

Burton Borough School Monthly Newsletter

October 2018



Dear Families,

What a busy and brilliant start to term we've had! Year 7s have settled in really well and it is so pleasing to hear from so many of you that your children have had a positive start. 100% of year 7 families said that their children feel safe at BBS and 98% said that the transition process was smooth and that your child is happy. This is great news for us and we are looking forward to working with you over the next five years to ensure all of our students achieve excellent outcomes.

After some discussion and feedback with students and families, we have decided to create a monthly newsletter to keep you all informed of what is happening at Burton Borough School. Our final termly newsletter last academic year was about 80 pages long as there is so much news to share and what we want to do is be able to share that with you more frequently. However, if a month is still too long to wait, please make sure you follow us on Twitter or Instagram for **daily** updates using the handle **@BurtonBorough** for both social media sites!

In this issue, you will see what we have been up to over the Summer and in September, including our expedition to Tanzania, our students celebrating excellent GCSE results (70% achieved grades 9 to 4 in both English and Maths!), a visit from our Newport Mayor, Peter Scott, the Mayor's Civic Sunday Service where one of our students performed, the Friends of Burton Borough Bands' first fundraiser this year and the fantastic achievement of being awarded with Bronze Eco Award status!

KS3 students are also doing brilliantly in their new philosophy lessons and discussing some very interesting topics – my year 8 classes have some extremely deep thinkers in them and my brain hurts after just one session with them! They are phenomenal! One of the questions we discussed was around the idea of what perfection was and whether it existed. Another discussion included a debate on artificial intelligence and whether this technology would become so sophisticated that robots would need 'robot rights' like humans need human rights. It is incredible to think that I am discussing topics like this with 11 and 12 year olds!

I hope you enjoy our first monthly newsletter and I look forward to the next issue!!

Christine Rayment-Hall (Principal)



Upcoming events

Thursday 11th October
2018
Year 11 Parents Evening

Thursday 25th October
2018
EEL Day

Monday 29th October to
Friday 2nd
November 2018 - Half
term holiday

Friday 9th November 2018
Remembrance Concert

Monday 26th November
2018
PD Day - SCHOOL CLOSED



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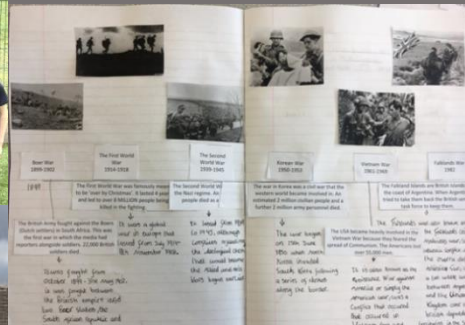
Newport Mayor Peter Scott came to visit us with Newport Councillors in September. We showed our important visitors lessons at Burton Borough School, gave them a tour and some of our students and staff even got to speak to them! A great time was had by all!

"Pleased to lead NTC councillors in meeting the excellent Mrs. Raymont-Hall and her staff and pupils of our Burton Borough School. An eye opener and a pleasure. Proud of the progression of my Alter Mater!" – Peter Scott, Newport Mayor

"Our son has had a fantastic day – he even text me at lunch time to tell me! So happy he's enjoying it!" – Year 7 Parent



Year 8 History work with Miss Pickstock!

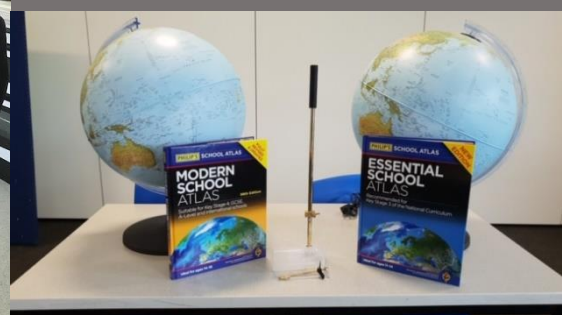


Huge numbers of our students come to after school clubs and revision sessions. On one day, we had over 230 students in PE alone! When you includes the musical rehearsals with the bands and revision sessions, over a third of the school were doing extra sessions after school! Some of our year 7s are loving school so much they asked Mrs. Raymont-Hall if they could stay overnight!

"Great to see physical activity being promoted in such fun and inclusive ways. A world away from my school days! Well done BBS!!" – Year 8 Parent



MFL's European Day of Languages Cake Competition!



Thank you to the PTA for the generous funding which has enabled the geography department to invest in new globes, atlases and an extra hydroprop!

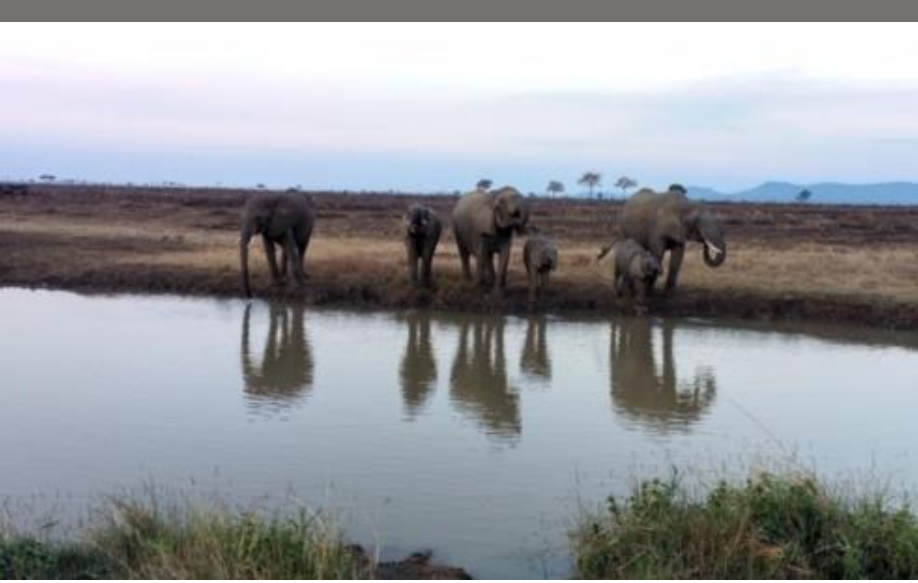




Our students had a fantastic time on the Tanzania Expedition. They went hiking, diving, clearing a beach around the mangroves and going on a superb safari! They saw elephants, giraffes, lions, zebras and cheetahs!



Interested in going on the next expedition? Why not speak to Mrs. Stephens who will be able to tell you all about the plans for the next one!



Education
GCSE special

Celebrations as students scoop excellent set of results

Students and staff at Burton Borough School in Newport are celebrating a great set of GCSE results. A representative sample of the results showed that the Class of 2018 has done extremely well in their GCSE examinations. Despite the more rigorous, referenced qualifications in the majority of subjects, a number of pupils have achieved a range of top grades. In the English GCSE, the school has had a steady 10% increase of students attaining grades 9 to 7.

Applicable to 84% in both English and Mathematics, which we are delighted with. Then our top performing students with a huge 100% 7+ grades between them include Jonathan Lugh, Harry Muller, Isaac Armstrong, Jack Davidson, William Jones, Charlie Owen, Ben Smith, James Smith, Jacob Taylor and Ben West. The school's top performing pupils include Edward Lord, Liam Bell, Charlotte Smith, Emily Adams, Emma Gifford, Jessica Tachibana, Phoebe Hobbs and Cassie Ashford.

"We are very proud to be an inclusive, progressive school with a firm belief that all students, no matter what their background, needs or abilities, are able to succeed and reach their full potential with the excellent teaching and guidance of our staff."

Why not come and see for yourself at our Open Evening and Open Mornings? We look forward to welcoming you!

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BURTON BOROUGH SCHOOL

Open Evening
3rd October 2018
5:30pm to 8pm

Open Mornings
4th and 5th October 2018
9:30am to 1:00pm

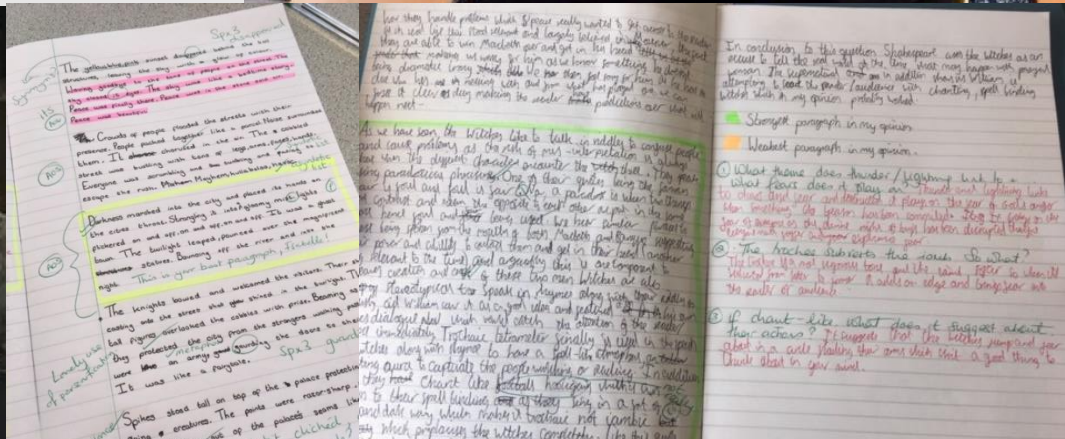
Students of Burton Borough School celebrated some excellent results this Summer! At the time of writing, over 70% of our students achieved grades 9 to 4 (A*-C) in the basics (English and Maths), which we believe makes us the highest achieving secondary school that has no entrance exam or test! Well done to all of our ex-year 11s and thank you to all our staff for working extremely hard to ensure our students reached their full potential! Results day was full of smiles!



Our top 10 students achieved 107 grades 9 to 7 (A*-A) between them. That's between 10 and 11 straight As! There was also a huge 10% increase of students achieving these top grades. Well done all!



"Lovely Civic Service for Newport Mayor Peter Scott. Great theme about communities. Amazing soloist from Burton Borough, such talent." – Councillor Shirley Reynolds



We've been working really hard on extended writing over the last few months. Here are some beautiful examples from the English department! The English department have had some well-deserved praise from families recently with one parent saying "I've got to say I'm blown away with the English department...feel really clued up about what's going on and my son's got into his homework already!"



