



14 November 2017

Dear Parents and Carers

We're really pleased to share with you that we started the half term on a real high, as we celebrated the first set of exam results for Year 11.

65% of Year 11 students at Brune Park have achieved the equivalent of a GCSE A*-C grade (Level 2 Pass) in the London Institute of Banking and Finance's Award in Financial Education (AifE). The national average pass rate for this qualification is 56%.

- In module one, Year 11 achieved 74% Level 2 Pass / Merit (National 61%)
- In module two, Year 11 achieved 72% Level 2 Pass / Merit (National 60%)

We have been working with students across the school to recognise and celebrate this incredible achievement, and will continue to use this success as a platform upon which we support our students further build their self-confidence and self-belief. With our Year 11s outperforming their peers nationally with this challenging and much sought after qualification, our Year 11s have really shown themselves just what they are capable of and the school exactly what we can achieve through hard work, commitment and a bit of self belief.

We are continuing to focus our energies on what happens in every classroom and in every lesson

Our teacher co-planning sessions have continued to focus on raising expectations of ourselves and our students, with the AiFe results giving us all that extra drive that we know every child at Brune Park can achieve even better than expected progress.

We are continuing to work on making sure every lesson and learning opportunity counts through careful planning, to deliver engaging and relevant lessons, and enabling the students to engage positively in all of their learning experiences.

We have started some specific work to look at how we use assessment and feedback to help students know what to do to improve and there are specific strategies now in place in Maths and Science to boost students' achievement and progress. In Languages, Year 9 students are exploring the *value* of studying languages, careers in languages and using this to inform their language choices.

The targeted intervention activity we shared with you in October is now rolling out with dedicated programmes of intervention in lessons and beyond lessons for Year 11 and Year 7 students in the first phase. There are planned activities and programmes targeting students in receipt of the Pupil Premium funding – these include activities that help students with their learning and progress, as well as extra-curricular activities.

We are continuing our drive to attract excellent quality staff to the school

Our new staff have settled well into Brune Park life and are already showing positive impact on our community. We have been delighted to have mid-term joiners too – staff who previously worked with us and have wanted to come back, and an increasing number of ex-students pursuing careers in an educational setting, or in teaching.

You will see that we continue to advertise for new posts at the school and encourage you to look at the posts, share with your friends, family and neighbours and encourage those keen to see Brune Park go from strength to strength to consider joining the staff team. There are a wide range of posts available, and new posts being

advertised in our strong support staff team. This is so we can further capacity in the school, and continue to grow exciting career opportunities for the Gosport and Fareham community.

Take a look at details under the Information tab on the school website www.brunepark.co.uk to see our wide range of support staff opportunities, and to see how we are further growing our teaching team.

We were delighted last Monday to welcome Rachael Twining as a new Assistant Headteacher to the school. Rachael joins us as an experienced school leader and her portfolio will include being the Designated Safeguarding Lead and the Assistant Headteacher linked to Year 9 and to Geography.

We also welcome Steph Nation to the post of Inclusion Team Leader. Steph's extensive experience in securing positive outcomes for students with disadvantage or challenge is already proving valuable.

Steph, like Dr Nige Matthias in the Headship Team, is one of a number of staff who are ex-Brune Park students. Students have been delighted to hear about Steph's career path since her time at Brune Park (and, of course, enjoying hearing stories about staff past and present!)

If you are Brune Park alumni (or know of someone who is) and are happy to share your career path and what you have been up to since your time at Brune Park, please get in touch: alumni@brunepark.co.uk

And ...

We have had the first of our full School Council Meetings - with elected representatives from each Tutor Group meeting to work on a wide range of agenda items. These include the School Council supporting the drive for making every lesson count, with students supporting the teachers to think about how they feedback to students to help them improve, continuing to support the crisp starts to lessons, and how House activities can support progress and achievement.

Since half term we had our first 'Parent Information Evening' in response to parent feedback and requests. The evening shared assessment models and reporting for Key Stages 3 and 4, and further information on 'Show My Homework.' We're really grateful for the support and enthusiasm of the parents who requested this event and to those who attended and fed back how useful they found it.

We also had the second of our whole Year Group Religious Studies focused days, this time for Year 7. We were really impressed by the enthusiasm and energy with which all of Year 7 embraced the five different activities to explore features of celebration and worship within a range of religious traditions. We were delighted to be joined in the afternoon by the School Pastors who quizzed the students on what they had been learning, and fed back how impressed they were by the students' awareness and levels of reflection.

Last week we had our Remembrance Assemblies for each of our Year Groups when we provided information and reflection for the students, including observing a two minute silence. We continue to be impressed and proud of seeing how the students at Brune Park come together in assemblies for collective learning and reflection, and the maturity with which they conduct themselves.

And finally, a thank you to you, for your continued support.

Yours sincerely



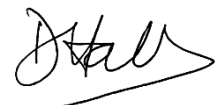
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Dates for your Diary:

Last day of term for students – 20 December 2017

INSET Day for students – 21 December 2017

Year 9 Parents' Evening – 10 January 2018

Year 11 Parents' Evening – 24 January 2018

Year 9 Options Evening – 7 February 2018

Year 8 Parents' Evening – 28 February 2018

Year 7 Parents' Evening – 25 April 2018

Year 10 Parents' Evening – 9 May 2018