

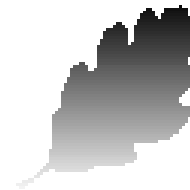


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Dear Parent/Carer

School Updates

We continue to work hard to ensure we are adhering to Health and Safety procedures and public health guidance. With the number of Covid-19 cases rising in the Lothians it is even more important that we continue to ensure everyone is as safe as they can be in school. Thankfully we have had no positive cases so far, but we all know how this virus spreads and all of us will need to play our part in the months ahead.

As a team we continue to be impressed with the responsible attitude the vast majority of our pupils are demonstrating in school – we are exceptionally proud of them!

Standards and Quality Report

I am delighted to include with this update the parent/carers summary of the School Standards and Quality Report for last session. Despite the school closure in March we have made excellent progress in a number of areas, particularly our attainment and positive destinations which is illustrated in the report.

The full version of the report can also be found on our school website www.beeslackhigh.co.uk

School Captains

Although slightly later than normal I am delighted to share with you our Senior Pupil Leadership Team for this session. Following a rigorous recruitment process the team are:

Captains

- Lauren Westwood
- Ben McFarlane
- Jemma Gerstenberger

Vice-Captains

- Jacob Wood
- Megan Wynne
- Chloe Mitchell

We are really looking forward to working with them this year.

Parents Evenings Survey

We are seeking the views of parents/carers on the format of Parents' Evenings for this session (2020-21). As you will be aware at present we cannot hold parents' evenings in school in the way we normally would. The survey can be accessed using the link in the attached email and is open until Sunday 11th October 2020. We will share the outcome of the survey in due course.

Staffing Updates

Ms Mitchell joined us on Monday as our new Teacher of Wellbeing and Inclusion. Mr Cousins will join the Maths department in the next couple of weeks and Mr MacWhirter has been appointed as Depute Head Teacher and will take up post at the end of November.

Homework

We frequently get asked about homework by parents/carers, particularly not knowing when and how much homework is allocated. We have listened to your feedback and have been working on a way to alert parents and pupils of any homework which has been allocated, what the set homework is, the due date and the approximate length of time the homework should take.

We are trialing a new system where parents/carers will receive an email at the end of the school day if your child has been set homework. The email will give a summary of the homework as indicated above and will summarise all homework set over a 5 day period. All pupils will receive the same alert to their GLOW email address.

The screen shot shows a mock example of what the email will look like. We are encouraging all staff to continue to use Microsoft Teams. Homework with full details will generally be posted in the class Team through GLOW.

Hello.

This is an automated message about homework which has been provided for your child(ren). Each pupil will receive their own separate email reminder.

Herman Hounds :

Department	Homework	Issued	Due	Minutes
English; 4X; Miss L Black	Task : Complete Close reading Passage and Questions Questions : Posted in Teams	Mon 05 Oct	Fri 09 Oct	60 to 60 mins

Henry Hounds :

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Harvey Hounds :

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Please let us know your feedback on the homework alerts and also let us know if you think you aren't receiving them. We are in the process of updating parent/carer information from our data

capture forms. However, if you have changed your email address or personal details and haven't let us know or not returned the data capture form then please do so as soon as possible.

I hope you and your family are all well and thank you again for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

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