



13th March
2020

The Weekly Bulletin for Great Baddow High School

HEAD LINES

IMPORTANT NOTICE

It has come to our attention that many of our students are currently interacting with Instagram accounts which we believe may be false accounts, or accounts that belong to people they do not know. We would ask that you discuss with your child the importance of having the right privacy settings on their social media, and of only connecting with people they genuinely know. We will also be discussing this with students in school. We have sent an email to parents of students we can identify on the Instagram accounts list of followers. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mrs S Field on 01245 265821 – extension 132.

BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK

We welcomed author John Townsend this week as part of our BSW activities, meeting with local Primary school pupils and two Year 7 science classes.



I would like to thank parents, pupils and our staff for their calm and thoughtful approach to the difficult circumstances surrounding the Coronavirus. Our students have naturally been inquisitive, but we have been very impressed by their mature approach and the way they have responded to our advice and guidance.

Information has been shared in assemblies and during tutor time relating to personal hygiene and clear guidance has been delivered to reinforce joint responsibility for our school community.

Daily updates from Public Health England will continue to be posted on our website and I have highlighted below the current position for your reference.

“We are continuing to follow advice from Public Health England in respect of Coronavirus.

We have not been put on alert to close and at present we have no plans to close the school for any additional time.

We are working closely with the Local Authority and if we are advised differently by Public Health England and the Department for Education to close, we will inform parents and carers immediately.”

The media speculation around this subject and the subsequent action that **MIGHT** be taken by schools can cause real concern. Can I therefore ask that you pay close attention to the notices posted on our website as they will directly reference the guidance by Public Health England and the Department for Education.

You will see that, as far as possible, life has continued as normal at Great Baddow High School including several visits and activities that will be highlighted in the next edition of Magnus. Some of those features focus on our Sixth Form with the Year 12 Geography field trip to Southwold and a visit to Oxford University for our Year 12 English literature students.

Thank you again for remaining calm and working with us during these unsettling and difficult times.

Mr Paul Farmer, Headteacher

WHAT'S MY JOB?

This week Year 7 took part in a “What’s my job?” careers event aimed to widen their knowledge about the variety of job roles available. Dressed in plain everyday clothes, mystery visitors were quizzed by students to try and identify what they did for a living. [Read More](#)

CRISP PACKET RECYCLING

Don't forget to remind your sons and daughters to recycle their crisp packets at school into the Terracycle Recycling Bin. Also if you are collecting crisp packets at home, please consider saving up your packets and dropping them into school in bulk for us.

WEEKLY CALENDAR - WEEK A

Day	Date	School Activity
Monday	16 Mar	Year 13 pre-public exams begin
Tuesday	17 Mar	
Wednesday	18 Mar	
Thursday	19 Mar	Years 7/8 termly grade to parents Year 9 Options evening in PAH/Departments
Friday	20 Mar	Year 13 pre-public exams end

[Sports Fixtures](#) are updated on the website weekly

DIARY DATES

SPRING TERM

Term Ends: Friday 3rd April 2020

SUMMER TERM

Term Begins: Monday 20th April 2020

Bank Holiday: Friday 8th May 2020

Half Term: Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May 2020

Term Ends: Friday 17th July 2020

Inset Days: Monday 20th July 2020, Tuesday 21st July 2020 and Wednesday 22nd July 2020

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