



# The Burton Borough School

A Specialist Arts College

## Heads Newsletter May 2015

It really is a time of change at Burton Borough. As with all change it can be quite scary, and even downright frightening, however these feelings can be greatly reduced with careful planning in advance.

This issue of the newsletter is being published slightly earlier than usual as we complete our packing prior to our move to our new building. If you are the parent of a child in year 10, you will already have had a 'sneek preview' when we held the Parent's Evening in our new build. Feedback was universally positive, with our 'Talking Heads' really catching the imagination. I am sure that our students will be equally impressed when they arrive for their first day on Monday 8th June.

As you know, I am also preparing for my retirement at the end of this term. After an extensive interview process, I was absolutely delighted when the Governors informed me that they had appointed my Deputy, Stephen Richards, to be my successor as Acting Headteacher throughout 2015/16. In recent years, Mr Richards has been the driving force behind most of the key improvements at Burton Borough and I have no doubt whatsoever that the school will continue to improve under his leadership. I wish him well.



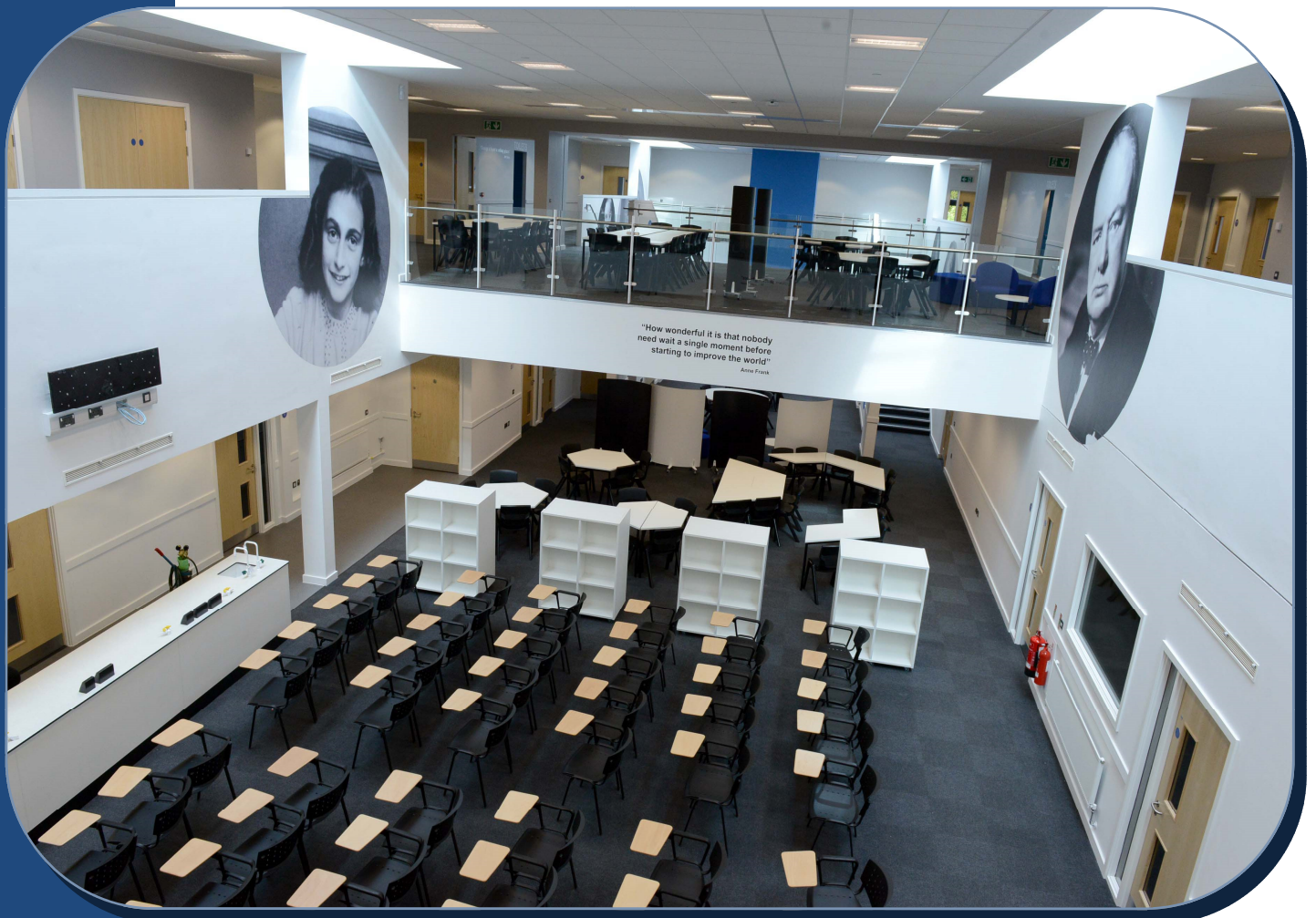


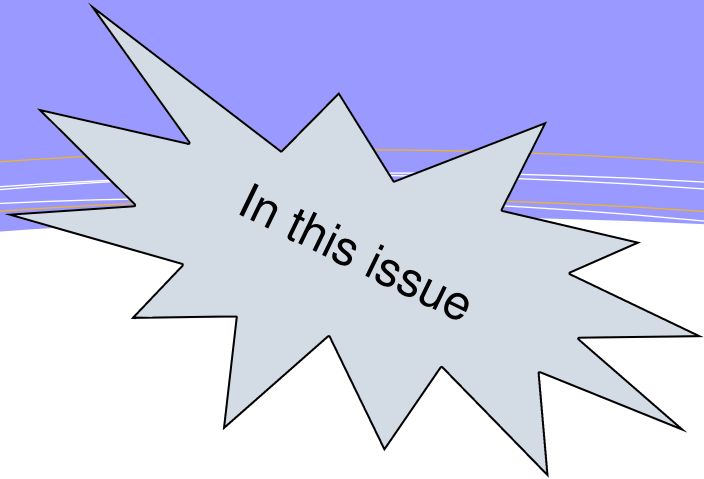
To complete the trio of major changes, our Year 11 students are currently sitting their final GCSE exams as they prepare to leave Burton Borough. Their tracking data gives us every hope that their results will be the 'best ever' (despite the GCSE rules changing) which means that everyone can achieve the grades they need for the next stage of their education. I urge them to make the most of every revision opportunity that is provided for them, and wish them all well for the future.

Whatever your plans for our extended closure fortnight (except for Year 10 who are of course on work experience) I hope they go smoothly.

David Hill

Headteacher





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# Coming Up Soon

## Dates for your Diary

- 11th May 2015 Exams Begin!
- 18th May 2015 Year 11 Leavers Assembly—pm
- 22nd May 2015 School Closed
- 25th May 2015 Whitsun closure  
(including move into new building).
  
- 1st June 2015 Exceptional Closure Week  
For Year's 7, 8, 9
- 1st June 2015 Year 10 Work Experience—1st week
  
- 8th June 2015 Students in  
Yr 7, 8 and 9 return to school for  
Summer Term
  
- 8th June 2015 Year 10 Work Experience - 2nd week
- w/c 15th June 2015 Year 10 Mock Exams
- 1st July 2015 Sponsored Walk Day
  
- July 2015—*Date to be confirmed* KS3 Drama Performance by the  
Shining Stars in Create
  
- 2nd July 2015 Sports Day
- 11th July 2015 Newport Show
- 17th July 2015 Last Day of Term  
School Finishes at 1.35pm
  
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A giant Easter egg made over £100 for Alder Hey and was won by Christine Owen who shared the Easter egg with her tutor group. It was drawn in front of students by Elizabeth Tanner from KLP, before the Easter holidays. Thank you to all who supported this fundraiser and bought tickets.

## *Celebrating Success, Overcoming Challenge, Supporting Others*

Lennon House is famous! Clearly our Celebration Evening was the most successful of all the four houses as we had almost a whole page spread dedicated to our evening in the Newport Advertiser.

It was an absolutely wonderful night with some fantastic entertainment. Lots of our wonderful students won awards for attainment, progress, effort, achievements in and out of school.

The Head of House Awards went to our very efficient Senior House Captains Eliot Hill and Abi Lovatt. The Head Teacher's award was very deservedly given to Kieran Hughes, who is undoubtedly one of the most resilient students I have ever known.

It was an absolute pleasure to see evidence of such hard work amongst our Lennon audience.

Finally, this is our last newsletter that will be published whilst Year 11s are still in school. All staff and fellow students from Lennon House wish them the very best of luck with their exams and securing their places at Sixth Form college or on apprenticeships for next year.





# Mankunga

Many of our students will have been aware of links between their Primary Schools and schools in Kenya. As part of our desire to cement links with Newport Primary Schools and to build community links at an international level we have formed a partnership with a Secondary School in Makunga, Kenya. The Primary School that shares a site with the Makunga Secondary School is partnered with Tibberton Primary School. We hosted Aggrey Omoit Akale, Deputy Headteacher, from Makunga Secondary School from the 17<sup>th</sup> to the 26<sup>th</sup> April.

Over the course of the week Mr Akale experienced teaching in a range of lessons including Maths, Geography, Sociology and Science with a range of different year groups. Mr Akale also had the opportunity to meet with the School Council and was interviewed by two of our students. Their interview is written up in this newsletter.

I had the privilege of watching him with some of these groups and was able to see the impact that his presence had on our students. While they were interested in the differences that Kenyan students experienced they were most interested in the similarities that they shared in their daily lives!

Our two schools will take part in a joint project on sustainability where Makunga and Burton Borough students will be working in parallel and will then compare findings. The purpose of this exchange programme is to build up links with Makunga Secondary School and to highlight the fact that although the schools are on different continents and from very different countries, the students are fundamentally the same. It is clear that this has got off to a very good start!

The funding for this exchange has come through a programme run by the Diocese of Lichfield and we will continue to apply for funding. Mrs Stephens, Head of Science, is visiting Makunga Secondary School at the end of July to continue developing these links.

We hope that this will be the start of a long and fruitful partnership with our colleagues and fellow students in Kenya.

Dr Court



Aggrey with Dr Court



Aggrey enjoying an ice-cream in Shrewsbury Quarry



Aggrey during his stay with Mr Richards



# Our Chat With Aggrey

## Mankunga High School

**By Hayden Ravenscroft and Abigail Cappleman.**

During a short period this term, we had the exciting opportunity to have had the company of the Deputy Head-teacher of Makunga Secondary School – Aggrey Omoit Akale, from Kenya. Shortly before his departure we, were fortunate enough to be able to have a lengthy chat about education and society in his country. We thought that you would find it as interesting as we did.

The School day at Makunga Secondary School starts at 6:45 am and finishes at 5:30 pm; this includes a 15 minute break, a compulsory tea break and a lunch break. They have three assemblies per week; On Monday and Friday they have a flag raising ceremony and a Christian service on Wednesday.

From information we gathered, our students had overall better behaviour overall, but at Makunga most students are more focused on academic achievement, mostly because they value their education more. Behaviour wise, bullying, is not an issue there. Misbehaviour is taken much more seriously – one punishment is being subjected to corporal punishment (the whip, the cane being the UK equivalent) . They have 3 school terms, January to March, the whole of April is a holiday, they return for a second term from May to July, the whole of August is another holiday, and the final term is September to November with December as the final holiday.

Classes at Makunga are separated into boys and girls which is in an attempt to prevent relationships between students. Generally, the boys in the school outperform the girls, due to two reasons, one is that girls from poorer backgrounds must miss school 3 or 4 days every month because they cannot afford sanitary pads, and secondly they do not spend time on homework and revision because they help run the household and do most of the cooking and cleaning. The uniform consists of a pink shirt, black long trousers for boys, skirt and blouse for girls, and a black sweater. Each class has around 50 or 60 students, the school has 660 students with 324 girls and 336 boys.



Education in Kenya is free until children are 18, and Primary School is compulsory, – when they leave secondary school, however, parents are asked for donations to help run the school. Parents have to pay for their child’s school trips, otherwise they don’t go. Primary school starts at age 5 and they go on to start secondary school at age 13. They stay at secondary school until they are 18 and then start university at 19 if they want to.

The subjects they study include the compulsory subjects of maths, English and two sciences (any 2 from Biology, Chemistry and Physics). They have the option to choose one humanity (geography, history or religion) and one technical subject (business and DT) and PE.

Until very recently, Makunga had no computers, but now some members of staff have their own personal computers and the school now has one computer that allows them to have internet access. That is one computer for 660 students. They also have access to textbooks, in the same way as we do.

Our final questions were regarding what he has seen during his visit to our country and what were the glaring differences. He replied that he was very surprised with the freedom students have in the classroom – such as talking, moving around freely and occasionally eating (even though we’re not supposed to!). In Kenya, the teachers teach the class and the students sit there and listen, whereas we learn interactively. He said the one thing he would be taking back from our school would be the interactivity between teachers and students. Having stayed with members of staff, Mr Richards among them, he was very shocked that men did most of the cooking and cleaning and house hold chores, as in Kenya, the females in the house always take on these tasks.



Photos from Makunga



# A Homework Update:

At the beginning of 2013 we launched **Showmyhomework** ; our system for helping our students to organise their Personal Study; this system allows both students and parents to go online to see the tasks set, thus avoiding the excuse 'we have not had any homework today'!

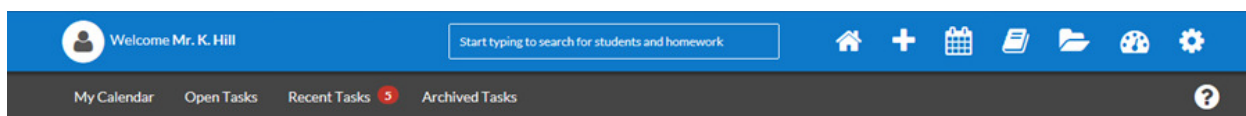
The system is available to all students in KS3 and KS4.

**Showmyhomework** Is a web-based application that can be accessed by smartphone, tablets or PC. There are two ways in which a student can access their homework: one is via no-password, open access, where after getting to the Burton Borough Homepage there are a set of filters by year, subject and teacher; the other is via their own login. Login details We shall be distributing student logins after half term. Please note that if a student loses or forgets their password, then provided that they know the name of their class and that of their teacher then they can access their homework from the homescreen. Alternatively they can see myself to re-issue them with log in details.

To go to the homework calendar then follow this link:

<https://theburtonborough.showmyhomework.co.uk/school/homeworks/calendar> .

Alternatively, visit the site directly via the link from the homepage of our Burton Borough School website.



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If you have a subject-specific concern regarding homework, then please contact the relevant subject teacher. If you have general concerns about your child regarding homework then their form tutor is the first port of call.

Alternatively, please contact me if you have any other concerns.

Karl Hill, Assistant Headteacher

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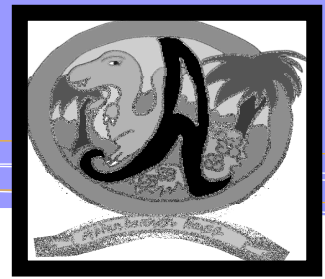


# Revision Session in Costa Coffee!



Some very keen MFL students tried to attend a revision session in school over the Bank Holiday weekend. Sadly school was closed so Mrs Morgan took the students to Costa Coffee in the High Street and continued their revision there.





## Attenborough's Celebration Success!

Thursday 23rd April, was Attenborough's Celebration Evening, and what a success it was!

We presented awards to some of the most influential members of our House and rewarded some of those who have really shone through their time at the Burton Borough. All who were there are real role models and deserved all the praise they got! We had special performances from the amazing Carys Clempner and fabulous Emily Pierce (supported by Haydn Sayce who, although is not in our House, supported the evening regardless and wowed us with a great performance). Furthermore, we had a visit from the previous Senior House Captain of Attenborough - Blayne Beddow, who spoke brilliantly about what she is doing now, how Attenborough and the school has helped her achieve her dreams, as well as complimenting us about what a great House we are. The night was full of tears, laughter, and most of all celebration! We really are the best House, and we had many compliments from parents about just how wonderful the evening was! As a House we raised £147 from our tombola stall and sales of charity badges, which is phenomenal in one night! It really helped to end the evening on a great high.

Well done to everyone who received an award, keep up the great work, stay brilliant!

By Ruby Wilson, Senior House Captain  
and  
Mrs Tomlinson, Head of House.

**Why fit in when  
YOU were born to  
STAND OUT!**



## Help your child with Numeracy

Do you struggle to help your son or daughter with the maths methods currently taught in school? Do you want to help your son or daughter be as numerate as possible?

If so, come along to our evening sessions. Each session runs from 6pm – 7pm and gives practical demonstrations and applications of numeracy in action. Refreshments are provided, free of charge.



The sessions will be run on the following dates:

Tuesday 19th May

Tuesday 23rd June

If you require any more information, or wish to confirm your attendance, please email Lisa Kane ( Numeracy Coordinator) at [lisa.kane@taw.org.uk](mailto:lisa.kane@taw.org.uk)

Kind regards,

Lisa Kane  
Numeracy Coordinator  
Burton Borough School

Comments from parents who attended the last session said: “ it was very helpful just learning how they learn maths now” . “I will now be better placed to help him at home with problems ”

£310.90 was raised for NSPCC by students on Numbers Day by doing a sponsored times tables.

Congratulations To Jack Darby who raised an individual total of £53.00



# Tolkien House



This has been a busy half term in Tolkien and it is the beginning of a big time of change for us with Year 11 leaving and our long awaited move into the new build imminent.

It was fabulous to spend time with Tolkien students celebrating their successes on Celebration Evening. It is one of the highlights of the year for Mr Lamb and I and we were delighted that so many Parents, Carers and Grandparents were able to come and share this special evening.

We are spoilt for talent in Tolkien and had three brilliant performances during the evening. Aiden Maddox danced beautifully and Katie Roberts played an inspirational piece on the Saxophone, the evening ended with Olivia Roberts singing which was a fitting finale to an excellent evening. It was the last time that Katie and Olivia will perform for Tolkien and we wish them well in their studies in the future.

At the end of this half term we will be saying good bye to Year 11 as they leave to take exams and pursue their futures. We will be losing some excellent Captains and Mr Lamb and I would like to thank them for all their help and support both this year and in previous years.

We would also like to wish all our Year 11 students lots of luck in their GCSE exams and hope that they all achieve what they need to move on and complete their education in whatever way they have chosen.

After half term we will all be moving into the new building and there will be much excitement as we all settle into our fabulous new learning environment. Alongside this we are reaffirming our behaviour code and I know that Tolkien students will be doing all they can to ensure that our House moves seamlessly into the new building whilst maintaining the sort of behaviour record that Mr Lamb and I are so proud of.

We are looking forward to telling you all about life in the New Building in our next article for the Newsletter.

Mrs Heins

Head of Tolkien



## **Parents beware: Holidays in term time may cost you more than you think**

Most people will be aware that a local family was recently fined roughly £1000 for refusing to pay the fines for taking their children out of local schools during term time. They also now have a criminal conviction.

Government Guidance on leave during term time changed on 1st September 2013. Any unauthorised leave of 5 or more days will lead to a fine. Head teachers now have extremely limited discretion, and their decision is final. Full details of recent changes to the law are available on our website, as well as our own guidance.

We do not want any of our families to face a fine or even worse a court case. Any request for leave during term time will almost certainly be refused, and could prove very costly.

Dave Hill  
Headteacher

Trina Elliot  
Education Welfare Officer

### **Looking to Plan a Holiday in 2015/16?**

Term dates are available on our website. Please remember — Holidays taken during term times will almost certainly **NOT** be authorised. Any holiday requests **MUST** be made on our 'Leave of Absence' form which needs to be returned to school at least three weeks prior to your leaving date.



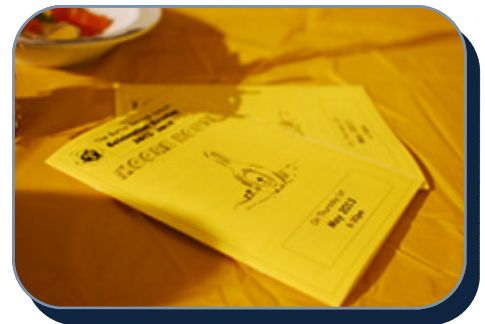
### **Ms Brown**

As you will know, Ms Brown is currently on secondment as Executive Headteacher of the Linden Centre at Telford and Wrekin. Congratulations go to Ms Brown, who has now been appointed to the role on a permanent basis, and will therefore not be returning to Burton Borough. We thank her for her hard work at Burton Borough, and wish her every success in the future.



## Celebration Evening:

This half term we got to celebrate some of the fantastic students from our house at our annual celebrations evening. Well done to those students who received an award, it is a small recognition of the effort you are putting in. The evening was very well attended, and I am sure all those who were there will agree it was a lovely occasion.



## Charity update:

We have had a fantastic effort in our quest to raise over £1500 for Marie Curie Cancer Care. Our grand total now stands at well over £900. Thanks to all the staff and students who have helped us reach this fantastic total. Forms have been involved in a range of activities to help us. As an incentive to reach targets for fundraising, staff from Moore house have very kindly taken part in the ice bucket challenge. The students have really enjoyed this!



## Farewell to year 11 students:

We would like to say a fond farewell to our year 11 students, whose time at Burton Borough School is coming to an end. All the best for your upcoming exams, and your future plans whatever they may be. You really have been a fantastic year group, and we hope you remember your time at school fondly.



## “Who do I contact if I have a query?”

As you know, all children from each family have been placed in the same House in order to make this as easy as possible. The first point of contact should be with your child’s tutor (perhaps via their planner). After this, please use the House structure as follows:

To contact any of these staff, please use the Helpdesk number on **01952 386559** or email the **helpdesk.bbs@taw.org.uk**. All calls via the Helpdesk are logged so that we can ensure that each issue resolved.

House	Head of House	Student Support Manager
Lennon	Mrs Alecock	Ms Dakin
Moore	Mr Mainwaring	Mrs Pickering
Tolkien	Mrs Heins	Mr Lamb
Attenborough	Mrs Tomlinson	Mr Garbett

### **Contact Details**

Please remember to let us know if your contact details change. It is vital that we are able to contact parents and carers in the event of an emergency.

We now have email details for 95% of parents and carers, but would like one for every parent.

Please contact us as soon as possible if you have not already given us your email address.



# Student of the Month

## November 2014

### Attenborough Nominations

- PVI Katie Lowndes , Niamh Taylor
- KST Ella Macera, Harriet Oakes
- AAD Cutis Moore, Thomas Ollivier
- PEV Amara Otero Salgado, Jennifer Wilmot, Lily Keyzor
- HNE Amber Molland-Allmanr, Sam Austin, Isabella Dale
- VLC Antonia Goodrich, Michael Cooper
- RBA Sam Skinner, Alice Plant, Kirsten Godwin
- RTI Billy Barnett, Mia Bettlestone
- LKA Rhiannon McGillvery, Brayden Jones



### Lennon Nominations

- TBI Luke Game, Elizabeth Meeson
- JGL Lewis Gregory, Holly Davis
- JGR Andrew Clarke, Phoebe Tugby
- CCO Emma Gabriel, Brad Mellings
- KGO Harry Fletcher, Genevieve O'Nyons
- KLP Josh Priday, Keeley Thorpe
- CJO Faye Mackenzie, Matt Bate
- SJG Lewis Young, Amy Truswell
- GFA Harry Beckett, Charlie Haskins
- AWAJay Snookes, Sophie Naginton





# Student of the Month

## February 2015

### Moore Nominations

- JWY Hannah Kiernan, Thomas Wall, Katie Blythe
- KPR Zofia Powell-laybourn, Elliot Das-Gupta, Harry Mullinder
- SRU Katie Pitt, Holly Nicholson, Dan Watson
- JNI Lily Murphy , David Phelan, Olivia Powell
- SSD Alice Parker, Jacob Johnson, Chloe Mansell
- MWY Evan Richards, John Ruston, Olivia Morton
- ACO Sasha Vandesande, Jessica Darby-Smith, Luke Holt
- RGE Morgan Lawley-Robinson, Ben Cresswell, Alex Lindsay



### Tolkien Nominations

- KBA Phoebe Davies Boydell, Molly Evans, Alex Wilkes
- EHE Gemma Sandiford, Jack Darby, Lauren Witty
- MPF Callum Brookfield, Chloe Riley, Phoebe Edwards
- ABE Imogen Price, Emily Atkins, Lailah Bi-Zaman
- ARU Victoria Wilson, Phoebe Hobbs, Kieran Moore
- SIR Ellie Gough , Rhys Haarhy, Rachael Gilbert
- HBI Jez Burton Clews, Brandon Shropshire, Chloe Caldicott
- MHE Emma Hardy , Leah Beech , Cedric Manabat
- ELO Connor Marley, Robyn Powell , Charlie Good





## Into the Revision Zone!

As the Year 11 exams begin, this is a period of time when getting into the best learning habits is absolutely essential. So some top tips:

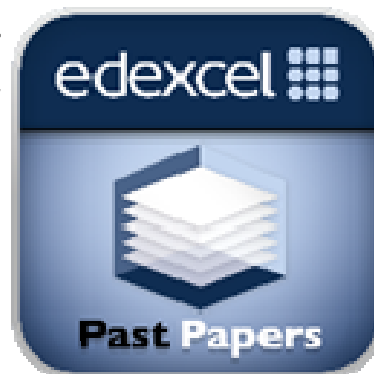
**Have a plan!** Many students do this on paper, many with an app, but it is essential to plan a schedule that includes all of the key examination dates and ensures that each subject is covered over the following weeks. Most students will study 9 or 10 subjects, so planning chunks of 30 minute sessions each day can mean that over a week all subjects get covered. Typically this will mean covering 3 or 4 subjects each evening giving a total of about 2 hours of revision each day.



**RAG your revision guides.** Focus your revision. Start by working through the contents section of your revision guide, and with a red, amber and green pen or crayon RAG each section. Put a red dot beside the sections that you are finding most tricky; an amber dot for those sections that need a little bit of work to get you confident and finally a green dot for those sections that you are pretty confident about. The key thing is then to make sure that you start the revision by focusing on the amber sections – in this way you should get your revision off to a flying start and get your confidence improving quickly. Get the amber stuff to green and only then start tackling the red sections.



**Grab some past papers.** Ask your teacher or download these from the exam board website. Try some questions and then mark your responses using a mark scheme. Most of our best learners say that this is the best way to revise.



Don't just read a revision guide! USE the information in it to create your own notes, mind maps or revision cards. Just reading through a revision guide is perhaps the worst thing that you can do with it! Make your notes colourful and include pictures to make them more memorable.

**Log on to SAM Learning.** You won't learn much directly from SAM Learning but it is a fantastic way of testing yourself on a topic that you have just revised. Look out for the 'revise' tasks.



**Get appy.** There are many favourite apps to help you revise or to organise your time. Get this right and your revision can come with you anywhere on your phone!

**Get into the zone!** Focus on your work in 30 minute chunks and have the discipline to leave checking in on Facebook, Snapchat etc. until your next break. Choose some calming music, preferably music without lyrics as this can be a distraction, and some healthy snacks!



# ATTENDANCE

## ATTENDANCE – some reminders:

If your child is ill you must contact the school as soon as possible, giving us the following information:

- **Your child's name, year and form group;**
- **Reason for absence and nature of illness;**
- **Likely length of absence if known.**

You can inform us by one of the following methods:

**By contacting the Attendance Office on 01952 386554**  
(answer phone in

operation so please leave a message),

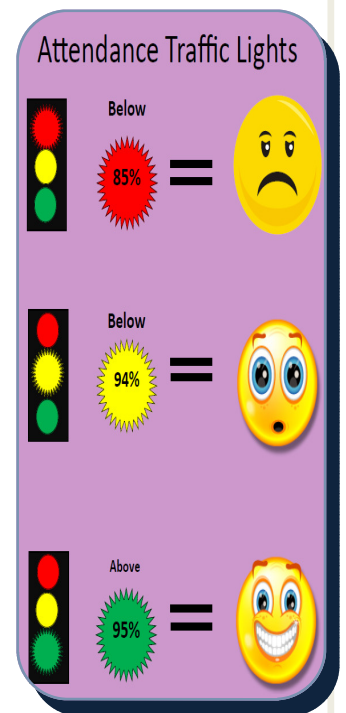
E-mail: [attendance.bbs@taw.org.uk](mailto:attendance.bbs@taw.org.uk)

Phone **Reception** 01952 386500.

Please do not be alarmed if we call to check on your absent child's progress for our records.

If you need to inform us of future medical or other appointments you can do so by:

- using the same contact details,
- sending in a letter,
- writing a note in their PSD,
- E-mailing your child's tutor (their address can be found on the school web site).





## Basic Equipment List

Please make sure your son/daughter brings the correct equipment to school every day

This includes **A PENCIL CASE, A RED PEN, A READING BOOK AND THEIR PSD**

**Be prepared to LEARN**



### **BASIC EQUIPMENT**

**A pencil case with**

**BLACK PEN**

**RED PEN**

**PENCIL**

**RULER**

**ERASER**

**SHARPENER**



**COLOURING PENCILS**

**PROTRACTOR**

**COMPASS**

**CALCULATOR**

**READING BOOK**



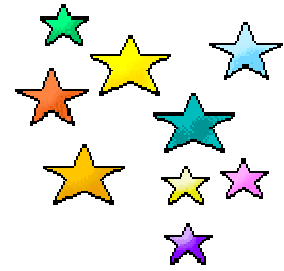
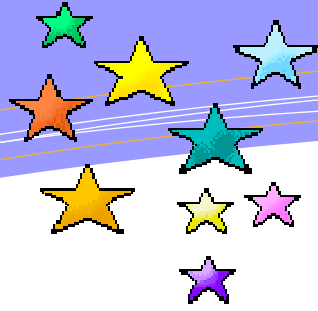
# Sexting

Throughout the country there is increasing concern about students 'sexting' which is the practice of sending photos of their bodies to others. This dangerous practice inevitably leads to these photos being widely shared, and the dangers of adults obtaining them are obvious. Taking part in this is illegal and can (and does) lead to the police taking action through cautions and more serious steps if the person does not stop. Even a police caution can, of course, lead to travel bans (e.g. USA) and some jobs being unachievable in later life (e.g. teaching, sports coach).

Students at Burton Borough are not immune from this practice, which is why we recently invited the police to lead assemblies during which they spelt out the dangers.

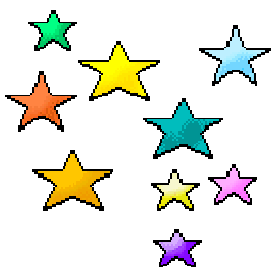
Please have regular conversations with your child about this dangerous, widespread problem.



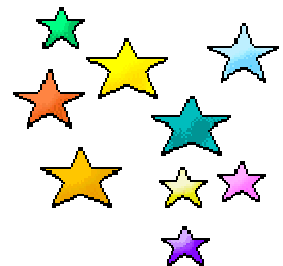


The Shining Stars  
will be putting on a showcase inspired by one of our favourite  
authors and poets, Roald Dahl.

This will include scenes from our favourite plays,  
monologues, dances, singing and poems galore.



July 2015  
Date to be confirmed  
Look out for details after half  
term!





# Burton Borough Website Survey

## What do you think?

Before the summer 2014 we posted a request for visitors to our website to tell us what they think and the responses we've had have been really helpful. As a result, we're working on making changes to key information for parents including newsletters and key dates which we will have up and running very soon.

However, because we want to keep in touch with what our visitors want we would really appreciate it if you could take a look at the survey we have online. It's completely anonymous and won't take any longer than a few minutes to complete. You can find it by pointing your web browser at the following address:-



<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/GXMX2V7>

We would really appreciate your feedback and will use it to help improve the website for the benefit of all our visitors. Thank you!

### School Twitter and News Feeds

There are several ways to get the latest news from the school website; the simplest way is to go to the website homepage and click on the 'Latest News' link, which displays all the news articles as they are posted. The website can be viewed on a traditional PC, but also works perfectly on a mobile device such as a tablet computer (such as an iPad) or any smartphone. The display reformats itself to make the best of the device you're using.

Another way to get the news is by using an RSS feed; these programs get the news as it is published and download it to your device. You can subscribe to the RSS feed by clicking on the icon (next to 'Latest News') and subscribe to it using your favourite RSS reader app.



Finally, we're posting news and event information on the school Twitter account, which links into more detailed information on the school website. You can follow us by searching for our account name:

**@BurtonBorough**

Hopefully these services will help parents, students and visitors keep in touch with what is going on here at Burton Borough!

Mr Attwood  
ICT Department



## Student Success



Saturday 2nd May  
in Matlock

Many  
Congratulations  
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Jamie Morgan  
has become  
English  
Kickboxing Champion

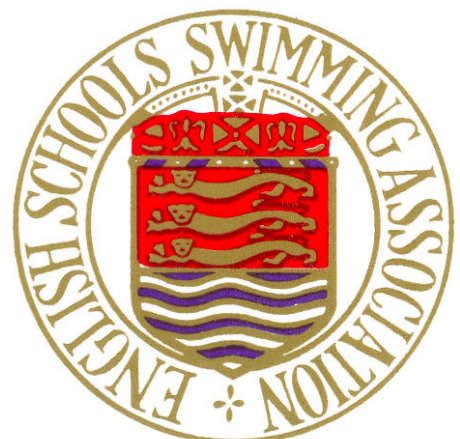
This was for the English Title (50-55kg) which was 5 rounds at 1.5 minutes long. Jamie is currently National, English and World Champion for his age and weight.

Jamie's next fight i(n the next 6 months or so) will be for the British title.

Lucy Armitage has been selected to swim for West Midlands in the National Championships of the English Schools' Swimming Association on 27/28 June in Sunderland.

This is a terrific achievement and recognition of her ability and also her hard work commitment and dedication to her sport.

We wish Lucy all the best for June.





**Amara OTERO and Izzy LARSON  
School's Gymnastic Competition  
March 2015**



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Amara and Izzy recently took part in the School's Gymnastic competition. Although they didn't win a medal they did extremely well and were placed in the middle of their group. This is fantastic given that Izzy had never done 'Acro' before which is a combination of dance and acrobatics. They both worked very hard during the two weeks that they had to learn their routine, and really enjoyed the whole experience.



## Sports News



I'm sure a lot of you will remember Ricky Bailey, who left BBS under two years ago. After leaving school Ricky signed a contract for St Helens rugby league under 19's. During the past two seasons Ricky has been playing really well and in the Easter holidays, Ricky was called up to play for the full first team, in the Super League competition against Hull Kingston Rovers.

Myself, my wife and my son went to Langtree Park (home of St Helens rugby club) on Monday 27th March to watch Ricky's debut. He played well, but sadly St Helens narrowly lost the game.

This is a huge achievement for an 18 year old. It felt so surreal seeing Ricky line up with and against some of the biggest names in Rugby League. A proud moment.

If you wish to keep up to date with Ricky's achievements you can do so on the St Helens website.

Simon Bell  
Head of PE

“Follow the Fish! Follow the PE Dept on Twitter: @BBSPE

We will use this to tweet information on fixtures, results, emergency messages and cancellations.





# THIS GIRL CAN

On Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May twelve year 9 girls attended a “Cricket Activators” course hosted at The Burton Borough School. The course was delivered by Ian Gregory from the Shropshire County Cricket Board.

The day’s work shop involved the girls learning how to deliver safe and fun skills sessions and developing plans to encourage more young people to participate in cricket. The course for the girls was a part of the school’s “This Girl Can” campaign to empower girls to be more involved in sport and physical activity.

All the girls will be leading cricket activities on June 12<sup>th</sup> at Newport Cricket Club when it hosts a women and girls cricket day including a primary “Kwik” cricket competition, an infant skills carousel and a women and girls fun session after 3.30pm.



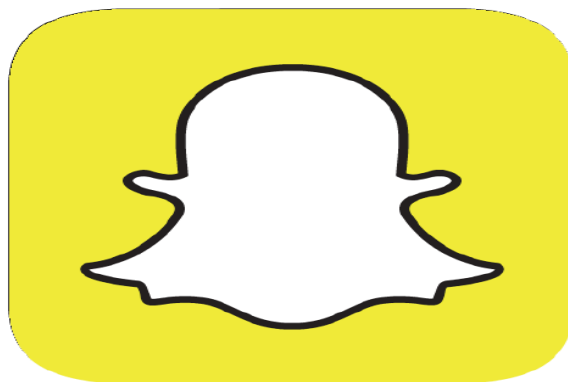


Sex.  
Relationships  
The Internet.  
Three things that get a little bit complicated.

A useful website that may just have the answers to your questions.....

[https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/14\\_plus/](https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/14_plus/)

## A Parents' Guide to **Snapchat**



**ConnectSafely**  
Smart Socializing Starts Here™

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Visit our website for full parents guide.

<http://www.burtonborough.org.uk/Snap-chat-A-parents-guide>



## Has your child grown out of their uniform?

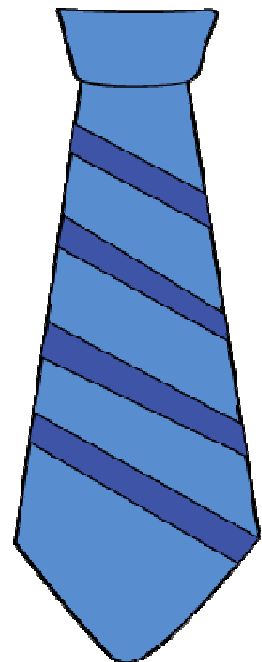
The Pastoral Team are very grateful for the uniform that is donated to them, once your child has grown out of it.

If you have any uniform that you are not able to use, please can you bring it in to school for the team to use when necessary.

Clean , undamaged uniform would be gratefully received

Many thanks

Mrs Pickering  
Senior Student Support Manager





# Mobile Device Consequences & Agreement

Mobile devices can be brought into school, but must not be used on site. If they are used, they will be confiscated. There is a “ratchet” of consequences which are:

1<sup>st</sup> confiscation: handed back to student at the end of the day. Letter sent home to parents/carer and a lunchtime Behaviour Intervention given.

2<sup>nd</sup> confiscation: available for parent/carer to collect from Helpdesk at the end of the following day after confiscation. Parent/carer to sign the confiscation form to confirm they understand the implications of further confiscations. SLT Community Service (one hour) given.

3<sup>rd</sup> confiscation: mobile device confiscated for up to 3 weeks. Parent/carer to sign the confiscation form to confirm that they understand the implications of further confiscations. SLT Community Service (one hour) given.

4<sup>th</sup> confiscation: mobile device confiscated for a period specified by the Headteacher. Parent/carer to sign the confiscation form to confirm that they understand these implications. SLT Community Service (1 hour) given.

Furthermore, should the device be confiscated again, there may be additional consequences as deemed by the Headteacher.

**Please note:** We do not wish to confiscate mobile devices for any length of time, but have no choice if the policy is being flouted. We recognise the difficulties this creates at home, but will not make exceptions. If a student cannot be trusted, then simply don't bring the device to school.

We are very fortunate that we have (almost) universal support from parents/carers regarding such issues. This is vital if we are to send clear messages to the students.



## Whitsun 2015

As you will be aware, our new building is now complete. We will, therefore, need to move into our new accommodation. However, we will also have to temporarily vacate almost all of our current buildings so that they can be refurbished prior to September 2015.

This reorganisation is unavoidably disruptive. It will not have an impact on students in Year 11 who will be either sitting exams or continuing with their lessons. We have brought forward the "Work Experience" fortnight for students in Year 10 so that this will run from Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June until Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June, which means that there will be no overall impact on students in either Year 10 or Year 11 during their GCSEs.

Given the challenges of moving into our building, the Governors requested a closure for students in Years 7, 8 and 9 which was agreed by Telford and Wrekin. **This means that we will be closed to all students on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May (the day before half term)** and for the week Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June until Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June. We will reopen in our new building at the normal time on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June

Moving an entire school during a school year is far from ideal, and has forced us into this additional closure. All schools in Telford and Wrekin with similar (or larger) building projects have also been forced into making equivalent decisions.

We would also like to remind you that this partial closure only applies to students in Years 7, 8 and 9 at Burton Borough. All of our local infant/Junior/Primary schools will be fully open during this week.

Whilst this disruption is unwelcome, it is a sign that our new building is almost ready! After nine years of planning, we are nearly there.

D.M.Hill  
Headteacher

P.Broomhead  
Chair of Governors



# Burton Borough School Frames



Made From 6mm Thick Bevelled Glass

There is a huge difference between a normal Photo Frame and a Burton Borough School Frame made from thick glass. Only by physically seeing and holding this magnificent product in your hands, will you actually understand this.

School days are some of the most important days of your child's life. All photos capture a special moment but as the years pass-by it's easy to forget exactly when and where our loved ones were at the time. The Burton Borough School Frames create a lasting memory of the highest quality that will last a life time.

All customers are totally amazed when they receive this product. Just seeing this on a computer screen simply cannot convey how fantastic these frames are. We promise you that you will not be disappointed.

Burton Borough School Frames are hand crafted to create a lasting memory of the highest quality that will last a life time.

Why not show off their achievements in the best possible way with these fantastic official personalised engraved photo frames.

Type your message and see the text as you are writing it in real-time (e.g. the text appears as you type it).

To upload your photo press **"Start My Frame"** link above and see how simple it is to create your own personal message!

With a choice of sizes offered these frames are available in portrait and landscape to suit your photo. These frames can be wall mounted or used with the fitted stand on a desk or table.

## See How It Looks With Your Photo & Personal Message

✓ **Free Engraved Message**

✓ **High Quality Glass Frames**

✓ **All Prices inc VAT**



### Personalised Frame...

Your Personal message can be engraved next to the school logo. Try it out now to see how it looks with your photo and personal message in real time..

[More Info](#)



### Premium Logo Frame...

Our premium photo frames have the school logo engraved into the front of the frame. Available in various sizes to suit your photo.

[More Info](#)

### Personalise Photo Frames...

You Can Personalise our Photo Frames in real time and see how the Photo Frame will look with your photo and personal message. Try it now

[Try It Now](#)



### We Can Print Your Photo...

We can print and fit your photo into your chosen Personalised Photo Frame and send it to the recipient.

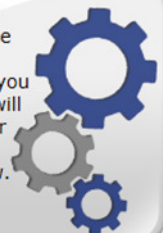
[More Info](#)



### See How It Works...

It's simple to personalise Photo Frames, on the website in real time so you can see exactly how it will look before you buy. For more info and to see how it works click below.

[More Info](#)



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[www.burtonboroughschoolframes.org.uk](http://www.burtonboroughschoolframes.org.uk)



On the last EEL day, the Yr10 Sociology went on a trip to The People's History Museum in Manchester.

They went to see the exhibitions on the Welfare State and the battle for rights fought by women and working people. Here you can see Cate, Ruby and Matthew enjoying Jimi Hendrix on the jukebox and dressing up like hippies.

As you do!



# Returning to School on Monday 8th June

School returns on Monday 8th June at which point the majority of lessons will be in the new teaching and learning building.



Access into school in a morning will be:

- for students arriving on foot - via the first gated entrance at the side of the current DT area leading up to Music.
- for students arriving by bus - via the footpath I between the sports hall and the field

Students will be able to use the field and the hardstanding area on the field. Lessons will still continue in Create, Music and the Sports Hall. The main Hall, canteen and reception are still accessible

Students who are late will continue to access school via reception as they do now. New room timetables and a floor plan will be given students in due course.



As parents you should have recently received a letter outlining our initiative to improve behaviour at Burton Borough. If you have not seen this letter, it can be found on our school website [www.burtonborough.org.uk](http://www.burtonborough.org.uk).

The key part of this letter is the steps we are now taking in 5 specific areas. These are:-

- If students are late, then class teachers have been asked to take whatever actions are necessary in the circumstances.
- If students wear a hoodie in school, it will be confiscated and taken to the helpdesk until you, as parents, can collect it.
- Any chewing gum will be confiscated and disposed of.
- Any breach of our Mobile Phone Policy will, as usual, lead to the implementation of our long established policy.
- Any 'energy' drinks or drinks other than water within the building or food being eaten will be confiscated and disposed of.

I am sure that you will understand the importance of all students following these expectations, particularly as we prepare to move into our new building. This is a 'moment in time' for us, We would want students in future generations to experience the same 'wow' factor as the students who will move in during the next few weeks. This means every student taking individual responsibility for keeping our whole site one that we can be proud of.

Thank you for your support, as we work to make Burton Borough the best possible school for every one of our students.



The Parent Teacher Association is an integral part of Burton Borough Life. Over the years The PTA, through their hard work and dedication to the school have supported and help enrich the education of 1000s of students. In the past few years the PTA have funded or help fund the following. Every Personal Study Diary (PSD) that a student has at school, the school rewards system where at KS4 students have been rewarded with cinema tickets and high street shopping vouchers, various EEL day activities, BBS sports team kit, equipment for the BBS cheerleaders, the rewards for the Accelerated Reader Program as well as many other worthwhile causes that every child at BBS benefits from. To this end, the continued support for the PTA is absolutely essential. We are grateful for all of your support in help raising funds through various events.

The PTA require more volunteers to help support the school; it is essentially a dedicated but very small group of parents and teachers but the very future of the PTA might be in jeopardy if it cannot recruit more support. This unfortunately be detrimental to the education of every child at Burton Borough School.

Some of the PTA fundraising events.



The Annual Sponsored Walk

Please help. If you are interested in joining the PTA or are a parent of a prospective student for next year please contact myself or Alan Bates (PTA Chair).

Yours sincerely

Mr K Hill

Assistant Headteacher.



Flower Sales



Book Sales



## Animal Magic!

During the last EEL day Year 7 were studying animals and their adaptations. The students designed their own creatures called Zeebos to fit into different habitats. The highlight of the day was the visit from Zac's Wild Encounters where the students saw a wide range of interesting creatures. Zac told them how each animal was adapted to survive. There was a Greenwinged Macaw named Cybil, a very rare Palawan Binturong bear cat called Baloo, an albion hedgehog, a skunk, baby owls and much more. The students really enjoyed the visit and many of them got to hold the animals.





# The Safeguarding Team



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**As part of an initiative to increase pedestrian safety outside local schools, Safer Neighbourhood policing teams are to take a preventative course of action in the hope of raising awareness to drivers, parents or guardians to the well being of children, thereby promoting road safety to reduce road casualties.**

**We would like to remind you of the following to prevent unnecessary obstruction of the road or entrance to your son/daughter's school which benefits all parties:-**

You must keep the 'School keep Clear' Zigzags free from vehicles. These markings mean that YOU MUST NOT STOP, even to drop off or pick up.

Park so that you do not cause any inconvenience to anyone else.

Do not park illegally – fines start at £30.

Do not drive or park on the pavement – children are taught the pavement is a safe place to be.

Do not park on single yellow lines if restrictions are in place which will be clearly visible on street furniture such as lamp posts.

Do not park on double yellow lines, these protect the junctions and allow motorists the visibility they need.

Do not park in designated Bus Stop Bays where it is marked on the road in yellow and signed.

Park away from road features such as traffic islands so that other road users including large vehicles, lorries, fire engines, coaches can get through

Dropped kerbs are there to assist pushchair and wheelchair users to cross the road, do not park so that you block them.

Never park so as to stop a resident or trader from getting on or off their property and if you are doing this you must move by law when asked to do so.

Do not park on verges, as you may damage them, or any utilities underneath. The local authority can charge you for the cost of the repair.

Drive slowly at school times, children may suddenly step out into the road, this allows you time to stop safely.

**Vehicles identified causing any of the above offences may be subject to prosecution**



# F2GO

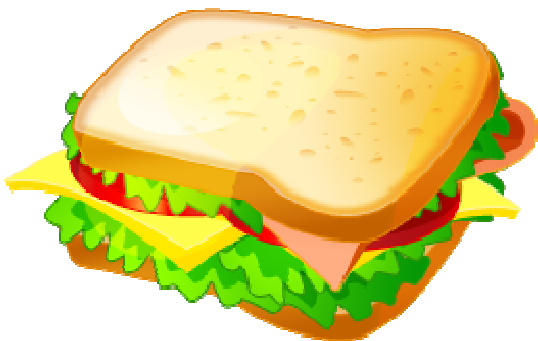
*food to go!*

## Food At Burton Borough

As you may know, this is the second year that we have run our own catering service. It has enabled us to improve the quality of our food, whilst also keeping prices fixed for the second year running.

A full meal costs just £2.20, which is also the cost of the “deli offer”. There is also a new range of sandwiches available.

Give it a try.....





# MONKEYING AROUND CIRCUS SKILLS

20 - 24 JULY 2015 - THE PLACE, OAKENGATES THEATRE

**This fun week long circus summer school is aimed at young people from 8-18 years.**

By the end of the week the participants will have created an extraordinary new piece of circus theatre to share with an audience. More about the week at [www.rogueplay.co.uk](http://www.rogueplay.co.uk)

No experience of circus skills necessary. Weekly cost per child is £110 (£90 for a second child).



t: 01952 382370  
e: [theplace@telford.gov.uk](mailto:theplace@telford.gov.uk)





## Walk to School Week 18-22 May 2015

This year is all about the health benefits of walking. During the week, Walk to School mascot Strider will be encouraging pupils to take his 5-Day Walking Challenge

### 1. Healthy body

Daily exercise has numerous physical health benefits including helping to reduce the risk of childhood obesity and medical conditions in later life such as cancer and heart disease.

### 2. Health and happiness

Regular walking helps to keep young minds healthy and alert ready for their arrival at school.

### 3. Healthy habits

Getting into the habit of an energetic walk at the start of the day will also encourage healthy eating habits such as having a nutritious breakfast every morning.

### 4. Healthy friends and family

The walk to school is the perfect opportunity for some quality family time or a good chat with friends helping to develop strong, happy relationships.

### 5. Healthy environment

And don't forget that walking rather than taking motorised transport means less pollution and cleaner air – a benefit for everyone!

So how can you get involved?

Here are a few ideas to get you started:

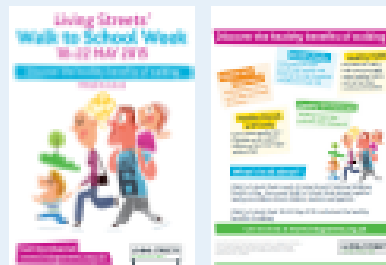
- ➔ Take part in Strider's 5 day challenge
- ➔ Organise an assembly on walking to school
- ➔ Promote safe walking and green cross code
- ➔ Promote walk to school week through school newsletter
- ➔ Set up a park & stride and / or a walking bus
- ➔ Run a class competition to see who has the most walker. Award the winning class a golden boot.
- ➔ Award house points or similar to pupils that walk to school

Useful websites:

Living Streets Walk to School Week

Download the posters and flyers

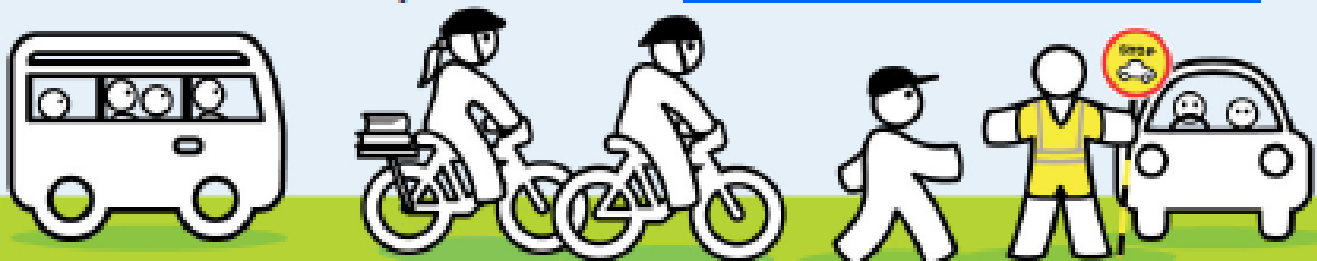
[www.livingstreets.org.uk/walk-with-us/walk-to-school](http://www.livingstreets.org.uk/walk-with-us/walk-to-school)



THINK! Education

Information on safe walking

[think.direct.gov.uk/education/early-years-and-primary/](http://think.direct.gov.uk/education/early-years-and-primary/)





# Burton Borough Calendar 2015 –2016

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 School Closed/Holidays

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