

Bulletin Home – 23rd November 2018



Dear Parent and Student,

This week, I would like first to remind you of some key dates.

- This forthcoming Friday – **30th November 2018** – we have a **Staff Training Day**. This means that school is closed for all students. There is, however, always plenty of home learning to be engaged with, so students can use this time away from school highly constructively.
- On **Monday, 3rd December, 2018** our **Year 11** students will be **receiving their PPE results**. They have been engaged in examinations over the last two weeks so this event is very important in terms of students understanding what results they would get if these were the final public examinations and therefore what they need to do, working alongside their teachers, to ensure that their actual GCSE outcomes are improved on their current position.
- On **Thursday, 6th December, 2018** our **Sixth Form** students have a **Reporting Evening**. It is vital that all attend – attendance is usually excellent. This Reporting Evening will provide our Sixth Formers with the opportunity to discuss further the outcomes of their recent PPEs, their track record to date and what needs to be done to meet and exceed targets going forward
- Another date for the diary is for all families. Our **Parent Partnership** is running another fun **Quiz Supper Evening** on **Wednesday, 12th December, 2018**. The evening commences at 6.30pm. For the cost of £6.00 a fish and chip supper is also included. Please see letter attached from Mr Gaffin.

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

Moving on from key dates that lie ahead as we progress towards the Christmas holiday, I want to commend our students for the following:

Our **Key Stage 4** Students (Year 9, 10 and 11) participated exceptionally well in the **MADE TRAINING** programme earlier this week. MADE Training is an organisation which works with schools to support young people's ability to learn most effectively. We commissioned their services because we are focusing on enabling our students to develop independent learning strategies, study skills and revision techniques and this is exactly what their consultants assist with. The workshops which took place were intended to complement what takes place every day here at Beechwood, however what is really critical is for our young people to not only engage effectively through workshops but then apply their learning in these workshops to everything they do with regards to their studies both in school and at home. We are very much looking forward to seeing our students go from strength to strength as a consequence.

On Thursday, 22nd November we had four teams completing in the local final of the **Rotary Club's Youth Speaks' Competition**. We are delighted to share that Shyanne won the award for best individual speaker/speech and our Sixth Form team would have won had they not received a penalty point for going a little over time. Nevertheless, it was a great learning experience where the young people of Beechwood equipped themselves exceptionally well. They are now entered into my 'Book of Brilliance'.

Another group of students who deserve special recognition and huge congratulations are our Sixth Form and Yr 11 Art Students. Currently their work is included in an exhibition at The Curve in Slough. If you have opportunity, please

visit. Below are some photographs that were taken pre-launch of the exhibition. Very well done to Harman Ghatoura, Chloe Ayres
Connor Mahoney, Gabriella Swendrowska, Maria Gafaar

Apart from academic learning and skills development I am delighted that our young people are being so proactive with regards to their **social responsibility** work and projects. We welcomed one of the Student Charity Committee representatives to our Staff Meeting on Monday and he shared the plans that students have and want support with. Very dominant at the moment is the drive to secure donations for the local **Food Bank**. All donations can be dropped off to the ALC where Ms Joy, who is working with students on this initiative, will be delighted to receive donations however small. Clearly the goods need to be non-perishable. There are details/advice for students about what would be helpful available from their Student Council Reps, their Form Tutors and Ms Joy.

Finally this week, I would like to share with parents something which is a weekly focus in school – '**Our Words of the Week**'. With regards to literacy and numeracy development every week we share new, more challenging words and concepts with students. We ask members of staff to particularly focus on these words and their meanings in order to expand our young people's vocabularies. The ability to know, understand and use words effectively is highly empowering. There are words and terms that may not feature in everyday interactions out of school so this focus should really make a difference to students. This being the case, we thought it would be helpful to share weekly with parents and families now as well. If these words and terms could be looked at and used at home, then this reinforcement could really assist in ensuring that our young people really 'get it' – both the words and the importance of having such an extended vocabulary. We want our young people to 'be the best' and this focus will contribute towards ensuring this reality. Please see the information below on our Words this week.

Thank you for your support with this and for all our initiatives and events.

Very best wishes



Kathleen M Higgins
Executive Headteacher

Word of the Week

reprehensible (adj) Are you Word Savvy?

rep-ri-hen-se-bel

Definition:

- shameful or extremely bad, deserving of blame

Usage:

- The child's behaviour was reprehensible.
- In *An Inspector Calls*, Arthur Birling's treatment of his workers is reprehensible.

Synonyms	
blameworthy	guilty
disgraceful	culpable
unworthy	disgraceful



Etymology
From the Latin *reprehendere* meaning to restrain or hold back.

22 November 2018

Dear Parent/Carer

On behalf of the Beechwood Parent Partnership I would like to invite you to their next event. A fun evening of Quizzes, based on a variety of questions set by teachers from the different subject areas. The evening will also include a Fish and Chip supper and a soft drink, all for just £6 . It will start at 6:30pm on Wednesday 12 December and is planned to last no more than two hours.

Not only will it be an opportunity to test your knowledge, but also to meet other parents and their families. Children are welcome and we will try and make up tables of approximately 10 people based on the Year group your child attends. Please can you return the form below in an envelope marked Parental Partnership and ask your child to give it into Student Support Services.

If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to call me at school or email:
mike.gaffin@beechwood.slough.sch.uk

Yours sincerely

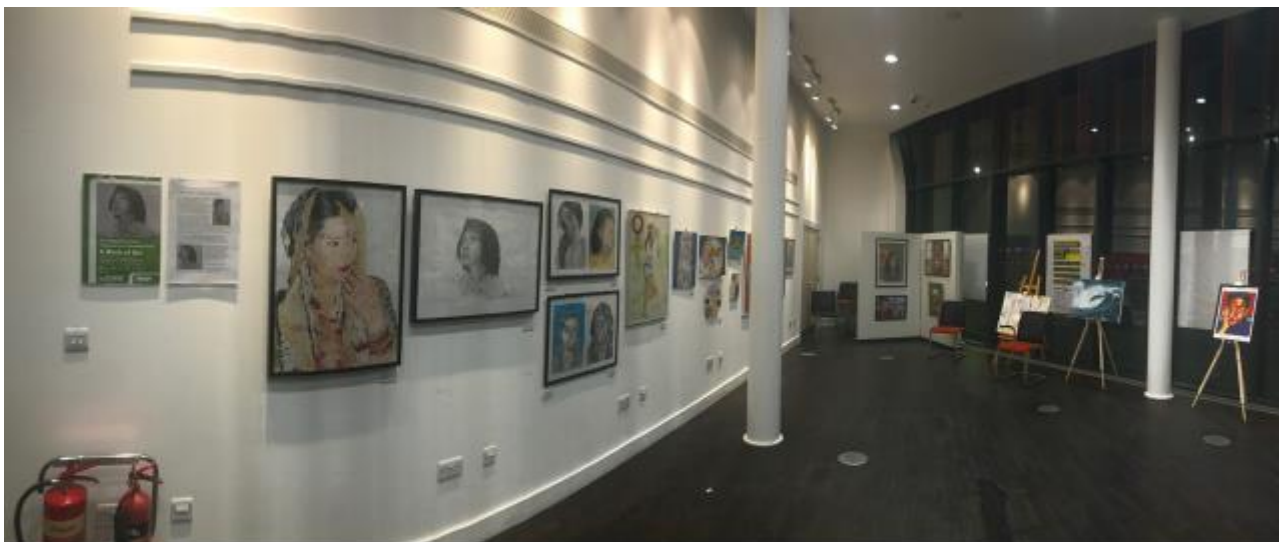
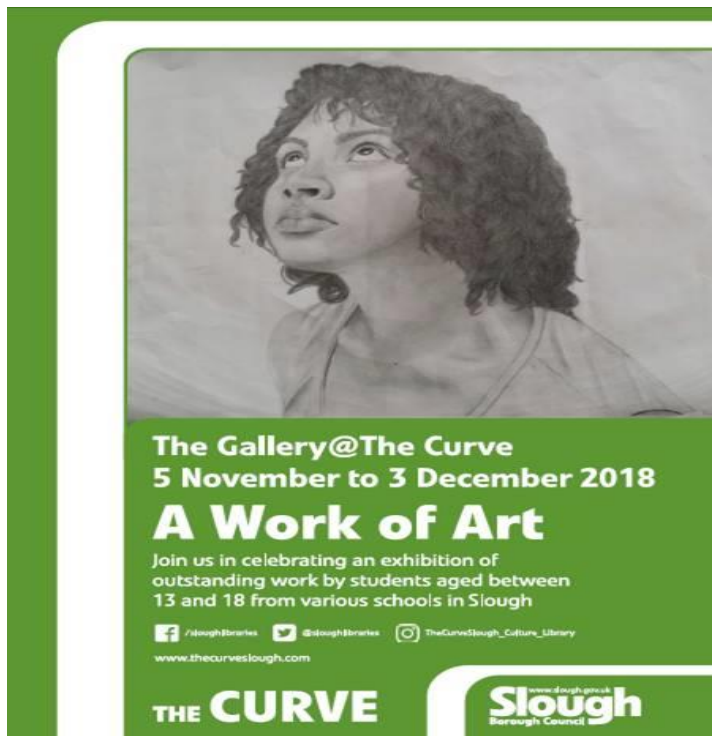


Mike Gaffin
Assistant Headteacher

I / We plan to attend the Quiz evening on 12 December 2018 and would like to reserve ____ places.
I have paid on Parent Pay Yes/No or I enclose a payment of £6 per person.

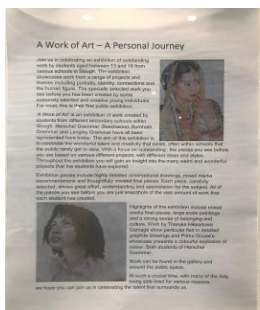
Names attending _____

Name	Fish & Chips	Sausage & Chips	Veggie Burger & Chips



'A Work of Art'

The Curve – Slough
November 2018



The work that was submitted by our students here at Beechwood



Meria Gafaar's piece is the first easel alongside a number of works by Slough Grammar Schools.





Student's work from Langley and Burnham Grammar schools.

