

Dear Parent & Student,

The public examination period is now well underway and we wish all of our senior students the very best as they engage and seek to do their very best. 'Being the best you can be' is our goal as a school and for each and every single member of our school community and therefore this is the goal set for all our public examination students. We look forward to celebrating their success.

Looking forward, we break for half-term next Friday but throughout half-term all students will have work to do and this is a key time for revision for Years 11, 12 and 13. Some students will also be asked to attend special revision lessons during the half-term break and this will be communicated home via Directors of Studies and Subject Leaders.

Although much focus is on our most senior students, it is very important that all of our young people realise that Year 11 and exams are where the effort and hard work over the years culminates. Success is dependent on what takes place from Year 7. This message was very much communicated in our Year 9 Pathways' Evening held this week. For Year 9 students and their parents, in addition to confirming their option choices for Year 10 and 11, the focus was on the 'step-up' and preparing for next year. Attendance at this event was vital and option choices cannot be confirmed without interaction with the school. Ms Irvine and Mr Bowker will be communicating with families who did not attend this evening.

Next week, our keen athletes will be competing in the Borough Athletics Competition. We wish them well. They have been training hard and we expect them to do very well. Hopefully, we will have some good news to share in our forthcoming editions about competition success.

Very best wishes for the week ahead,



Kathleen M. Higgins
Executive Headteacher

Year 13 Leavers' Lunch and Celebration

We bid farewell to our Year 13 students at the traditional lunch and fun afternoon on Friday 18th May. Our Year 13 young men and women have been an absolute credit to their school community. They epitomise what it means to 'Be Beechwood' and 'Be the very best that you can be'. They are incredibly talented, have great futures ahead of them and we are just so proud of them and the wonderful young men and women they have become.



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BE AN ACADEMIC
SUCCESS STORY
BE A HERO
BE A LEADER
BE A WINNER
BE A DREAMER
BE A CREDIT TO THE
SCHOOL
BE THE ONE WHO'S
EXCEPTIONAL
BE DEMANDING
BE COURAGEOUS
BE THE IDEA
THAT'S CONTAGIOUS
BE YOURSELF
BE SET FREE

**BE THE BEST
YOU CAN BE**

Key dates for your diaries:

- The Public Examinations commenced on Monday 14th May.
- Ramadan began on Tuesday 15th May.
- Year 13 Leavers' Lunch is on Friday 18th May.
- The May Half-Term Holiday is from 28th May to 1st June.
- Term starts on Monday 4th June.

Careers' Event Year 9 and 10

On Wednesday 9th of May, Year 9 and 10 students were involved in a variety of careers workshops to help them to understand their options for post 16 and 18 study. We had members from the business sector, who work in marketing, HR, finance and sales, to help give students a taste of the business world. We also had an alternative program run where members of Reading University, Bucks University, MADE in Education and the Army spoke to students. Here pupils were able to speak to current students from university about student life, participate in engineering challenges, understand how to use a range of prospectuses to apply for university and to find the best courses for them. The whole day was geared towards raising aspirations of our students and pushing them to be the best they can be. For all involved it was a beneficial day and all students took something from the workshops they were able to participate in.

Ms A Irvine
Director of Year 9 Studies

Year 7 Rounders' Tournament

Just thought I would let you all know how well our Year 7 Girls did in their Rounders tournament last week!

They all arrived looking very smart and enthusiastic, to win their first game against Eden Girl's School 10-8. They then lost their second game against Lynch Hill 18.5-12.5.

It was a really competitive and enjoyable competition that brought the local schools and community together.

Congratulations to the following students on their efforts:-

Georgi Casey-Dunn
Brooke-Ruby Gray
Chloe Stubbs
Paisley Watson-Blakely
Dorothy Doku
Amy Jenkins
Athene Rogers
Rajveer Sansoia
Scarlett Stratton.

Best wishes,
Ms G Weller
Sports Coach



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