

Weekly Communication update 10/09/21

Dear families,

Welcome to this week's Communication update. It will now include an update about what year groups are doing each week.

<p>General Update</p>	<p>I would like to start by welcoming Year 7 families and pupils to Bensham Manor School. All pupils have settled in so well this week despite their return to school involving on-site testing. I am always so very proud of how well they manage new situations.</p> <p>Your child should have brought home a letter about after school clubs - please check their bags. Clubs start next week.</p> <p>There is lots of fantastic learning taking place in school:</p> <p>Year 7 - In PE they have done some team building, tag rugby and cross country. In Outdoor Learning they have been looking at how to care for a pet. In PSHE they have been looking at transitioning to secondary school.</p> <p>Year 8 - In Textiles pupils are having an introduction to Textiles techniques. In Geography they are learning about tectonic hazards. In Life Skills Cooking they are looking at safety in the classroom.</p> <p>Year 9 - In Maths pupils are learning to simplify. In Textiles they are learning about Manga. In RE they are learning about religious celebration.</p> <p>Year 10 - In English they are studying the play Macbeth by William Shakespeare. In PE they are looking at Sports Leadership. In RE they are examining prejudice and discrimination.</p> <p>Year 11 - In Art some students are preparing for their Arts Award. In PSHE pupils are learning about individual rights and responsibilities. In Maths they are studying speed, distance and time.</p> <p>Post 16 is settling into the new school year and preparing for work experience and college.</p> <p>Communicating with the school - please direct general queries to the main school office. Anything regarding your child and their learning should be directed to the form tutor in the first instance.</p> <p>Wishing you all a lovely weekend.</p>
<p>Lateral Flow Testing and Covid update</p>	<p>Some pupils have had both on-site tests and a few groups will have their second test early next week. Please continue to test your children at home on Sunday and Wednesday evenings. If your child has a positive lateral flow test they will need to get a PCR test. Please inform the school. We remain a Covid free school and regular testing is the best way to keep our environment safe. Please continue working together to keep everyone safe and well. We are sending test kits home over the next few days. Please check your child's bag.</p>
<p>Attendance</p>	<p>Your child's attendance at school is compulsory. Please see a summary of Bensham Manor guidance below:</p> <p>We expect our students to have good levels of attendance to get the most out of school (and catch up on some of the learning missed last year due to COVID).</p> <p>As per school policy, if your child is not able to attend school, parents or carers need to contact the school in the morning before 09:00am to inform us and provide a reason why. Sickness (if prolonged or frequent) will require medical evidence such as an appointment card or letter from the GP. An appointment card is the easiest option but you can give the school consent to contact your GP which helps, particularly if the young person has health needs that result in absences.</p> <p>If medical evidence is not provided within 10 days of absence (or request for evidence), the young person will be marked as unauthorised.</p> <p>If absence is persistent with no valid reason, you will be referred to the</p>

	<p>Education Welfare Officer. Please prioritise your child's attendance. Many thanks.</p>
Parent/carer WhatsApp Group	<p>If you would like to join this group please email the office on theoffice@benshammanor.com with your name, your child's name and the phone number you would like to use.</p>
National Autistic Society Advanced Status	<p>I am delighted to let you all know that the National Autistic Society has awarded us Advanced School status in recognition of the work we do in supporting and developing our learners with ASD. This is a fantastic achievement for the school.</p>
PE	<p>Please check your child's timetable to see when they have PE lessons. On the days they have PE, please ensure that they come to school in their PE kit - they do not need to wear school uniform on PE days.</p>
Kidwizz	<p>Please ensure you have downloaded the Kidwizz app. Any issues please contact the office. School meals, cooking charge and clubs must be paid via this app. Please ensure that your child's dinner account does not fall into arrears.</p>
Cookery contribution	<p>We are asking for a £5 contribution towards the cost of cooking for this term please. This goes towards the cost of buying all the ingredients. Thank you.</p>
Contact details	<p>If you have a new email address/telephone number then please ensure that you contact the office to update your details. Please do this via email to: theoffice@benshammanor.com. By law we must have the contact details for 2 adults for each child. Thank you.</p>