



BRS Newsletter

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Headteacher's Introduction



As we approach the summer break, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all our staff and students for their

considerable efforts during the course of this year. I wish everyone a safe and enjoyable summer break.

We are disappointed about having to postpone the end of term Rewards Trips as we know students were looking forward to both the Drayton Manor and Alton Towers trips. However the unprecedented hot weather and red warning are things that we must take very seriously with the wellbeing of students and staff our number one priority.



Staff Farewells

At this time of year we say goodbye to valued colleagues who, for various reasons, are leaving the school. Whilst these members of staff will be missed we also feel excited about the calibre of new staff joining the school in September. A special mention must go to those colleagues who have served the school so well and we wish them all the very best for the future: Miss Robinson, Miss Furniss and Mr Hoodless.

Upcoming Events

05.09.22	Staff INSET (Training Day)
06.09.22	Year 7 ONLY in school today
07.09.22	All Years in school from today
09.09.22	Rescheduled Rewards Trips
14.09.22	Y7 & Y11 School Photos
22.09.22	Early Closure at 12.50pm for Year 6 Annual Open Evening 6pm-8pm
07.10.22	CAFOD Fast Day
20.10.22	Y7 Parents' Evening (VIRTUAL)
21.10.22	Y7 & Y11 Group School Photos
21.10.22	Last Day of Term
24.10.22	Half Term Holiday

Message from Mrs Rowe— School Attendance

It has been a real pleasure to issue so many attendance certificates and postcards in the last two terms. Thank you to all our parents and carers for your support in ensuring your children arrive in school, on time and therefore get the best possible experience from school. I wish you all a safe and happy summer break and will look forward to seeing you all back in September.



Messages from our Year Leaders



Message from Head of Year 7

What a fantastic term our lovely Year 7 have had. At Mount Cook, they exhibited exemplary behaviour and embraced every challenge that was given to them. Their participation in different clubs and activities



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has been overwhelming. Their support with transition has been endearing. After a very hot week, they are ready to recharge their batteries and to prepare for Year 8. A very successful year - well done!

Message from Head of Year 8

It's been an amazing year and a very busy one. So many of our wonderful students have risen to every challenge and really excelled in education. So here are a few of our achievements this year.

A massive congratulations to the following students for doing amazingly in sports day.

Gabriella Bellafronte winning 800m, 100m, 150m
- HOW SPEEDY!!
Keenan Baldwin winning 800m
Josh Bale winning 100m
Cerise Cotton winning 200m
Harley Nevitt winning 200m, Shot Put, High Jump.
AGAIN WOW!!!!
Nadia Woronowicz winning 60m
Ethan Edmonds winning 400m
Congratulations to 8.4 for winning both the girls and boys relay.
Jude Binu winning Javelin
Jack Ross winning long jump
Georgie Mole winning Javelin
Jack Freeman Winning Discus
Harriett Whetton winning long jump
Ruby Carpenter winning Shot Put
Bethan Jenkins winning Discus

As I am sure we can all appreciate it really is not about the winning and those students who took part feeling nervous or not very confident have done equally brilliantly.

A massive thank you also to those students who took part and filled in for absent students.

I need to say a massive thank you to all those students who took part in the school production "Mirth and Melody". We had some lovely

comments from parents/carers and the cast were amazing. We had 48 students involved.

A special thank you to Adam Dabrowski, George Eyden, Jake Balcombe and Sonny Wilkinson who managed all the technical elements. It's a really tough (and hot) job and without them there would have been no show. Equally our lovely stage crew Kacey Hughes, Alexis Bode, Chloe Littlemore and Ellie Yates.

Year 8 raised £1002 this year to help build a fresh water well in Africa. This was done at Christmas. I love that our students are generous and compassionate enough to help people less fortunate. It's great to think we are raising a generation that make a real difference to the world.



So, as they go into Year 9 (can't believe they will be Year 9) I am sure they will have many more adventures as they progress through their educational journey. I am looking forward to next year to see this year group blossom even more.

Have a great summer holiday.

Message from Head of Year 9

What a year it has been Year 9! So many memories and so many rewarding moments. I couldn't ask for a better year group! Your behaviour and academic ability has been exceptional this year. You have done me proud!



Make sure you take the summer to relax before we enter Year 10 and the beginning of your GCSEs. Remember to stay safe and look after your family and friends.



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Make sure you have lots of adventures and make lasting memories.

Have a lovely summer Year 9!

Message from Head of Year 10

As the academic year draws to a close, I could not be



any prouder of the students in Year 10.

They have consistently worked incredibly hard since September, particularly in regard to how they have engaged with their mock exams.

Last week Bradley, Tariro, Amy, Isabella, Roisin, Ross, Abigail and Alana supported Year 5 students from a range of different primary schools during their taster day.

These students were exceptional and were great role models to these younger peers.

On Friday we returned to Shobnall for our annual sports day. Year 10 were a credit to the school showing both resilience and good sportsmanship in the array of events which were on.

I wish all students and their families a lovely summer break and look forward to seeing them refreshed ready for the beginning of Year 11 in September.

Message from the Art Department

GCSE Art Exhibition

The Art Exhibition was a lovely evening celebrating and showcasing the work to students, parents, carers and visitors.

Everyone was so impressed with the standard of work, diversity and personal creativity.

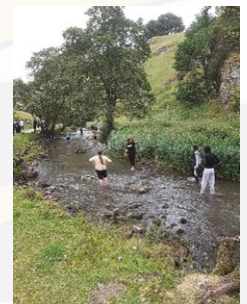


Well done to all the GCSE students who's work was exhibited, we are so proud of you all.



Duke of Edinburgh

This year has been highly successful with the relaunch of the Duke of Edinburgh programme. There are 42 young people who have engaged with the scheme, which is amazing.



The students have been working hard on the skill, service and physical section of the award. There is lots of positivity



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and enthusiasm for the expedition next year.

Those moving into Year 9 next year will have the opportunity to join the award.



Message from the Geography Department

The Geography field trip to Hartington was a resounding success.

Students studied how the characteristics of the River Dove in Beresford Dale had been affected by the building of weirs and bank reinforcement over the years.

Students got quite wet measuring the flow of the river and learning how to conduct primary data collection for the physical Geography element of the course.

Message from the PE Department

Dance Workshops

On 5th July a group of Year 9 students were treated to a day at Burton College to develop their artistic skills.

They were led using different styles of dance and were really pushed out of their comfort zone. It was really impressive to see their final performance and how quickly they picked up the routine. Well done girls!

Rescheduling of Trips

Thank you for being so understanding following the cancellation of the reward trips due to the Red Weather Warning. I am pleased to be able to inform you that the trips to both Drayton Manor and Alton Towers will take place on Friday 9th September 2022. This is a like-for-like transfer of tickets, so we will be unable to purchase additional tickets for these trips. With that in mind, we have decided to host a retreat day for those students remaining in school. More information on this event will be shared with students upon their return in September.

From the PE Department—Sports Day

On Friday 15th June the whole school celebrated Sports Day at Shobnall Leisure Complex.

This included throwing, jumping and running events, plus interform rounders and badminton. All students were so impressive with their attitude and commitment.

It was a fantastic day with one record broken by Blayn Ganley in the Year 9 100m, with an outstanding time of **11:25!!**

Students also raised £345 towards the Ukraine appeal by having their faces and nails painted, or spending at the PE tuck shop.

The team spirit of the Forms and the camaraderie of the school showed how proud we are as a community.

We look forward to many more memory makers next academic year.

Have a lovely summer.



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And before you know it, the summer holidays are about to begin!

Can you believe it: the summer holidays are about to begin? And what a year it's been! A first in two years in terms of a "normal" year, and we've had many surprises along the way. So here's a quick recap of the incredible 2021/22 Academic Year:

Year 8 and 9 trips to Mount Cook in October were brilliant! Year 7 residential now at Mount Cook will probably be epic!

Christmas productions were amazing in December, with many amazing actors. Mirth and Melody at the end of the year was a beyond success...

The Student Leadership pathways has launched a full success, with all the different teams working together to make our school more amazing than it is now. Could you be part of the team too?!

SPORTS DAY! On 15th July, Blessed Robert Sutton held the sports day at Shob-nal. It was epic, with amazing efforts from students (and staff!), with 10.2 winning of the whole school.



These were just a few of the many amazing achievements of our school this year, and well done to all the staff and students for such an enjoyable year.

Have a brilliant summer break!

New Opportunities



At Blessed Robert Sutton, I think we have been very lucky to have so many opportunities this year. We have successfully launched our Student Leadership Pathways, enabling students to become future leaders, starting with making our school such an epic place. And with so many extracurricular clubs launched this year too, we are so lucky to have so many opportunities to make new hobbies, friends and have fun!

Did you join a club? Chess, art, maths, Lego, there are so many clubs to pick from. You'll never know how much you'll enjoy something until you give it a go, of course. And

opportunities outside of school are incredible too. With the summer holidays at your fingertips, why not try to pursue a new talent, hobby or just something that interests you, whether sports, knitting or skateboarding.

If you never try a new sport, how will you know if you like it or not. It's the same rule for everything else. No one has to be good at everything. In fact, it would become pretty annoying if that were the case, everyone being able to do anything: challenges would be no more, and talents and skills would be as ordinary as the weather.

Someone once said, 'Never be afraid to try something new, because life gets boring when you stay in the limits of what you already know'. In the end, we only regret the chances we didn't take.



New Opportunities

It is an important thing to be able to try everything, especially when there are so many opportunities, whether you turn out to be a natural, or you just really enjoy it. That's how to make new hobbies and find new interests.

When you step out of your comfort zone, that's when life begins.

If you're feeling tired or bored this summer, or even next year, why not try a new hobby or club. You can learn a new skill, make new friends and, most importantly, have fun! As Vincent Van Gough put it, what would life be if we never had the courage to try anything? So, what are you waiting for, go for it!

“Just try new things. Don't be afraid. Step out of your comfort zones and soar, all right?” – Michelle Obama

Have a nice summer!

Evangelene Puthussery