

Burton Borough School Monthly Newsletter

September 2019



Dear Families,

Welcome to the 2019-2020 academic year! I hope you all had a wonderful summer break and managed to get some rest and relaxation. There was no slowing down at the end of the summer term as Burton Borough School continued to be a very busy place with many achievements celebrated.

First of all, we have our lovely year 11 group who received their GCSE examination results in August and there was so much to celebrate at their prom. There were both academic and vocational successes, with some of our students achieving over 2 grades more than expected in each subject from their primary school scores to some students achieving several top grade 9s in their set of results. Students making excellent progress include Lewis Talbot, Louis Arrowsmith, Eliza Ensor, Demi-Lee Baker, Emily Monk. Those who achieved top grades include Dylan Lane-Craddock who achieved seven grade 9s, (equivalent to A**), two grade 8s (A*) and a grade 7 (A), Amara Otero Salgado who achieved six grade 9s and four grade 8s, Paa Appoh with three grade 9s and five grade 8s, Holly Thomas with four grade 9s, four grade 8s and two grade 7s, Antonia Goodrich with three grade 9s, two grade 8s and two grade 7s, Teagan Lindley with four grade 9s, four grade 8s and one grade 7, Natalie Tagg with two grade 9s, one grade 8 and three grade 7s and Holly Walsh with one grade 9, two grade 8s and four grade 7s. The list could continue with these successes and I am very proud that the inclusive nature of our school – catering for students of all backgrounds and abilities – was celebrated and reflected. Well done to the class of 2019! It was such a pleasure seeing so many happy, smiley faces who are now well-prepared for the next stage of their education. We will miss this year group very much!

I am also very proud to announce that Burton Borough students won several prestigious competitions just before the summer. We were awarded 'Most Enterprising School' at the National Enterprise Challenge out of 265 schools which was held at Wembley and also won 'Best Work Plan' in the Shropshire Star STEM Challenge. A huge thank you goes to Mrs Kane who ensured students were prepared for the competitions. We were also awarded the Green Flag Award (the highest achievement) from Eco Schools for the work we do for our environment. Well done to Miss Beaver and all students who were involved!

The work that we have done on the mental health and wellbeing of both staff and students continues to gain national recognition. Mrs Heins, our Head of Wellbeing was interviewed on Sky News (who would have thought BBS would get air time like this on TV?), Mr Morgan, our Vice Principal, was invited to speak at a Government Events conference and I delivered my TEDx talk. Other schools and organisations are looking to us to see what we are doing and the positive impact it has had on behaviour which is extremely exciting!

We were also delighted to take part in the Newport Show this year with the Burton Borough Bands performing, our IT department and their VEX robot stand and of course, our potato entry for the potato growing competition. We came a respectable 4th but we will try and beat this next year!

I'm really looking forward to this academic year – Burton Borough is a very exciting place to be at the moment!

Yours sincerely,
Krissi Carter (Principal)



Upcoming events

9th September 2019
Year 11 Induction and Mock Results Evening

12th September 2019
Year 10 Induction Evening

19th September 2019
Year 7 Learning and Homework Evening

23rd September 2019
Year 7 Meet the Tutor Evening

2nd October 2019
Open Evening

10th October 2019
Year 11 Parents'/Carers' Evening

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Photos (L-R): National Enterprise Challenge Winners and the BBS Band at the Newport Show



A five-page commercial spotlight

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 Congratulations to the Class of 2019 and your excellent GCSE results!
 Well done!
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Vocational and academic success

Burton Borough School is delighted to announce that students have done very well once again with successes in both vocational and academic courses, reflecting the inclusive nature of the school.
 The top five attaining students achieving 47 grades 7 to 9 (A to A**) between them are Dylan Lane-Craddock, Amara Otero-Salgado, Paa Agyapoh (pictured above right), Holly Thomas and Teagan Lindley (pictured above). Students who made exceptional progress from key stage two include Lewis Talbot, Louis Arrowsmith, Eliza Ensor, Demi-Lee Baker and Emily Monk. All students

showed dedication and hard work throughout their time at the school, which is very proud of what they have achieved.
 "We are very proud to be an inclusive comprehensive school with a firm belief that all students, no matter what their backgrounds, needs or abilities are able to succeed and reach their full potential," said a spokesperson.
 "We will continue to have the high expectations for all of our students so that they are prepared for the next stages of their life, no matter where it might take them."
 "We want our students to be well-rounded individuals who are able to

compete with their peers, not only nationally, but internationally and the Class of 2019 will definitely be able to do this! The school is going from strength-to-strength and our new £1.2 million new build completed this academic year will only contribute to its success.
 "Thank you to all of our students, staff and families who have worked incredibly hard as a team this year to ensure our students reach their full potential. In addition, we would like to thank the community of Newport for all of your support and kind comments congratulating our students and staff."
 "Congratulations to the Class of 2019!"

Our year 11 students were on the front page of the Shropshire Star with their GCSE successes! It was very exciting to be interviewed by the reporters and having our photos taken! Congratulations to the Class of 2019!



Tom (above) represented BBS at the Shropshire School's Athletics Championships. He competed in the intermediate boys 200m heats coming in with the fastest time. Then with a very quick turnaround of 10 minutes Tom ran the 400m finals and came in 2nd. 20 minutes after that Tom ran again with very little recovery time in the 200m finals and came 1st. With these results, Tom has been asked to represent Shropshire in the Mason Trophy on Saturday 15th June at Birmingham Alexander stadium. Well done!



We won 'Most Enterprising School' at the National Enterprise Challenge. The competition was out of 265 schools, including many public schools and grammar schools! Here are our students (left) with Mrs Kane, Theo Paphitis the entrepreneur from Dragon's Den and Diversity members Jordan Banjo and Perri Kiely! Well done! What an incredible achievement!

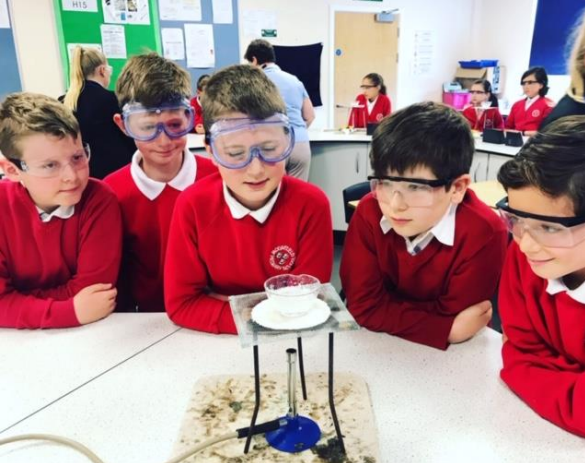
Lauren Rigby and Harry Roberts (right) both achieved the Chief Scout Gold awards at 2nd Church Aston Scouts. This is the second highest award available in Scouts so we are very proud of them!



Layla (left) received the Newport Girls' U12 Most Improved Player of the Season Award!

We won 'Best Work Plan' at the Shropshire Star STEM challenge with our edible cup lid (below)! Wow!





We really enjoyed delivering lessons to our primary school neighbours in the summer term. It enabled students to feel what it is like to be at secondary school and it was fantastic to see the collaboration between teachers from Burton Borough and primary schools delivering sessions too!

We received this beautiful letter from one of our new year 7 students about our transition days. Thank you very much! How very thoughtful!



Miss Carter and Mrs Heins collected our Gold Carnegie Centre for Excellent Mental Health award in the summer. Not only that, Mrs Heins was interviewed on Sky News on the work that we are doing around mental Health and Wellbeing at BBS!

Miss Beaver organised the BBS Telford Park Run takeover (below left) in July where over 550 runners took part! This was part of the work of our Eco committee who were awarded the Green Flag Eco Schools Award too this summer (below)! Well done to everybody who contributed and took part!





Our year 9 students were the Telford Wrekin Rounders Tournament Winners!



We had a huge number of individual and team sporting successes in the summer term, including the Burton Borough U15 Cricket Team (above) who became the TWSSA champions, our tennis team reaching the Shropshire finals, the year 7 girls athletics team who were first overall, the year 9 boys coming second and the year 9 cricket team reaching the County Cricket semi-finals. We also had our Sports Day where our winners were...Aqualate Small School! What a great job everyone and well done to PE staff!

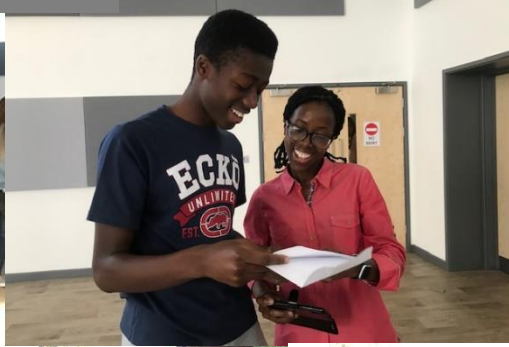
Students have been raising money for the next expedition to Nepal. Here are two of our students packing bags at Asda and some students even held a car boot sale!



Students at BBS contributed to the time capsule (left) which is buried in Hawkstone Avenue by Newport in Bloom, ready to be excavated in 2090. We are so please to be part of Newport history!



Class of 2019



We would like to share the story of Alex Woodvine, one of our students who was diagnosed with M.E. This article was originally published in Nova Magazine. Thank you to the Woodvine family and Alex, for sharing: Five years ago our 11-year-old son, Alex, was an active, sociable, happy young lad enjoying the last few months at Newport Junior School and looking forward to starting at Burton Borough School with all his friends. Unfortunately, he started to feel increasingly poorly, and by the end of 2014 Alex was so ill that he had to leave school as he became first housebound and then bed bound.

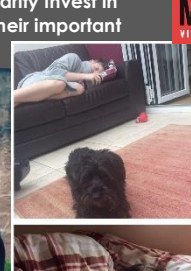
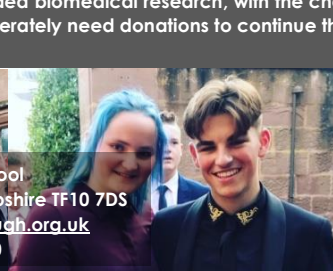
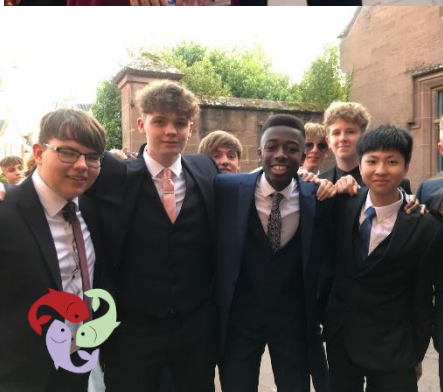
After numerous medical tests he was diagnosed with Myalgic Encephalomyelitis (M.E) an illness which, at the time, I knew nothing about except that sufferers feel exceptionally tired. I now know that tiredness is just one of the many debilitating and unrelenting symptoms associated with this multi-systemic, neurological, autoimmune disease. These symptoms include pain, severe cognitive impairment, sensory issues, sleep problems including insomnia and sleep reversal, gastric problems, orthostatic intolerance, dizziness, flu-like malaise and of course the constant and debilitating physical, mental and cognitive fatigue meaning even the most basic of daily tasks are often impossible.

Alex used to be a committed and enthusiastic member of Church Aston Scouts and Audco Archery Club, involving himself in all the activities they did. He had weekly ice skating and guitar lessons and loved walking our dog in the countryside with his brother. He was very happy at school and had lots of long-standing friends who he loved spending time with.

Now 16, Alex is bed bound at least 75% of the time and is reliant on mobility equipment including a stairlift and a powered wheelchair to move around safely. He has been too ill for any education since 2014 (all of his secondary school years) and has lost all his friends. He rarely has the energy to get washed and dressed let alone leave the house. He suffers all day, every day with all the horrendous symptoms already described. He is never symptom free, not even for a minute. This has been his life for the last 5 years and as a family it is heartbreaking watching our son/brother/grandson/nephew suffer constantly with absolutely no respite, being unable to make it better and feeling scared of what the future holds for him.

Unfortunately, virtually no money is put into M.E research despite it affecting approximately 250,000 adults and children in the U.K. with many sufferers left house or bed bound unable to work or go to school. This lack of research means that there is no effective treatment, no cure and no prognosis for this chronic, life changing condition.

We are reliant on charities to fund much needed biomedical research, with the charity Invest in M.E Research leading the way, but they desperately need donations to continue their important work and to give M.E sufferers hope.



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