

# Bulletin Home – 21 May 2021



Dear Parent and Student,

This forthcoming week we will be holding our special celebrations to mark the end of Year 11 and Sixth Form Studies for our public examination students. Although they will still have contact with us and many will be engaged in transition and support work, after May half-term Year 11 and Sixth Form public exam studies have completed. Details of arrangements have been sent in separate communications, but I am sure that all members of our special Beechwood Community will want to join me in wishing all the very best to the wonderful young men and women of Year 11 and our Sixth Form as they progress on to their next steps and stages in their lives.

They are a great credit to their school community, epitomise what it means to 'Be Beechwood' and have undoubtedly developed great confidence and ambition over the time they have been with us. We look forward to them achieving great things in the future – we know they have what it takes to do so.

In terms of achieving great things, other Year groups are having a special focus this forthcoming week on how they can fulfil their potential and the ambition we have for them. Their tutors will guide them through some special reflections on aiming high and going far and there will also be a strong focus on 'the basics'.

With regards to these 'basics' please find attached our school uniform list. We were aware that some families were finding it difficult to organise deliveries from the suppliers. I am delighted to say that we are now able to resume deliveries to the school, so please go ahead and order and collection from school will be possible. It is essential, as you know, that all of our young people attend in full school uniform and I thank parents for their support with this.

Very best wishes for a great week ahead

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathleen M Higgins". The signature is written in a cursive style.

**Kathleen M Higgins**  
**Executive Headteacher**

**BE RESPECTFUL**  
**BE RESPECTED**  
**BE ADMIRED**  
**BE CONNECTED**  
**BE THE CHEERY FACE OF WELCOME**  
**BE THE FRIEND YOU**  
**CAN DEPEND ON**  
**BE DYNAMIC**  
**BE INSPIRED**  
**BE EXCITED**  
**BE ADMIRED**  
**BE THE PERSON YOU**  
**ASPIRE TO BE**  
**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**

## **Beechwood School Uniform List**

Black blazer with school logo

Optional - V-neck purple jumper with school logo

White Blouse/Shirt, buttoned to neck

School Tie

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

or

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

Nails of an acceptable length with NO nail varnish

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

Socks – White or Black

## **Beechwood PE Kit List**

### **Outdoor Kit**

#### **Compulsory**

Beechwood Branded t-shirt

Beechwood Branded shorts

Beechwood Branded socks

Shin pads/Gum Shield

Studded Football/Rugby Boots (not astros)

Outdoor trainers

#### **Indoor Kit**

#### **Compulsory**

Beechwood Branded t-shirt

Beechwood Branded shorts

Beechwood Branded socks or white trainer socks

Indoor (non-marking) trainers

### **Outdoor Kit**

#### **Optional**

Beechwood Branded Midlayer

Beechwood Branded Tracksuit bottoms

Beechwood Branded Leggings

Under layers must be plain black

### **Swimming Kit**

Plain black swimming costume or shorts

Plain coloured Swimming towel

Goggles (optional)

## Year Group Updates

### **Year 7**

Students have been sitting on line cognitive ability tests this week to help us develop a wider picture of our students and ensure that everyone gets the support they need to do well. This was the first time they have sat tests outside the classroom and everyone took the tests very seriously and behaved impeccably. Thank you for supplying your child with headphones for these tests.

### **Learning**

In Maths, I watched a class learning Algebra and was delighted to see students asking questions using mathematical vocabulary and enthusiastic about (from what I remember!), a difficult topic.

### **Curriculum**

**This week, Mr McGaw shares what is being learnt:**

In Geography this term Year 7 are studying a wide range of topics ranging from interpreting maps, using longitude and latitude correctly and learning about the physical features of the UK. We will also be looking at population and urbanisation, where we discover how the population has changed over time and how a growing population raises concerns for our planet. If you would like any more information on these topics, please ask your teacher who will gladly assist you.'

### **Particularly impressive work from:**

**Ruby S**

**Viktoria J**

**Aimee J-W**

**Dilroop S**

**Lewis C**

**Ethan P**

### **Rewards**

Well done to 7DRT for the most achievement points and best attendance this week. It was a pleasure to give you both trophies and I hope you got my text home saying "Congratulations."

### **A message from Mrs Hodges and Mr Ensor**

In Year 7, you will have been studying one of three rotations that support your learning in Design and Technology.

- 1) Food and Nutrition - where food comes from, how to cook a range of dishes safely and hygienically and to apply your knowledge of healthy eating.
- 2) Mechanisms and prototyping - using Mechanical toys to inspire, develop and model your ideas, creating fantastic creatures with movement that will help you to explore mechanical movement.
- 3) Toy robot - developing a toy that will be made for a client you choose, deforming and forming techniques that enable you to analyse, design and manufacture a toy ready for the market - who will you make yours for?

All our rotations have looked at Analysis, Designing, Manufacture and Evaluation. As we progress towards the end of Year 7, we are encouraging you to aim for excellence in all the Design & Technology areas.

We will also be encouraging you to develop you're at home skills, developing computer aided design (CAD) skills and investigate the Lego robotics (STEM) challenges that await in Year 8.

**Mr Walker, Director of Studies for Year 7**

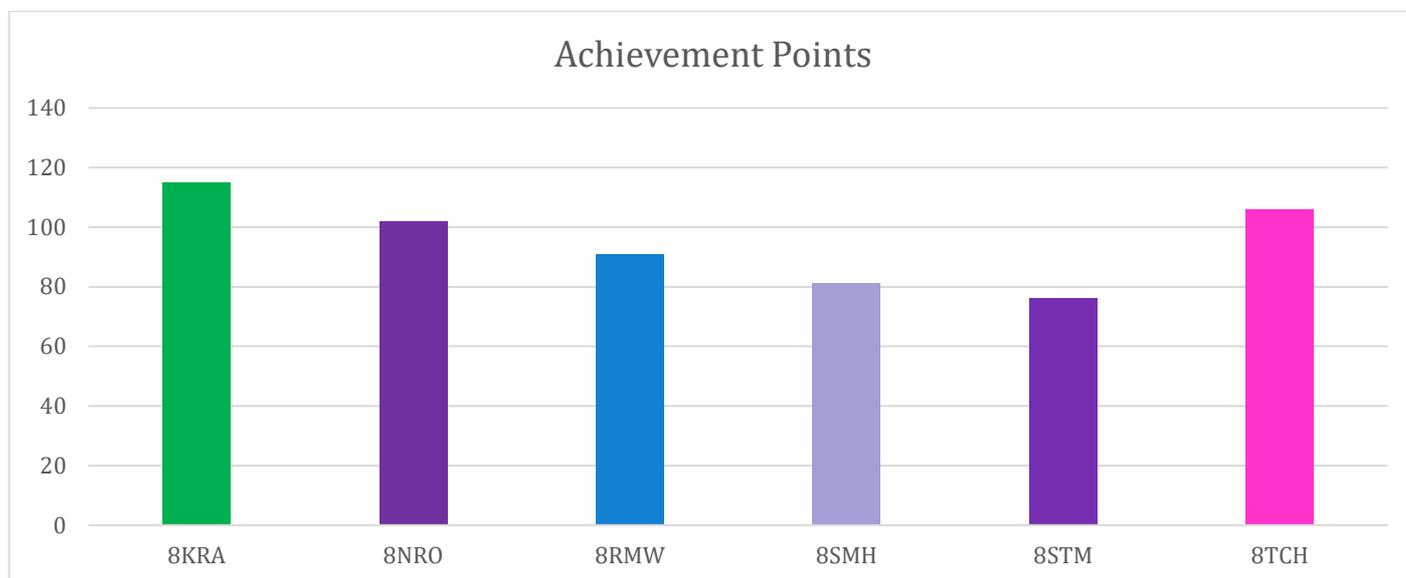
## Year 8

### Reminder Date for Your Diary - Year 8 Parent Teacher Consolation Evening 27<sup>th</sup> May 4:00-7:00

Year 8 Parents Evening is coming up and this is an important evening and provides you with an opportunity for teachers to report the progress your child is making and how to support them with their learning. This will be an online event and you will receive further information regarding this.

### Year 8 Achievement Points

This week **8KRA** have jumped to the top of the achievement charts with **115** achievement points. **8TCH** and **8RNO** have also done very well in second and third place.

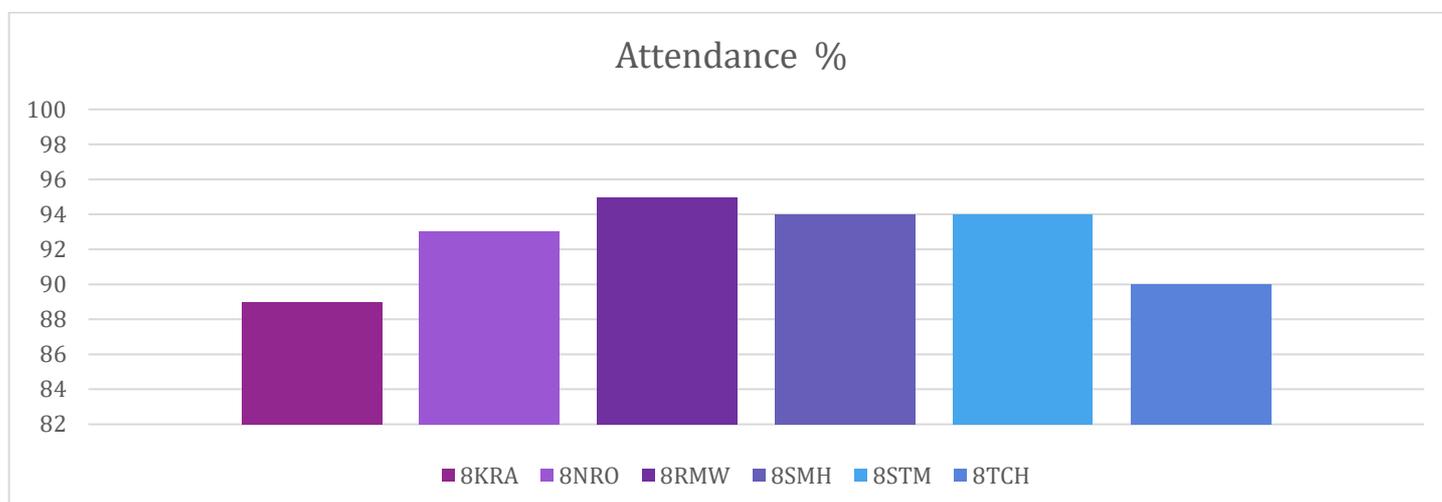


### Star of the Week

This week's star of the week is **Rhianna L 8KRA** who has received 12 achievement points this week. Rhianna has 150 in total this academic year with 36 of those for outstanding effort in a lesson – great work Rhianna.

### Year 8 Attendance

5 forms this week have attendance in the 90s which is fantastic with **8RMW** still in the lead with 95%.



## **Year 8 Reading Books**

Just a reminder that Year 8 should have a reading book with them as part of their equipment each day. Friday is their dedicated day for form time reading. If students do not have access to a reading book we do have a book box in the Year 8 hub.

## **Ms Feehan, Director of Studies for Year 8**

### **Year 9**

Year 9 continue with their excellent charity initiative supporting the local foodbank.

**Slough Food Bank: Donations between Monday 24th May to Thursday 27th May.**

Long-Life Milk, Tinned Fruit, Tinned Meat, Tinned Vegetables (not sweetcorn), Long-Life Fruit Juice, Long-Life Sponge Puddings, Rice Pudding, Tinned Spaghetti, Razors, Deodorants and Strong Carrier Bags.

**No Baked Beans or Pasta please.**

## **Ms Bagga, Director of Studies for Year 9**

### **Year 10**

Students have been given their PPE timetables this week and are continuing to work on revision for these exams in form times. I would urge all students to begin their studies for these PPEs at home. All students have been given a list of topics that they should be revising for each subject.

There is also a virtual Parents' Evening for Year 10 on the 10th of June. You would have been sent, through the parent portal, information regarding the appointments and how to book. If you have any issues with this, please contact the school. During this evening, the priority will be given to class teachers. If you would like to speak to someone who is not your child's class teacher, please contact the school and we can arrange a call. We also ask that students are available for the virtual meeting as the information is as important for them to hear as it is for parents. We look forward to seeing you there!

**Miss Irvine, Director of Studies for Year 10**

### **Year 11**

#### **Careers Workshops**

Next week, all Year 11 students will be taking part in 3 workshops next week focusing on their next steps.

**Wednesday 26th May during Period 3** students will take part in What Next for Me? This is live virtual presentation and will use coaching tools and techniques to explore mindset, how to make good decisions and how to take positive leadership of their career development.

**Thursday 27th May during Period 4** students will take part in What are Employers Looking for? This is a live virtual workshop, which will teach students what commercial awareness is, how to become more commercially aware and how to analyse the commercial viability of any business, so that they can research and prepare for interviews and the world of work

**Friday 28th May during Period 1** students will take part in Commercial Awareness. This is another live virtual workshop where they will explore what an employee is, how people work in the 21st century and what all employers are looking for, as well as learn how to bring value to the organisations they will work for during your career.

#### **Course Sign Out Card**

On Monday, students will be given a Course Sign off card which is to be signed by their Year 11 teachers to confirm coursework and assessments have been completed and that all textbooks borrowed have been returned. It will finally be signed by myself to confirm that all books borrowed from the ALC have been

returned, they have no debt on their Parent Pay account and, if they have one, have emptied and returned their locker key.

### **Friday 28th May**

Reminder that all Year 11 students will be off timetable for period 5 for a celebration picnic on the field. Students will also be attending school in non-school uniform.

### **Leavers' Yearbook**

If your child is interested in ordering a Leavers' Yearbook, payments need to be made via Parent pay and the cost of the book is £13.99. The deadline for payments is 28th May to be collected on August 12th. Yearbooks are a great keepsake for the rest of their lives to look back on their time here at Beechwood School.

### **Mrs Hallet, Director of Studies for Year 11**

### **Sixth Form**

#### **FINAL CHANCE FOR YEAR 12 TO SIGN UP TO WORK EXPERIENCE!**

Please click [here](#) to sign up to one of Springpod's work experience days during the May half term.

### **Miss Doncaster, Director of Studies for Sixth Form**

## Great Literacy

### **Be Word Savvy - Part of the new Disciplinary Literacy Strategy- continuing this term.**

This week the main word is 'monarchy': the prefix is 'mon' meaning sole or one and the suffix is 'archy' meaning chief or leader.

Please do ask your son/ daughter each week about the week's 'Be Word Savvy' focus and encourage them to spot the week's prefix or suffix in other words. The aim is for the students to become more aware of how words are related and built up so that when they come across words they are unfamiliar with they can work out the meanings themselves. In this way, pupils gain the knowledge of not just a single word each week but a strategy of how to approach new words they are presented with.

**For more information and any queries please contact Mrs Bowker**

### **Be Word Savvy** Week of 17 May 2021

Prefixes/ suffixes to revise: can you remember what they mean?

pan psych path graph bio  
micro phono thermo  
demo cracy



### This week's Example Word

mon

Prefix  
meaning  
sole or one  
from Greek

archy

Suffix  
meaning  
chief or  
leader from  
Greek

Great Britain has a monarchy - a queen as head of state.

A hierarchy - is a system in which people are ranked in order of their position.

A matriarchy is a society which is led by women. A patriarchy is a society which is led by men.



- What other words can you think of using archy as a prefix or suffix?
- What do they mean?
- What subjects do you use them in?

Throughout this week, your teachers will be focusing on this prefix and suffix in lessons using vocabulary from the subject.



Show them what you learned this morning when they ask you what they mean!

## The PE Department

Extra-Curricular clubs kicked off for all year groups (see pictures below). Please find more details (meeting points, timings etc) on the attached flyer:

[Extra-Curricular Sport Clubs Timetable 2021](#)





Mr Ratsakatika

### Extra-Curricular Sport Clubs

DAY/TIMINGS	YEAR/ACTIVITY	STAFF	LOCATION
MONDAY <b>Meeting point:</b> hub at 2:40pm <b>End time:</b> 3:45pm	Years <b>8 + 9</b> - Athletics/Rounders	GGN/DRT/SHL/SMH	FIELD
TUESDAY <b>Meeting point:</b> Field at 3pm <b>End time:</b> 3:45pm	<b>Sixth Form</b> - Rounders	RDO	FIELD
WEDNESDAY <b>Meeting point:</b> Field (Yr10 - 2:45pm, Yr11 - 3pm) <b>End time:</b> 3:45pm	Yr <b>10</b> + Yr <b>11</b> - Rounders/Ultimate/Futsal	<b>PE Ambassadors</b> - DRT	FIELD
THURSDAY <b>Meeting point:</b> hub at 2:45pm <b>End time:</b> 3:45pm	Year <b>7</b> - Athletics/Rounders	GGN/DRT/SHL/SMH	FIELD

If you have any questions please speak to any member of the PE department