



School Newsletter

**SUMMER 1 – 2016 -
2017**

Updated 17 May 2017

Message from the Headteacher

Welcome to the latest edition of the school newsletter. Please take a moment to read through it as it contains a lot of useful messages and information. In addition, the website is always worth a look to keep up to date with the latest information and what is happening at the school.

As ever it has been busy in school with a focus on learning and teaching and outcomes being supplemented by the pastoral care systems and the extra-curricular activities on offer. The school continues to celebrate success across the board, with just at the time of writing, for example, two teams making the district football finals and the successful contestants for the annual X-Factor event being announced.

The school continues to work hard to realise the vision of being outstanding. Commendations must go to all the students and staff that step up on a regular basis to make the most of what is on offer and who show the drive and determination to grow, develop and become somebody.



Mr Cooper
Headteacher

Summer Term (2) 2017

School closes for this half-term on Friday 26 May 2017 and will re-open to students on Monday 5 June 2017, which will be timetable week 1.

School Calendar and important dates

The school calendar is regularly updated and is available to view on the school website at www.belperschool.co.uk by selecting *Calendar* from the Information menu. You can also view our term dates for 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 by selecting *Term Dates* from the Information menu on the website. We expect to be able to publish 2018-2019 term dates shortly.

The remaining INSET day for the 2016/17 academic year is Friday 16 June 2017

Parent Consultation/Information Evenings 2016-2017

Year 10 Parents' Consultation Evening – Thursday 25 May 2017
Year 8 Parents' Consultation Evening – Thursday 29 June 2017

Letters with further information will be sent home via students shortly before each event.

Requests for absence during term-time

There has been a great deal of news around Term Time Holidays recently due to a high profile court case. The High Court judgement has not changed the way schools respond to unauthorised term time holidays. To clarify this:

- The Head will only authorise term time holidays for exceptional reasons and it is up to the parent to supply the relevant information. The decision to authorise rests with the Head.
 - If the holiday is unauthorised, but it is for 3 days or less and the school feels that regular attendance has still been maintained it will not request a fine from the Local Authority.
 - If the holiday is unauthorised but for over 3 days the school will request a fine from the Local Authority. If the student's attendance in the 12 months on return from holiday is still over 94% the Local Authority may choose not to issue the fine. If the student's attendance on return from holiday is 94% or less then it is quite likely that a fine will be issued.
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End of school day arrangements

Could you please ensure that your children are aware that students should not be on the school site after 3.30pm unless they are attending a supervised after-school activity or are under agreed supervision by an individual member of staff.

Governor report from Curriculum and Performance Meeting – 23 March 2017

Governors looked at how the school was 'diminishing the difference' in attainment and progress between disadvantaged and low ability students and the rest. We have identified this issue for attention as we recognise we need to improve on recent results. We discussed how the school has been trying a range of strategies and how the more effective ones were being determined balanced against costs.

A summary of current Year 11 progress and attainment was presented to Governors. We discussed the reasons why face-value prediction of outcomes for some parts of this year group were not quite as encouraging as they could be. We discussed what interventions and support would be available to help address those points. We also learned that OFSTED has recently acknowledged that predictions are particularly difficult to make with any accuracy.

We also looked at the way the change from the GCSE grade A-E scheme to the new 1-0 system will be phased in. Comparing grades between the two schemes will be fiendishly difficult over the phase-in period in the next couple of years. We looked at how this might impact on students and how school performance might be viewed.

Mark Revill - Chair

Governor report from Site Committee meeting – 27 April 2017

Governors heard how the actions generated by the recent fire risk assessment were progressing. Assessing fire risk is necessary to ensure that the school meets the latest fire safety standards, to ensure that we maintain our insurance cover but more importantly to better protect all our staff and students. We were pleased that all the higher priority actions in the report were either complete or actively in progress.

The school is pleased to announce that we have agreed to provide a location for an automatic defibrillator machine station. The scheme to get a network of publicly sited machines is being promoted and paid for by the Rotary Club with the school providing the small quantity of electricity to keep it charged up. It will be mounted on the external wall to the right of the student entrance to school.

Shortly after governors approved the revised accessibility plan at a previous meeting, the Head, Mr Cooper, took drastic steps to provide a more thorough testing of the plan by sustaining a leg injury which confined him to a wheel chair for a time. He recounted to governors his experiences of that situation, and we heard how we were able to positively meet provisions for students with mobility issues.

Mark Revill - Chair

Foreign Language Translation Bee 2017

After a very closely fought competition, the three students who will be going through to the regional finals on 14 June 2017 are...



Rebecca Murfin 9ANM - Anya Staton 9HJB - Emily Clark 9AJM

Well done to all the school competition participants. A special mention to Lamorna Peake 9SJH who came a very close 4th place.

If students have enjoyed participating in the spelling and/or translation bee over the years and would like to help coach students and help organise the school competitions, there may be an opportunity for you to be part of Belper School's Language Leader team.

Keep an eye out for information in the summer term.

*Johanna Johnson
Languages Faculty*

In the Challenge Cup Grande Belper School was placed in the TOP 10 IN THE WORLD! Our best results ever!

German 14 th place	French 7 th place
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In the Genius Cup** we came...in the world!

2nd	Polish/Hebrew	8 th	Japanese
3rd	Portuguese	10th	French
4th	Italian	11 th	Urdu
5th	Russian/Greek	15 th	German
7th	Mandarin/Arabic	*scores from top 25 students	

Well done to all the KS3 students who took part in the GLOBAL CHALLENGE 2017.

The top 25 geniuses over all 14 languages!

Student	Score
1 Katie Potts	23,180
2 Emily Pursey	20,010
3 Isabel Moss	16,945
4 Lucy Waterfall	14,305
5 Holly Smithurst	14,065
6 Chloe Cox	12,255
7 Rebecca Murfin	9,350
8 Jacob Frost	9,215
9 Lucy Farrow	8,375
10 Jocelyn Johnson	8,045
11 Autumn Hennessey	8,020
12 Alexander Cooke	7,935
13 Renee Hinkley	7,855
14 Lilly Groom	7,080
15 Joel McGraw	6,470
16 Solomon Thomas	5,780
17 Jenna Wilbraham	5,725
18 Lauren Hingley	5,470
19 Elise Stone	5,395
20 Joseph Appleby	5,075
21 Caitlin Doleman	5,065
22 Jonathan Howkins	5,050
23 Jessica Oakley	4,755
24 Ethan Hopkins	4,475
25 Lucy Tansley	4,405

Belper students were also on the global leader boards across 9 languages an outstanding 46 times! GO BELPER!!!!

Maths Faculty news

There has been a lot happening in the maths department this term. Here are a few of the highlights!

The Challenger

The Belper School Challenger has been a close fought competition again this term. Congratulations to Mimi Wheatley 8JGS, Mak Wainwright 10LMA and Millie Parker 12AJH, each winning a £10 Amazon voucher and a mind stretching maths book!

UKMT Intermediate Team Challenge

Daniel Phillips, Florence Higley, Alex Cooke and Charlotte Moss did a great job representing Belper School at this event. In a closely fought competition they came a very respectable fifth. Well done!

Year 10 Maths Feast at Nottingham University

Congratulations to Will Tansley, William Brookes, Jack Trinder, Christian Boon , Daniel Dyszkant, William Skelton, Charlotte French and Charlotte Creed who all took part in the Maths Feast at Nottingham University. The two teams did Belper School proud against some tough competition!

UKMT Intermediate Maths Challenge

Congratulations to all students who took part in the UKMT Intermediate Challenge. This is a national challenge aimed at Year 9, 10 and 11 students. Particular congratulations go to the following students who were awarded Bronze, Silver or Gold certificates.

Bronze		Silver	Gold
<u>Year 11</u>	<u>Year 10</u>	<u>Year 11</u>	<u>Year 11</u>
Bethany Roberts	Charlotte Creed	Lois Parry	Thomas Lunn
James Brass	Adam Lacey	Niamh O'Connor	Joe Parkin
Max Kemplen	Robert Mosley	<u>Year 10</u>	<u>Year 9</u>
Antony Plater	Will Tansley	Christina Boon	Daniel Phillips
Holly Marriott	Daniel Dyszkant	Charlotte French	Alex Cooke
Liam White	Jasmine Briggs	<u>Year 9</u>	Daniel Whyman
Reuben Paisley	Tabitha Oldfield	Molly Nash	
Amy Bradbury		Anya Bramall	
<u>Year 9</u>		Mandy Taylor	
Hannah Whysall			
Joseph Turner			
Byron Smith			
Jessica Oakley			

In addition to this, well done to Daniel Phillips, Alex Cooke and Thomas Lunn for getting through to the next round!

Year 7 and 8 students have recently taken part in the Junior Challenge and we look forward to receiving their results soon, hopefully with lots of Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards.



OFSTED Parent View

Parent View gives you the chance to tell Ofsted what you think about your child's school, from the quality of teaching to dealing with bullying and poor behaviour. The survey can be completed at any time; you don't have to wait until the school is being inspected.

Ofsted will use the information you provide when making decisions about which schools to inspect and when.

You can access the Parent View website at parentview.ofsted.gov.uk.

Measles, chicken pox and shingles

At any time we may have a number of students who, because of low immunity to disease, are at risk if they are exposed to measles, chicken pox or shingles. Please let the School Office know immediately if your child is suspected of having any of these conditions.


Your child is not at any risk whatsoever from this situation. However, the health and well-being of students who are at risk, depends on the co-operation of our parents/carers.

School Life

The School Governors felt that it would be interesting to showcase to our parents/carers what has been going on in school since the publication of the last newsletter. Below is a list!

Year 10 History students visit to Lincoln Castle; Y7 students to the Regional Finals of the Foreign Language Spelling Bee; Year 12 Geography visit to Scarborough; Year 11 ACWY and Teenage Booster Vaccinations; Year 10 Work Related Learning Event; Year 8 and 9 students to UKMT Team Maths Challenge; Year 12 Geography students visit to Flamborough Head; Year 12 Business and Economics students to Tutor2U Flying Start Student Workshops in Birmingham; Sixth Form Awards Assembly; Year 10 Work Related Learning Employer Carousel event; Year 12/13 Computing Students to National Videogame Arcade in Nottingham; Year 10 and 12 Drama students to see Curious Incident of the dog in the night-time at Nottingham Theatre Royal; Year 7 Parents' Consultation Evening; School Extravaganza day; Performance of 'Chelsea's Choice' to Year 8 and 9 students; DofE Gold Practice event; Sixth Form Cream Tea rewards event.

Please do not hesitate to contact the School Office team if you have any queries regarding the above, require paper copies of any documentation on our website or have any other school enquiries.

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