



HIGHER ACHIEVERS AT BGLC



BGLC HIGHER ACHIEVERS (HPA) NEWS

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Welcome to HPA News

Hello there, I am Mrs Purdon. In addition to my regular role of languages teacher I am also the HPA Co-ordinator at BGLC.

HPA - Higher Prior Attainment

Stretch and challenge is what we aim for with all our students at BGLC. It does not start when the students reach further education and possibilities of going to university, but right from when each student walks in our door.

We aim for the best outcomes for all students, and various challenge strategies and tools are used throughout all year groups to promote learning and develop student achievements. This monthly newsletter is designed to keep families informed about our HPA activities both across school and with Focus Groups of students.



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AccessLeicester: Medicine

At the beginning of November we hosted a virtual meeting with The University of Leicester to discuss their outreach course for Y12 potential medical applicants.

We are pleased to announce some of our students have been accepted onto the course.



Medicine and Cambridge interview preparation

We were very pleased to welcome Paddy Kilgannon back to the campus to speak to our prospective medical students in Y12 and 13 and share his experience of both studying medicine at university and interview preparation. The students found it very beneficial.

Those students who have been asked to interview at Cambridge have also had additional 1-1 interview practice.

Mock interviews for Y13 Early Entry Students

We have been very fortunate this year to have been able to continue to offer mock interviews for this group in preparation for their upcoming university interviews.

A BIG THANK YOU.....

to Will Teece, Helen Brown and Ismini Vasileiou (two of our governors) for giving up their time to carry out for these interviews.

All the interviewers had glowing reports of the Y13 students.

What a credit to the school!

MFL Curriculum Changes

The MFL department have been making changes to the curriculum at KS3 and KS4 in order to teach a wider range of cultural topics and increase students' cultural capital which will be a useful life skill as well as beneficial for those looking to pursue languages at A-level.

Year 7

Year 7 students are learning all about Christmas celebrations in Spain, Germany and France and making comparisons on similarities and differences to the UK.

Year 8

Year 8 Spanish students have been looking at The Day of the Dead celebrations in Mexico.



Year 8

Year 8 French and German students will be studying about Carnival next term.

Year 10/11

KS4 Spanish students have been looking at the city of Bilbao and its historical links to the UK.





HOT 9

We have just implemented a new style challenge question across the curriculum to stretch students to understand and apply skills required for the highest grades at GCSE.

These questions are designed to use **Higher Order Thinking skills** which are required for the top grades at GCSE. They will start seeing the above symbol in lessons across subjects throughout the coming months.

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