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## NEWSLETTER

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Headteacher: Mr David Graham

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Dear Parents/Carers

I never thought I would be quite so happy to see a team of builders begin to occupy the staff car park!

Finally the build has begun and we are all exceptionally excited to see the works commence for our £23 million new build. There will be some changes to parking, the approach used by pedestrians and the location of the bike compound over the next few months, please accept my apologies in advance. I understand this is the fourth time the school has been in discussion regarding a new build, never has it got this far!

The Year 11's have had a good exam week, we await the results of course, but it has been pleasing to hear the positivity from the year group as they leave the exam hall. I cannot stress enough how important it will be for each Year 11 student to work hard over the Christmas holiday, even if it is doing regular on line work such as GCSE Pod, which is clearly proven to raise standards and be very accessible for everyone at all levels.

As many of you are aware we have a new catering service in school. After a period of transition I am pleased to say that things are settling down and we are delighted to now be able to offer freshly prepared food each and every day. Thank you for bearing with us through the initial stages of the new contract.

The run up to Christmas is also truly upon us, it's an exciting time for the students and we are keen for everyone to enjoy the festive activities as we approach the Christmas holidays. We will continue to uphold strong uniform and behaviour standards and would appreciate your full support. In recent times hoodies have started to creep back into circulation, please do not allow your son or daughter to wear one to school as it will be confiscated.

Finally, I am very pleased to say that we have had initial numbers for next year and once again we are due to be full and very likely oversubscribed for the incoming Year 7 intake. This is such exciting news and something the whole community can be so proud to be a part.

Thank you for your continued support, enjoy the holidays!

Kind regards

David Graham  
Headteacher

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## TERM DATES 2019-2020

### **Spring Term 2020**

Starts - Monday 6th January 2020

Half Term - Monday 17th February - Friday 21st February 2020

Ends - Friday 3rd April 2020

### **Summer Term 2020**

Starts - Monday 20th April 2020

Half Term - Monday 25th May - Friday 29th May 2020

Ends - Friday 17th July 2020

### **Inset Days - School Closed for Students**

Friday 3rd January 2020

Friday 3rd July 2020

[www.putteridgehigh.org](http://www.putteridgehigh.org)

Visit the school website for:

Key Contact Information  
Latest News  
School Calendar and Term Dates  
Supported Learning at Home  
Notices  
Newsletter  
Useful Links

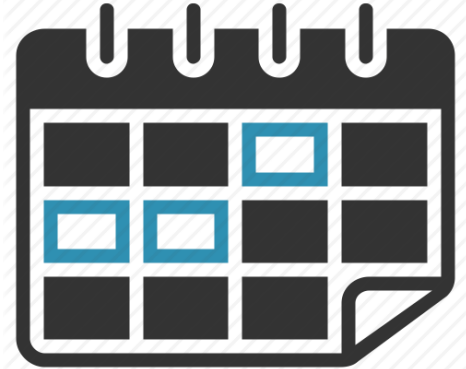
## **DATES FOR DECEMBER/JANUARY**

**Friday 20th December** - End of term, students finish 12.15pm

**Monday 6th January 2020** - Spring Term Starts

**Tuesday 28th January 2020** - BESP Business Breakfast

**Thursday 30th January 2020** - Year 10 Parent/Carer  
Consultation Evening



## **FOR INFORMATION**

### **EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSURE**

In exceptional circumstances it may be necessary to close the school during normal hours. In these instances, i.e. due to severe weather conditions, we shall inform parents via our website, school Facebook and Twitter pages. In addition, we will endeavour to contact you by email/text.

### **ATTENDANCE**

It is through good attendance that students maximise their full potential, enhancing their life chances for the future. Missing school means missing out on learning and this can have an impact on a child's development and attainment. There is a strong statistical link between attendance and attainment. The law states that children of statutory school age, who are on roll at a school or academy, must attend regularly and punctually. Regular attendance is important because it is the best way of ensuring children make the most of the educational opportunities available to them.

### **STUDENT ABSENCE/MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS**

Please remember to call school on 01582 415791 and select option 1 to report your child absent as soon as possible in the morning, and by 8.30am, should your child be unwell and not able to attend school.

Medical evidence is required for absences over 3 days. Where a student's attendance is under 92%, medical evidence is required for every absence. Students must also provide, to Mrs Hake, Attendance Officer, copies of appointment cards/ hospital letters on or before the day of the appointment.

### **AFTER SCHOOL PICK-UP**

At the end of the school day we are still experiencing high levels of congestion outside the front of the school. Please endeavour to park a reasonable distance away from the school to avoid unnecessary traffic at all times. In addition, please remind students that they are not to walk across either the staff car park at any time.

## FOR INFORMATION

### Edulink

Edulink is used to send emails and text messages, in addition to allowing you to view the following information on your child/children, using just one login:

- Timetable.
- Achievement Points.
- Behaviour Points.
- Contact information - check we hold the correct contact numbers and email addresses for you.
- Parents' Evenings - for booking timeslots at the year group Parent/Carer Consultation Evenings.
- Links to other internet based systems used by school.

Available as a free app for Apple and Android phones or via the internet, Edulink will help keep you informed on a day to day basis.



*If you do not have a username and password for Edulink please contact the Central Admin team:  
[centraladmin@putteridgehigh.org](mailto:centraladmin@putteridgehigh.org)*

[www.edulinkone.com/#!/login](http://www.edulinkone.com/#!/login)

### ParentMail

Many of you will have now received an email from the ParentMail system inviting you to register your account, which will allow you to make online, PayPal or PayPoint payments for school trips, revision guides, school ties and planners.

**We are delighted that 81% of our parents/carers have registered their account and 51% are using the ParentMail app!**

Putteridge High School will initially only be using the 'Payments' part of ParentMail, as we use the Edulink system for home/school communications and for you to check your child/children's attendance, behaviour, achievement etc.



*If you have not received an email from ParentMail, please contact the Central Admin team:  
[centraladmin@putteridgehigh.org](mailto:centraladmin@putteridgehigh.org)*

<https://www.parentmail.co.uk/login/>

## FOR INFORMATION

### Supporting Learning at Home

#### What is my child studying at school?

You can find out details of all the topics covered in every year group and subject on our school website on the 'home learning' pages. There are also ideas that will support or extend your child's learning linked to each topic, this is great for those students who may be really interested in a topic and want to find out more, or for those students who have had a period of absence or feel that they are struggling to understand a particular aspect of the work and would like to revise over it again.

#### What is my child's homework?

We continue to set all of our homework online. Over the last few weeks Show My Homework has changed its name to Satchel:one, you can continue to log in using the existing links and log in details.

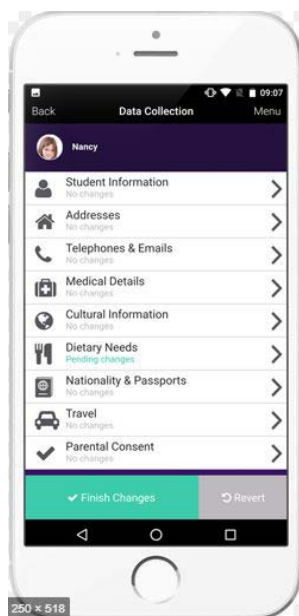
If you are unsure how to log into the site, please contact [centraladmin@putteridgehigh.org](mailto:centraladmin@putteridgehigh.org)

The logo for Satchel:one, featuring the text "satchel:one" in white lowercase letters on a dark blue rectangular background.

### SIMS Parent Lite App

The SIMS Parent Lite App is free to download for Android and Apple and allows parents/carers to change their child's home address, telephone numbers, diet, medical information and so on.

An email was sent to parents/carers with parental responsibility earlier this term. If you have not received this, please contact the Central Admin Team.



*If you have any difficulties or have not received an email, please contact [centraladmin@putteridgehigh.org](mailto:centraladmin@putteridgehigh.org)*

## SAFEGUARDING

### **POLICE**

Emergency 999 / Non Emergency 101

<https://www.bedfordshire.police.uk/information-and-services/Contact/Contact>

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/>

### **KEEPING SAFE AWAY FROM HOME (NSPCC)**

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/staying-safe-away-fromhome/>

### **CHILDLINE**

Childline is a free, private and confidential service for young people. Whatever the worry

<https://www.childline.org.uk/> or Phone 0800 1111

### **MULTI-AGENCY SAFEGUARDING HUB (MASH)**

Protecting vulnerable children is everyone's business, and we all need to be alert, to know what to look out for and where to go for advice, as well as having the confidence to report any acts of abuse safe in the knowledge that they will be acted on. If you are concerned about the welfare of a child (0 to 18 years old) please call the MASH on 01582 547653. The number to call for out of normal working hours emergencies is 0300 300 8123

### **MIND**

We're MIND the Mental Health Charity, we won't give up until everyone experiencing a mental health problem receives support and respect. <https://www.mind.org.uk/>

### **ONLINE SAFETY**

Childnet International has produced guidance for parents and carers on looking after the digital wellbeing of children and young people. This includes having an awareness of how being online can make children and young people feel, and how they can look after themselves and others when online. The guidance includes: age specific information about how children and young people are interacting with the internet; top tips to support young people at this age; and ideas to help start a conversation about digital wellbeing.

Source: [www.saferinternet.org.uk](http://www.saferinternet.org.uk)

## CAREERS AT PUTTERIDGE

It has been a busy term for Years 10 and 11 as students begin to focus on their progression routes after leaving high school.

### Careers Fayre

On 9th October, three hundred students in both year groups were able to take the opportunity of attending the annual Careers Fayre, which this year was hosted at PHS. We had representatives from universities, many of the local colleges including Luton Sixth Form, Barnfield, Central Beds and Oaklands to name a few. Also present were representatives from various industries including aviation, banking, construction, engineering, health care, legal and leisure industries. We also had representatives from the Apprenticeship Agency. Students were able to discuss their career plans and gain a valuable insight into the varied pathways which exist after leaving school.



### Business Breakfasts

On 30th October, fifty students from Year 10 were able to participate in the first of three Business Breakfast meetings. In small groups of 4, students met with adults from a wide variety of different jobs. They were able to spend ten minutes with each adult in order to gain an insight into each particular area of work. We are very grateful for all our visitors who willingly gave up the first two hours of their working day to take part in this programme – if any parent/carer feels that they could contribute to future Business Breakfasts further information can be obtained from Mr Callard: [kcallard@putteridgehigh.org](mailto:kcallard@putteridgehigh.org).



### College and Apprenticeship Awareness Assemblies

During the course of the Autumn Term, all Year 11 students have been able to attend presentations given by a range of organisations. We have so far welcomed the following into school: Barnfield College, Central Bedfordshire College, Luton Sixth Form College, Oaklands College, Shared Learning Trust and Apprenticeship Agency.

### Work Experience

Following an introduction to work experience in October, students in Year 10 have been working very hard to secure appropriate work experience placements, so far over 75% of the year group have secured their placements ready for the end of March 2020.

### Careers Advice Sessions

Every student in Year 11 will have an individual careers advice session with our advisor, Tracey Young. Students have been outstanding in their approach to discussing their future career thoughts and each one will receive an individual action plan from Tracey which will support their choices in the coming months. Please note, all Year 11 students will have received their individual session by the end of January.

Mr Callard  
Careers & Work Experience

## MUSIC

### TRIP TO THE OPERA

Some of our year 7-10 students took part in a very exciting trip to the Opera as part of the iconic annual Glyndebourne tour. The performance was of Donizetti's work 'L'Elisir d'amore'. We even got to meet the cast! Here are some quotes and photos to show just how much fun we had.

'Hi é piaciuto un sacco come gli attori recitauano'. Serena Year 7

'I found out that Operas are plays that use singing instead of talking'

'It was very interesting!' Tia Year 8

'I really enjoyed it, it was very interesting. The actors were amazing!'

'I am very glad I agreed to come to the Opera and can't wait to tell my friends about this amazing trip' – Frankie Year 7

'The trip to the Opera was fantastic! I learnt a new story and was very interested. I loved it!' – Megan– Year 7

'I learned that the singers put a lot of practice in. The outfits are also really intricate' – Lucy Year 8

'I loved it and learnt that love can come in all shapes and sizes'

'It was amazing'



Miss Want & Mrs Line



## AUTHOR VISIT

### PETER J MURRAY VISITS PHS

We welcomed children's author, Peter J Murray in November and students were on the edge of their seats listening to him read!

Peter is passionate in his quest to promote literacy in schools and to inspire students to use their imagination and achieve creative success. We were very fortunate that Peter returned for a second day to sign books for some of the students.

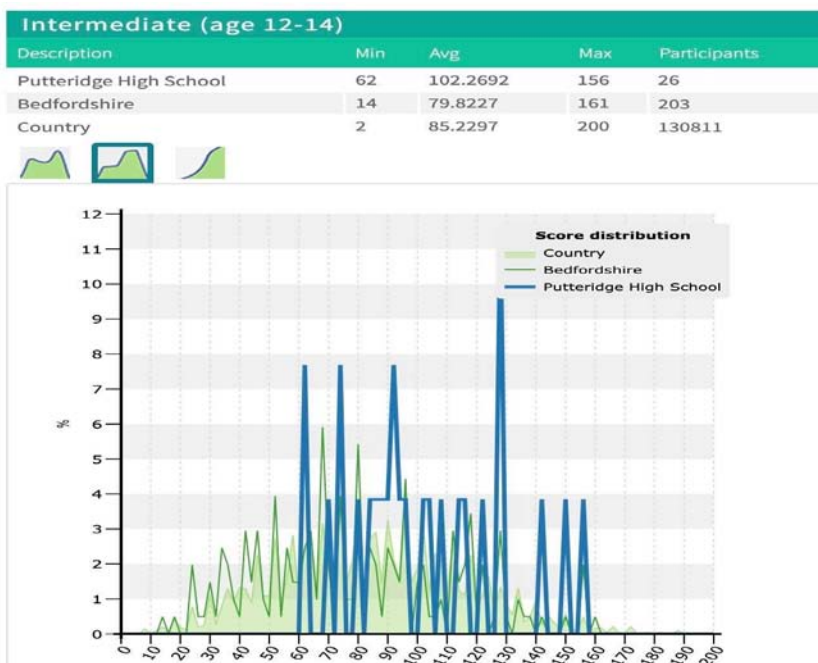


Miss Jablonska  
English

## COMPUTER SCIENCE

Our First Class Year 9 students in Computer Science have competed in the @bebrasuk Computational Thinking Challenge, sponsored by the University of Oxford.

Students achieved above average in both the County and National scores - excellent work!!



Mr James  
Head of Computing & ICT

## GERMAN EXCHANGE

### LUTON TO FRANKFURT!

18 students, Mrs Line, Mrs Hamdard and Mrs Bradley set off to Heathrow on Tuesday 10th December for their trip to Germany.

Some are staying with families, some are staying in a hotel. Students will be going back to our partner school, die Theisstalschule, in Niedernhausen, a small town near Frankfurt and Wiesbaden. We are fortunate that the British Council is funding the majority of the trip, which is also part of a research programme with the Department for Education and Education Endowment Foundation.

News and photographs will be in the January Newsletter!

Frohe Weihnachten!

Mrs Line, Mrs Bradley &  
Mrs Hamdard

## YEAR 7 SPELLING BEE

Congratulations to the following students for the 1st round of the spelling bee competition. They will compete round 2 at lunch time before spring half term as a school competition.

Denisa I	Justinas V	Inshaal T
Jazia D	Ben C	Sammy T
Saif S	Cerys L	Serena O
Swavab S	George B	Goncalo D
Noel H	Zuzanna S	Jeravie W
Libby M	Flavia S	Christiana O
Chrystal L	Reagan W	

Mrs Missonnet  
Head of MFL

## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Emma, in Year 10, has undertaken a selection process over the last year, which has resulted in her being chosen to represent Anglia Guiding in Canada next year at SOAR 2020 - The Spirit of Adventure Rendezvous ([www.soarbc.com](http://www.soarbc.com)).

To ensure she can go, Emma needs to raise the funds for the trip herself. So far her uncle has completed a sponsored half marathon on her behalf plus she has a cake sale and Tombola planned over the next couple of weeks. In the Spring she will be hosting a quiz night and will sell Easter gifts.

If anyone would like to help Emma achieve her target please visit the following websites:

Donations:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/emma-c-sheeran>

Shopping:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/emmatosoar2020/>

Best of luck Emma!!



## EXAMINATIONS

### 2019-2020 EXAMINATION TIMETABLE

Functional Skills English	Y10/11	14 <sup>th</sup> January 2020	Large Act/ Main Hall
BTEC Digital IT Tech Award (23 students)	Yr.11	4 <sup>th</sup> February 2020	Large Act/ Main Hall
UK Maths Challenge (Intermediate)	Yr.9/10/11	6 <sup>th</sup> February 2020	Sports Hall
BTEC Health & Social Care Tech Award (25 students)	Yr.11	7 <sup>th</sup> February 2020	Large Act/ Main Hall
Functional Skills English	Y10/11	26 <sup>th</sup> February 2020	Large Act/ Main Hall
GCSE Internal Exams	Yr. 11	16 <sup>th</sup> -23 <sup>rd</sup> March 2020	Sports Hall & Main Hall
BTEC Sport Online Test	Yr.11	22 <sup>nd</sup> April 2020 (Lesson 2)	Computer Rooms C6
GCSE Art & Design Exams	Yr. 11	27 <sup>th</sup> & 28 <sup>th</sup> April 2020	Art Rooms
GCSE Art 3D Exams	Yr. 11	29 <sup>th</sup> & 30 <sup>th</sup> April 2020	Art/Woodwork
UK Maths Challenge (Junior)	Yr. 7/8	30 <sup>th</sup> April 2020	Sports Hall
<b>SUMMER EXAMS</b>  <b>GCSE/GCE/F.SKILLS/ BTEC/ELC</b>	<b>Yr. 11</b>	<b>11<sup>th</sup> May – 24<sup>th</sup> June 2020</b>  <b>Results day 20<sup>th</sup> August 2020</b>	<b>Sports Hall &amp; Main Hall</b>
END OF YEAR TESTS	YR. 7/9	11 <sup>th</sup> - 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2020	Class rooms
END OF YEAR TESTS	YR. 8/10	8 <sup>th</sup> – 18 <sup>th</sup> June 2020	Class rooms

## EXTENDED LEARNING

### EXTENDED LEARNING COMPETITION

Congratulations to all of those students who entered the extended learning competition over the half term break. We had a wide range of entries including:

- an animation movie
- research into Braille
- research into different types of fabric
- revision materials on the topic of equations
- a news report on Guy Fawkes
- a report on winning a medal for martial arts
- an account of a visit to the Natural History Museum

There are a wide range of suggestions of activities on the home learning page of the school website and we look forward to receiving more entries after the Christmas break.

Miss Pack  
Associate Assistant Headteacher

## PUTTERIDGE PROGRESSION

This year, as a staff, we are developing our links with Putteridge Primary School and are keen to learn about progression from Key Stage 2 to 3 so we can improve our learners' experience.

As part of this project, we welcomed Year 6 teachers Miss Pitchford and Mrs Cochrane into Year 7 lessons this half term. They really enjoyed visiting their former students, looking at their books, hearing how well they are doing, seeing the amount of content that is being covered in lessons and the depth of analysis. Soon, some of our staff will be visiting Year 6 lessons to learn what is taught and how they learn. We look forward to seeing this partnership develop and further improve our students' academic transition from Year 6 to 7.



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Mrs Line & Mrs Nicholl

## SPORTS NEWS

### TRIPS

#### FOOTBALL

PE students of the month, nominated by the PE Department for their hard work and effort in both PE lessons and Extra Curricular sport, were rewarded with a trip to Wembley in November.

Students were delighted to witness a 5-1 win against Montenegro in the Euro 2020 qualifier match!



#### RUGBY

As part of the Chiltern Learning Trust, some students and staff were able to attend the Saracens vs Ospreys Rugby fixture in the European Champions Cup on Saturday 23rd November 2019 at Allianz Park.

As part of the match day experience, students were able to play tag-rugby on the pitch at half time against other schools within the trust!

