

**Dear Parent & Student,**

**I wish you all an excellent half-term break** and to those students undertaking public examinations, although it will be an enormously busy time as extensive revision and exam preparation is essential, I certainly expect the week to enable some rest as well. It is vital that exam students use their time away from school wisely. Much can be achieved whilst also ensuring that they do not return to school exhausted and therefore not well-positioned to give of their best on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June.

With regards to **giving of their best** and endeavouring to be the very best that they can be, I wish to congratulate two groups of students.

Firstly, our **Year 10 Geography students** who undertook some **Fieldwork at Rushall Farm** on Monday. Ms Buttigieg reports that they were very impressive. They not only engaged in their assignment exceptionally well, which is excellent with regards to their GCSE outcomes, but also the staff at Rushall Farm were hugely complimentary about our young people. Although we expect nothing less than this, the Rushall Farm colleagues spoke incredibly highly of the courtesy, good manners and respect shown.



They also commented upon their diligent engagement with the investigative work they were undertaking on the River Pang. Well done to all!



- 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**

Congratulations also must go to our young people who competed in the **Borough Athletics' Meeting** this week. Mr McKevitt has reported the following.

On 23rd May, the PE department took 30 students from years 8-10 to Thames Valley Athletics Club to compete in the district athletics. Lots of preparation and training after school had taken place with a great turn out from students of all years in the weeks building up to the event. The buzz and excitement was shared by all the students who attended the event. The students took part in a broad range of disciplines with particular success coming in the sprint events. The students represented the school with great enthusiasm, with all the students cheering each other on, demonstrating a true Beechwood ethos whilst maintaining high levels of excellent behaviour throughout the day. A thoroughly enjoyable day was had by both staff and students.

Moving on to more school business related matters, I trust you have all received the letter we have sent regarding the **new regulations relating to data protection**. Attached is a copy. Please be assured that, as we have done in the past, we are extremely careful with the information we hold and will continue to be so. We are very aware of our responsibilities in this regard, but if you have any concerns or would like to know more, please contact us or our currently designated Data Protection Officer, Mr Prosser.

Very best wishes,



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

**Key dates for your diaries:**

- The May Half-Term Holiday is from 28<sup>th</sup> May to 1<sup>st</sup> June.
- Term starts on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June.
- Year 8 to 9 Pathways' Evening is on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> June.