

# Bulletin Home – 28 May 2021

Dear Parent and Student,



I wish you all an excellent half-term break. There is much to look forward to next half-term - our final half-term, of the academic year - but for now we want to reflect on the achievements and successes of this half-term together.

I am very proud of our young people. We have had a record number of achievement points awarded for a very wide range of reasons including academic excellence, effort and hard work and contribution to our school community. It is impressive that so many of our young people are fulfilling the high aspirations we have of them. Congratulations to all.

I also want to reiterate my congratulations to our most senior students - our public exam students - who have now completed their programmes of study. We enjoyed two very lovely 'end of year' celebration events - both outdoor events - which gave students the opportunity to join together with their peers and members of staff and reflect on their time at Beechwood. The last two academic years have been unusual to say the least but this hasn't detracted from our senior students developing into phenomenally impressive young men and women. We are so proud of them all.

Returning to some more practical matters now.

Firstly, I continue to urge all who signed up to the programme to pursue lateral flow testing over the holiday. Also, as a school, we will continue to undertake track and trace duties so we ask that if a positive LFT or PCR test is received over the holiday period that you advise us via our enquiries' email, as usual, so that we can determine what action may need to be taken.

Secondly, post the holiday, as we no longer have Year 11 students with us, our Year 12 students will access the school site and leave the school site via the pedestrian entrance and no longer the vehicle entrance. They will not need to cross the road so their crossing of Long Readings Lane will no longer need to be supervised.

Finally, a reminder about school uniform requirements as detailed in our bulletin last week. Please ensure that all are ready for next half-term and I thank you for your support with this.

My very best wishes to you all

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**

## Year Group Updates

### Year 7

We are really impressed with how Year 7 have been responding to the different assessments they have been asked to do.

We are finishing their reports and these will be with you after half term. You will also be contacted about the Parents' Evening on the **17th July**. This will be on-line and virtual.

We want everyone to sign up to talk with teachers, but if this is going to be difficult, please let me know and I can arrange a telephone call.

### Learning

#### **This week, French share what is being taught this term:**

In French, Year 7 will start to study the topic of Holidays focusing on countries, various hobbies while on holidays and ordering food in a French café alongside recall learning such as high-frequency-words, numbers (euro transaction) and topics from September.

### Ms Jacquemart, Head of Modern Foreign Languages

### Rewards

Well done to 7DRT who had more than double the Achievement Points of any other group. Amazing effort and well done. I hope you all got my texts home to say Congratulations!

7KRI had the best attendance this week - well done to them and I hope you all got my texts home to say Congratulations!

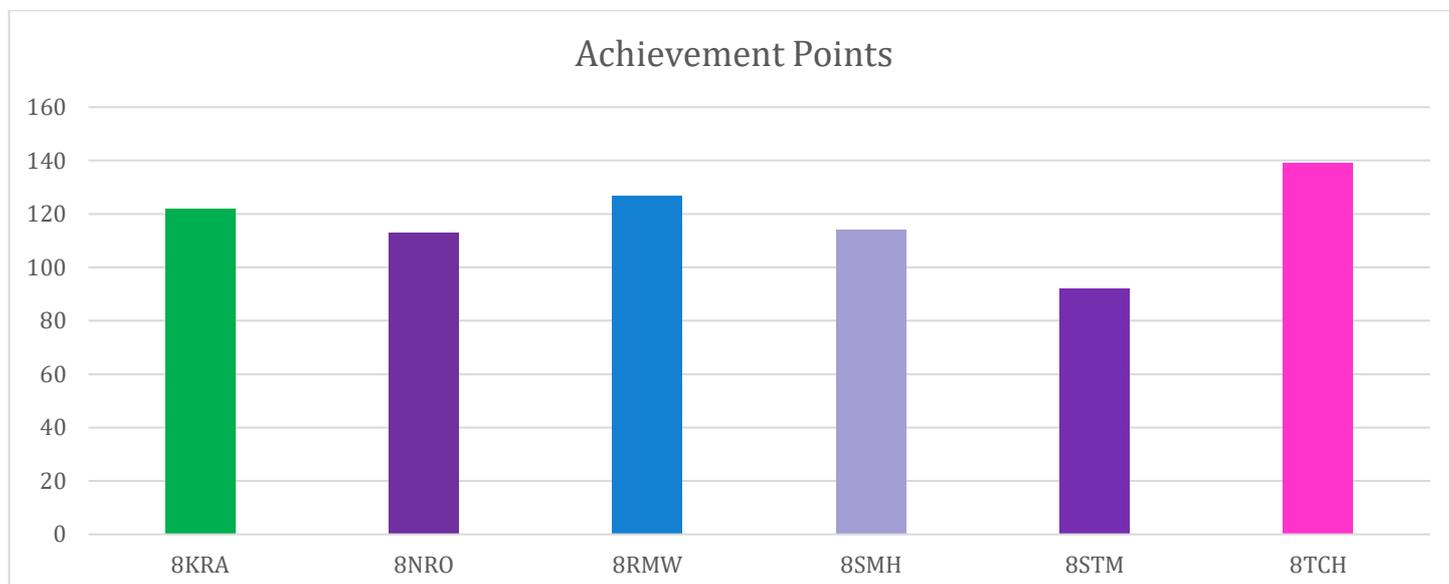
Thank you for your support this half term and we look forward to seeing Year 7 back in June, with all the right equipment and the resilient, positive attitude they have shown these past few weeks.

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

### Year 8

#### **Year 8 Achievement Points**

This week **8TCH** have jumped to the top of the achievement charts with **139** achievement points. It's great to see so many points awarded for the last week of the half term.

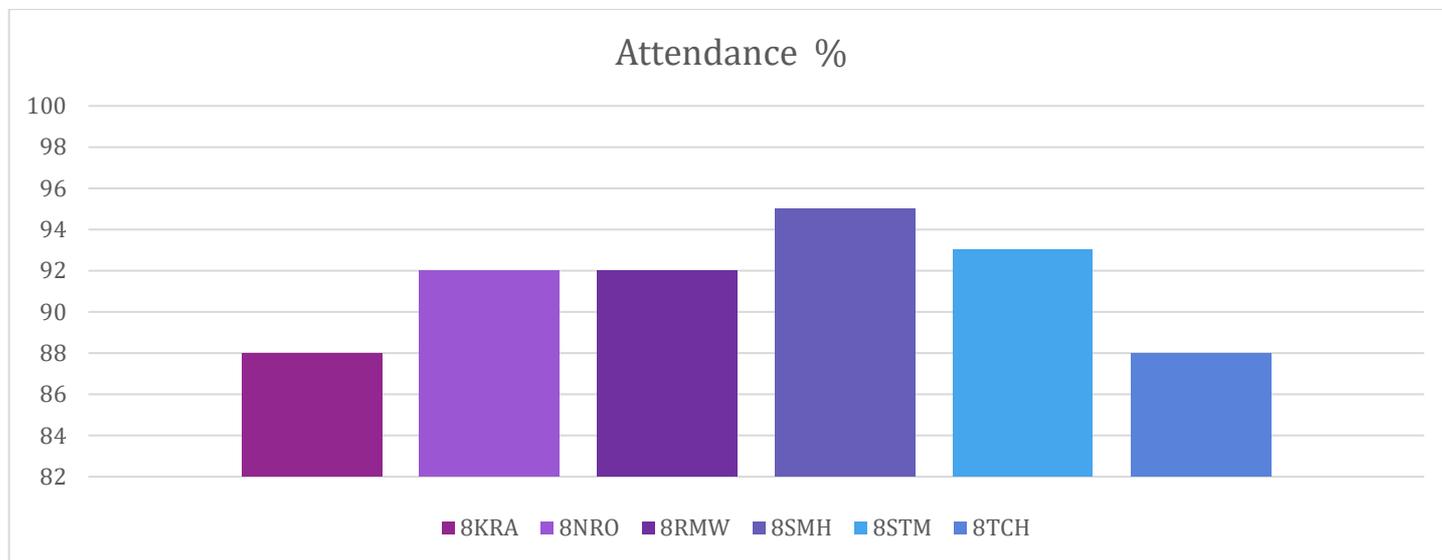


### Star of the Week

This week's star of the week is **Harley S 8TCH** who has received 12 achievement points this week. Harley has shown an excellent attitude towards learning and has shown that he is prepared to take on challenges and push himself to do more in lesson – well done.

### Year 8 Attendance

4 forms this week have attendance in the 90's which is fantastic with **8SMH** in the lead with 95% attendance



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

#### Year 9

We have 6 weeks to go until we start our GCSEs!

After the may half term, I want to see you all applying the Beechwood values to your learning.

**Just a reminder:**

**No mobile phones should be seen**

**Full school uniform - skirts need to be an appropriate length, no hoodies and no jewellery.**

**All students must have a school bag with the full equipment.**

GCSE options are on the way to being finalised. If your child has been selected to take GCSE French, this is compulsory as it is part of the Ebacc programme expected by the Government.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

### Mrs Bagga, Director of Studies for Year 9

#### Year 10

Have a lovely half term Year 10! Please remember your PPEs in the second week back after half term and continue with your studies over the break. We will see you in a week's time for pause lessons. Well done on a great half term.

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

## **Year 11**

### **Farewell year 11!**

Today we said Goodbye for now to our Year 11 students. As their Director of Studies, it has been a privilege to have grown into the aspiring young men and women they are today and I wish the all the best of luck in all their future plans! I can't wait to hear how well they get on in the next chapter of their lives. It is sad to say goodbye, but a time to celebrate all their hard work.

I can't wait to see them all again on **Thursday 12th August** for results' day. Information about this will be shared nearer the time.

### **Yearbook**

These can still be purchased via parent pay, if there are any problems please do not hesitate to contact me.

### **June 10th - 21st**

Even though today is their last day for now, Year 11 students must be available for two weeks post half term in case they are required to come back into school. This is also the case if there are still items such as laptops still outstanding, these need to be returned as soon as possible

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

### **Sixth Form**

#### **Goodbye Year 13 and Level 2 Year 12 Students**

Sadly, this half term marks the end of our fantastic Year 13s' journey with us here at Beechwood School and also marks the end of the Level 2 Year 12 programme of study. It has been an absolute pleasure to be your Director Studies and I look forward to hearing about all that you achieve over the coming years.

Be Kind, Be You, Be Beechwood!

#### **Year 12 PPEs W/B 21st June**

All Level 3 Year 12 students will be completing their end of year exams during the week beginning 21st June. Please find attached the Year 12 Pre-Public Exam timetable. Please note, all students will have study leave for the week to ensure they are fully prepared for the exams/practical days. They therefore will only need to attend their scheduled exams/practical days. If you require more information, please contact [r.doncaster@beechwood.slough.sch.uk](mailto:r.doncaster@beechwood.slough.sch.uk).

#### **Sixth Form Achievements**

**Umar Nasib** - *always so helpful - asking if staff need any help with anything, great role model, very hardworking*

**Jamal Douglas** - *made a great start to Year 12, currently completing the BFI Film Academy in his own time*

**Milan Patel** - *always polite, makes excellent use of study time and has dedicated a lot of time recently to complete 100Ks running!*

**Nashat Ajaz** - *polite at all times, supportive, uses study sessions well and great dedication to organising the end of year party*

**Ilhaam Ibrahaam** - *polite at all times, supportive, uses study sessions well and great dedication to organising the end of year party*

**Elayah Elmi** - *polite at all times, uses study sessions well and very hardworking*

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

## Year 12 June 2021 PPE Timetable

*Monday 21st June - Friday 26th June*

	9am start	1pm start
<b>Monday 21st June</b>	A-level Psychology Paper 1 (1hr 30) A-level Physics Paper 1 (1hr 30)	A-level Maths Paper 1 (1hr30) A-level Sociology Paper 1 (1hr 30)
<b>Tuesday 22nd June</b>	A-level Psychology Paper 2 (1hr 30) A-level Physics Paper 2 (1hr 30)	A-level Biology Paper 1 (1hr 30) A-level Media Studies Paper 1 (1hr15)
<b>Wednesday 24th June</b>	<b>BTEC Business and A-level Photography (9-3pm)</b>	
	A-level Business Studies Paper 1 (1hr 30) A-level Chemistry Paper 1 (1hr 30)	
<b>Thursday 25th June</b>	A-level Maths Paper 2 (1hr 30) A-level Sociology Paper 2 (1hr 30) A-level Media Studies Paper 2 (1hr) ( <i>Nikodem only</i> )	A-level Business Studies Paper 2 (1hr 30) A-level Chemistry Paper 2 (1hr 30)
<b>Friday 26th June</b>	<b>BTEC Science and A-level Art Day (9-3pm)</b>	
	A-level Biology Paper 2 (1hr 30) A-level Media Studies Paper 2 (1hr)	A-level Geography Paper 1 (50 mins) <i>15-20 minute revision break in between papers</i> A-level Geography Paper 2 (50 mins)

**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 we are reviewing the words, prefixes and suffixes covered this half term. We have seen pupils use these skills to break down unfamiliar words and make connections with words they have seen before which is exactly the strategy we are looking to develop.

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 Review

Week of 24 May 2021

This week we are going to review the words, prefixes and suffixes we have looked at this term.



Do you remember the meaning?

mon

Prefix meaning

archy

Suffix meaning

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

A hierarchy - is a system in which people are.....?.  
 A matriarchy is a society which is led by .....?  
 A patriarchy is a society which is led by .....



Do you remember what demo meant?

demo cracy

Prefix meaning

Suffix meaning  
power or rule

Great Britain is a democracy in which the people vote to elect representatives (MPs) who will discuss issues in Parliament and make decisions.

Great Britain is a democracy.

psych is pronounced **syk!**

psych ology

Meaning?

Meaning the study of

The students were studying Psychology.

Psychology is the study of the.....: how the it works and how it affects behaviour.

How do you pronounce psych ?  
psych is pronounced **syk!**

- the *p* is silent
- the *ch* is pronounced as *k*
- *ch* is pronounced as *k* in words from Greek .



Path means?

path os

Meaning

The story had humour and pathos.

Pathos is the power of a person, situation, piece of writing, or work of art to cause ?



sympathy-means?

apathy - means?

empathy-means?

# Be Word Savvy Review

Well Done!

We all come across words we aren't sure of or have not seen before - even as adults. Understanding how words are built in sections of prefixes, root words and suffixes means we can often work out their meanings.



## 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](#)

### 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](#)

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