# Sandhurst Weekly News Friday 14th January 2022 

## Headteacher Weekly Review

The first full week back is complete and both students and staff are back into the swing of routines, lessons and bells. The half-term ahead is a busy one, most of the subject evenings take place at this time of year, teachers know their students well by now and yet there is still plenty of time left of the school year to make an impact. Additionally, Year 9 are beginning the process of choosing their GCSE options. For some, the choice is quick and straightforward, for others, it is an agonising time of worrying if they are doing the right thing. Choice is great but not always welcomed.

Year 11 and 13 not only have choices to make in terms of their next step, but they also have to prepare for Pre Public Exams coming up at the end of the month. These exams are important as they will be used to help calculate a subject grade for a student if the government stops the summer exams from going ahead, we will know more in February when further information will be shared with schools. At this stage, I don't see exams being cancelled.

Good luck to all who are sitting exams, you have been working hard and deserve to do well.

Sometimes I feel subject evenings are a little like New Year resolutions, for both students and teachers. Following the evening itself, good intentions are promised, but it's often a challenge in committing to permanent change. I myself don't make New Year resolutions, not that a few wouldn't go amiss, but I know that I am likely to let myself down at some point. I am sure some of my students feel the same. Sometimes having someone to support you in finding a solution is the key, "we" is always more attractive than " 1 ".

Inspired by this, and tentatively wishing to cling onto one of many favourite aspects of the season, pantomimes, my assembly this week was about revisiting the idea that solutions can often be found when accepting the help and support from others. The plot of course included some key characters, three brothers, a wise old woman and a camel, well eighteen camels in fact.

The title of the assembly was, "Finding Your 18th Camel". Briefly, three brothers had inherited 17 camels that needed to be divided and distributed in unequal measure, a half, a third and a ninth. They were struggling to do this until a wise old woman who loved the brothers and could see they were struggling gave them her only camel. They now had 18 camels and the maths could now work, but they were left with 1 remaining camel, which they kindly returned to the wise old woman. I have shared the assembly on the student bulletin, so if you are intrigued and want to know more, ask your son or daughter to share the story and explain. I can see my popularity rise as I write this!

Whether it is the sharing of camels, the promises from New Year or forthcoming exams we all benefit from having someone wise who can support us at times, often the key is to recognise this and to graciously accept the gift of an 18th Camel.

Mr Southwood
Deputy Headteacher

## Headteacher's Award <br> Friday 14th January 2022

Harrison Abbott 8Y2
Isabelle Alsford 10Y2
Grace Batt 10Y2
Imani Bhatti 7B2
Oscar Bracken 10Y1
Lily Brayfield 10B2
Mayana Brown 8G2
Skye Burns 10G1
Fiona Cakolli 10G2
Rebecca Castledine 9G1
Mia Cherrington 10G1
Kayla Colman 10B1
Thomas Costello 9G2
Kyla Crew 11R1
Albert Dankyi 8B2
Joshua Daspan 8B1
George Davis 8 Y 2
Megan Edwards 8G2
Daniel Figg $11 Y 1$
Isabella Flanagan 10G2
Teemar Frith 11G1
James Furzer 10R2
Shriya Gurung 10R1
Anna Heath 10B1
Gracie Henry 10B2
Sophie Holley-Davey 7G1
Grace Hughes 10R1

Ebonie Humphries 8Y1
Bethan Lees 11 Y 1
Kiera Lovegrove 11B1
Bethan Mayer 10B2
Louise McCafferty 8B1
Sam Mortimer 8G1
Bradley Nolan 8R2
Lucas O'Connor 10B1
Siobhan Osgood 8Y1
Sabrina Paget 10B2
Dylan Pass 7R2
Lilly Patton 11 Y 1
William Peters 7G1
Matilda Ranger 8B1
Millie Read 8 Y 1
Thomas Read 8G1
Chloe Roper 9B1
Joe Simpson 10R2
Joseph Spackman 8G2
Theo Stacey 7G1
Amy Stentiford $10 Y 2$
Felix Swanton 8G1
Mohammad Syed 8R2
Kiera Thorne 10R1
Shelby Toppin 10G2
Prasamsha Wanem 10B2
Alicja Zadtka 11G1


| Monday 17th January | Year 9 option choices window opens |
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| Monday 24th January | Formal PPE Series Years 11, 12 and 13 start |
| Thursday 27th January | Year 7 Subject Evening |
| Friday 28th January | Year 9 option choices window closes |
| Thursday 3rd February | HALF TERM |
| Monday 14th - Friday 18th February |  |
| Monday 21st February |  |
| Monday 28th February | Inset Day |
| Thursday 3rd March | Year 12 Geography visit to Snowdonia |

## Bracknell Forest Council <br> Is your child eligible for free school meals?

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- $\quad$ support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- $\quad$ the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than $£ 16,190$ )
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400
a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

Children who get paid these benefits directly, instead of through a parent or guardian, can also get free school meals.

Your child may also get free school meals if you get any of these benefits and your child is both:

- younger than the compulsory age for starting school
- in full-time education

Click here to apply: $\underline{\text { https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals }}$

## LaNGUAGENUT LEADERBOARD

The languagenut competition is starting again!

## Languagenut

Make sure you complete your languagenut tasks and carry on working hard to have a chance of getting on the leaderboard. Next week the top students in Year 7,8 and 9 will be rewarded and their names will be published here.

Welcome to Mr Woodruff who is replacing Miss Gould whilst she is on maternity leave. He will be teaching Year 7 and 8 French, Year 9 German, and will support our GCSE classes.

## Miss Dris' Spanish GCSE classes

Just before Christmas, our Spanish assistant, Miss Fernandez, told our students about Spanish traditions at Christmas and New

Year.

One of the traditions, 'Las doce uvas de la suerte', is a tradition which consists in eating a grape on each of the twelve clock bell strikes, at midnight on December 31st. This is believed to bring luck...


My Year 11 class got to try out this tradition and we are hoping that it will bring them luck for their GCSEs!


Following this, along with my Year 10 class, they got to try some turrón-a Spanish delicacy very popular at Christmas. The jury was divided when it came to giving feedback on this new culinary experience as it is unlike anything else they had eaten before. However, like with all sweet treats, it was popular enough for there not to be anything left at the end!


## ALSO IN MFL THIS WEEK...

## Year 7 French classes

All our Year 7 classes have gone on a virtual trip to France this week.
Thanks to 360 virtual tours but also the interesting tales of our MFL teachers' experiences of living in France (Miss Dris in Paris, Miss McGeever in Aix-en -Provence and Mr Woodruff in Normandy), our students have been able to learn more about the country and all the different regions. They are now eager to go and see it all for themselves!


## Miss Mcgeever's Year 9 French classes

This week my Year 9s have learned the body parts and we have completed many activities to practise this. We had competitions where students had 2 minutes to write as many words they could, with Oliver Ward-Murphy winning with a total of 24 words!

We listened to a song called "Jean Petit Qui Danse" which has been stuck in our heads all week! We also did some matching pair cards and also each student was given a sticker with a different body part and my fabulous models Becky \& Chloe were there to help!

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## Bon travail! Gut gemacht! Buen trabajo !

The department would like to nominate the following students this week ...

Ms Mc Geever would like to nominate Imani from her Year 7 French class. Every lesson Imani never fails to amaze me. She is such a diligent, conscientious young lady who gives her best all of the time. Her progress since September is massive and it's all down to her hard work in and around school. It's such a pleasure having such a hard-working positive student who tries as much as Imani. She is a great role model, I am so proud of you Imani!


Ms Dris would like to nominate Joshua from her Year 8 French \& Spanish class! Josh is one of the few students who signed up to do 2 foreign languages in Year 8 and I have been nothing other than extremely impressed by his hard work and commitment to his language studies this year. His attitude in class is perfect and his work is of excellent quality. He is proof that efforts pay since he managed to get one of the highest grades in both his Spanish and French assessments! Well done Josh and keep it up!

Mr Woodruff would like to nominate Felix from his Year 8 French class. Although I have just started Felix has really stood out to me. He has been on task and giving many enthusiastic responses on the topic of telling the time.


We ask our stars of the week what their favourite thing about learning a language why they are important to learn!

## Imani

I like learning languages because I thinks its important to know about other countries and speaking another language allows you to travel more to learn about other cultures.

I cannot wait to visit Paris to be able to order at a restaurant and understand what they are saying.

## Felix

My favourite thing about languages is learning to tell the time in French. I really enjoy my lessons, they are very fun and different.



Oracy Practices within Sandhurst School.

## Ms McGeever

Every week we will be highlighting the oracy practices of 3 different departments and this week its Languages, Drama and History.


#### Abstract

Year 7 French This week in all three of my Year 7 classes we have been learning and discussing different parts of France, their traditions, values and history. With language learning we must immerse ourselves in the culture and not just learn the language. This enables us to have a good understanding about other countries, highlighting not only the differences but the similarities. It was fantastic to hear about all their different experiences, trips and the different regions they visited. For this to be a success we had to set some ground rules such as hands up to input so we were not shouting over each other, we questioned other people's trips on topics such as their mode of transport and the delicacies they tried there.

Overall, I felt these lessons were really interesting and the children were engaged throughout. They were very respectful to each other. Some students who wouldn't be as vocal in other lessons really wanted to contribute and was great to see their confidence and willingness to participate.


Ms Mc Geever

## Year 7 Drama

In year 7 Drama the students are beginning to consider how we work with a script. In their first lesson they were given a poem, called Karawane, written in gobbledegook! It literally means nothing (but they didn't know that at the time!) Firstly, the students had to discuss in small groups what they THOUGHT the poem was about. Was it an argument between a parent and a child, was it a romantic conversation on a date, was it two scientists discussing the cure for Covid?! They then had to reach a consensus as a team before creating a performance of their conversation. Students had to consider their vocal and physical skills to make sure their agreed meaning was clear to the audience! Loads of great oracy skills put to good use!

Mr Lovejoy

## History

There was plenty going on in history this week!

- Mr Bronkhorst led a discussion about the tactics used by the Vietcong in the Vietnam War with Year 11
- Mr Dexter's Year 8s are debating the positive and negative aspects of the Industrial Revolution.
- Mrs Hooper's Year 12s discussed the concept of the 1950s in Britain 'never had it so good'.
- Miss Niven had a source based discussion with her Year 9 class about what aspects of Hitler's early life could lead him to hold such strong and despicable beliefs in his later life.
- Mr Wilton's Year 7 class had a debate on who was the best contender for the throne in 1066.


## Year 8 Boys Football

Our Year 8 boys football team kicked their season off on Monday evening with an East Berks cup match away to Cox Green. The boys were extremely excited to play their first competitive football match for the school having missed out last year due to Covid restrictions.

We started positively with a good balance of pace in key areas and technical ability across the team. It was clear, however, that the match would be a very close affair as Cox Green had some useful players across their attacking line. In an end-toend, high tempo opening 10 minutes we were rewarded with a very nicely taken goal by George who burst through on goal and delicately lobbed their keeper. The game continued to throw up opportunities for both sides, and Cox Green took advantage of a few of theirs. They managed to create a few good chances which led to them scoring 4 goals, which gave them a flattering score line. Our boys didn't let their heads go down however and with a few minutes left of the first half Owen delivered a great free kick into the box which Frankie chested down and then drilled a great finish into the bottom corner. We were back with a chance.

The second half continued in a very similar fashion. Both teams were free-flowing when in attack with very good chances being created. Cox Green managed to add a couple more goals to their tally before George scored an outstanding goal by shifting the ball and firing a rocket of a shot into the top right corner from outside the box. Unfortunately Cox Green broke through a couple more times before the end to leave the match at 8-3.

A scoreline that we did not deserve from the performances of our boys. Hopefully we can build on this in our league matches and fingers crossed the result will go our way next time. Well done to all of the boys involved.

The team were: George, Jack, Elaijuh, Preston, Ryan, Lukas, Jake, Charlie, Felix, Frankie, Barney, Alfie and Owen.
Mr Martin


## Year 11 Boys Football



On Thursday evening the Year 11 boys football team played their first league match of the season at home against Garth. With a great attendance of spectators eagerly anticipating a good game, the boys were fired up for a strong performance. The game was a physical battle all over the pitch with every challenge fiercely fought for. We edged the first half possession with numerous chances to score and were rewarded with a goal through Gabe Mensah five minutes before half time.

The second half continued in a similar fashion, with our boys tallying up a good share of the possession and creating lots of good chances. Rhys Hughes was able to capitalise on one of these chances by pouncing inside the six-yard box and placing a shot against the underside of the bar. Unfortunately the VAR system isn't part of our relatively new CCTV package in school but the referee was convinced the ball had crossed the line anyway and Sandhurst were 2-0 up. This should have meant a comfortable end to the match but unfortunately due to a five minute spell of lost concentration and Garth pressure we found ourselves back level at 2-2.

Again, Sandhurst dominated the possession and chances, with lovely link up play resulting in clear cut chances. Time and again we had moments to take the lead again but for last ditch blocks and clearances by Garth, or miss-hit shots just falling wide. As the game neared its conclusion you could sense that maybe it wasn't going to be our day. Unfortunately this is the conclusion we were left with. Garth twice caught us on the counter and stole victory from our hands to leave the result at 4-2. A difficult result to take after a match we could, and probably should, have won. Unlucky with the result boys but a good performance nonetheless.

The team were:

Alfie Bradley, Jake Cook, Finn Hind, Rhys Hughes, Ashley Matabanadzo, Erik Mazin, Gabriel Mensah, Kyle Ollive, Shamyok Rai, Lewis Rickman, Leighton Robberts, Mo Sabur and Jake Woulds.

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It was their first school fixture for the boys which was very exciting! A cup match away against Piggott. Energy levels were high which helped with motivation. We arrived early so the boys had a good warm up time after the drive.

As the game kicked off the boys showed eagerness from the start. They pressed Piggott well from all sides which put them under a lot of pressure. Edward created a lot of space on the right hand side which allowed Spencer to distribute the ball well. Theo kept the middle with so much composure with great passes to all his teammates. Piggott got two good opportunities to score which they fully used. Charlie made so many great saves throughout the half, but was just unlucky. Half time came and the boys were still fully motivated to go out the second half and turn it around.

From the start of the second half, the boys looked well up for it. We made some changes with the positions which helped a lot and put a lot more pressure on the opposite team. The passes were going left, right and centre, brilliant! Caiden who came on during the end of the first half, did a great run on the left hand side and scored a brilliant goal with his left foot. That gave the boys a lot of motivation and Edward scored a cracking goal shortly after it to make it a draw!

We went into extra time and created quite a few great opportunities! But the game stayed with a draw till the end which meant penalties...

A few of the players were brave and volunteered to take a penalty kick. Spencer, Ben, Cheogyal and Theo all took on the responsibility and did very well. Charlie made great saves and was superb in goal but the opposition were also clinical with their penalties and Sandhurst lost on sudden death. The team showed brilliant sportsmanship throughout the game, supporting and motivating each other, well done! We were unfortunate to lose the penalties, however we are extremely proud of every player! Looking forward to the rest of the year's fixtures with the boys!

The team were: Charlie, Matthew, Spencer (Captain), Mason, Ben, Theo, Edward, Oliver, Caiden, Kieron, Choegyal, and Lucas.

Mr King and Mrs Van den Brink



## Year 7 Knife Skills

Year 7 demonstrating their knife skills by using the bridge hold and claw grip to chop carrots. The carrots will be frozen and then used to make vegetable soup in a future lesson.


## HOSPITALITYE CATERING

Year 10 Chelsea Buns
Year 10 kicked off the term with a traditional British treat—Chelsea Buns. They made a brilliant effort that was evident in the outcomes.

Chef of the Week goes to Mia Cherrington.


## Food Preparation <br> \& Nutrition



Year 12 Practising their high skilled dishes



## CONTAINERS PLEASE

If you have any empty sweet containers, please donate them to Food Tech.
We always need them.

Thank you.
Mrs Tudor



## $\stackrel{\rightharpoonup}{2}$ <br> Spring into Summer at Sandhurst

## Wanted: Plants!

The Sixth Form Enrichment 'Make a Difference' Team are starting their next project- "Spring into Summer at Sandhurst"

Over the next term we are planning on sprucing up the school environment, tidying up and planting new flower beds. We would really love your help. It's the time of year when I start to venture into the garden again, dividing plants and thinking about the year ahead. This week, we surveyed the school site looking at areas that we can improve, by adding more greenery to our surroundings. We now have our plan, but would love to receive any of your donations to give our 'make a difference' project a real boost!

Any of the following items would be greatly received.
-Gardening Gloves
-Seeds
-Bulbs
-Plants that you might be dividing ready for the season ahead
-Growbags
-Large Planters
-House Plants

You can either bring these donations to the school reception, or alternatively we can arrange a collection! If you would like to contact me please email nmarshall@sandhurstschool.org.uk

Mr Marshall and the Make a Difference Team



Every Day 2:50-3:50pm in PC4


## PE Clubs January 2022

Clubs run from $3: 10 \mathrm{pm}$ to $4: 00 \mathrm{pm}$.

|  | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| After School | Netball - Year 9,10,11 <br> Mrs Evans <br> Fitness - year 10 <br> Mrs Van den Brink <br> Basketball - year 8, 9, 10, 11 <br> Coach D'Mellow (need letter/each session $£ 2.00$ ) <br> GCSE PE revision Mr King | Netball - Year 7 and 8 Mrs Van den Brink Miss Montgomery <br> Boys Football - Year 8 and 9 <br> Mr King <br> Mr Martin <br> Badminton - year 7 <br> and 8 <br> Mrs Evans <br> Fitness - year 11 <br> Mrs Evans | Basketball - year 7 <br> Coach D'Mellow <br> (need letter/each <br> session £2.00) <br> Girls football - all years <br> Mrs Van den Brink Mrs Davis <br> Fitness - Year 10 <br> Mr King <br> GCSE PE revision Miss Montgomery | Boys Football - Year 7 <br> and 10 <br> Mr King <br> Mrs Van den Brink <br> Badminton - year <br> 9,10 and 11 <br> Mrs Davis <br> Fitness - year 11 <br> Mrs Davis | Basketball - year 9,10 <br> and 11 <br> Mr King |

As you can see some of the clubs are still the same as last term but others have changed.
A letter will be sent out about the basketball clubs but the remaining clubs will start from Monday 11th January.
We will do our best to run the clubs as this timetable shows but due to sports fixtures taking place, on some occasions the clubs may need to be cancelled.

Mr King

## Cucin $A^{*}$



If your child has to use a Pink IOU Lunch Card, due to insufficient funds on their Scopay account, you will be notified that they've used one and asked to top up the account. Once the account is in credit then the charges from the pink cards will be applied to the account, these will appear on the account even though no purchase has been made.


As well as after school snacks, Cucina are now serving breakfast for students from 7.30am - 8.30am.

There's a good selection of items from bacon/sausage baps, toast with lots of different spreads, pastries, fruit pots, yoghurts and cereals.

## Art work of the week - 14th January

Congratulations to the following students who have produced work of an exceptional level. All students will be nominated for the Headteacher's Award.


Year 10-Anna Heath


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Year 11-Teemar Frith


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Year 11 - Bethan Lees



Year 11 - Kyla Crew


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## Teacher ASK Apprenticeship Awareness Talk

What is an apprenticeship? How do they work? How can your students find one? Find out the answers to these questions and more.

Presented by qualified Career Advisers Carrie Grafham and Lucy Warner via Zoom

## Tuesday 8th February 2022

## 8am

Please book via the Adviza Portal under event page HERE
Cost: FREE | for school staff

For more information please email careersguidanceeadviza.org.uk 01184027050 | www.adviza.org.uk


What is an apprenticeship? How do they work in today's world of work? How can I get a degree qualification through one? Find out the answers to these questions and more.

Presented by qualified Career Advisers Nic Dean and Carrie Grafham via Zoom

## Wednesday 9th February 2022

> 6-7pm

Please book via the Adviza Portal under event page HERE
Cost: FREE | Suitable for all ages
01184027050 | www.adviza.org.uk For more information please email


The new year and new term are well and truly under way and here in Community Learning this spring, the focus for our adult learning programme is well-being.

We have courses to help parents and carers de-stress and to forward-focus in the new year including:

## Pilates <br> Five pillars of well-being <br> New year new you <br> Vision boards <br> Time for you <br> Declutter your mind

There's also the opportunity to brush up on maths and English skills and even work towards gaining a qualification.

This alongside a range of IT courses and last but not least, our weekly English Language Café for those who want to practise their English conversation with others who have English as an additional language.

Also featuring this term are courses in baby massage, paediatric first aid, working in schools, understanding food allergies and nutrition. There's so much on offer!

More information can be found on the Community Learning webpage:
www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/community-learning
or call 01344354220.
You can also keep up to date by following us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/bracknelladultlearning With best wishes from The Community Learning Team

## What CAREE (?) UWINVERSITIVE(?)

We are delighted to announce that What University? \& What Career? Live is returning to the NEC, Birmingham on 4 \& 5 March 2022!

This unmissable event for 15-19 year olds is the perfect opportunity for students to explore their higher education and career options under one roof so they can make an informed decision about their next steps.

What's on:

Speak directly to top employers and leading universities about what it's like to work or study with them and what the application process involves

Watch 40+ inspiring talks, covering everything from applying for an apprenticeship, through to student finance

Get one-to one advice from independent careers advisors in the Careers Advice Lounge Participate in free employability skills workshops

Plus much more!

## Essential details | FREE entry

Date: Saturday 5 March: 10am-4pm
Venue: NEC, Birmingham, B40 1NT

For more information visit: What Career? \& What University? Live 2022

Who do I talk to if I can't sleep? The National Sleep Helpline can help with your sleep problems.


## SPEAK TO TRAINED SLEEP ADVISORS Available Sunday - Thursday <br> 7pm - 9pm

This is a confidential service. We would only need to share what you tell us if we are worried about you, someone else or there has been a crime.

Friends of
SANDHURST SCHOOL
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to HELP US raise money.

It's the easiest way for | YOU |
| :--- |
| - It's an easy way to support our school and help raise funds |
| - 40\% of ticket sales come back to us |
| - There's a guaranteed winner every week as well as the chance to win |
| £25,000 |
| - It's easy to sign up online so start supporting our school today! |




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