

## Spring Term

### BBS Family Weekly Bulletin

Week beginning: 29<sup>th</sup> January 2024

**Dates for your Diary: Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024 – Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

Event Date and Time	Event	Who is it for?	Location
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> February 2024 4.30pm – 7.00pm	Year 8 Parents Evening	Year 8 Parents/Carers & Students	Sports Hall
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> February 2024 to Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> February 2024	Year 11 Malaga Trip	Year 11 Students	Off Site
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February 2024	Last Day of Term	Whole School	
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> February 2024 to Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> February 2024	Half Term	Whole School	
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February 2024	Back to School	Whole School	



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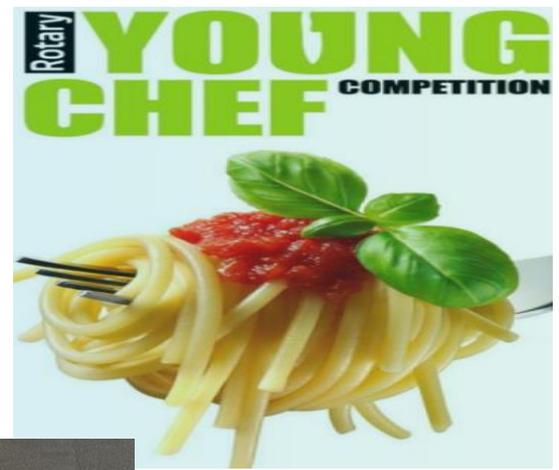
Despite the storms we had at the beginning of the week, students continue to arrive on time each day. To ensure that our staff safeguard students effectively when they arrive on site, we have decided to adjust our gate opening times. We will now open our school gates at 8.35am rather than 8.30am, and students should remain in their year group external areas until the bells ring at 8.48am. Students will then be asked to make their way directly to their tutor rooms to begin their form session at 8.50am.

Punctuality to school is very important as our form tutors meet students at 8.50am, to share key messages and deliver our personal development curriculum during the first session of the day. We look forward to your anticipated co-operation with this matter. Thank you once again for assisting us with enforcing our uniform expectations, three weeks into the Spring Term our students continue to look very smart. I hope you enjoy your weekend and I look forward to meeting you in the weeks and months ahead, either informally at school events and functions, or through forthcoming parents' evenings.

Mr M Kelay, Acting Principal.

## Rotary Young Chef Competition

On Wednesday night four of our talented students took part in the Rotary Young Chef competition. They had to produce a two-course healthy meal for two people costing no more than £18. They had to show as many skills as possible and display on a well-presented table with a printed menu. The dishes they produced were absolutely amazing, tasted delicious and the judges (Mike Hughes, Chef at Harper Adams Uni and Janet Atherton, Rotary Club Life) commented that any one of the dishes would be worthy of being in the final. The students who took part were:



**Eleanor McGuire – Year 8**



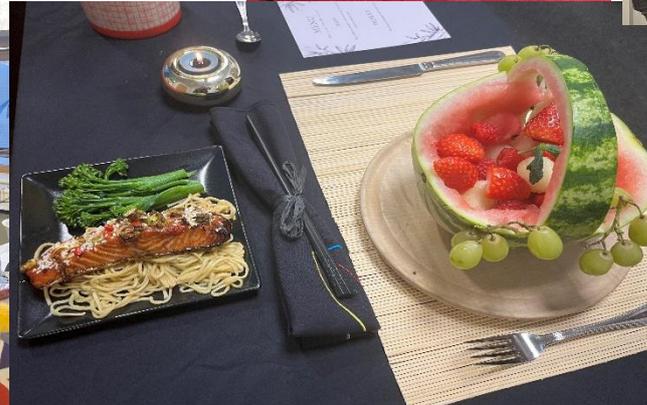
**Liam Beardmore – Year 9**



**Arjun Chatha – Year 10**



**Max Hartwright – Year 10**



The winner, **Arjun Chatha**, and runner up, **Max Hartwright** will now go onto the final at Stafford College in March. Good luck and well done to all four students who took part "you are an absolute credit to Burton Borough School" – Mike Hughes. Chef at Harper Adams University.



## Year 7 Office Competition Launch

The Year 7 team have launched a fantastic competition for all Year 7s to get involved in. For every positive note you receive and take to the Year 7 office, you will receive a raffle ticket. At the end of term all the tickets will be entered into a draw for a chance to win a prize!! Good luck Year 7s! Below are the first 2 students to be entered into the draw.



## YEAR 7 OFFICE Competition



Every positive note =

A raffle ticket

Prize draw at the end of term.

Please bring your positive notes to the year 7 office **BEFORE** form time or **AFTER** school. You will receive a raffle ticket and be entered into the prize draw. We will also need a picture of your positive note.



### Positive 7X5 news

BRILLIANT problem solving in Maths today from Alfie Sherry, Leo Studholme, Carson Pythian, Brax Holford, Broden Willets and Tom Ross! Reward points and postcards home for these students. Well done for going above and beyond and your positive change of attitude. Miss Wheat, SENCo.



### Year 7 Certificates ready to be handed out in Assembly



### Year 7s enjoying PE....

### Positive Notes



**Year 7 Students who have chosen books donated by the Rotary Club (bottom left)**



**English lesson in the Library**



**Year 7 practical in Science**



**NCS presentation at the Year 11 Assembly**



On Friday NCS (National Citizen Service) came and presented to our Year 11s. NCS are an organisation helping young people grow their strengths, by offering a range of experiences away from home, local community and online. They then held a Q&A session at lunch for anyone who wanted to know more. It starts at £95, but bursaries are available.

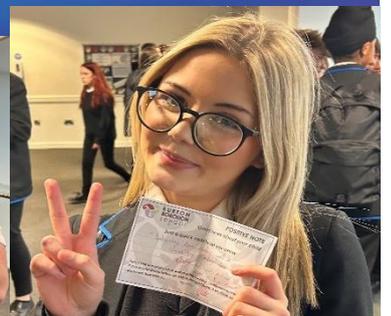
**Year 11 Achievements**



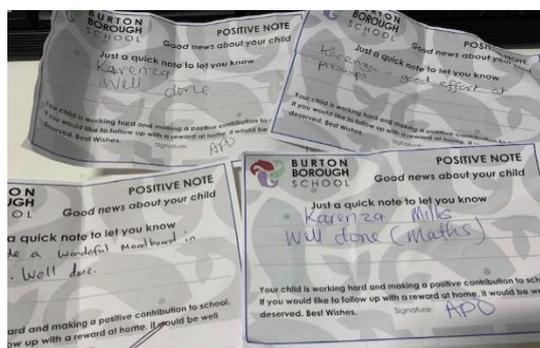
Well done Anna-Louise, on being presented with your pen of the week and positive note last week. (left)



Well done Lily and Harvey (right) on your positive notes!



**Year 9 Positive Notes & Reward Point Certificates**



Well done to the Year 9s who keep on receiving the positive notes for great work and behaviour (left)

Well done Edie for winning the weekly Reward Points Certificate! (right)



At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many apps which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit [nationalcollege.com](http://nationalcollege.com) for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about MYLOL

AGE RESTRICTION  
13-19

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

MyLOL is a free social networking and dating site aimed at teens. Profiles can publicly display users' images and information, including sexual orientation and personal interests. The service bills itself as "the number one teen dating website in the world", claiming to have more than a million users globally. Despite its popularity, the MyLOL app is no longer available from Google Play or the App Store, although the site is still active. In some countries, police forces and schools have previously warned parents about "sinister predators" and "inappropriate activities" on the site.

## FLimsy AGE GATES

Although MyLOL states it is exclusively aimed at users aged between 13 and 19, there is no credible age verification system to prevent a younger child – or an older adult – from signing up to the platform. Coupled with the fact that it's impossible to establish a user's true identity on MyLOL, this raises a serious concern that the site could be used for grooming.

## IN-APP SPENDING

MyLOL is free to join and use, but it also offers paid-for memberships. Users who have paid money get their profile promoted at the top of the site and in search results. They can also earn additional credits for increased engagement with the platform – such as sharing, replying to messages and voting. At the time of writing, the monthly membership fee was \$9.95 (just under £8).

## AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

MyLOL maintains that it monitors all uploaded images for nudity or sexual content. It also claims to be able to detect suspicious keywords. However, there have been numerous reports of explicit content being found on the platform, with users often posting provocative, semi-nude pictures of themselves and engaging in flirty or sexually explicit conversation.

## DATA COLLECTION

According to its privacy policy, MyLOL collects user data including email addresses, contact details and interests. While the company says it is committed to protecting users' privacy, the small print states that information may be shared externally. MyLOL claims to follow procedures to keep data secure, but does not specify what these procedures are, or whether such information is encrypted.

## POTENTIAL CYBER-BULLYING

MyLOL lets users 'vote' on other people based solely on their appearance, much in the same vein as the now-defunct site Hot or Not. This feature could easily lead to distress and bullying, especially if a young person's profile pics receive an unfavourable response. Various reviews of MyLOL have noted that bullying frequently becomes an issue in the platform's chat groups and private messages.

## CONTACT FROM STRANGERS

MyLOL makes it easy to connect with strangers. In fact, the site's rewards feature encourages users to send private messages to people they don't know. There have been several media stories of adults posing as teens on MyLOL to connect with minors, which could lead to extremely dangerous situations, such as a young person meeting up with someone who has been posing under a false identity.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

### DISCUSS ONLINE DATING

It's vital to talk to your child about the possible dangers of platforms like MyLOL – particularly the threat of online predators. Remind them of the risks of sharing intimate images and information with strangers and emphasise that most people don't realise they're being 'catfished' until it's too late – it really isn't wise for a young person to meet up with someone they've only spoken to online.

### EXPLAIN PRIVACY RISKS

Before your child begins using a service such as MyLOL, it's important that they understand the potential pitfalls of giving out their personal data on this type of platform. Explain to them, for example, that they shouldn't divulge any personally identifying information to people who they don't know, as scammers can be quite convincing when attempting to steal someone's identity.

### RESTRICT IN-APP SPENDING

If your child has access to a bank card or other payment method, they may be enticed into signing up for MyLOL's premium features. Having their profile boosted and receiving more attention could be especially tempting if their friends also use the site. You could consider altering their device's settings to disable internet purchases, or at the very least keeping an eye on their online spending.

### SET UP LOCATION ALERTS

If you're worried that your child may be planning to meet up with someone they've met on MyLOL, you could consider utilising GPS or WiFi location tracking technology to follow their whereabouts in real time. You can even set up a virtual boundary or 'fence' and opt to receive an alert to your phone if your child enters or exits a specified area.

## Meet Our Expert

Carly Page is an experienced technology journalist with a track record of more than 10 years in the industry. Previously the editor of tech tabloid *The Inquirer*, Carly is now a freelance technology journalist, editor and consultant.



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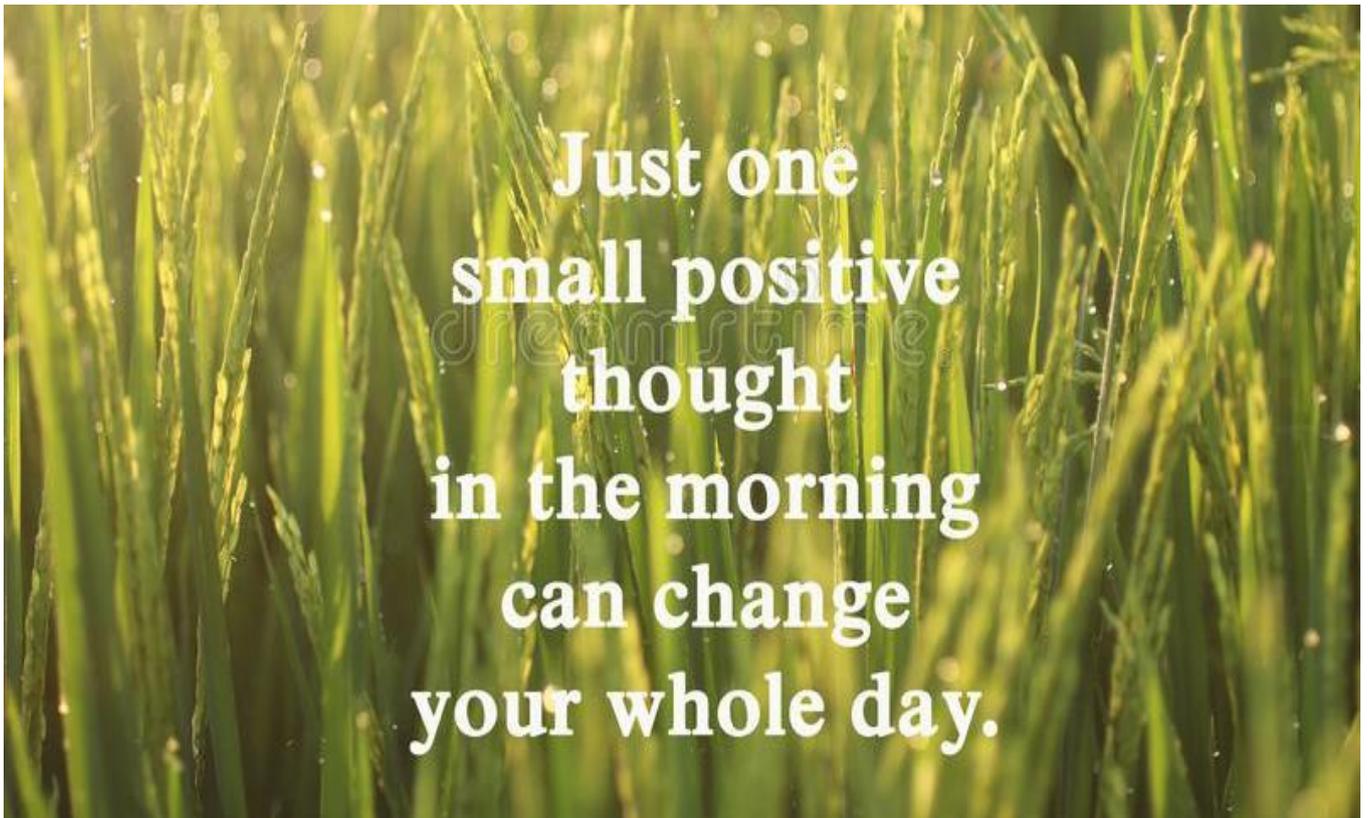
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## Wellbeing Message



### All Year Groups Notices

Wellbeing Mentors meeting - every Wednesday during CLL, in COMMS 40

### Year 7 Notices

### Year 8 Notices

Year 8 Parents Evening. Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2024. 4.30pm – 7.00pm

### Year 9 Notices

### Year 10 Notices

A reminder that Paris 2024 payments are due on the 1<sup>st</sup> February for the FINAL payment. Please ensure all payments are made via ScoPay and please do contact Mrs Paginton should you have any concerns or queries.

### Year 11 Notices

# BBS Music and Drama Clubs / Bands

TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p><b>Choir</b> All years 3.05-4.15pm in MU2</p>	<p><b>Show Rehearsal</b> All years 3.05-4.30pm in New Hall (after Feb halfterm)</p> <p><b>Woodwind Ensemble</b> Invite only 3.15-4.15pm In MU3</p> <p><b>Concert Band</b> Invite only 4.30-5.30pm in MU3</p>	<p><b>Junior Band</b> KS3 woodwind and brass players 3.30-4.30pm in MU3</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>	<p><b>Drama Club</b> All years 3.05-4.15pm in MU3</p>
<p><b>For more information about joining any of these clubs or bands, see staff in the Music &amp; Drama Office</b></p>			

## Extra-Curricular Timetable

These sessions are open to all students. No need to book. See your subject Teacher about which room the session will be held in.

Year	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7	Staff CPD	Basketball EMP/LTI		Girls and Boys Football JDA/LTI	
8		Basketball EMP/LTI		Girls and Boys Football JDA/LTI	
9		Basketball EMP/LTI		Girls and Boys Football JDA/LTI	
10		Basketball EMP/LTI			
11		Basketball EMP/LTI	GCSE Badminton Filming Invite only JDA/MRO	GCSE Badminton Filming Invite only MRO GCSE PEP Invite Only JDA	GCSE Intervention MRO/JDA CNAT intervention EMP/LTI

## Year 10 and Year 11 Revision Timetable

### BBS Revision Timetable 2023-2024

#### Year 10

	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
<b>White Week</b>	Photography Art MFL	English	Geography History RE Music Child Development ( <i>invite only</i> ) Y11 GCSE PEP	CNAT PE
<b>Blue Week</b>	Maths		Science	Computer Science Enterprise GCSE PE

#### Year 11

	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
<b>White Week</b>	Maths	English	Science Music	Computer Science Enterprise
<b>Blue Week</b>	MFL DT Food ( <i>invite only</i> ) Photography Art	English Sociology	RE Child Development ( <i>invite only</i> ) Geography History Y11 GCSE PEP	GCSE PE Drama