

ONE SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER – JULY 2021 EDITION

THIS ISSUE: ESSENTIAL UNIFORM, SITE AND OTHER UPDATES FOR OUR SEPTEMBER START



CREATING A
SINGLE EDUCATIONAL
ESTABLISHMENT
OFFERING
HIGH-QUALITY,
AFFORDABLE
INDEPENDENT
EDUCATION FOR
3-18 YEAR OLDS

PROJECT LEAD UPDATE

That has been an interesting year! Thank you to everyone for your support, feedback, and patience. There is much still to be done in September, but we have the exciting opportunity to inform and mould the creation of BKHS. Reading the survey, we know we must do more to explain why change is necessary and will send out more over the summer. The new approach gives us the opportunity to keep what is special about our schools, add to our provision, remain sustainable and invest for the future. This will take time so there will only be few immediate significant changes, while we take time working with staff, pupils, and parents to move forward together.

We have launched a proposed senior staff structure with staff and will be formally consulting on this immediately after the summer. This means that we expect to have the senior teams in place in the second part of next term. We are proposing that there will be Heads of School on all sites, and we continue to expect the majority of staff to remain with us. As soon as the teams are in place, we will update parents. The appointment

process for the new Principal has started and more information can be found [here](#). There is also a microsite [here](#) where you can find further information

In September Mrs Julia McNaney will retire from the Governing Body. We are therefore also recruiting a new Chair of Governors. Further information about this role can be found [here](#).

While sometimes painful, we have made significant progress this year. Much of this has been behind the scenes and this will allow more visible changes to be made next year. One of the differences in September will be that we will have a combined computer network, you can find a further reminder of what this means for pupils later in this newsletter. I strongly encourage you to go through this with your daughter or son to make sure all appropriate files move across into the new network and that they can access the system in September.

Closing the Swallows site at the end of term will be sad. Many thousands of people have happy memories of studying and working at the site, either as Coventry Prep School or as



KHPS. The staff and pupils currently at the site have been marking the end of an era and we will make sure that Rev Swallow's name continues to be remembered in BKHS. We will not rush into any decisions about the future for the site.

BKHS will exist this September, so this is the last project newsletter since any further communication will be from the school.

Since Christmas, Chris Seeley has been acting as Head of Bablake to allow me to work on the project. He is retiring this summer and I am immensely grateful for all he has done both over the last few months, and also in his role as Deputy Head before that. His commitment to the school and to pupils over the last 18 years has been incredible and we all wish him a long and happy retirement.

I hope you have an enjoyable summer.

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Uniform update

A reminder that only Reception and Shells (Year 7) will be expected to wear the new uniform from September 2021 and it will also be available for optional purchase for Year 3. Nursery can choose to wear whichever uniform they wish. For all other Year groups, uniform will be available to purchase in 2022 ready for the school year 2022/3 and current parents can decide as and when they wish to do this. The new sports kit should be available in the shop in September and hopefully before. Our school shop, Number 57 is operating by appointment only this Summer. If you would like to purchase items, please make an appointment using Number 57's brand new online booking system at this [link](#).

September start

For the school year 2021/22, a quick re-cap of where all year groups will be situated

- Reception and Year 1 will be based at The Grange.
- Year 2 will be based either at The Grange (if a pupil was in Year 1 at The Grange) or at King Henry VIII site (if a pupil was in Year 1 at Swallows). From September 2022, all Year 2 pupils will be based at The Grange.
- Year 3 pupils will be based either at the current Bablake site or the current King Henry VIII site.
- Pupils currently at The Grange will now continue to the Bablake site.
- Years 4 to 11 pupils will be based at both sites. Pupils will be expected to continue on that site until the end of Year 11.
- Sixth Form pupils will be based at both sites, with most subjects offered at both locations, as they are now. In the small number of instances where pupils need to travel to another site for their subject, transport will be provided.

Saying goodbye to Swallows



Pupil access to OneDrive

As part of the creation of BKHS, the IT team have been working hard to create a single network providing access to the same resources for any teacher or pupil regardless of which site or building they are using a computer in.

In order to make sure pupil data is safely migrated from one system to the other, pupils have been asked to make sure that all the files they needed were stored in their current OneDrive by Friday 2nd July. Pupils will be able to access their new OneDrive accounts after the 14th July

Pupils will still be able to access their old OneDrive and Outlook mailbox. However, they should refrain from doing so as all data will have been migrated.

New BKHS website

The project [website](#) will close after the summer break. Any further updates on the project will be communicated directly to parents.

The new website for [BKHS](#) is currently under construction.

Option to pay fees online

Your new school fee bill will be e-mailed to you during August, and we now offer an option to use Flywire to pay. To make your payment with Flywire, you can pay online from your

bank account (overseas bill payers can also use this function in their own currency) or with a credit/debit card. When you're ready to make your payment head to this [link](#).

Planning application

We have instructed our architects to put in a planning application for classroom and other developments at the Bablake site. Please note that even if planning is granted the governing body have not committed to progressing any of these plans at this stage.