

PARENT BULLETIN



Headteacher's Message

Dear All

It is with great sadness that I write to you today after the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth. As a school community, we have been impacted by yesterday's news as a constant in all of our lives has gone.

For me, what Her Majesty stood for above all else was the importance of duty and service. Since she took the throne - 70 years ago - she has made good on her promise to give her life over to the service of her people across the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth. The global outpouring of grief highlights how fully she has kept this pledge.

At a time like this, it is even more important for us to look after our own mental health. Should these events trigger concerns for your children, please let us know and we will do our best to offer further support.

This sad note has come at the end of a really positive week at Beechwood. The students - those returning and those new to us - have come back ready to learn and be positive influences around the school. The number of achievement points being handed out - especially to Year 8 - have nearly broken our system! Well done and keep it up.

As you know, our three school artefacts are:

Kindness Respect Excellence

This week, all groups have looked again at what these mean for our school expectations. We value your support with this too, whether it is - for example - by checking that homework is completed, keeping with regulation uniform, or ensuring punctuality to school. Each of these small measures ensure success over time.

Thank you for your continued support of Beechwood.

Anita



HM Queen Elizabeth II
1926 - 2022

Key Dates

Autumn Term 2022 - 23

Thursday 22 September
Open Eve for Prospective
Yr7 Students 2023 Entry

Thursday 13 October
School Photos

Thursday 20 October
Year 7 Meet the Tutor Eve

Friday 21 October
End of Autumn Term 1

Friday 11 November
Year 9 Reports

Friday 18 November
Children in Need Day

Thursday 8 December
Year 8 Parent/Teacher Eve

Friday 9 December
Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 16 December
End of Autumn Term 2
(Half Day)

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MEET OUR TEAM ... We hope to introduce a member of our school community through each issue of our Parent Bulletin. **This week we introduce Ms Walsh-Simms**



My name is Renée Walsh-Simms.

I am from the beautiful, tropical island of Jamaica. I am the first born of a pair of fraternal twins. I have a passion for sports, particularly football, which I enjoy watching quite often. I enjoy dancing, socializing, helping others and watching Chinese dramas and educational videos.

I am a teacher of MFL with a passion for learning new languages and new cultures. I specifically love Spanish, because I have been doing Spanish for over 15 years. While studying Spanish I got curious about French and decided to teach myself French, and that is how I ended up teaching both French and Spanish.

I decided to move to England because of my passion for learning, my curiosity about the English culture, my love for traveling and taking chances but also because of my love for football and more specifically, Manchester United football club!

I decided to join Beechwood because of the passion and love I felt in my interview with our Headteacher, Ms Spires. The passion she had when she spoke about the school made it impossible not to want to work here. Additionally, the core values of Beechwood are attributes that I believe I embody and as such, I accepted the offer.

So far it has been an interesting but very rewarding experience. I believe that there is a lot that I can learn during my time here and that I also have a lot to offer to the school.

It is my hope that I can grow in my teaching as well as socially and that I can contribute holistically to the development on the young people left in my care.

In closing I will leave my guiding philosophy with you.

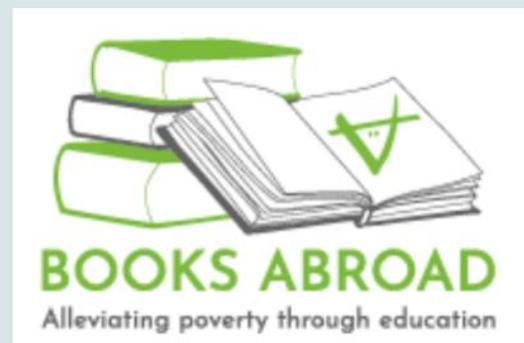
"Do everything with passion, passion defines us, motivates us and it moves us forward."

Renée Walsh-Simms.

We are currently collecting books that are no longer needed to send abroad to support with education via the local charity: '**Books Abroad**'.

If you have any old books you no longer use and would like to rehome them. Please bring them to school, so they can be collated in the ALC and posted off.

Many thanks in advance for your donations!



To provide an exceptional educational experience for all where potential is nurtured and responsible citizens created.



Pictured: Yaser Mateen, from Beechwood School in Slough, achieved ABC and is off to St George's University in London to study biomedical science.

"I was a little bit nervous, but I knew I put the work in so at the end of the day regardless of what I got, I can be proud of that," he said.

On advice for upcoming students, he said: "Don't try and play catch up at the last minute because there is a lot to do, but at the same time, enjoy it."



11:08am:

Beechwood School in Slough has enjoyed its best set of A-level results this year.

Rachel Adeyemi is off to the University of West London to study law after getting BCC in sociology, psychology and geography respectively.

She wants to work her way up the courtroom to become a judge.

"Ever since the age of seven I wanted to study law," she said. "Something inside me told me it felt good to make things right and make sure justice is served when bad things happen."



Exam Success

We are incredibly proud of all our students, but especially those who sat exams this summer. Their hard work and dedication paid off in spectacular style, with our A Level students making the local paper, with their exceptional results.

CONGRATULATIONS to you all



2:38pm:

It's not just the students who are thrilled on results day, as demonstrated by Beechwood School teacher Ian Priestley...



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YEAR 7
OPEN EVENING

Beechwood 



Thursday 22nd September 2022 6.00pm – 8.00pm
Headteacher's address at 6.00pm followed by tours of the school
You are warmly invited to join us for our annual Open Evening.

Visiting our school will provide you and your child with the opportunity to see the excellent teaching and learning that takes place in our vibrant, state of the art learning environment.

We are incredibly proud of our school and look forward to showing you why Beechwood School is a special place to learn.

Our mission: To provide an exceptional learning experience for all, where potential is nurtured and responsible citizens created.

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In addition to our Open Evening, we will also be opening our doors for an Open Morning on Monday 26th September. The Morning will start at 09:15am and finish at 10:45am.

Can we please ask that anyone interested in coming along to the morning session, register their interest and number of people in their party. You can do this by phoning our main reception team on 01753 520473.

Embracing Opportunities

FOR THE LOVE OF ART

Love being creative? Enjoy painting, drawing or photography?

The Art Department would love to see some amazing pieces for entry into the TVLP Art Competition. If you're interested in entering, please submit completed work in person to Miss Taylor in the Art Department.

TVLP Love
- TRAMES - VALLEY - LEARNING - PARTNERSHIP -

ART COMPETITION

The theme of this competition is LOVE. Your art could reflect loving yourself, your family, your friends, your environment, the NHS...whatever you feel is relevant to you.

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Competition and Wexham Park
Hospital exhibition partner:

NHS
Frimley Health
NHS Foundation Trust

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UNIFORM / PERSONAL APPEARANCE EXPECTATIONS

All students are expected to wear correct school uniform. Parents will be contacted if students arrive at school in unacceptable clothing. We will only accept students without uniform if an acceptable written explanation is produced and this will only be acceptable in the short term.

Should there be financial reasons for a student not having full and correct uniform, we may be able to assist. The student's Director of Studies should be contacted in the first instance.

In our experience it is exceptionally rare for medical professionals to advise that trainers are to be worn for any medical purposes. On the contrary, supportive footwear is deemed more suitable in most cases. However, should there be an issue where medics have advised trainers for a period of time, we will require a letter from the medical professional involved.

Black blazer with school logo

Optional - V-neck purple jumper with school logo, or plain black round or V-neck jumper. (Please note hoodies are not permitted).

White Blouse/Shirt, buttoned to neck

School Tie

Black **Business** Trousers with plain black belt (***no patch pockets, no stretch fabric or logos***)

or

Black **Knee** length skirt (***not stretch fabric and no logos***)

Nails must be of an acceptable length and natural colour

Black shoes of a leather type (not boots or trainers)

Socks – White or Black

Pupils are permitted to wear a single stud earring in each ear should they wish.

No other visible piercings are permitted and must either be covered with a plaster or removed during school hours.

Should a pupil have a tattoo, this must be covered, either by a plaster, long sleeve or leg covering (trousers/dark tights)

No extreme hair colours or styles are permitted. We understand pupils wish to show their individuality, but hair must be of a natural colour, for example no blue, green, bright red etc.

Pre-Loved Uniform Bank

We are hoping to build on our existing stock of pre-loved uniform. If you have any items you wish to donate, please bring them to the Main Reception during the school day. We are particularly keen to receive blazers, ties, trousers, skirts and shoes of all sizes.

If you feel you would benefit from accessing any pre-loved uniform for your child, please do not hesitate to contact the school and we can arrange to meet you and your child to see if there are uniform items that may be helpful.

Supporting our Students and Wider Community

Cost of Living Crisis

With the rise of living costs, especially in relation to energy, gas and food prices, Slough Borough Council along with partners are looking to support our communities to relieve some of the stress/burdens on their shoulders by providing families with some meals

The collection points will be the 2 following places – Britwell Community Centre, 200 Long Furlong Drive, SL2 2PH (Chicken Ranch/Café Brew Hut) and Community Space, Byron House, Common Road, Langley SL3 8TN on a Wednesday morning, between 930am-12pm

The meals will pre-packed, cooked, and frozen, which can be put in storage in a fridge and have a life span of 3-4 days.

The meals will be of a variety and will be provided by Meals from Marlow by Tom Kerridge – see link below please for more information:

<https://tomkerridge.com/meals-from-marlow/>

If you like to be provided with meals, please contact SBC CDO Aqeel Akram via below details.

07523935995

aqeel.akram@slough.gov.uk

Extra Curricular Clubs

If you're looking to try something new this year, why not give one of our extra curricular PE clubs a try? PE Clubs start on **Monday 12 September**.

| DAY | TIMING | YEAR/ACTIVITY | STAFF | LOCATION |
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| Monday | After School 15:00 - 16:00 | Years 7 + 11 - Boys Football Years 11 - Netball All Years - Volleyball | ALA + GGN SBH JPP | Field Courts Sports Hall |
| Tuesday | After School 15:00 - 16:00 | Years 8 - Boys Football Years 8 + 9 - Netball | DRT SBH + TCH | Field Courts |
| Wednesday | After School 15:00 - 16:00 | Year 9 - Boys Football Year 7 - Netball U15 - Girls Football | SMH SBH + KBY DRT | Field Courts Field |
| Thursday | After School 15:00 - 16:00 | Year 10 - Boys Football Year 10 - Netball | JPP SBH | Field Courts |

Everyone is welcome!

Have a question? Then speak to any member of the PE department and they'll be pleased to help.

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Newsletter



2022-23 Events Programme

We have a fantastic range of events and competitions planned for this academic year, with 3 additional schools now in the partnership; Herschel Grammar School, Lynch Hill Enterprise Academy, and Windsor Girls' School.

EVENTS INCLUDE:

- TVLP Student Leadership Conference on 28th September 2022.
- TVLP Model United Nations on 13th October 2022.
- TVLP Crime Scene Investigation event on 2nd November 2022.
- TVLP French and Spanish languages event on 30th November 2022.
- TVLP Orwell Youth Prize writing workshop on 3rd February 2023.
- TVLP Festival of Music on 8th February 2023.
- TVLP Willow Sculpture Workshop on 8th March 2023.
- TVLP Drama event in April 2023.
- TVLP Make a Change environmental event in May 2023.

Other events in 2023, which are open to schools in the TVLP, include a Philosothon at Eton College and an International Women's Day event at St Mary's School Ascot.

COMPETITIONS INCLUDE:

- TVLP 'Love' Art Competition, run in conjunction with Frimley Health NHS Foundation Trust. Open to all year groups.
- TVLP Debating Competition for Year 10 students.
- TVLP French Spelling Bee for Year 9 students.
- TVLP Make a Change Environmental Competition for Years 10 & 12.
- TVLP Sports Competition for Year 9 students. Run in conjunction with the TSI World Bees Ice Hockey Schools Programme.

OTHER ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

- 2023 edition of the TVLP student magazine, 'Expose.'
- Speakers for students & staff covering a range of subjects and topics.

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TVLP YouTube Video



We created a celebratory video showcasing a selection of our competitions, events, staff networks, speakers, students and actions in 2021-2022. It was only launched recently but already it's had more than 1,000 views!

Organisations we partnered with feature, including Thames Hospice, RHS Garden Wisley, Wexham Park Hospital, TSI World Bees Ice Hockey Schools Programme, Hillier Garden Centre Sunningdale, HMCK Charity, Orwell Youth Prize and others.

It also includes the new schools that have joined the TVLP this year: Herschel Grammar School, Lynch Hill Enterprise Academy, and Windsor Girls' School.

Watch it here: www.youtube.com/watch?v=f4EVPBQLgYA

Student Competition

TVLP Love ART COMPETITION

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Competition and exhibition partners:

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Staff Network

A new staff network has been launched for this academic year for psychology staff.



Psychology tends to be one of the smaller subject departments, so this gives teachers and support staff the opportunity to share information, ideas and best practice across TVLP schools.

The network will look to plan a future cross-school event and to gain speakers on the subject.

The first termly meeting is scheduled to take place on Tuesday 27th September 2022, 4:00pm-5:00pm

tvlp.org.uk/networks

TVLP SCHOOLS

The Thames Valley Learning Partnership is a partnership of secondary schools from the state and independent sectors in Berkshire.

Schools currently in the TVLP are (listed in alphabetical order): Beechwood School, Eton College, Herschel Grammar School, Holyport College, Langley Academy, Lynch Hill Enterprise Academy, Slough & Eton Church of England Business & Enterprise College, St Joseph's Catholic High School, St Mary's School Ascot, The Windsor Boys' School, Windsor Girls' School.

