

Bulletin Home – 4 December 2020

Dear Parent and Student,

We have two weeks remaining of this term and therefore I thought it helpful to share with you **arrangements for the last day of term** when we have early closure for students and a non-uniform day. Details of the schedule for Friday 18th December will be shared with students by their Directors of Studies and Form Tutors, but to assist your forward planning, I advise you of the following.

End of term: times when Year Groups will be dismissed for the holiday.

Year 7 - 12.00

Year 8 – 12.15

Year 9 – 12.20

Year 10 – 12.10

Year 11 – 12.05

Sixth Form – 12.10

Leading up to the end of term, there are lots of competitions taking place and we will also have a 'Celebration of Achievement Assembly' at the end of term, so lots to look forward to.

In terms of looking forward, our **Sixth Form and Year 11** students are understandably very keen to know about their public examinations in the summer. The Government has made it clear that they intend that exams will take place in summer 2021. On Thursday 3rd December they shared the following information.

Exams in the summer will see:

- more generous grading than usual, in line with 2020
- students receiving advance notice of some topic areas covered in GCSE, AS and A-Levels, to help them focus their revision
- exam aids – like formula sheets – provided in some exams to give students more confidence and reduce the amount of information they need to memorise
- contingency exams – held shortly after the main exam series – so students can sit a paper if they miss all their assessments in a subject because of illness or self-isolation.
- The new measures complement the existing changes for next summer which include:
- reduced content in many subjects
- a delay to the start of exams and changes to timetables

Clearly there is much more information to follow and we hope to receive this from the Government in January. This will enable members of staff to further adjust programmes of learning and ensure that our young people are fully and appropriately prepared. Once we have the vital and necessary information we will share this immediately. Our students should, however, feel confident that we are here for them and when we work hard together, great things can and will be achieved.

With regards to partnership working, I draw to the attention of all parents the need to ensure that their sons and daughters are **wearing correct school uniform**.



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

There should be:

- no hoodies;
- sweatshirt should be the school purple sweatshirts.
- PE kit must be the uniform kit;
- overcoats should be worn this winter and can be kept on in a classroom until teacher gives permission if it is cold in the room due to the need for ventilation;
- trainers should only be worn when sport is being played and, on the days, when there are PE lessons and PE kit is therefore being worn all day.

If any family has a particular difficulty at this time with being able to supply the correct uniform, then this should be communicated by the parent to the child's Form Tutor. Support may be available and temporary exemptions can be made. All students are asked to check their timetables and make sure that they are certain when their PE lessons are and should only come into school in PE kit on days when they have this subject on their timetable. Students will be sent home to change if they do not get this right.

Thank you, as always, for your support

Very best wishes to you all



Kathleen M Higgins
Executive Headteacher

Year 7

We are really impressed with the way Year 7 have supported the sponsored event and collected food to donate to the Slough Foodbank - thank you as well for your support.

Learning

Last week I mentioned the robots being built in Design Technology and they all look well made! I hope you were impressed as well.

It's also great to see students back in the Food Technology areas and I know Mrs Hodges was very pleased with the quality of pizzas made.

Students are researching Atoms in Science and it makes us all proud of our students when we get emails like this from Ms Illkova in Science:

"I am so proud of my Year 7 Science class. They are amazing students.

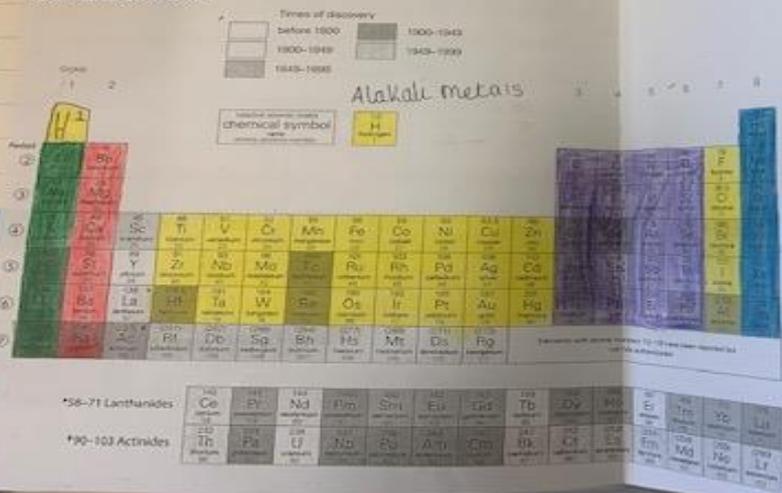
- **conscientious, hard-working students**
- **readily grasp new concepts and ideas**
- **Excellent with self-reflection, retrieval practice questions, **Dirt**, and homework**
- **Good behaviour**

I enclose pictures of students' classwork; Evidence of commitments and excellent attitude in Science."

What were we doing? Exam preparation 'You can!'
Can understanding of Energy
How does an atom work? An atom is a particle full of protons and neutrons inside your body but there so small you can't see this but unless you have a microscope. K.R

wednesday 11th november 2020

The Periodic Table



Do Now Task
 Which of these is not part of an atom
 Neutron, Electron, photon, Nucleus, shell.
 Shell is not part of an atom. X photon

The periodic Table of Elements
 As you get more down in group one, they get more reactive.

1 Hydrogen H

Teacher Feedback

Spelling To learn

Pupil Reflection

What went well

How I feel about my work

Monday 30th November 2020

Metals and non-metals 30.11.20

Metals

- High melting point
- Dull
- Shiny
- Malleable
- Hard (high density)
- Conduct electricity
- Conduct heat

Non-metals

- Low melting point
- Dull
- Brittle
- Soft (low density)
- Do not conduct electricity
- Do not conduct heat

Diagram showing a lattice structure of a solid with an arrow pointing to it.

Teacher Feedback

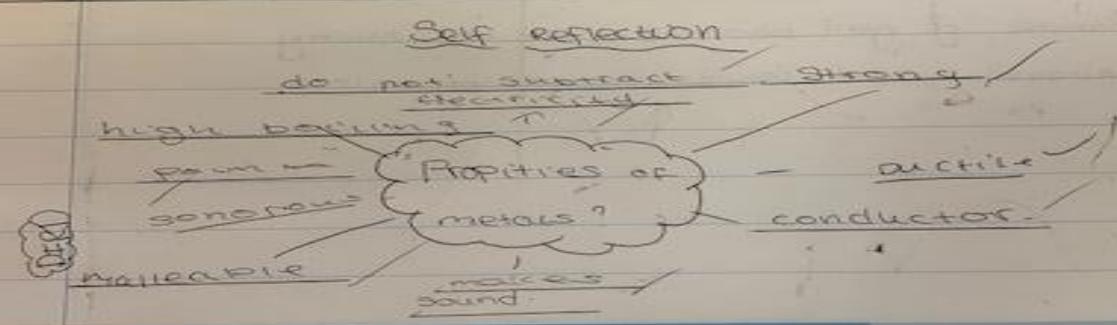
Spelling To learn

Pupil Reflection

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Heat exchanger water pipes are made of copper because... it doesn't rust and it isn't permeable.
 Alloy wheels are made from Aluminium because... it's flexible and also doesn't rust.
 Jewellery is made out of gold because... if you have ^{to} wear it for a long time it won't rust when you wash your hands or go in the shower.



Teacher Feedback

2 Stars

1 Wish

Spellings
To learn

Punctuation
That needs correcting

Pupil Reflection

What went well

How I feel about my work

DIRT

Retrieval practice ; Complete the table for the 1st 20 elements on the periodic table:

Acids Pier marking by Eian 16/11/20

Element	1 H Hydrogen	4 He Helium	7 Li Lithium	9 Be Beryllium	11 B Boron	12 C Carbon	14 N Nitrogen
Protons	1 ✓	2 ✓	3 ✓	4 ✓	5 ✓	6 ✓	7 ✓
Neutrons	0 ✓	2 ✓	4 ✓	5 ✓	6 ✓	6 ✓	7 ✓
Electrons	1 ✓	2 ✓	3 ✓	4 ✓	5 ✓	6 ✓	7 ✓
Element	16 O Oxygen	19 F Fluorine	20 Ne Neon	23 Na Sodium	24 Mg Magnesium	27 Al Aluminium	28 Si Silicon
Protons	8 ✓	9 ✓	10 ✓	11 ✓	12 ✓	13 ✓	14 ✓
Neutrons	8 ✓	10 ✓	10 ✓	12 ✓	12 ✓	14 ✓	14 ✓
Electrons	8 ✓	9 ✓	10 ✓	11 ✓	12 ✓	13 ✓	14 ✓
Element	31 P Phosphorus	32 S Sulphur	35 Cl Chlorine	40 Ar Argon	39 K Potassium	40 Ca Calcium	
Protons	15 ✓	16 ✓	17 ✓	18 ✓	19 ✓	20 ✓	
Neutrons	16 ✓	16 ✓	18 ✓	22 ✓	20 ✓	20 ✓	
Electrons	15 ✓	16 ✓	17 ✓	18 ✓	19 ✓	20 ✓	

elements in the periodic table?

Rewards

Well done to students in 7KSA and 7KRI who had the attendance and achievement point cups this week. I hope you all got my text message to say well done.

Curriculum

This week, History have shared what is being studied:

Year 7s are currently studying the Norman Conquest and exploring questions such as: Why were there four claimants to the throne in 1066? How did this lead to an invasion by William of Normandy? Students have been researching the different claimants and giving their reasoned choices on who should be King. There have been some excellent arguments by students to support their chosen claimant to the throne.

This current unit also includes investigating the famous Battle of Hastings, the Battle tactics used and the reasons for Harold's defeat. Students will be looking in depth in the coming weeks at how William of Normandy kept control of England after his victory.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

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Thank you for your interest and support.

Mr Walker, Director of Studies Year 7

Year 8

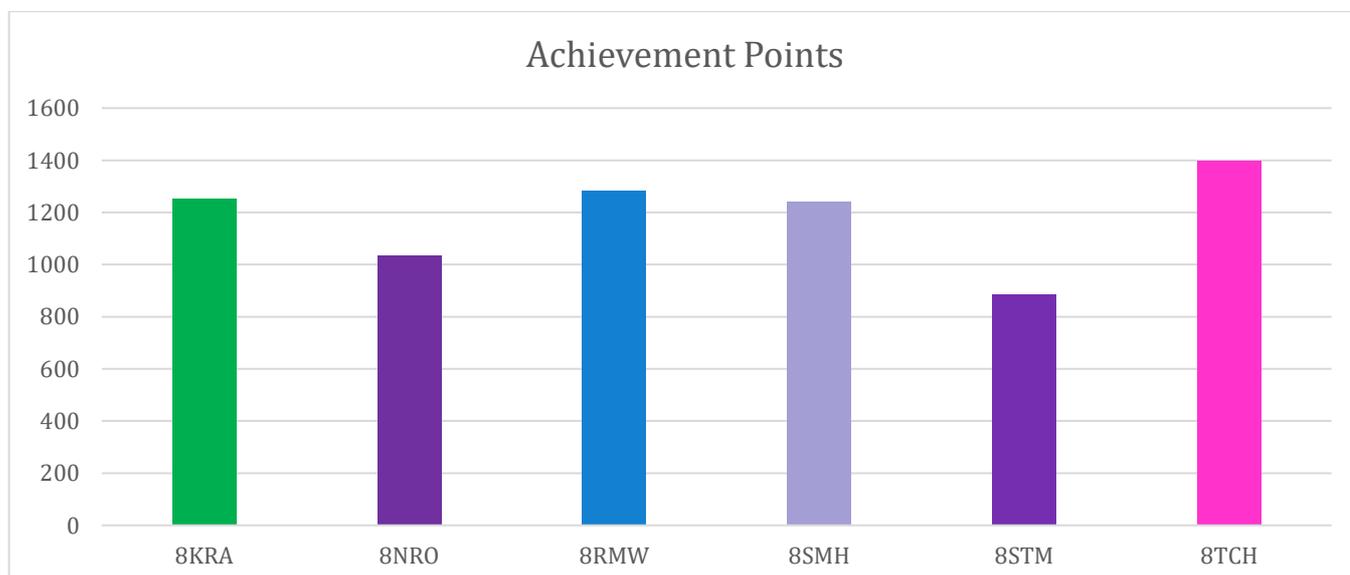
Year 8 News

Star of the Week

This week's Star of the Week is Lacey Winter 8NRO. She has a fantastic 86 achievement points and 0 behaviour points. The achievement points are for generally for Outstanding Effort in lessons with quite a few for Moment of Brilliance and Showing Resilience. This is a great start to Year 8.

Year 8 Achievement Points – Leader Board

8TCH still have the most achievement points this week but 8RMW have really worked hard this week and are now in second place – well done to both forms. There is one week to go before we announce the winner for this half term.



Year 8 Form Competition

This week Year 8 forms took part in a competition to decorate their notice boards. It was a great chance for the form groups to work together, forge positive relationships and build their team spirit. The winning form to be announced next week.

Ms Feehan, Director of Studies for Year 8

Year 9

Thank you to the Tutor Groups for organising Form Representatives. They are as follows:

STY - Charlie Kennedy
Haydon Stenning
Elijah Lamptey

SBY - Madison Marney
Prathamesh Shiraskar

PKR - George Hill
Jayden-Ellie Gould
Ikra Salman

ABU - Harley Pritchard
Dreis Hindmarch
Melody Ranscombe

JFR - Emaan Fatima
Bailey Runham

I look forward to meeting with you and hearing your ideas for how to make Year 9 the best year group ever. WELL DONE

Mrs McEvoy, Director of Studies for Year 9

Year 10

Thank you to all of you who have been bringing in items for the Food Bank. Year 10 is in second place overall! Let's see if we can overtake the Year 7s this week! Last day for items is Wednesday which is also a non-uniform day for those who choose to participate, you will need to bring in at least a £1 donation.

Secondly, we have a final careers virtual workshop during PSHE this week. Well done to all of those who participated. It is definitely time to start thinking about what you would like to do Post 16. Please have discussions as a family about options after Year 11. Beechwood 6th form is a great option for students wanting to go onto Level 3 study, but college courses and apprenticeships are also available. You will be making solid plans next year in Year 11, but starting to consider this now is important. This year our 6th form Opening was held virtually, you can see this by going on our school website and clicking on 6th Form Virtual Open Evening.

Miss Irvine, Director of Year 10 Studies

Year 11

Study Club:

This week saw the launch of our after-school Study Club and it was a great success. It was great to see the students who have voluntarily stayed behind to focus on coursework and revision and support each other in their learning. This week's sign up form has gone live on the Year 11 Google Classroom and the days for this week are Wednesday 9th and Thursday 10th. Students are asked to complete the Google Form by 3pm Monday if they wish to attend. Study Club is on until 4pm both days and students can stay for as little or as long as they wish until this time.

Food Bank:

This week we have seen more and more students bringing in items to support Slough food bank and thank you to those who have already contributed. It would be great to see more canned goods brought in from year 11 students. The final collection day is Wednesday 9th December - which form will win? Winner to be announced in next week's bulletin.

Purple Tie

What Christmas Means for Slough this Year

Only a few weeks until we end for Christmas and a little bit longer until the end of the year and what a year it has been. However, we still need to keep in mind that Slough is now in tier 3, after coming out of lockdown which means there are now tougher restrictions in place. Remember you must not meet socially indoors or in most outdoor places with anybody you do not live with, or who is not in your support bubble, this includes in any private garden or at most outdoor venues. Although Slough is in tier 3 we have the chance to spend time with our families this Christmas and we have time to reflect back on the year that we have experienced. The Government has allowed families to 'bubble' with two other households for five days this Christmas. As we get closer to the end of 2020 we are all asking ourselves the same question which is, what does 2021 have in store for us? The Beechwood community are staying positive and hoping for a great 2021 and we hope you are too!

As you may or may not know, as a school we have been raising money for those in need of aid this Christmas, especially through these uncertain times. It is great to know that so many students here at Beechwood have signed up to take part in a variety of fundraising events such as the read a thon or walk a thon. However, if you feel as if that's not for you, there's always the option of donating food such as canned food, nappies, women's deodorant, anything that can help. The deadline for food bank donations is Wednesday 9th December where all our donations will be taken to Slough food bank to support our local families this Christmas. Wednesday 9th will also be mufti day which will also help with raising money. This will be to help others over the festive season and could really make a difference after everything this year.

Themba Chigwada
Head Boy

Miss Hallett, Director of Studies for Year 11

Sixth Form

Please join me in celebrating the success of the following Sixth Form students. As you are aware, all of our Sixth Form had to self-isolate recently, however the students listed below did not let this stop them from achieving academically. Not only did the students listed below complete all assigned work and attend scheduled live lessons, they also ensured that their work was completed to a very high standard - WELL DONE!!!

Rachel Adeyemi
Tayyaba Ahmad
Syeda Nashat Ajaz

Maryan Ali
Stephanie Angelkovski
Rachel Annan
Agnesa Beka
Andreea Beldiman
Sunanda Bhaniwal
Nikodem Burakowski
Julia Cunningham
Samee Dar
Varun Dutta
Elayah Elmi
Shanise Fernandez-Clark
Miriam Hussaini
Ilhaam Ibraahim
Dominic Jakima
Zohaib Khan
Dagmara Kulesza
Valerija Lazdina
Tyler Lee
Eryk Lezon
Nicholas Linford
Eduard Lungu
Arslan Mahmood
Yaser Mateen
Umar Nasib
Abbie Newberry
Trenyce Omani-Mensah
Ibrahim Pallin
Mateusz Pankowski
Milan Patel
Jessica Porter-Yellop
Julia Potoczyny
Holly Preston
Harnish Salhotra
Courtney Smith
Alicia Steadman
Anna Taglieber
Hussein Waiswa
Mia Watkinson
Aleksy Winkler

Kind regards,

Miss Rebecca Doncaster, Director of 6th Form

Be Word Savvy - Part of the new Disciplinary Literacy Strategy

This week the word is **circumference**: prefix 'circ' meaning 'around' and suffix 'fer' meaning carry, bring and suffix 'ence' meaning quality, result of an action.

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 and 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 30 November
2020



prefix
circ

around



suffix
fer

carry, bring

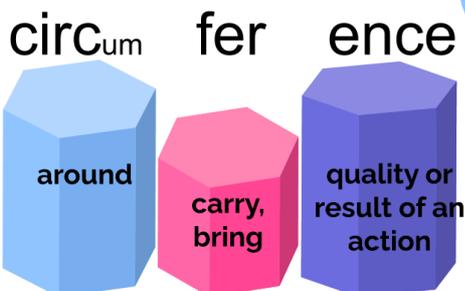


suffix
ence

quality, result of an action



Example Word



Using your understanding of the prefix, stem, and suffix, what do you think this means?



circumference -
distance or
measurement
around
something

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!



- What other words can you think of with this prefix and suffix?
- What do they mean?
- What subjects do you use them in?

PE Department

PE Kit:

A reminder that all pupils should be coming into school in the Beechwood PE kit during the days that they have practical PE lessons. As the weather becomes colder it is important to remember that **hoodies or zip tops** are not allowed for PE or in school in general. Pupils have the opportunity to purchase the Beechwood tracksuits, which many of our pupils have done. Not only is this smart, but it is also an additional sporting layer that adds warmth and can be worn to take part in all PE activities. If pupils do not have this then they can wear plain black under layers (or thermals), which go underneath their PE kit. Pupils should wear their blazer over the top of their kit to add extra warmth and to look presentable during the school day. **If any pupil arrives at school in PE kit or an alternative kit on a day that they do not have PE then they will be sent home to get changed before returning to school.** Thank you for your support with this.

If you do require additional items, or you still require PE kit please visit the Agame website, which can be found on our school website under the school uniform link or by clicking the following link <https://shop.agamesports.co.uk/collections/beechnwood-school> Please note that all orders must be home delivery as we cannot receive orders to school in the current climate.

Mr G Goodman, Head of PE