

Dear Parents

It is Open Morning tomorrow and we are looking forward to welcoming a large number of prospective parents, many of whom are coming because of recommendations from current parents, for which we thank you enormously. It is a great chance to show off our school. Over half of the Year 8 boys will be taking our visitors on tours, and they see this as a great chance to wax lyrical about their school. Other boys will have the chance to impress as parents visit their classes, and huge thanks to the Y3, 4 and 5 boys who are coming in specially for the morning. It is wonderful to see how keen they are.

We usually ask one of our boys to speak to visitors about what it's like to be a Bedford School boy. James, now in Year 9, who took on this role last year, wrote a really thoughtful email to Robert, who is speaking this year. He ended his email in the following way:

"All I will say is: don't be nervous. See it as a chance to show off the school and how brilliant it is." What a remarkably impressive and kind note to send!

I hope you have a lovely weekend. Please see below for upcoming events. I look forward to seeing those who can make it at two events next Saturday. The Quiz Night, organised by the Prep Guild in the evening, and rugby legend Budge Rogers' book signing in the morning. This last event will take place in the recently refurbished library, which will give you a good opportunity to have a look at it.

YEAR 3

Y3 - 4 Parent-Tutor Meetings

You are warmly invited to parent-tutor meetings in the week commencing Monday 9th October. Your sons have been sent home with letters giving information about these meetings and a reply slip for you to indicate times that would suit you. Thank you to those who have already returned reply slips to tutors. Please can all replies be with tutors no later than Monday (2nd October). As soon as possible after tutors have received all replies, they will inform you of your specific meeting time.

Y3 Hungry Boys Club starting next week

Thank you to those of you who have signed your son up to the Hungry Boys club which starts on Tuesday 3rd October. Boys should meet Mrs Carrington outside the EMH at

4.10pm and she will take them up to the dining halls. Please can boys remember to bring in a tupperware container to take their food home in. They can be collected from the dining halls at 5pm.

Y3-6 German Club starting next week

We are delighted to announce that German club will resume on Monday in W3 at 12.30pm. Fun and games in German for all boys with or without a knowledge of German.

Y3-4 Flu Nasal Spray, Monday 30th October

The NHS are offering all children up to Year 4 a flu vaccination in the form of a nasal spray. The NHS team will be coming into school to administer the vaccinations to our Y3 and Y4 boys, so if you would like your child to have the spray, please complete the [consent form](#) and return it directly to the Medical Centre nurse@bedfordschool.org.uk by Friday 6th October. For further information please see the letter from the NHS [here](#).

Y3 Egyptian Workshop, Friday 13th October

On Friday 13th October the Y3 boys will be taking part in an Egyptian Workshop here at school. We would like boys to come into school dressed as either Egyptologists or Ancient Egyptians, with their outfits being as simple or as adventurous as they would like. Please see [here](#) some ideas for outfit making which the providers of the workshop have put together.

YEAR 4

Y4-5 Saturday Club tomorrow

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Ickwell Trip

We hope the boys enjoyed their trip to Ickwell last week. The school has made a short film of their day which you may not have seen yet. Please see the link [here](#).

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Y6-8 Basketball Club, Monday lunchtimes

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choices. From Famous Battles to Creative Writing and Space Exploration, there is something on offer for everyone.

YEAR 7

Y7-8 French Trip, 24th - 29th March 2018

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Y8 Bushcraft Trip, 13th - 15th June

We are also pleased to be able to offer the Y8 boys a trip as part of their post exam programme. It's a 3 day, 2 night residential trip to Boughton Woods near Kettering, Northants. Run by The Bushcraft Company, the boys will sleep in shelters or bell tents and take part in lots of bushcraft activities. For the trip letter please see [here](#) and for further

details on the itinerary please see [here](#). Please note that all deposits and forms need to be back by **1st October**.

Y8 Trip to EngFest 2.0, Tuesday 17th October

The deadline for this trip has now passed. As it was over-subscribed, we will be drawing names from a hat next week to allocate the places.

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ALL PS YEAR GROUPS

Healthy Eating Policy

Please see [here](#) a link to our Healthy Eating Policy which has recently been updated. In particular can we please draw your attention to the section on Healthy Snacks in the Prep School.

Accelerated Reader

Each half term, all boys in the Prep School have individual targets set for them, which will gain them an academic merit if they reach it. In addition, there will be a class reward for each year group for the most books read. Boys will be rewarded for becoming a millionaire (1,000,000 words) with a special badge in assembly or joining the 100 book club (100 books read) which will be a book token. House points will be available each term for the house that reads the most and the school has been set a target of 2,500 books to be read by Christmas! By the end of break today the school had read 537 books, over 18,000,000 words, and we have our first millionaires, Charlie Eggleton and Tomas Spice.

School Photographs

The boys will be having a number of photographs taken over the year. Please see the dates below. Further details will follow.

Sports Teams (Rugby)	Wednesday 15th November
Sports Teams (Hockey)	Wednesday 14th March
Form Groups	Thursday 22nd March
Full School Group	Tuesday 12th June
Sports Teams (Cricket)	Wednesday 20th June

Concussion Protocol

Please see [here](#) a link to the Medical Centre's Concussion Protocol for your information.

Prep Guild AGM, Saturday 7th October

The Prep Guild AGM is taking place on Saturday 7th October. It will start at 11.30am in the Seminar Room (above the Upper School library) and everyone is welcome to come along.

Prep Guild Quiz Night, Saturday 7th October

The Prep Guild would like to invite you to join them on their upcoming Quiz Night on Saturday 7th October. Everyone is welcome (adults only) and we would love you to come along for what is always a really fun night. Please see the links for further [information](#) and to [book](#).

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

There are still places available at the book signing by Old Bedfordian 'Budge' Rogers OBE which takes place in the Prep School Library from 11.30am to 1.00pm on Saturday 7th October. 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 by 10.00am on Monday 2nd October. 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 locally over half term.

Cricket Course, age 7 - 12 at Bedford Cricket Club

Monday 16th - Friday 20th October

£25 per day

24 places available

Book [here](#)

Activate Grays Hockey Masterclass, age 7-16 at Bedford School

Thursday 26 October – Friday 27 October (2 days)

£47 per day / £90 for both days

The Grays Hockey Masterclass is a unique nationwide hockey coaching course for both girls and boys aged 7 to 16 years of age. Activate's 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, the coaching programme is designed for everyone to benefit, enjoy and develop their game in a fun and safe learning environment.

Link to book - <https://www.activatecamps.co.uk/venues/bedford-school/>

GoCode Academy Tech Camp, age 6-18 at Bedford School

Monday 16th – Friday 20th October (5 days)

Monday 23rd – Friday 27th October (5 days)

£250 for 5 days

10% discount if you book **before 30th September** – use code 'BEDFORDSCHOOL'.

20% sibling discount for those attending the same course – discount applies to the additional siblings only.

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 6 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 full 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
30/09/2017	10:00	12:00	Open Morning
06/10/2017	09:00	14:45	Y8 Talented Art workshop
07/10/2017	11:30	13:00	Budge Rogers Book Signing (Prep School)
09/10/2017	16:20	18:30	Y3-4 Parent & Tutor evening
09/10/2017	16:30	17:45	U9, U10, U11, U12, U13 Swimming v Beechwood Park & BGS (H)
10/10/2017	16:20	18:30	Y3-4 Parent & Tutor evening
11/10/2017	18:00	20:00	Christmas and Easter Ski Trip Presentation
13/10/2017	08:40	12:35	Saturday Morning Timetable
13/10/2017	08:50	16:05	Y3 Egyptian Day
13/10/2017	09:00	16:10	Y8 Talented Art Visit
13/10/2017	16:10		Prep School Half Term begins

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](#)