

Dear Parents

We are rapidly approaching half-term after a great start to the year. The boys have been, as ever, most impressive, and this was readily apparent last Saturday at Open Morning at which boys hugely impressed our visitors. We had a record number of visitors, and I lost count of all the very positive comments I received about the boys' charm, confidence and kindness.

Tomorrow (Saturday 7th October) there are a number of events you are welcome to attend. The Prep Guild AGM takes place in the seminar room (see below) and the Prep Guild would love to see you there; Rugby and Bedford School legend, Budge Rogers will be doing a book signing in the newly refurbished library, and the Prep Guild quiz takes place on Saturday evening. On Sunday we have our Founders and Benefactors service in the chapel, at which we thank and remember all those who have contributed to the school over the years. After that, it's just a week to go before half-term, details of which can be found below. We are especially looking forward to welcoming Year 3 and Year 4 parents on Monday and Tuesday for Parents' Evening.

Have a wonderful weekend.

YEAR 3

Y3 Health Checks, Monday 9th October

As detailed in your starter pack before your son started at school, the Y3s will be having their medical screen checks on Monday and you will receive a copy of the information taken from your son.

Y3 - 4 Parent-Tutor Meetings, Monday 9th and Tuesday 10th October

Form tutors look forward to meeting with parents on Monday or Tuesday next week. All boys should by now have brought home a letter confirming your exact appointment time. All parents are requested to go first to the Atrium (in the Nash's building) where they will be met by a member of the school's leadership team, before being guided to the tutor's classroom.

Y3 Hungry Boys Club - no club on Tuesday 10th October

Please note that there will be no Hungry Boys club next week due to the Parent-Tutor meetings, but there will be sessions after half term on Tuesday 31st October and Tuesday 7th November. Sessions will finish at 5.30pm.

Y3-4 Football Club - no club on Tuesday 10th October

Please note that there will also be no Football club next week due to the Parent-Tutor meetings. The club will resume in the Spring term.

Y3 Games

Could we please ask that the Y3 boys pack a towel with their games kit from now on. If required, they will be expected to shower following their rugby sessions as they can get very muddy. A reminder too, that it is really important that all boys have their full kit for each lesson which includes boots and a mouth guard.

Y3 Egyptian Workshop, Friday 13th October

Next Friday 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.

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. For further information please see the letter from the NHS [here](#). The nurses will only be bringing enough vaccines for those who have completed the forms, so forms need to be handed in before half term.

YEAR 4

Y4-5 Saturday Activities Club not on tomorrow, Saturday 7th October

Due to U9 fixtures there is no Y4-5 Saturday Activities club tomorrow. The next session will be on Saturday 4th November.

Y3 - 4 Parent-Tutor Meetings, Monday 9th and Tuesday 10th October

Form tutors look forward to meeting with parents on Monday or Tuesday next week. All boys should by now have brought home a letter confirming your exact appointment time. All parents are requested to go first to the Atrium (in the Nash's building) where they will be met by a member of the school's leadership team, before being guided to the tutor's classroom.

Y3-4 Football Club - no club on Tuesday 10th October

Please note that there will be no Football club next week due to the Parent-Tutor meetings. The club will resume in the Spring term.

Y4 Games

Could we please ask that the Y4 boys pack a towel with their games kit from now on. If required, they will be expected to shower following their rugby sessions as they can get very muddy. A reminder too, that it is really important that all boys have their full kit for each lesson which includes boots and a mouth guard.

Y4 Verulamium Museum Trip, Friday 3rd November

To bring to life this term's Romans topic, we have arranged a Y4 trip to the Verulamium Museum in St Albans on the first Friday back after half term. Leaving at 10.30am by coach, we will be back at school by 4pm. For further details please see the letter [here](#). There is no cost for the trip but we do need parents to complete an online form, accessible via another link within the letter. Please complete the form by Wednesday 11th October.

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. For further information please see the letter from the NHS [here](#). The nurses will only be bringing enough vaccines for those who have completed the forms, so forms need to be handed in before half term.

YEAR 5

Y5 Parents' Evening, from 4.30pm in the EMH

Tuesday 31st October (5M and 5V)

Thursday 2nd November (5N and 5S)

The Y5 Parents' Evenings take place in the first week back after half term. Parents should book appointments to see their son's teachers via an online system which is **open from 12pm tomorrow**. To book your appointments please visit:

<https://bedfordschool.parentseveningsystem.co.uk>

A link to a short guide on how to add appointments can be found [here](#). You will need to login with the following information:

Son's first name (preferred name on isams)

Son's surname

Son's date of birth.

If you have any questions, please contact prepinfo@bedfordschool.org.uk

Y4-5 Saturday Activities Club not on tomorrow, Saturday 7th October

Due to U9 fixtures there is no Y4-5 Saturday Activities club tomorrow. The next session will be on Saturday 4th November.

Y5 Pantomime, Wednesday 13th December

We would once again like to take the Y5s to the pantomime at Christmas. This year we have reserved tickets for the matinee performance of Cinderella at the Milton Keynes theatre. For further information please see [here](#). Please note that all payments need to be in school **as soon as possible**.

Y5-8 Computerised Activities

Next week the Y5 - 8 boys will be undertaking some underlying ability activities on the computer. There is nothing you need to do to prepare the boys for this and the boys generally enjoy taking part in these activities. These will provide baseline data which teachers can use to inform their planning and ensure that boys are achieving the progress we expect.

YEAR 6

Y6-8 Enrichment Sessions starting next week

Enrichment sessions are extra activities led by our Y12 pupils. They offer our boys the chance to explore new ideas and expand their thinking outside the everyday curriculum. The sessions will begin the w/c 9th October and room allocations will be posted on the Enrichment Noticeboard in the Wells main corridor outside the DT room.

Y5-8 Computerised Activities

Next week the Y5 - 8 boys will be undertaking some underlying ability activities on the computer. There is nothing you need to do to prepare the boys for this and the boys generally enjoy taking part in these activities. These will provide baseline data which teachers can use to inform their planning and ensure that boys are achieving the progress we expect.

Saturday Morning Timetable, Friday 13th October

Just a reminder that it is Saturday morning timetable for our Y6-8 boys next Friday, so the boys need to bring in Saturday morning's books. For parents new to the school, the reason we occasionally have a Saturday morning timetable during the week is so that the boys can have a few more of the lessons they miss during the Exeat weekends.

YEAR 7

Y6-8 Enrichment Sessions starting next week

Enrichment sessions are extra activities led by our Y12 pupils. They offer our boys the chance to explore new ideas and expand their thinking outside the everyday curriculum. The sessions will begin the w/c 9th October and room allocations will be posted on the Enrichment Noticeboard in the Wells main corridor outside the DT room.

Y5-8 Computerised Activities

Next week the Y5 - 8 boys will be undertaking some underlying ability activities on the computer. There is nothing you need to do to prepare the boys for this and the boys generally enjoy taking part in these activities. These will provide baseline data which teachers can use to inform their planning and ensure that boys are achieving the progress we expect.

Saturday Morning Timetable, Friday 13th October

Just a reminder that it is Saturday morning timetable for our Y6-8 boys next Friday, so the boys need to bring in Saturday morning's books. For parents new to the school, the reason we occasionally have a Saturday morning timetable during the week is so that the boys can have a few more of the lessons they miss during the Exeat weekends.

YEAR 8

Y6-8 Enrichment Sessions starting next week

Enrichment sessions are extra activities led by our Y12 pupils. They offer our boys the chance to explore new ideas and expand their thinking outside the everyday curriculum. The sessions will begin the w/c 9th October and room allocations will be posted on the Enrichment Noticeboard in the Wells main corridor outside the DT room.

Y5-8 Computerised Activities

Next week the Y5 - 8 boys will be undertaking some underlying ability activities on the computer. There is nothing you need to do to prepare the boys for this and the boys generally enjoy taking part in these activities. These will provide baseline data which teachers can use to inform their planning and ensure that boys are achieving the progress we expect.

Saturday Morning Timetable, Friday 13th October

Just a reminder that it is Saturday morning timetable for our Y6-8 boys next Friday, so the boys need to bring in Saturday morning's books. For parents new to the school, the reason we occasionally have a Saturday morning timetable during the week is so that the boys can have a few more of the lessons they miss during the Exeat weekends.

Y8 Bushcraft Trip, 13th - 15th June

Most of the year have now signed up to what we're sure will be a great post exam trip in June next year. The school needs to pay the deposit on Tuesday next week so any last minute payments need to be in by this Sunday at the latest. For the trip letter please see [here](#) and for further details on the itinerary please see [here](#).

ALL PS YEAR GROUPS

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

Just a reminder that there are still places left at the book signing by Old Bedfordian 'Budge' Rogers OBE, which takes place in the Prep School Library tomorrow from 11.30am to 12.30pm. If you would like to attend, please feel free to pop along at 11.30am when Budge will 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 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.

Prep Guild AGM, Saturday 7th October

The Prep Guild AGM is taking place tomorrow. 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 are looking forward to seeing those of you who have signed up at the Quiz Night tomorrow evening. The event starts at 7.30pm in the EMH.

Ski Trip Information Evening, Wednesday 11th October

We look forward to seeing parents and boys who are signed up for **either our December or our March** ski trips. The equipment/clothing provider Proski will be in the EMH from 6.30pm with the presentation starting at 7.30pm. Please do attend with your son if you can.

Free GoCode Taster Session, Thursday 12th October 4.15-6.15pm, W3

This is a great opportunity for students and parents to get a taste of GoCode Academy's Tech Camp. They will be bringing all their kit for some coding workshops so students can have a go at programming - including Scratch, Python and Minecraft. Parents are welcome to stay during the session, meet the GoCode team and ask any questions about the Tech Camp weeks taking place over half term. Siblings are also welcome.

To book a place, please email robert@gocode.academy with your son/daughter's name, year group and which school they attend. If you have any questions, please email Chloe Tilford – events@bedfordschool.org.uk

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
------------	------------	----------	-------------

06/10/2017	09:00	14:45	Y8 Talented Art workshop
07/10/2017	11:30	13:00	Budge Rogers Book Signing (Prep School)
07/10/2017	11:30	13:00	Prep Guild AGM
07/10/2017	19:00	23:55	Prep Guild Quiz Night
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	18:30	20:30	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](#)