape of a 12-year-old girl near to the monument. Standdown in Telford at 5.45pm on September 6.

### SPORT

#### Gym halls upgrade to help Olympians

OLYMPIC facilities at the Lilliball National Sports Centre are undergoing major refurbishment funded by Sport England as British gymnasts prepare for Tokyo 2020.

The Kings Hall and Princess Royal Hall are both being developed and will be handed over the end of 2019. David Munn, chief executive of British Olympic Council, said: "This is a big and exciting investment that we believe will ensure the future of great athletes at Lilliball."



### INSIDE

#### It's the last surviving Lizzie

It's the last surviving Lizzie, a 19th-century iron safe, which is being displayed at the school's open evening.

The safe, which is over 100 years old, was brought to the school by a local charity, Telford Young Carers. The safe was used by the school's headmaster, Mr. Carter, to store his personal papers.

The safe is being displayed in the school's hall during the open evening. It is a rare example of a Victorian iron safe and is a valuable historical artifact.





Congratulations to Thomas in year 7 (above and left) for achieving his PADI scuba diver qualification over the Summer holidays!



Burton Borough School received the Gold Award from School Games! Well done to everyone involved and to our PE department!



PC Walker-Shale (above) has been in school again to talk to our students about how to safeguard themselves. Recently, she spoke to students about the dangers of knife crime and social media.



Well done to Bob in year 9 for achieving a distinction in his LAMDA examination in July!

Year 11 students who have done very well in terms of progress (above) were invited to a three course lunch with their Small School team staff members!

Well done to Leo in year 9 (above) who won the youth category of the Newport Shropshire Cycling Club 'hill climb time trial' and came 9<sup>th</sup> overall!!



We were very excited to be invited to participate in this year's Newport Civic Sunday by the Mayor of Newport, Peter Scott. Our fantastic Concert Band (above) performed several pieces and Miss Carter spoke about the talented young people of Newport (especially Burton Borough!) that she has the pleasure of working with every day. It was very pleasing to see so many of our students involved in the parade! A fantastic time had by all.





It was a soggy afternoon at the Shropshire County Netball Tournament but our netball team (above) did very well! Scores were:

Fancy playing some Rugby (above) or doing some boxing (below)? Make sure you come along every Thursday!

- BBS 7 – 9 Wrekin College
  - BBS 14 – 2 William Brookes
  - BBS 7 – 4 Shrewsbury School
- Congratulations!



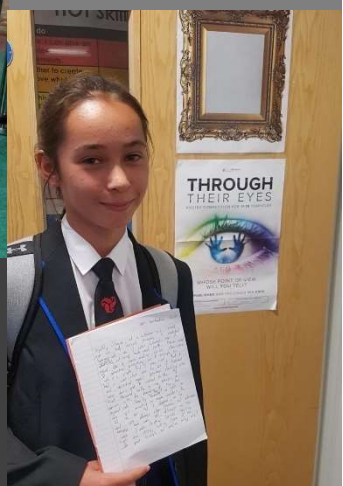
These students (above) won every game at the TWSSA 6<sup>th</sup> form netball tournament, despite being in year 10 and 11! WOW!



The amazing students on the left won every single challenge out of the three they entered at the Full STEAM Ahead event for local schools! Well done all!



We celebrated the European Day of Languages with a bake sale organised by the MFL department. Over £90 was raised for charity!



Well done to all students who won an award at our Sports Awards evening! Thank you to the PE department for organising it.

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