

HELLO FEBRUARY

Learning together, working together, achieving together

February 2017

Dear Parent/Carers

This has been a short term but as often it makes it very busy.

A group of students are nearly all prepared for their trip to Kenya. They have raised £21,500 and are preparing for their trip of a life time. Can I thank all the staff who have supported this event but especially the leaders Grace Elliott and Dan Millward. We hope you enjoyed every minute of this magnificent trip.

Can I repeat my request for parents to be considerate with their parking at the start and end of the school day. Our children and student's safety is paramount to us all. Please park away from school, not on double yellow lines, next to bollards or close to junctions.

In this coming half term we will launch a school apps for homework and a general app for attendance progress, rewards and other matters. It is really important that we have your email address so that you can be linked to our school date system allowing you real time access to the progress of your child. We will also use this for sending school letters, newsletters and reports home to parents.

Finally, I have sent a letter home to all secondary students about uniform. A small number of students are choosing to move away from our high standard of dress. We expect students to be properly dressed and I enclose a further copy of my letter. Students wearing jeans or not all black shoes will be given uniform for the day to be a 'proper' Bemrose student after half term.

I hope you all have a good break and I look forward to seeing all students back at school on Monday 20th February.

Have a good break.

Yours sincerely

Mr Neil Wilkinson
Executive Headteacher



**Rewards
Trip December
2016**



GREAT BIG DANCE OFF 2017

Shannon, Priti, Olivia, Patrik, Ihab, Iman, Miriam, Frederika, Nikola & Adit performed really well at the Great Big Dance Off in January 2017.



A Huge Thank you to everyone who contributed on Christmas Jumper Day. £193.29 was raised for Derby Kids Camp.

Attendance

School starts at 8.30am, we ask for children to arrive at least 5 minutes before so they are ready to start the day.

Attendance is crucial to your child doing well and achieving within school. We will continue to work with parents to support you in ensuring your child is in school, on time every day.

The Bemrose School and the government expects all pupils to have an attendance figure of at least 95%. Any pupil absent for ten days or more in a year will miss this target. We know this has a big impact on the progress they make and the results they achieve.

Mrs Broderick is our Attendance and Family Support Worker, if you wish to discuss your child's attendance or would like to meet please contact her on 366711 ext 276.



Mr Minto and I took a small group of Year 9 and 10 boys to the University of Nottingham on Monday 19th December 2016 for a Christmas engineering lecture. The boys got involved and enjoyed the interactive stands!



Dear Parents

I am taking the opportunity to write to you to re-emphasise our standards around school uniform. I am concerned that there are a number of students who are not following our uniform code despite our conversations with them and encouragement to follow The Bemrose School rules on this.

Our uniform code has been selected to be smart whilst being simple and easy to buy. This has also been in consultation with students and parents so that we 'own' this dress code. For example, blazers were suggested but parents and students opted against this.

We listened to feedback and acted upon it.

Our school uniform is

	Male	Female
School shirt	White	White
School Tie	School Colours	School Colours
Jumper or Cardigan	All black with school logo	All black with school logo
Skirt	Black	Black
Trousers	Black and not jeans	Black and not jeans
Footwear	All black	All black
Headscarf		Black
Equipment	Bag, pencil case, pens and pencils, planner	Bag, pencil case, pens and pencils, planner

We will not accept black jeans or non-black trainers as school uniform.

To support students who find this an issue we will loan items on a daily basis if they are not dressed for school and return their attire to them at the end of the day.

Can I also stress that mobile phones and headphones must be kept away safely and should not be used in school unless it is part of a lesson that the teacher has asked for.

I have great pride in our school and our uniform is an important part of The Bemrose School. I want all students to have a pride in themselves and set high standards for their achievement. This starts with the way they dress.

I hope that you understand my position on this and we will act accordingly from Monday 20th February. To that end I am giving you advanced notice of our expectations.

National Story Telling Week



Curriculum Enrichment Day



The Year 9's were tasked with constructing Tetrahedron's using dowels and elastic bands. All of the students took an active part on the day and seemed to really enjoy the challenge.

All of the teams were successful, although some of the constructions started to fail near the end of the task.



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