

Dear Parents

It was a pleasure for us to see so many of you at our Meet the Tutor evenings on Tuesday and Thursday of this week. Tutors thoroughly appreciated the opportunity to meet the parents of boys in their tutor groups. Thank you for coming and for your feedback so far; it seems as though the evenings are very welcome additions to the calendar. Please let us know if there is anything we can improve for future years. For my part, apologies that I wasn't there on Thursday evening; I was part of an ISI team carrying out an inspection in another school, a fascinating process which will have benefits for us here.

Please can I remind you that supervision in the Prep School begins at 8am. If a boy has a club, activity or lesson that starts at 8am he is permitted to turn up slightly earlier in order to get there on time. If you would like your son to come to school earlier, please speak to Mr Lincoln to book into our Day Plus programme in advance.

I look forward to seeing you at fixtures over the weekend and throughout the term.

## **YEAR 3**

### **Y3 Ickwell Photos**

I hope all the boys enjoyed their trip to Ickwell on Tuesday. If you haven't yet seen them, please do take a look at the photos from the day [here](#).

### **Rugby Game at The Beacon, Thursday 21st September**

All Y3 boys will be playing rugby at The Beacon next Thursday. Boys will be back at school around 5.30pm. Spectators are welcome. Further details will be emailed out next week.

### **White Shirts**

For clarification, if your son is chosen to represent the school in a fixture or additional school function they should wear a white shirt to school.

### **Y3 Hungry Boys' Club**

The Hungry Boys' Club is an after school cookery club where boys learn how to cook different recipes to bring home. Run by Mrs Carrington in the school dining halls, the club

starts on Tuesday 3rd October and places are limited. For further information on how to sign your son up please see [here](#).

## **YEAR 4**

### **Y4-5 Saturday Activities Club tomorrow**

The Y5s have a fixture tomorrow, so the club will just run for the Y4 boys.

### **Y4 Trip to Ickwell, Tuesday 26th September**

Thank you to those of you who have signed your son up to the Ickwell trip. Can anyone who hasn't yet completed the [form](#) please do so as soon as possible. For further information please see [here](#).

## **YEAR 5**

### **Y4-5 Saturday Activities Club tomorrow**

The Y5s have a fixture tomorrow, so the club will just run for the Y4 boys.

### **Y5-6 Science Quiz Club**

The Y5-6 Science Quiz Club begins on Monday 18th September at 12.30pm in Mr Hooley's room H17 in the Inky. Bring your thinking caps!

### **Y5 Trip to Ickwell, Tuesday 19th September**

On Tuesday the Y5 boys are going to Ickwell to do some team building activities. For a reminder about what to wear and bring please see the letter [here](#).

### **Prep School Golf Squad trials, Tuesday 26th September**

The Y5-8 Golf Squad trials take place after school on Tuesday 26th September. To assist with the selection procedure, we will be taking all those interested to the driving range at Bedfordshire Golf Club, where a golf professional will be there to help assess ability. To sign your son up and for further information please see [here](#).

## **YEAR 6**

### **Y5-6 Science Quiz Club**

The Y5-6 Science Quiz Club begins on Monday 18th September at 12.30pm in Mr Hooley's room H17 in the Inky. Bring your thinking caps!

### **Prep School Golf Squad trials, Tuesday 26th September**

The Y5-8 Golf Squad trials take place after school on Tuesday 26th September. To assist with the selection procedure, we will be taking all those interested to the driving range at Bedfordshire Golf Club, where a golf professional will be there to help assess ability. To sign your son up and for further information please see [here](#).

## **YEAR 7**

### **Prep School Golf Squad trials, Tuesday 26th September**

The Y5-8 Golf Squad trials take place after school on Tuesday 26th September. To assist with the selection procedure, we will be taking all those interested to the driving range at Bedfordshire Golf Club, where a golf professional will be there to help assess ability. To sign your son up and for further information please see [here](#).

### **Y7 Spy Challenge Trip, Monday 25th September**

Thank you to those of you who have signed your son up to the Spy Games trip on Monday 25th September. Can anyone who hasn't yet completed the [form](#) please do so as soon as possible. Aimed at developing team-work skills, the boys will take part in a number of spy based challenges including safe cracking and laser combat. For further information please see [here](#). Payments need to be in as soon as possible.

## **YEAR 8**

### **Prep School Golf Squad trials, Tuesday 26th September**

The Y5-8 Golf Squad trials take place after school on Tuesday 26th September. To assist with the selection procedure, we will be taking all those interested to the driving range at Bedfordshire Golf Club, where a golf professional will be there to help assess ability. To sign your son up and for further information please see [here](#).

## **ALL PS YEAR GROUPS**

**Curriculum and Website Information Evening, Wednesday 20th September**

The Curriculum and Website information evening takes place on Wednesday 20th September at 7pm in the EMH. The Heads of Maths and English will talk through the curriculum and Mrs Christian will speak about how to support your son's learning at home. We will also give you some tips on how to navigate the school website.

### **Mufti Day, Friday 22nd September**

Next Friday is a mufti day for all Prep School boys. Boys may come to school in mufti for a £2 donation to our school charities.

### **Exeat next weekend**

Saturday 23rd September is Exeat (no Saturday school).

### **Icebreakers Swimming**

Our Icebreakers Swimming club on a Wednesday morning is now full and so unfortunately we can no longer accept any more boys into the club.

### **Prep School Academic Enrichment Activities**

Prep School Academic Enrichment activities will begin shortly, with a variety of opportunities for boys to get involved in. From Science Quiz Club for Y5s & Y6s, to lectures on Robotics & The Evolution of Human Speech, there is something to engage and provoke boys of all ages. Details will be posted shortly regarding session times and venues.

### **Prep School Sports Activities**

I hope your son has had a chance to try a few clubs this week. The sports activities [timetable](#) in on Firefly, along with the other list of [activities](#).

### **Eagle Choir - come and sing!**

With a new academic year, why not try something new and come along to Eagle choir to sing. Rehearsals are 7.30-8.50pm in the Recital Hall, in the Music School every Thursday. We are open to total beginners and experienced singers and we are a very friendly, welcoming bunch. Every rehearsal is followed by a glass of wine so it's a great way to socialise too! Please contact [agroom@bedfordschool.org.uk](mailto:agroom@bedfordschool.org.uk) , if you are interested or just turn up.

### **Macmillan Coffee Morning, Saturday 16th September**

The Prep Guild would like to remind you that they will be holding a Macmillan Coffee Morning this Saturday in the Café Bar (next to the Dining Halls) between 8.30am and 12.30pm. Boys, parents, grandparents siblings and friends of boys from across the whole school are invited to attend. If you would like to either help, donate a cake or a raffle prize, please contact Beverley Hammond or Isobel Wooton-Evans, via [prepguild@bedfordschool.org.uk](mailto:prepguild@bedfordschool.org.uk) . All profits will go directly to the Macmillan Charity. There will be a small number of stalls which will give you the opportunity to purchase some lovely gifts on the day. It's a lovely social morning to catch up with friends over cake and coffee. Please note that there will be no parking available in the Prep School. Please enter the School via Burnaby Road and park on the south side of the Main School, adjacent to the Dining Hall.

### **Nearly New Shop Opening Hours, Saturday 16th September**

The Parents' Guild Nearly New Shop on Burnaby Road (entrance through the Main Shop) will be open this Saturday from 8.30am to 10.00am (please note that we are closing half an hour earlier). For all our opening times this term, and to find out how to sell items through the Nearly New Shop, please visit the Nearly New Shop page on the school [website](#). Follow us on Twitter at [@bedfordguild](#) or email us at [parentsguild@bedfordschool.org.uk](mailto:parentsguild@bedfordschool.org.uk) .

### **Book Signing by OB 'Budge' Rogers – Saturday 7th October**

We are very excited to announce that we are hosting a book signing by Old Bedfordian 'Budge' Rogers OBE in the Prep School Library from 11.30am to 1.00pm. Budge attended Bedford School between 1949 and 1957, and went on to play rugby at a very high level; representing Bedford, England and the British Lions. Author Philip Stevens has written a biography of Budge entitled *Budge Rogers: Rugby Life* and Budge has kindly agreed to say a few words about the book, sign copies and answer any questions you or your son may have. The book contains a number of stories and photographs from Budge's time at Bedford School. The book is priced at £17.99 and all funds raised from the sale of the books will go to the [RFU Injured Players Foundation](#). If you would like to attend this event, please email Mrs Beverley Marshall at [bmarshall@bedfordschool.org.uk](mailto:bmarshall@bedfordschool.org.uk) by Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September. If you are unable to attend but wish to purchase a book, please download and complete this [form](#) and return it with the payment to the address shown, and we will arrange for Budge to sign the book on your behalf. You can then either collect the book from the Bell Room or we can post it to you (subject to additional postal charges as shown on the booking form). We look forward to seeing you.

## **October Half Term Courses**

Please see below details of courses running at Bedford School for all children.

### **Activate Grays Hockey Masterclass, age 7-16**

Thursday 26 October – Friday 27 October (2 days)

£47 per day / £90 for both days

[Link to book](#)

The Grays Hockey Masterclass is a unique nationwide hockey coaching course for both girls and boys aged 7 to 16 years of age. Our course has been custom designed to deliver all aspects of hockey that is ideal for any level of player, whether you are just starting out or you are a potential England player! Whether you are new and want to enjoy your first hockey experiences or have played before, our coaching programme is designed for everyone to benefit, enjoy and develop their game in a fun and safe learning environment.

### **GoCode Academy Tech Camp, age 8-18**

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October (5 days)

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October (5 days)

£250 for 5 days

10% discount if you book before the end of September – use code 'BEDFORDSCHOOL'

20% further sibling discount if you book more than one child

This 5-day intensive tech camp is packed with fun activities, challenges and workshops, so you can build websites, mobile applications, games and virtual reality.

Aimed at 8 to 18 year olds, Tech Camp will push you to develop essential soft skills like teamwork, problem solving, presentation and communication skills, as well as logical and computational thinking abilities. GoCode's team of highly experienced instructors are passionate about giving you an advantage in a digital era where technology skills are highly in demand. The course currently covers Scratch, Python, Web and Mobile App Development and Robotics.

Link for further details and to book - <http://gocode.academy/kids/techcamp/>

For the calendar please click [here](#)

For sports fixtures please click [here](#)

For Speech & Drama lessons next week please see [here](#)

Start Date	Start Time	End Time	Description
15/09/2017	15:00	17:00	Cross Country Run ( for selected Y8 boys)
16/09/2017	08:30	12:30	Prep Guild Macmillan Coffee Morning
19/09/2017	09:00	11:55	Y7 Talented Art workshop
19/09/2017	09:00	16:00	Y5 Visit to Ickwell
20/09/2017	19:00	20:30	Prep School Curriculum & Website Information evening for parents
22/09/17	08:35	16:10	Prep School Mufti Day
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25/09/2017	09:00	14:45	Y7 Spy Games Trip
26/09/2017	08:50	16:05	Y4 Trip to Ickwell
26/09/2017	16:30	17:45	U10, U11, U12, U13 Swimming v Aldwickbury (H)
27/09/2017	09:00	10:15	National Poetry Day workshop for Y7 & 8
27/09/2017	10:30	11:55	National Poetry Day workshop for Y5 & 6
27/09/2017	13:30	14:45	National Poetry Day workshop for Y3
27/09/2017	15:00	16:10	National Poetry Day workshop for Y4
28/09/2017	09:00	11:55	Y6 Talented Art workshop
30/09/2017	10:00	12:00	Open Morning

This term's letters are also available to view in the Parents' section on the school website on the [Parents' Letters Page](#)

For details on all the concerts, exhibitions and lectures this term, please see the [What's On Page](#)

