

Bulletin Home – 11th June 2021



Dear Parent and Student,

There is a great deal of important work taking place currently.

- Our public examination grades are being finalised.
- Our Year 10 students are sitting their PPEs.
- We have our Year 7 Reporting Evening (Virtual) on 17th June.
- A great deal of planning is taking place in preparation for next year
- We have our Year 11 into 6th Form Transition Days taking place the week beginning 21st June.
- We have our Year 6 into Year 7 Induction Days taking place the week beginning 5th July.
- We have our Sports' Week to look forward to the week beginning 5th July.
- We look forward to our end of year Celebration Assemblies the week beginning 12th July. Term ends on Friday 16th July and, as usual, this will be a slightly shortened day for students and a non-uniform day as a treat. More details about this as we get closer to the end of term.

With regards to providing more detail, some of our young people have been asking about whether or not we will be able to move away from our current 'Bubble' arrangements prior to the end of term. It is fully appreciated how restrictive these necessary arrangements have been for all members of our school community and I have to commend, once again, our students for the positive and sensible way they have engaged and understood the necessity. It had been our sincerest hope and intent that post 21st June we would be able to return to 'normality' however, at this time, we are not able to confirm this as we await Government and DFE guidance and direction. As soon as we have more information, and as soon as it is possible to make change, I will let you know immediately.

It is the case that in Slough there exists concern about the Delta variant. We await Public Health information however, to date, we have fortunately not experienced an outbreak in our school. We have really made massive effort with our covid mitigations, and continue to do so, but we can not be complacent with a variant that is known to be more transmissible. I therefore ask for your support with regards to the following:

- Hands
- Face
- Space
- Testing

It is essential that the sanitising regime we have is maintained. I am delighted to see so many of our young people choosing to wear face coverings, this is very sensible. The issue of social distancing and not having close contact where possible is hard for our young people to remember but it is worth having frequent reminders to raise consciousness.

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

Finally, lateral flow testing is so important. I strongly urge the continuation of this and if any family would like to join the programme please just get in contact either via phone to our main reception or through our enquiries@beechwood.slough.sch.uk email address.

Thank you for your continued support and very best wishes for a great week ahead.



Kathleen M Higgins
Executive Headteacher

Year Group Updates

Year 7

Year 7 have been working well this week and we are looking forward to sharing their success with you at Parents' evening next Thursday, 17th June.

If you have not been able to make appointments, please contact teachers through Google Classroom and time will be made for you. If you are still experiencing any problems, please let me know by email or calling the office. It is important that we have opportunities to meet and review the year in readiness for September. There is a lot we would like to share and celebrate with you so I hope you are able to make appointments with as many colleagues as you would like to see.

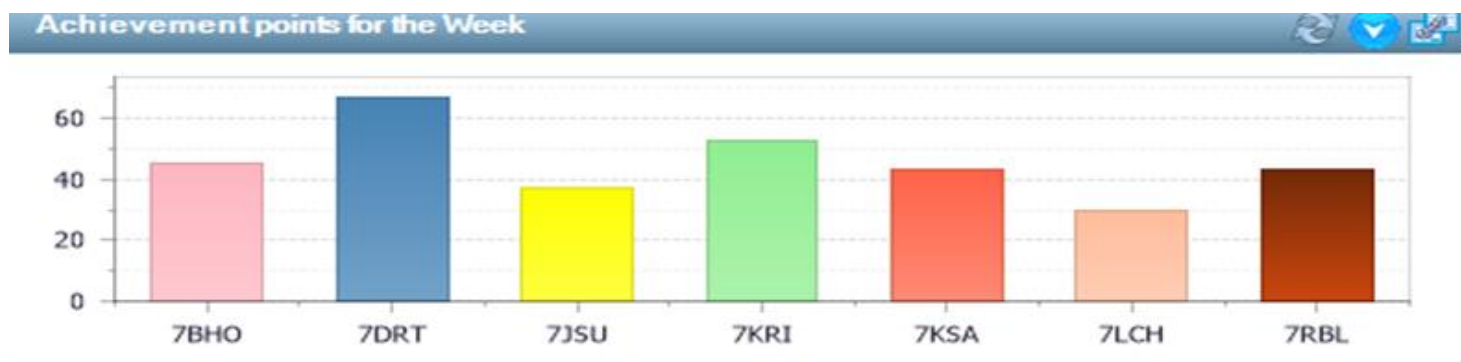
Learning

I enjoyed listening in to a Science lesson on Pollination and a Maths lesson about how computers use numbers. Both lessons required students to answer questions and discuss - it's lovely to see students becoming more confident and willing to take part in discussion work.

Rewards

Well done to students in 7BHO and 7DRT for 100% attendance, along with 7DRT who got the most Achievement Points - I hope you got my text saying Congratulations.

We are all trying to find ways to award students with achievement points. Here is a chart showing how each form did this week:



Thank you for your support.

Mr Walker, Director of Studies for Year 7

Year 8

Year 8 Uniform and Equipment

It is lovely to see how many Year 8 students are taking pride in their uniform and arriving at school in the correct uniform. In terms of equipment students need to ensure that they are arriving at school with pens, pencil case, pencils, calculator, reading book etc. Thank you for your support with this.



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Inspiring Success

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TO BE THE BEST!**

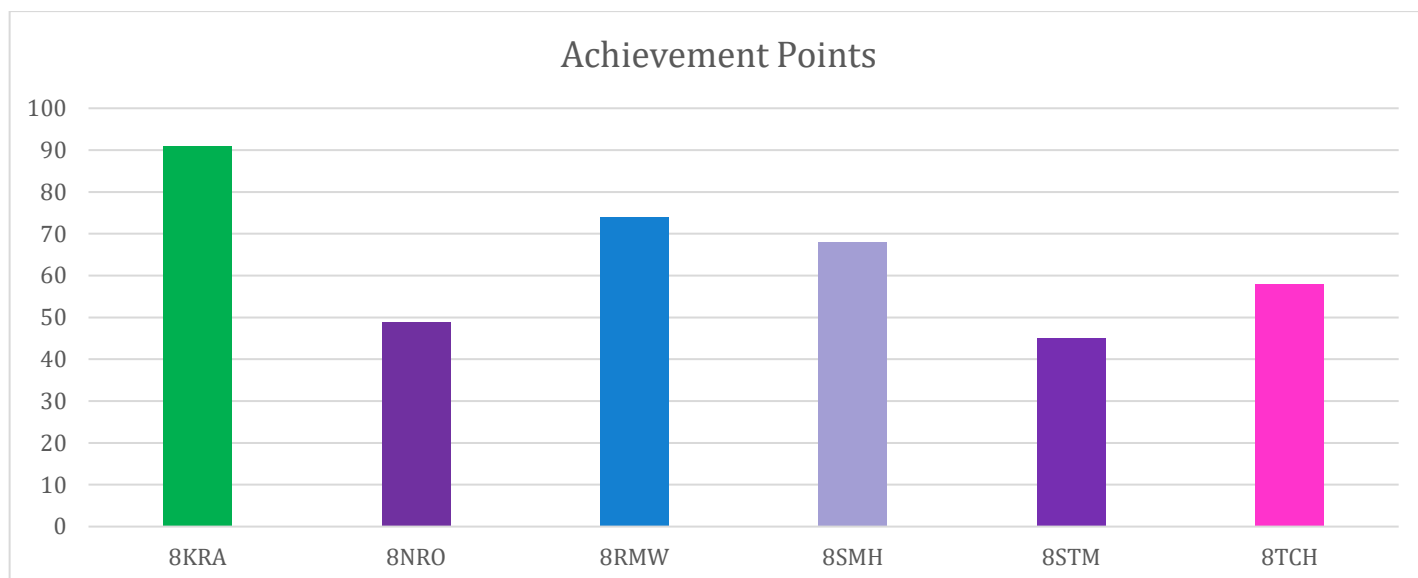
Be Beechwood... and wear the uniform with pride!




- **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)**
- **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**

Year 8 Achievement Points

Year 8 have generally come back with a very focused effort and have managed to gain a number of achievement points for their effort in class and good conduct. Well done to **8KRA** who have managed to achieve **91 points** so far.

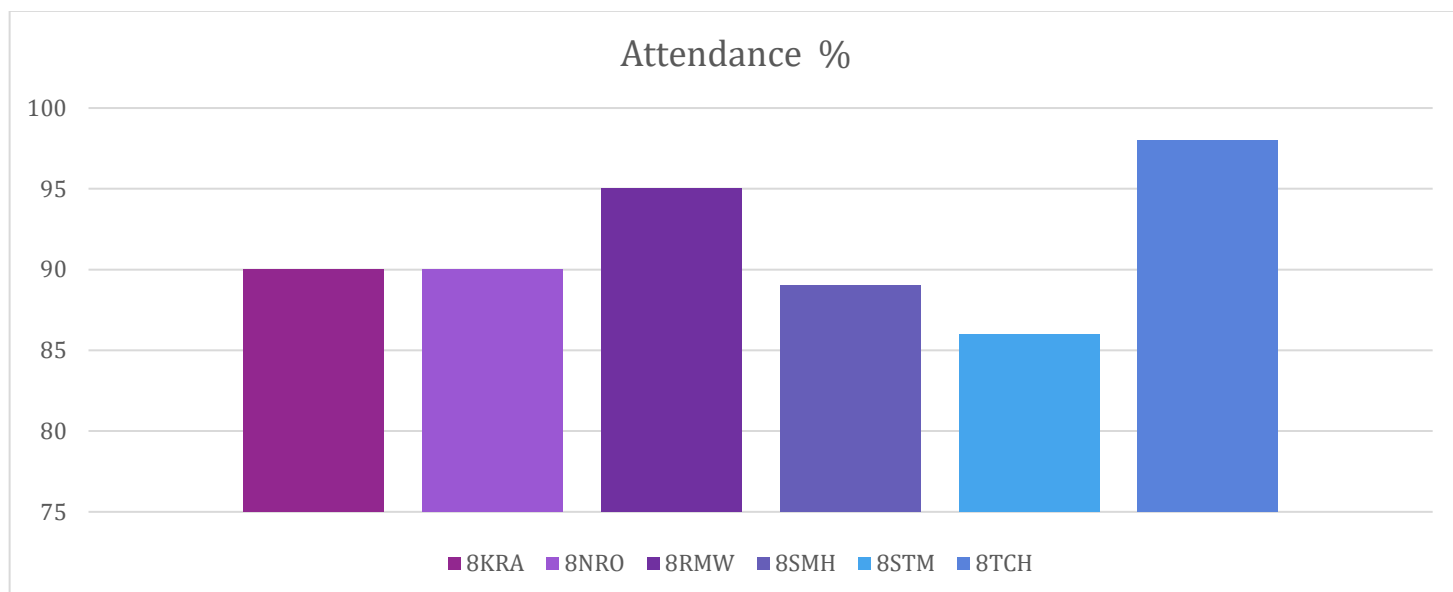


Star of the Week

This week's star of the week is **Keelin P-B 8RMW** who has received 9 achievement points this week. Keelin has received these for her excellent attitude and outstanding effort in lessons – well done Keelin.

Year 8 Attendance

Most forms have very good attendance this week and have made a good start to the new term. Special congratulations to **8TCH** with an **amazing 98%** attendance – well done.



Ms Feehan, Director of Studies for Year 8

Year 9

Next month, the students will be taking part in various activities to raise money for a charity that they have selected. This is part of our charity month at Beechwood. More information will be available on what the students will be doing and how parents can get involved.

GCSE French:

As part of the government guidance on the Ebacc route, selected students will be undertaking the French GCSE and this is compulsory. This will offer increased employability and better university prospects. Final subject choices will be confirmed with both the students and the parents. More information will follow.

Uniform:

Please ensure that students are being sent to school wearing the correct uniform. This includes not wearing trainers, hoodies, inappropriate skirt length and jewellery.

Year 9 will be undergoing thorough uniform checks from Monday, every day. This will include the confiscation of items which are not part of the uniform policy. Failure of the students to cooperate will result in seeking parental permission

Ms Bagga, Director of Studies for Year 9

Year 10

PPEs are on next week so this is the last push for study this weekend. Good luck to everyone, I know you will put your best efforts in to achieve great success.

Thank you to all of you who attended Parents' Evening this week, I know you will have had a lot of information given to you by class teachers and hopefully some good last minute advice for PPEs next week. If there was anything you thought wasn't covered at Parents' Evening or you have any further follow up questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Miss Irvine, Director of Studies for Year 10

Sixth Form

Year 12 PPEs - Monday 21st - Friday 25th June

- All written exams will be taking place in CP1. Students are to arrive 5 minutes before the exam is due to start.
- All practical days will be taking place in the ALC from 9-3pm
- Year 12s will only have access to these two rooms - and the bathroom opposite - for this week. Students staying on site for the duration of the day must bring in their own refreshments.
- [Please click here for the Year 12 PPE Timetable](#)

Year 10 Taster Days - Thursday 24th & Friday 25th June

- All Year 10 students have been issued with a letter detailing the day of their Taster Day and our expectations/requirements. We're really looking forward to welcoming our senior students up to the Sixth Form area and to provide them with a Level 3 learning experience.

Year 12 June 2021 PPE Timetable

Monday 21st - Friday 25th June

	9am start	12:20pm start
Monday 21st June	A-level Psychology Paper 1 (1hr 30) A-level Physics Paper 1 (1hr 30)	A-level Maths Paper 1 (1hr 30) A-level Sociology Paper 1 (1hr 30)
Tuesday 22nd June	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 (1hr 15)
Wednesday 23rd June	BTEC Business and A-level Photography Day (9-3pm)	
	A-level Business Studies Paper 1 (1hr 30) A-level Chemistry Paper 1 (1hr 30)	
Thursday 24th June	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)
Friday 25th June	BTEC Science and A-level Art Day (9-3pm)	
	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 between papers</i> A-level Geography Paper 2 (50 mins)

- All written **exams** will be taking place in **CP1**, all **practical days** will be taking place in the **ALC**.
- Please arrive in main reception at 8:55am *or* 12:15pm so exams can start promptly.
- If you have a morning **and** afternoon exam and wish to remain on site, or you are attending one of the practical days, please note that you will need to bring your own food/refreshments as the restaurant will be out of use. The Sixth Form areas will also be out of use meaning you will remain in CP1/the ALC for the day.

Miss Doncaster, Director of Studies for Sixth Form

The Careers' Department

Dear Parent/Carer

Are you looking to support your child looking for their first job but not sure how to get started?

This new Employability Guide is here to help by equipping you with the skills and knowledge you need to support your child entering the job market with confidence. It is packed with tips and tricks about building their CV, preparing for interviews, networking and finding work experience and much more.

[Free Employability Guide](#)

Mrs Matthews - Careers Lead

Great Literacy

Reading and Spelling Assessments

All students in Year 7, 8, 9 and 10 will be sitting a short online reading and spelling assessment to assist in planning for next year. It would be helpful if students brought in their headphones for these assessments - just basic bud ones will be fine.

Their Form Tutors will tell them when they will be sitting the assessment.

Thank you

Mrs Bowker, Lead for Literacy and Catch-up

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

Week of 7 June 2021

This week's prefix is



This week's Example Word

anti

Prefix
meaning
against or
opposite

biotics

Suffix
meaning life
or organism

Antibiotics are a medicine that stops the multiplication of microorganisms.

<u>anti</u> social	Unpleasant behaviour that breaks the rules of society
<u>anti</u> freeze	'Against freezing' - a liquid that lowers the point of freezing
<u>anti</u> -ageing	'Against ageing - stops you from ageing!
<u>anti</u> venom	'Against venom' - stops the effects of snake's venom
<u>anti</u> clockwise	The opposite to clockwise

Antithesis means 'the exact opposite'.
An example is Neil Armstrong's words when he stepped on to the moon:
'That's one small step for a man.
One giant leap for mankind.'



- What other words can you think of using anti as a prefix?
- 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!

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.

