

# Burton Borough School Monthly Newsletter

February 2019



Dear Families

Although we're only one month into 2019, the good news is already flooding in! We were named one of the top 10 Telford schools in the Shropshire Star and topped the list of schools that do not have an entrance examination. All staff and students are incredibly proud of this and we are hoping to do even better this year! We were also mentioned in the Shropshire Star for the 'green' rating we received from our audit inspection which is the highest level you can achieve. Our 'destinations' information is looking great with 99.4% of students who left us in 2018 still in education or training (national average 94%) and attendance data is 1% up from last year at just over 96%. This means we are on our way to achieving our target of 97%! Well done everyone!

Our year 9 parents'/carers' evening results were very pleasing once again with 100% of our families saying that their child feels safe at BBS. We had many lovely comments from families about the year 9 key stage 4 transition evening and we are very pleased to hear that you and your children feel confident on the option process for GCSE examinations. Another event we held this month included our Open Morning. It was delightful to see so many year 5 and 6 families and we are really looking forward to your children starting with us in September 2019 or 2020! If you were unable to come along this time, we will be holding another Open Morning on the 6<sup>th</sup> March so do contact us if you would like to attend.

There were a number of sporting successes this month with the KS4 Girl's Badminton team becoming county winners, the year 10 and year 9 girl's netball teams (pictured above with Miss Edwards and Miss Stockdale) coming first and second respectively in the Telford North Winter League, the acro-gymnastics team progressing to the national finals and the year 9 football team qualifying for the final of the Telford cup.

We had two Enrichment and Extended Learning (EEL) days this month where students participated in lots of different lessons. The photo on the right shows me testing out a robot our Vex Robotics team made. Students also had the opportunity to find out about careers in the armed forces, the police, fire brigade, hair and beauty and computer programming as well as contributing to a number of team work and problem solving activities.

We had three university trips in January; one for our mathematicians who went to Oxford University, one for our 'Brilliant Club' who went to Sheffield University and one for some of our high potential students who went to Warwick University. A great time was had by all as our students aim high and aspire to attend one of these prestigious educational establishments in the future. Our Burton Borough University programme is receiving some great feedback from families and I am so pleased to hear that some of the initiatives of the programme are not only impacting positively on your children, but also enabling some wonderful, thoughtful discussions at home! If you want to get involved, why not encourage your child to enter the next Big Think competition? Position papers for the question 'Should healthcare be free?' should be submitted by the 29<sup>th</sup> March 2019.

Let's hope the rest of 2019 continues to be as positive as January!

Yours sincerely,

**Christine Raymont-Hall (Principal)**



## Upcoming events

**5<sup>th</sup> February 2019**

Year 7 Parents'/Carers' Evening

**6<sup>th</sup> February 2019**

Cyber-bullying and Sexting Awareness Event (All welcome)

**11<sup>th</sup> February 2019**

Vulnerability and Exploitation Awareness Event (All welcome)

**18<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb. 2019**

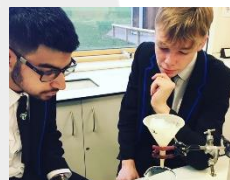
Half term holiday

**21<sup>st</sup> March 2019**

Year 10 Parents'/Carers' Evening



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# Changes coming to fruition

Burton Borough School saw some fantastic results in 2018 despite the new, more rigorous GCSE qualifications, with 70 per cent of students achieving grades 9 to 4 (A\*\* to C) in both English and mathematics. There was also a sharp 10 per cent increase in students achieving the top 9 to 7 grades (A\*\* to A) in these subjects.

The school is 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. There have been a number of changes at Burton Borough School over the last two years and staff are delighted that the

positive impact of those changes are now coming to fruition. The work the school is doing on mental health and wellbeing is beginning to gain national recognition and schools in the local area and beyond have been coming to see the school's fantastic practice and conducive learning environment.

"We have extremely 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," said principal Christine Rayment-Hall.

"We want our students to be well-rounded individuals who are able to compete with their peers, not only nationally, but internationally. Thinking skills permeate our lessons with all

students in key stage 3 studying philosophy regularly so that they can explore topics and issues beyond the curriculum.

"The school is going from strength-to-strength and due to our success we have been asked to expand, admitting 242 students per year group from September 2019. Our new £1.2 million new build and classrooms due to be completed in April 2019 will only contribute positively to our success and increasing student numbers. Why not come and visit us during our open morning on March 6 from 9:30am to 11:00am? We would be delighted to see you there! Alternatively, you can follow us on Twitter or Instagram @BurtonBorough for daily updates."

## SCHOOL LEAGUE TABLES: Top 10 school

### Telford & Wrekin:

1	Newport Girls High School:	Newport	75.3
2	Haberdashers' Adams,	Newport	72.9
3	Thomas Telford School,	Telford	59
4	The Burton Borough School	Newport	46.6
5	Madeley Academy,	Telford	45.3
6	Holy Trinity,	Priorslee	44.6
7	Hadley Learning Community	Hadley	44.4
8	Haberdashers Abraham Darby	Madeley	42.9
9	Ercall Wood Technology College	Wellington	41.5
10	Charlton School	Wellington	40.9

In Telford the top performing schools were The Burton Borough in Newport, Madeley Academy in Telford, Holy Trinity School in Telford, Hadley Learning Community in Telford, Haberdashers Abraham Darby in Telford, Ercall Wood Technology College in Wellington Telford, and Charlton School, also in Wellington, Telford.

Burton Borough featured in the Shropshire Star newspaper and website on the 26<sup>th</sup> January 2019. We are in the top 10 (see table above) and top of the table for schools with no entrance examinations! Well done all!



Tracie Cherrington  
@Cherrytracie

Meeting with the Principal this morning & a tour of the school. Amazed at how much the school has improved over the last few years. @BurtonBorough

21/01/2019, 12:18



Gary Hickey @HA\_GaryHickey · 23h

Replying to @BurtonBorough and @ShropshireStar

Fantastic news for a fantastic school. Congratulations to @CMRaymontHall and great times ahead for the children of Newport.

Stephen Burrell  
@ClrSBurrell

Replying to @CMRaymontHall

I have heard nothing but positive feedback about your leadership. Look forward to meeting you soon to learn more about the difference being made by you and your team for young people in my ward. Keep the good work up!

27/01/2019, 14:29

We welcomed lots of year 5 and 6 families on the 24<sup>th</sup> January during our Open Morning. We can't wait for you all to start at Burton Borough!



Our new hall is due to be completed on the 18<sup>th</sup> April 2019. We can't wait to see what it will look like once it is finished! Did you know, our architect is an ex-Burton Borough School student?



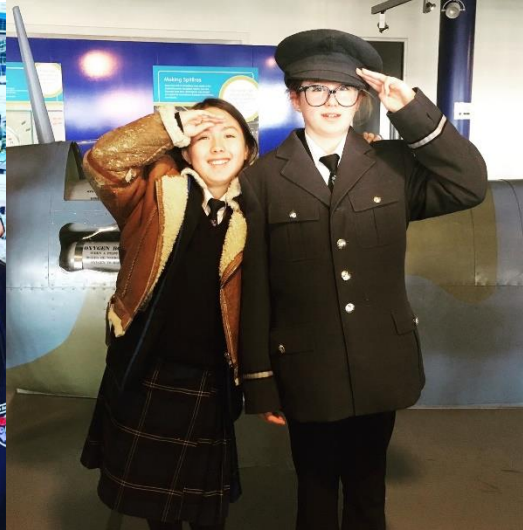
The weather might be cold and wet but Burton Borough students and staff always have a smile on their face!



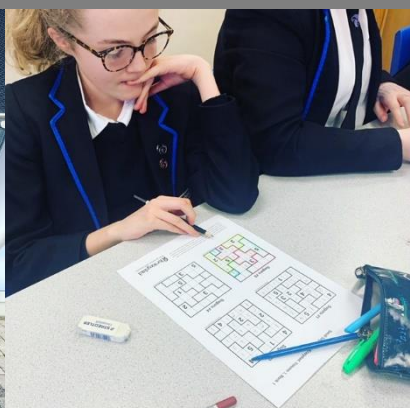
We welcomed Wendy Brook (right) from Merulae who delivered training on Mental Health First Aid to colleagues from across the borough. Connie spoke about her experiences (far right)



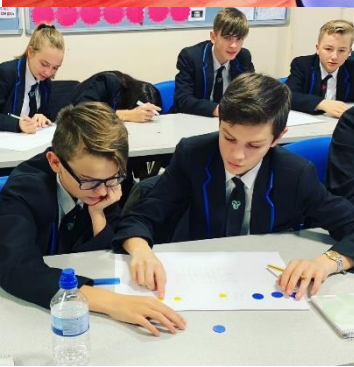




## Enrichment and Extended Learning Days January 2019



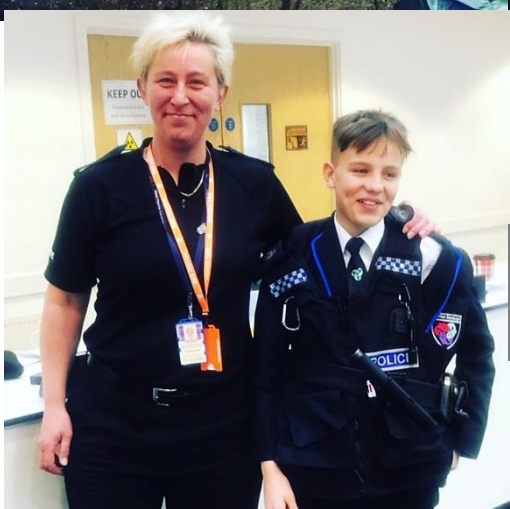
So many activities during our EEL days! Year 7s went to London or Birmingham for Science trips, year 9s had a choice of different activities from hair and beauty to working with the armed forces to computer programming!







Students took part in the National Enterprise Challenge and planned their own Olympic games!



Enrichment and Extended Learning Days  
January 2019



Sharon Lawley @shazzal71 · 35m  
@science\_bbs @BurtonBorough just picked Charlie up and he hasn't stopped telling me all about his trip! 😊 He had a great time. Special thanks to @MrRossTweets and apologies to the kids sharing Charlie's room #type1neversleeps



Paul Ackers @acko999 · 16m  
Had a great day at @BurtonBorough as the Head Judge for the Yr 10 Enterprise Challenge. The students were brilliant and came up with some brilliant ideas. #veryproud. A big thank you to @Eisakane1888 for organising the day.





There were lots of trips to universities this month! Students went to Oxford University for Mathematics, Sheffield University as part of the Brilliant Club Scholars Programme and Warwick University to meet with their mentors as part of the Unitracks programme.



Andy Hutchinson @Hutchshrops · 6d  
Replying to @BBSUniversity and @BurtonBorough  
Thank you so much for organising this. Eve really enjoyed the day.

Well done to all of our English Department Spellzone Stars!



Our Vex Robotics team

Our KS4 girls' badminton team (right) are the County Champions and our year 7 rugby team (above) beat Charlton School 10-0!



Our Year 10 Netball team came first in the North Telford Winter League and our Year 9 team came second!



The acro-gymnastics (above left) team has made it to the National Finals in May and here is our Elite Gymnastics team (above right)!







Our girl's Football Activators at their training day in Warrington (above)

Our year 9 football team (above) made it to the final of the Telford Cup!



Our chess club is very popular. There is now even a chess league!



Students act out a scene from Macbeth (above) and the student on the left is enjoying the year 11 Sociology trip to the People's History Museum



We are very pleased to be participating in the Shropshire Star STEM challenge. Here is Ms Kane and our students and mentors. We are all very competitive!







What a fantastic turn out for our year 9 parents'/carers' evening and year 9 key stage 4 transition evening! Thank you so much for attending and for all of your lovely feedback.

"I was very impressed with the evening. The presentations were excellent and very clear on the options process and how it all hangs together. Having a drop in process for subjects was also really helpful and it's clear to see all the work put in. We are very clear now on what to choose and my son is reassured he understands the next steps. Great job BBS team." – Year 9 Parent



"I thought the evening was fantastic... great deal of information and guidance, well delivered by engaged and enthusiastic teachers!" – Year 9 Parent



Our student democracy team (right) delivered some exceptional assemblies in January. They presented on anti-bullying, palm oil and plastic waste.



Year 11s received their mock results in January. Here are some of the brilliant pieces of artwork from the mock examinations (left).

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