

## Weekly News Update Friday 4 March 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

I am sure many of us will have been watching the dreadful news currently unfolding in Ukraine. Some of our families have relatives still in the country and the pastoral teams have been working with them as well as the rest of the school community to ensure they feel supported. Our assembly this week focussed on the ongoing crisis and some of the history behind the conflict, as well as the support available here in school. A former colleague oversees British Humanitarian Aid, and they are currently working on getting support into Poland, where over half a million people have fled the conflict. As a community we would like to support the Disasters Emergency Committee appeal: [Dec Ukraine Appeal](#) who will co-ordinate the response for those who have been displaced.

In brighter news, Tuesday 1 March saw the allocation of our new Year 7 students into Dorothy Stringer. We look forward to welcoming them into our school on Friday 1 July for their induction day and to meeting our new intake parents and carers in person in September. Mr Ward and the new Year 7 team will be visiting our feeder primary schools after Easter to begin the transition process.

### PiXL Reading Newsletter March 2022

We are excited to share PiXL Education's termly Reading newsletter (see link below), containing advice on how to support your child's reading and a wide range of recommended reads for different ages. If your child is a keen reader but is sometimes unsure what to try, these books have all been read and recommended by PiXL's reading champions and represent a variety of different genres, styles and subject matter. Our English department especially recommends '*Kemosha of the Caribbean*', by Alex Wheatle (author of the prize-winning *Crongton Knights* trilogy).

[KS3 and 4 Reading Newsletter - March 2022.pdf \(dorothy-stringer.co.uk\)](#)

### Year 10 BHASVIC Taster Day – Wednesday 13 July 2022

BHASVIC is one of the most popular destinations for our students after Year 11. If your child would like to experience what it is like to attend BHASVIC, we strongly recommend that they attend the BHASVIC Year 10 taster day, during which students can attend sample lessons and explore the campus and facilities. We suggest that you complete the application form with your child; there will be choices about which lessons students can attend on the day.

Unfortunately, this taster day falls right in the middle of our Year 10 Work Experience Week. We will let our work experience placement providers know about this clash in events, over which we had no control. However, if your child does sign-up for this taster day, it will be their responsibility to let their work experience provider know they will not be at work that day, just as they would have to do if they had a full-time job.

The Year 10 BHASVIC Taster Day application form will be available on their website from **Monday 7 March**. There are limited places available, so we recommend booking quickly. <https://www.bhasvic.ac.uk/admissions>

Details about the Varndean College Year 10 Taster Day will be made available as soon as we have them.

### PE news and results

Year 10 sports leaders supported the primary school cross country this week.

Year 10 students competed in the Boulder Brighton climbing competition. Dorothy Stringer are in with a chance of winning the event following some wonderful feedback from the coaches. We look forward to hearing the results next week!

The Year 7 Rugby team finished 4th in the Snell Cup on Wednesday. This is a 7s tournament hosted by Brighton College. All ten boys played extremely well and beat some great teams (Brighton College Prep, Lewes Old Grammar School and Aldro) to finish top of our pool and qualify for the Cup competition. In the Cup competition the team narrowly lost to Danes Hill, Downsends and Warden Park but the boys showed tremendous spirit and played some excellent rugby against some very good teams and should feel proud of their performance.

**Fixtures results below:**

Year 7 Boys Basketball	Beat St Paul's Catholic College and BACA in their County Cup games
Year 7 Boys Rugby	Came 4th out of 16 schools

Well done everyone!

**Reminder: Dorothy Stringer Platinum Pudding Competition**

This competition is open to all students and staff, and will consist of planning a pudding, writing up the details, cooking and submitting supporting photos to the Food Technology department. The judges will then shortlist the entries to go through to a semi-final cook-off in school. Those who make it through to the final will be judged by Mr Desborough and Mr Hillier, with the winner being announced as the Stringer Platinum Pudding Competition Winner 2022 and receiving a baking-related prize. Further details can be found here: [Dorothy Stringer Platinum Pudding Competition](#)

**Reminder: Tickets now on sale for Stringer Dance Show (19 March) at Brighton Dome**

We are excited to be running our very own Dorothy Stringer Dance Show at the Brighton Dome and students have been working very hard preparing their dance routines. Tickets for this event are now available to purchase from the Brighton Dome Box Office at a price of £10.00. You can use this link to book: [Stringer Dance Show tickets](#)

**Reminder: Tickets now on sale for Prom – Friday 1st July 2022**

We are excited to be returning to the AMEX after a break for the last two years, for Year 11 students to celebrate completing their examinations and their time at Stringer. Further information has already been sent home and a link to the letter can be found on the Trips page of the SLG.

**Root Word of the Week – Fract, frag, meaning 'break' (Latin root word)**

- **Fragment** – a small part broken off or separated from something
- **Refract** – (of water, air or glass) make (a ray of light) change direction when it enters at an angle
- **Fragile** – easily destroyed or threatened

**Key Dates**

**Inset Day (school closed to students):** Friday 18 March 2022

**Year 7 Parents' Evening:** Thursday 24 March 2022

**Easter holidays:** Monday 11-Friday 22 April 2022

**Year 8 Parents' Evening:** Thursday 28 April 2022

**Bank holiday:** Monday 2 May 2022

**Key Dates** for 2021/2022 and 2022/3 are on our website: [https://public.dorothy-stringer.co.uk/ds/pages/key\\_dates.aspx](https://public.dorothy-stringer.co.uk/ds/pages/key_dates.aspx)

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Take care and stay safe.

Matt Hillier