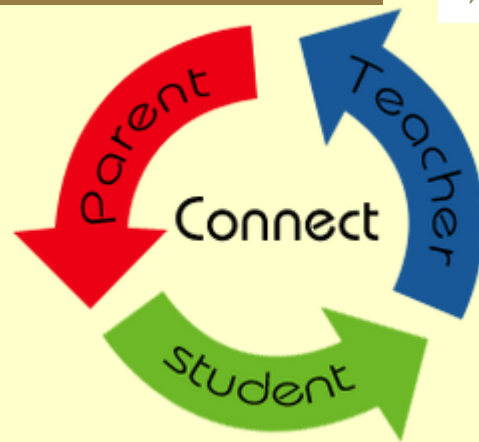


Welcome to Bassingbourn Village College



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Our Core Values at Bassingbourn Village College



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These are the life skills which we nurture at Bassingbourn Village College

- Respect
- Resilience
- Responsibility



Extending the boundaries of learning, extra-curricular and 101 things

We encourage our students to explore their ideas and individuality and to support this we run a number of extra-curricular clubs in PE, Creative Arts - Music, Drama, Dance, English, Geography, Computing and Science.

In addition, we are launching our “**101 Things to Do**” at Bassingbourn Village College to extend our students school experience. Based on our core values of Respect, Resilience & Responsibility students are challenged to get out of their comfort zone and encourage them to take part in challenges they may not necessarily do otherwise.

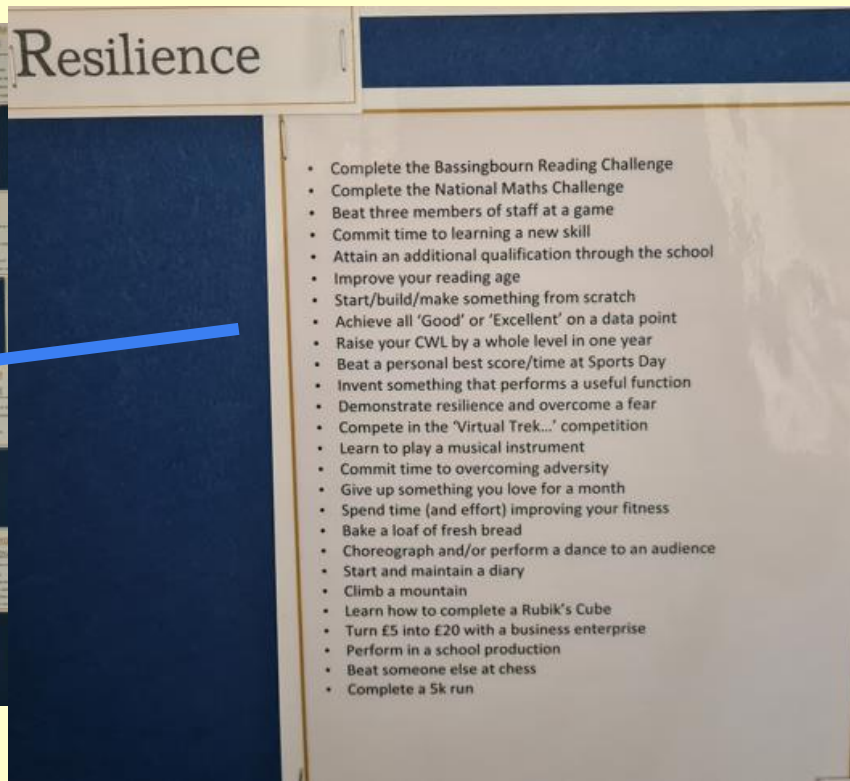
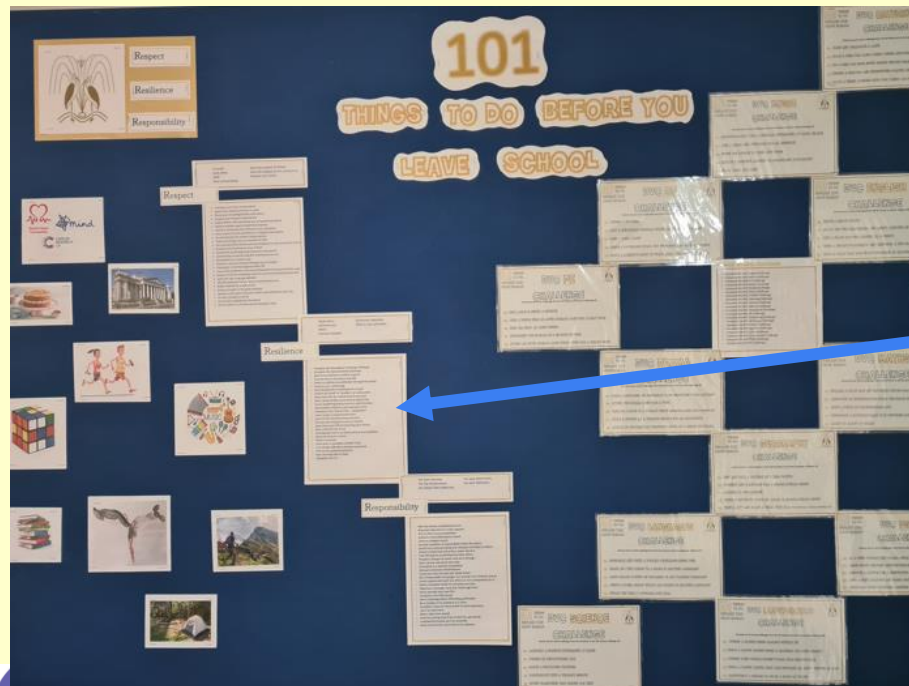


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Some useful people to know



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- Mr Stoneham – Principal
- Mrs Warwick - Vice Principal
- Mr Brock- Deputy Principal
- Mr Hughes - Deputy Principal
- Ms Hields - Assistant Principal
- Miss Chalmers – Assistant Principal
- Ms Manley – Assistant Principal
- Ms Clover – Assistant Principal
- Mrs Turner, Mrs Constantinides, Mrs Eavis - Student Support (SSW)
- Mrs Parker - Deputy SENCo
- Mrs Sadler – Alternative Provision
- Mrs Lambert & Mrs Little - Administrative Assistant



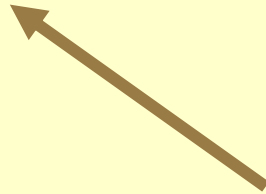
School Day



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Mentor Time	08:55-09:15
Lesson 1a	09:15-10:05
Lesson 1b	10:05- 10:55
Break	10:55-11:15
Lesson 2a	11:15-12:05
Lesson 2b	12:05-12:55
Lunch	12:55-13:40
Lesson 3a	13:40-14:30
Lesson 3b	14:30-15:20



Mentors will check uniform and equipment, ensure students are ready for the day, while providing reminders about important things & other planned activities that day.

Meet your Achievement Leaders



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*Miss Harris
- Artemis*



*Mr Beck
- Hercules*



*Miss Turland
- Atalanta*



*Ms Leake
- Athena*



The Den is a source of general information and support and includes:

- Pastoral Support
- Behaviour Support
- Intervention(s) – e.g. ELSA.

Vertical Mentoring



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- School within a school where everyone is known
- Each College has its own identity and a sense of belonging
- Introduces healthy competition (rewards for participation and effort) and merits go towards house competitions
- Peer to Peer support: Breaks down the barriers between year groups
- Develops interpersonal and cross-age skills: Practises important skills of teamwork, speaking and listening, problem solving, creativity, and leadership
- All students will understand their journey through school and the different stages of their development



Attendance



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If your child is unable to come to school we ask you report this to us by **8.15am** on 01763 242344 or email absence@bassingbournvc.org. We do ask that you call or email EVERY day your child is off for safeguarding reasons.

Students should arrive at school by 8.50am to ensure they are in Mentor Time for 8.55am. Students that arrive after the register has been completed will be marked as absent and unauthorised.

If your child's attendance falls below **95%** you will automatically receive a letter raising a concern and advising you that their attendance is being monitored.



Reminders for September



- Students are only allowed to wear one plain silver or gold stud in each ear. We do not allow any other body piercings, bars or ear stretchers on the grounds of health and safety.
- Blazers and ties must be worn at all times when moving around school site
- Jumpers can only be worn under blazers and not in place of. Black V-neck jumpers only no sweatshirts or hoodies, including zip up hoodies. No round necked jumpers
- Skirts must be of school style at/or below knee length (straight or pleated and non-stretch)
- Shoes must be black with no other colours visible. Leather/leather type uppers no canvas. In the interest of safety, heels no more than 3 cm high. No training shoes/trainers or boots.
- Hairstyles should be of a natural colour with no extremes of colour or style.

<https://bassingbournvc.org/parents/uniform-2/>

<https://bassingbournvc.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/06/BVC-Uniform-and-Equipment-Policy-2025-26.pdf>



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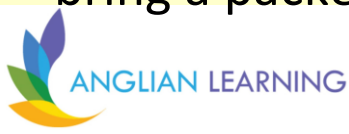


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Students should not have their phones switched on during the school day between 08:55 and 15:20, if seen they will be confiscated and placed at the office for collection by the student on the first occasion, by parent after that.

September 3rd – An exclusive Year 7 day - the only year group in on the Wednesday. The day will follow the student's timetable and introduce them to some of their new teachers.

Students will have access to the school canteen and will be able to select a variety of hot or cold food options. Alternatively, students are welcome to bring a packed lunch.



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- Only students with exit passes are able to leave lessons for the agreed amount of time. The issuing of an exit pass is carefully considered, always requires supporting evidence and will be recorded and monitored.
- If students leave a lesson for any reason, they must carry a **yellow lanyard** which has been given to them by a staff member.
- Students must use the toilet at break and lunch time, only students with a pass can go at other times...time away from lessons is 'lost learning' and we optimise the time students are in lessons as opportunities to excel. Please note, that if a student must go to the toilet – they will be allowed, but this will be monitored.
- Students must fill water bottles at break and lunch only.



Free school meals



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- To qualify for free School lunches for your child/children you must be claiming one of the following benefits:
- Income Support
- Income Based Job Seekers Allowance
- Child Tax Credit only
- Guarantee element on State Pension

However, if you receive Working Tax Credit you are NOT entitled to free school lunches.

For more information visit our website:

<https://bassingbournvc.org/parents/menus-dietry-and-free-school-meals-information/>

The Free school meal allowance has a daily value of **£2.75**



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Summer Holiday Scheme Places for free

Would your child like to attend a fully funded holiday scheme this summer where fun experiences, a meal and snacks are included?

Children in receipt of income-related free schools meals are eligible to attend for up to 64 hours. Other children may also be eligible, visit the County Council webpage for further details.

Further information:
www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/haf
(or scan the QR Code)
Questions: HAF@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

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The Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme, funded by The Department for Education, offers free holiday scheme places during the Easter, Summer and Christmas school holidays. Primary and secondary school pupils, who receive income-related free school meals, are eligible. For further information, visit: www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/haf



Cashless Catering and lunchtimes



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Innovate is our catering company, providing a variety of healthy and tasty meals every day as well as a wide selection of “grab and go” items including baguettes, paninis, burritos and salads.

The menu follows a similar weekly pattern, so students know what to expect.

The most popular meal deal is the **Blue Dot** meal for **£2.75** which allows students to choose any 4 items from selected rolls, sandwiches, drinks, cakes, fruit bags and much more!

Innovate operate a cashless till with money payable by parents/carers online *in advance*.

Students are not able to purchase food unless their accounts are in credit.



Transport



Transport for students who live in our catchment area

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Photo card bus passes are needed for the local catchment area school bus service. A valid bus pass must be shown to board. To check eligibility for free school transport and to apply, please visit the Cambridgeshire County Council website: Pre-16 School Transport

For year 7 students joining us in September who live in our catchment area: *You can apply online for transport at www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/education/transport*



School details



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Phone number: 01763 242344

Website: www.bassingbournvc.org

Email: office@bassingbournvc.org

Absence email: absence@bassingbournvc.org



Any further questions



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- Achievement Leaders (AL's) and our Senior Leadership Team (SLT) will be available to answer any questions you have. To help with access, staff can be found in the following areas.
- Room 1- Artemis / Athena (Ms. Leake / Miss Harris)
- Room 2- Hercules / Atalanta (Mr Beck / Miss Turland)
- Hall – Leadership Team

