

Dear Parent and Student,

I firstly wish to extend a huge congratulations and thank you to our wonderful students who were such a credit to their school at our recent **Open Evening**. I was so incredibly proud of them. Not only did they generously volunteer their time but they also were amazing ambassadors. They spoke clearly and confidently to our visitors about all that they value in our school and the families visiting us had nothing but praise for the exceptional young men and women they encountered. Tuesday night was one of those occasions where I was reminded of just how privileged I am to be the Headteacher of this wonderful school community.

With regards to community, we have a really important **community event for Year 7** on Thursday evening, commencing at 6.00 pm. **'A Day in the Life of your Year 7'**. All Year 7 families are asked to attend. It really is a vitally important occasion to ensure we set the course for success with our young people in Year 7 and also one of those really important occasions where we have the opportunity to communicate with one another. As I have said on so many previous occasions, our young people will thrive if school and home work in effective partnership and effective partnership is absolutely dependent on great communication.

In terms of communication, I trust you all received my letter relating to **safety travelling to and from school**. I reiterate here, the key things we need our young people to be aware of and remember are as follows:

- They should not engage with strangers and should report it to a parent, back at school or to the police if they are approached or see anything suspicious. They should never accept a lift from anyone they do not know even if the person seems as if they may know their family etc.
- They need to be mindful of road safety - they need to pay good attention when crossing the roads
- Those students who travel by bicycle need to be mindful of other road users and should think seriously about wearing appropriate protective clothing - eg a cycle helmet- as this could save serious injury if they were to have an accident.
- As the evenings get darker earlier, they should always seek to travel via lit and more populated routes rather than taking short cuts down alleys or across parks etc.

If staff and parents re-visit this frequently it can only be of great assistance in ensuring that our young people keep safe.

With regards to well-being, we do have the **'Asthma Bus'** visiting on Tuesday. This is a public health/schools' collaboration and provides young people with the opportunity to learn more and receive advice and guidance. For those affected by this condition, they will have the opportunity to visit the bus if they wish.

Keeping fit and active plus having a **healthy diet** and **sufficient sleep** are all vital with regards to ensuring well-being. With this in mind I am delighted to see so many students opting for **extra-curricular activities** run by the PE Department and would urge more to consider doing so - the weekly programme is attached. Also, I remind students of **our Breakfast Club** in the ALC every day from 7.45 am. It really is the case that something nourishing to eat first thing in the morning can set us all up for the day and if our young people are well prepared for the day, they will do well

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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

during the day. Preparation for the day ahead also includes ensuring enough **sleep** the night before. This is where we ask for family support. It is not possible to thrive on less than 8 hours as a young adult. Sleep will be interrupted if mobile devices are brought to bed and kept switched on. During the working week some compromise is needed to ensure quality uninterrupted rest. These messages will be shared with students in school but we ask that families reiterate and support all of this being the reality.

Your support, as always, is greatly valued.

Have a wonderful week ahead.



Kathleen M Higgins
Executive Headteacher

Good News

Story

Reciprocal Reading Kick Off

This week many of our Reading groups began by meeting in the ALC and discussing what articles and books they would like to read together.

Each group will meet once a week during registration to read, discuss, analyse and make predictions on interesting articles and stories.

Reciprocal teaching is a reading technique which promotes students' reading comprehension.



Mrs Howarth and a group of Year 8 boys

Student Voice

Name: Ali-Abbas Shah

Year: 6th Form, Year 13

Favourite Subject: Philosophy and Ethics

Why I enjoy Beechwood School: Beechwood School has provided me with facilities allowing me to enhance my academic ability. The support at Beechwood School is second to none, making reaching my potential easier.

Future Aspiration: I aspire to graduate from London School of Economics and Political Science with a degree in Business Law and become a fully qualified corporate



AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS ACTIVITIES

| DAY | ACTIVITY | STAFF | LOCATION |
|-----------|----------------------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| MONDAY | Table Tennis | GGN/BMT/PDA | Sports Hall |
| | Badminton | GGN/BMT/PDA | Sports Hall |
| TUESDAY | Year 7-8-9 Girls Football | BFE/YEAR 11 | Field/Muga |
| WEDNESDAY | Year 7 Football | GGN | Field |
| | Year 8 Football | BMT | Field |
| | Year 9 Football | PDA | Field |
| | Year 10-11-Sixth Form Basketball | RJO | Sports Hall |
| THURSDAY | Indoor Cricket | Berkshire Cricket | Sports Hall |
| | Netball | SHL/GWE | Netball Courts |