



BLATCH NEWS

Blatchington Mill School

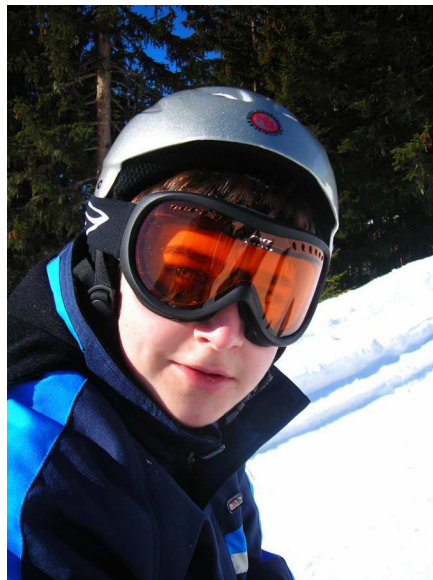
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Lifelong learning experiences outside the classroom

Thank you for your support shown during the Student Review Day on Tuesday 10th February. We are currently reviewing the impact and value of this day and will keep you informed of any changes we may propose.

Over the half term some of our students spent the week skiing and I am delighted to report that the trip was a huge success and many thanks to Mr Coups and his team of staff who managed this week so well; thereby ensuring your children had a thoroughly enjoyable week.



Another fantastic trip on the slopes

We were afforded a wonderful evening's entertainment when the students from years 11 and 12 put on their Fashion Show. It was great fun and extremely entertaining. Well done to all who contributed!

We have another five weeks before the two week Easter Break and there will be a focus on revision programmes for our examination years and on study skills for our year 7. I will continue to keep you informed of our many events as it is those opportunities which take place outside our curriculum which can provide such rich learning experiences for your children; the memories of which stay with them for a very long time.

Janet Felkin

Diary

Thursday 5th March

World Book Day

Friday 6th March - Sat 7th March

Go Bananas! Fairtrade Event

Monday 9th March

Heartbreak Beautiful,
7pm, Windmill Theatre

Tuesday 10th March

Heartbreak Beautiful,
7pm, Windmill Theatre
FAB Meeting - All welcome!
7pm, Conference Room

Wednesday 11 March

Y8 Careers Day
Auditions for Teenspirit,
5pm - 7pm, Windmill Theatre

Friday 13th March

Red Nose Day
Masterchef Final
Presentation of new allotments

Monday 16th March

6th Form Student Study Day, London
6th Form Dance trip to
Jasmin Vardimon Company

Monday 16th - Friday 20th March

Y8 Geography visit to Osmington Bay

Tuesday 17th March

Y12 Parents' eve
Wednesday 18th March

Y9 production of Romeo and Juliet

Thurs 19th March

Y10 trip to Tate Britain

Saturday 21st March

Ypres trip

Sunday 22nd March

World Water Day

Monday 23rd, Wednesday 25th and

Friday 27th March

Y7 Skills Day

Thursday 26th March

Spring Concert, Windmill Theatre

Saturday 28th March

Bridge Challenge

Earth Hour 8.30pm - 9.30pm

Monday 30th March -

Friday 3rd April

Rag Week

Tuesday 31st March

6th Form visit to Houses of Parliament
Rag Show in the Windmill Theatre



Friday 13th March 2009 is

Red Nose Day

**Lots of fun events
on the day!**



School News

Exam information

- GCSE student Statement of Entry forms for Summer 2009 exams have been sent to students via registers. Students should check their entries very carefully and notify the Exams Office immediately of any errors or omissions. Students must sign and return the bottom of the letter as confirmation that their entries are correct.
- GCE Statement of Entries will be sent out in the next few weeks.
- January GCE Provisional results will be available on Thursday 12th March.
- March exam modules are starting on Monday 2nd, Wednesday 4th and Friday 6th March
- AS and A2 Music Recital exams are on Thursday 2nd April.

Internet Safety Guide From Sussex Police

Advice for young people: Click the link on the portal homepage
Advice for parents and carers: Log on to the Parent Portal
Police Liason Officer for Blatchington Mill School: [PC Vicky Jones](#)

Historical Fiction Competition - Open to all Y7, 8 and 9

Can you "bring the past to life" by writing a short story set in the past? The Historical Association are running their Historical Fiction competition for 2009. The story can be in any place or period of the past, the Roman Empire, the British Empire, a medieval village, a First World War Trench or any other period that interests you. One entry will be selected from the school to be put forward to the National competition. The winner gets a £25 prize and their story will be published by the Historical Association. **Deadline Extended!** Hand your entries into [Ms Hovell](#) by Friday 6th March.

Year 10 Work Experience

All work experience consent and medical forms should now be in. If you have not returned these please collect a form from [Ms L Manzaroli](#) in the Work Experience office and return them as a matter of urgency. Placements will be made on a first come first served basis. We will be allocating placements during March.

Back to the 80's is a hit!

By Mandy Hinkly, WW Admin

I took my three daughters to see the Back to the 80s production on the opening night and we had a wonderful evening. My daughters aged 10, 13 and 17 had as good a time as I did. Despite them not being around in the eighties like me, the performances by all the cast and the music from the amazing orchestra were enough on their own to provide great entertainment. The show opened against a backdrop of a giant Rubik's cube and Space Invaders which were immediately recognisable eighties icons. Songs like 'Footloose', 'Girls Just Wanna Have Fun' and 'Kids in America' were great fun and all the songs were performed with amazing singing and dancing talent. We loved all the characters from the senior and junior Coreys, Ms Brannigan, and Mr Cocker, to Michael and his gang, and Tiffany and her friends. But we all agreed that Fergal was the hilarious icing on the cake!



Harry Bainbridge as Corey

Message from the Chair

Half term is over and we are well on the way to the summer and with it the inevitable stress for students and their families as they prepare for the forthcoming public examinations. There is no doubt that persistent hard work and taking advantage of the support of staff will produce good results.

I am pleased to announce that we have a new Parent Governor addition to the Governing Body. Professor Jennifer Rusted is a psychologist and I am sure will prove to be an excellent addition to the team of volunteers that serve the interests of the school and its strategic direction.

Jenny Barnard-Langston,
Chair of Governors

Year 8 Profiles
Will now be issued on
Friday 1st May instead of
Friday 24th April

Year 7
January Inter-form Quiz Results
1st 7CS / 2nd 7HY / 3rd 7GL



Looking for Lost Property?

If your child has lost something since the beginning of the term, please come to Student Services to look for it. We have lots of unclaimed items.

All lost property will be displayed in the East Wing Hall After school on Wednesday 11th March Until 4pm

Anything remaining will be sent to charity
- Student Services

BLATCH NEWS

Have you got news or photos for Blatch News? Email: coregan@blatchingtonmill.org.uk

ECO UPDATES

Blatch gets three more bike sheds

Three new bike sheds and a shelter have been constructed during February for students one covered shelter near the central foyer, one outside Blatch6 for sixth formers and one at the main entrance for staff and visitors. We would like to thank Ben Sherratt from [Sustrans / Bikelit](#) who helped make this happen in association with BHCC council.



Ben Sherratt at Student Review Day

Bike-It on Student Review Day

Ben Sherratt visited us during student review day to talk to parents and staff. Ben is working with Blatchington Mill on a three year project promote sustainable transport including walking and cycling to school and also raise awareness of sustainable transport in Brighton and Hove.

BikeAbility Training comes to Blatchington Mill

Blatchington Mill is offering training for Bikeability awards to Years 7 and 8 during March. The courses will be offered at Level 1, 2 and 3. The Government approved National Standard for Cycle Training, which teaches training and skills for making cycling trips in today's road conditions, instructs children and adults on how to ride their bikes safely. Please contact [Mr H Burdick](#) for more information about Bikeability Awards.

Computers for Charities Shoebox Appeal

Simon Rooksby, Chairman for [Computers for Charities](#), has reported back on his visit to Eastern Europe. Blatchington Mill staff and students took part in the Christmas Shoebox Appeal, giving gifts to disadvantaged elderly people in Eastern Europe. "2008 witnessed the highest level of support for this annual appeal thus far with not just shoe boxes being distributed but also humanitarian aid to some of the most impoverished and disadvantaged regions in Europe... [we] very much value your assistance as well as conveying our grateful thanks to all staff members. Well done." The charity's latest newsletter is now available to read on the Portal.

Recycling

We are pleased to confirm that shortly the school will have recycling bins for cardboard, plastic bottles and cans. This will expand our existing recycling scheme of white paper, ink cartridges, CDs and several mobile phone and lost property recycling projects. Thank you to Mr D Longley, Facilities Manager, and his team for putting the recycling system in place.

Allotments

The allocation of school allotment beds is now going ahead behind the dance studio. A formal presentation of the allotments will be on Friday 13th March at 2pm with Martin Pett from the Royal Horticultural Society.

World Water Day 2009

Sunday 22nd March

This year, call attention to the waters that cross borders and link us together.

Visit: www.unwater.org/worldwaterday/

Earth Hour

Saturday 28th March

In 2009, at 8.30pm on March 28, people around the world will turn their lights off for one hour – Earth Hour. Find out more at www.earthhour.org

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT 23 February – 8 March 2009

Friday 6th March - Sat 7th March

Go Bananas!

Be part of the world's biggest Fairtrade banana-eating record attempt. Join in by eating a Fairtrade banana anytime between noon on Friday 6 March and noon on Saturday 7 March.

News from the RIC

World Book Day

Thursday 5th March 2009

All students will receive a £1 book voucher from the RIC that can be used at any participating bookshop. More information available at www.worldbookday.com



RIC Book Fair 2009 - photo by Losi Bosharra, 10EF

Book Fair 2009

A BIG thank you to all students, parents and carers who supported the School Book Fair. It was very successful despite a delayed start due to the snow. We raised £362 in commission which has been used to buy new fiction books for the RIC library.

National Story Telling Week

To celebrate National Storytelling Week, 31st January to 6th February, many of our teachers read stories to their classes. In the RIC we were fortunate to have storytelling sessions with our senior teachers, including our head teacher Ms Felkin. We also ran a competition for students to guess their teachers' favourite books. Competition winners names will be on the Portal shortly.

Performing Arts at blatchington mill school



www.blatchingtonmillschool.org.uk/performingarts



Year 9 presents
Romeo and Juliet
One public performance only!
Shakespeare's tragic tale of thwarted love,
set in Brighton in the 21st century.
Wednesday 18th March
7pm, Windmill Theatre
Tickets: £3 Adults / £1 Concession

Spring Concert
Thursday 26th March
7pm in the
Windmill Theatre



Tickets on sale from
Tuesday 4th March
Prices to be confirmed
Box Office,
West Wing Foyer
(01273) 736 244 ext 251
Open break times only,
Tuesday Wednesday and Thursday only

Back to the 80s
is now available on DVD!
A recording of the Friday night
performance is
available for **£15** from
Mrs Walker
In WW Admin Office*
***Previous school shows**
are also available on DVD but hurry
because stocks are limited!

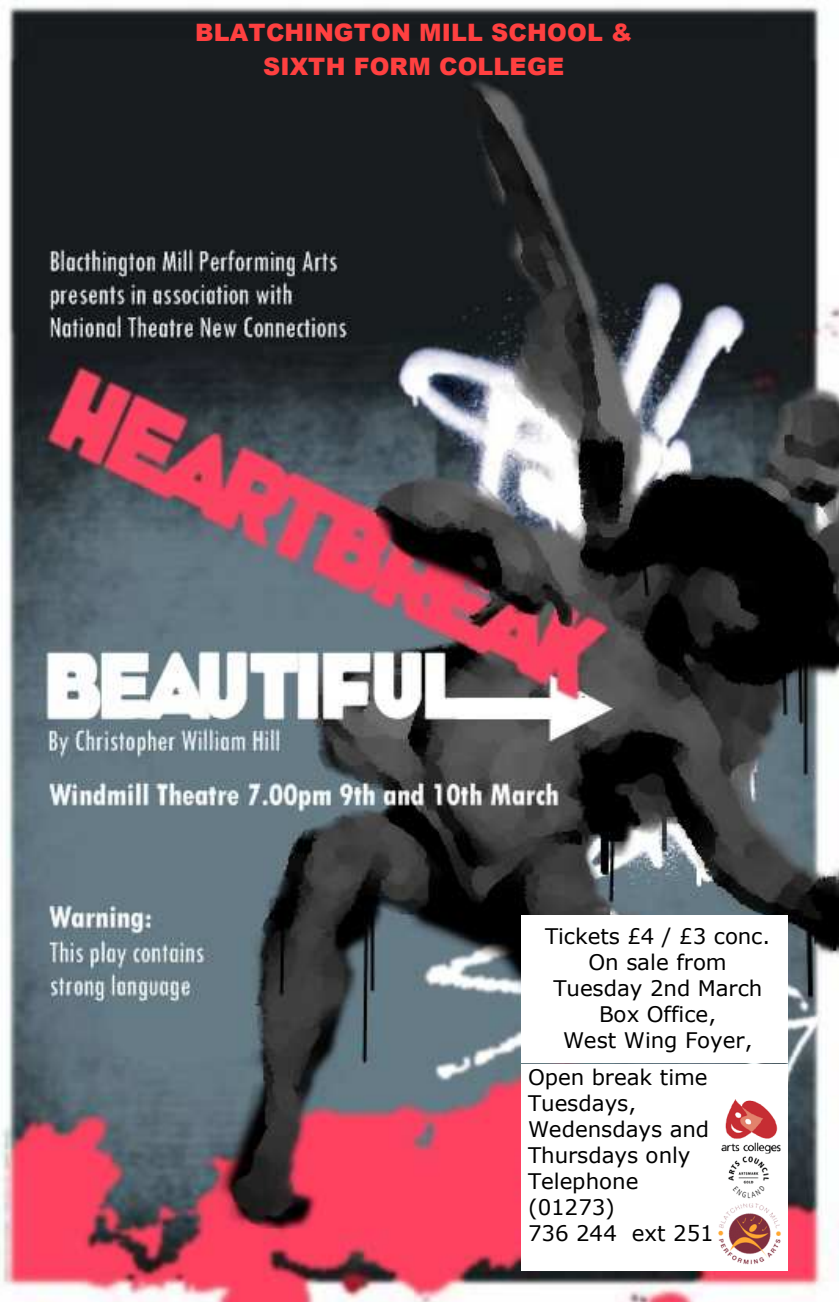
TEEN SPIRIT
SATURDAY 25TH APRIL 2009

Tickets now on sale:
Adults £6.00 / Under-18's £4.00

Available from:
Rounder Records,
19 Brighton Square,
Brighton BN1 1HD
Credit card line: 01273 325440
and
Concorde 2,
Madeira Drive, Brighton, BN2 1EN
Credit card line: 01273 673311
Email: tickets@concorde2.co.uk

BLATCHINGTON MILL SCHOOL & SIXTH FORM COLLEGE

Blatchington Mill Performing Arts
presents in association with
National Theatre New Connections



HEARTBREAK

BEAUTIFUL



By Christopher William Hill

Windmill Theatre 7.00pm 9th and 10th March

Warning:
This play contains
strong language

Tickets £4 / £3 conc.
On sale from
Tuesday 2nd March
Box Office,
West Wing Foyer,

Open break time
Tuesdays,
Wednesdays and
Thursdays only
Telephone
(01273)
736 244 ext 251



Community Arts



Strictly Come Tea Dancing

Sunday 15th March
2.00pm - 5.00pm
Windmill Theatre



Suitable for absolute beginners and experienced dancers alike, our glamorous monthly Tea Dances are the perfect way to spend a Sunday!

Tickets: £5 / £3 concession (includes limitless tea!)
Available on the door or in advance from Rounder Records,
19 Brighton Sq, BN1 1HD
Credit card line: 01273 325440

'Bangers & Mash'

An exciting opportunity for musicians under 25 years

Hofesh Shechter Dance Company will be creating a brand new work for the Brighton Festival, involving ten youth dance companies and five youth bands / musicians, to premiere on Sunday 17th May. Hofesh is looking for young percussionists, string players or guitarists, aged under 25 years, to work with him to create an original score, which will then be performed live at the Brighton Festival Performance.. All rehearsal days will be from 10am to 6pm and the performance day will be a full day of rehearsals followed by an evening performance. This is a FREE opportunity. If you are interested please send your details to hannahwheeler@yahoo.co.uk (Project Manager, Brighton Dome) or contact Cicely Taylor at Blatch, ctaylor@blatchingtonmill.org.uk.

City-wide Arts Education Opportunities for Spring 2009

Open to anyone with an interest in the Arts and Education

Arts Educators Network Meeting Wednesday 4th March

A chance for arts organisations, teachers and Arts coordinators to meet and exchange information about forthcoming projects and funding opportunities.
Blatch Drama Studio C1, 4.30pm - 6.00pm, FREE

INSET: Steel Pan

Wednesday 11th March

Steel pan techniques, history and a number of simple arrangements that can be introduced to any age group.
With Helen Longton-Howarth (Somerhill Juniors)
Blatch Drama Studio C1, 4.30pm - 6.00pm, Cost: £10.00

INSET: Introducing Shakespeare to Key Stage 2 and Key Stage 3

Wednesday 18th March

Fun and simple ways to introduce the bard to your budding actors! With Josie Price (BMS English / Drama teacher)
Blatch Drama Studio C1, 4.30pm - 6.00pm Cost: £10.00

Inset: Comedy in the Classroom

Wednesday 25th March

Clowning, comedy and drama games that can be used across the curriculum. With Tanushka Mahar (Company Collisions)
Drama Studio C1, 4.30pm - 6.00pm, Cost: £10.00

To sign up for any of these courses, contact: Cicely Taylor on 01273 736244 ext. 229 or Email ctaylor@blatchingtonmill.org.uk

Sing Up Conference

Tuesday 31st March

Workshops, master classes and networking opportunities
The Dome, Church St, Brighton, 9.00am - 4.00pm, FREE
For booking and information contact Pater Walker at peter.walker@brighton-hove.gov.uk



Would you like to play a gig at Concorde2 in April?

Teenspirit is looking for you!

Auditions for acoustic acts on Wednesday 11th and Wednesday 18th March
Between 5pm and 7pm in the Windmill Theatre
Any style of music. For 16 years and under
See Ms C Taylor in Performing Arts or
Download an application form on the Portal or the [Performing Arts Website](#)

SPORTS AT BLATCH

Outstanding success at the Sussex Schools Championships

Sussex Cross Country Results

Saturday 31st January
Intermediate Boys Y10 / 11

Max Pickard 11 TA 6th
 Will Gray 11 KG 8th
 Tom Wilmot 10 DM 24th

Junior Boys Y8 / 9

Jake Elliott 9MF 1st
 Liam Hurley 9BK 3rd
 Harvey Noakes 9LG 20th
 Charlie Noakes 9CE 33rd

Junior Girls Y8 / 9

Shyla Nicol 8AY 66th

Jake and Liam have already been selected to represent Sussex in the English Schools Championships in March. Max and Will are waiting to hear if they have also been selected for the competition.

Sussex Schools Championships

Thursday 12th February

Year 7 Girls won their competition and Year 7 Boys came second. This is a fantastic result as schools competed from all over East and West Sussex. There were over 200 competitors in each race. Sam, Matt, Ollie, Ella, Beth and Freya have all now been invited to represent Sussex at an inter counties match. This has been our most successful year so far in the Cross County. Well done to all our students who have done so well representing Blatch. More photos and results in next month's newsletter.

Boys Winners

Sam Rice (5th), Matt Mill (15th), Ollie Stevenson (17th), Harry Sullivan-Jones (32nd), Aaron Clarke (58th), Patrick Townsend (69th), Billy White (105th).



Liam Hurley, left and Jake Elliot at the Sussex Cross Country

Girls Winners

Ella Faulkner (13th), Beth Faulkner (15th), Freya Bolingbroke (18th), Camille Burton (32nd), Violet Mcghie (88th) Rosie Walters (103rd).

Swimming

Millie Watts, 8NF, goes to Intensive Swimming Training Camp on 30th March for four days training alongside other national swimmers. Millie has already won the "most improved swimmer" award at her local swimming club. We wish Millie good luck with her training.

Rugby

Y7 Rugby results V Hove Park:
 A team won 12 – 0
 B team lost 5 – 19

Running

Congratulations to Ms C Vanucci, Head of French, who competed in the Sussex Beacon Half Marathon on Sunday 22nd February. She completed the race in an impressive two hours and three minutes.

Football

Y7 Inter-form football is rescheduled for Monday 2nd March 2009.

Y9 Boys Football Team beat Patcham 7-1 in the Brighton Schools Cup semi-final on Wednesday 25th February. They will now play either Stringer or Newman in the final at Lancing Football Club on Wednesday 11th March, 7pm kick off.

Show Racism the Red Card

Sixth Form are organising a Y7 football tournament on Monday 2nd March as part of their Citizenship studies. Show Racism the Red Card, an anti-racist charity, who's aim is to produce anti-racist educational resources with the help of professional footballers. Find out more at www.srtrc.org

Just 54

Can you achieve 100% attendance in 54 days?

Monday 23rd February to Friday 22nd May 2009

Students who achieve 100% attendance over 54 days will be entered into a super draw and attend a ceremony in Hove Town Hall in June



Find out more on the Portal or ask your Form Tutor

FAB NEWS

Next FAB Meeting:

Tuesday 10th March,
 7pm in the Conference Room

New members are always welcome!

Events:

Wine & Wisdom III
 Family Quiz Evening will be back on Friday 1st May

Contact: Jacquie Stevens,
 FAB Secretary at

j.stevens463@btinternet.com

to find out more about FAB

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