

Bulletin Home – 25 September 2020

Dear Parent and Student,

Firstly, I want to thank all our young people who are making such an effort to get things right in school so as to ensure that we all remain safe and well and that progress in learning takes place. As infection rates rise nationally and the government brings in new measures and restrictions, it is vital that we all adhere rigidly to all of the measures that have been put in place at school. Schools have also been asked to share information again with parent/carers, so please see find attached the latest information/updates sent through from the government.

This week, I want to highlight some key dates.

30th September – We have our Head Boy and Head Girl interviews.

1st October to 31st October – Black History Month. More information will be shared next week.

2nd October – Year 9 Immunisations.

8th October – Our Year 12 ‘Virtual’ Graduation Celebration.

26th to 30th October – Half Term.

19th November – Sixth Form Virtual Open Evening event.

I am really pleased to see how well our students are re-engaging with practical P.E. lessons and how sensible they are being about wearing their kit to school. It is required that they wear only school uniform kit – no other items should be worn. As we returned to the new academic year, we have been very understanding about uniform and giving time for families to address students having the correct uniform. Four weeks into the new term, I attach a school uniform list and ask that all requirements are adhered to. Thank you for your support with this.

I am also delighted to share information below from our Director of Studies, subject areas and relation to our literacy development work.

Year 7

Our Year 7 continue to impress us with their attitude to learning. Now everyone is settled in, we are seeing some excellent examples of students living up to our motto " Be the Best you can be".

I have seen high quality class and homework. For example, it was lovely to see the Universe information posters just completed for a Science homework and hear about the high completion rate for the weekly Maths quizzes.

Thank you for your support with homework and everything else that we have asked.

I thought it would be helpful if each subject shared with you what Year 7 are currently studying. This week’s contribution is from Science.

Year 7 are studying Space. For now, our focus is on Earth, *planets, the solar system and the universe*. Some extra reading at home would work well for this topic.



BE RESPECTFUL
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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 COURAGIOUS
BE THE IDEA
THAT'S CONTAGIOUS
BE YOURSELF
BE SET FREE

BE THE BEST YOU CAN BE

Here's a link to BBC bitesize, <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/z4xh2v4>. There are several videos that are great for at home revision on this page.

The Year 7's have been a great group thus far. Any extra reading you are able to encourage our students to do at home will really help with class and homework.

If you would like to know any more or have questions, please contact me at s.watson@beechwood.slough.sch.uk Ms Watson, Science.

Please let us know if there is anything else we can help with.

Mr Walker

Year 8

Whilst the majority of Year 8 students have settled back in a positive manner I am looking forward to our assembly next week where we will be able to focus on how to achieve and sustain the highest standards and rewards/celebration of success.

With that in mind I am delighted to announce that this week's **Star of the Week** is **Vasilena Nenova** in **8RMW**. Vasilena has made a great start to the year and has already accrued 27 achievement points – well done



Year 9

As we become more used to our new style school day it is important we remember the basics and do not let our standards fall. Being prepared is key to 'getting it right' and as we show our best efforts and 'aim high' we must ensure we maintain these good behaviours both inside and outside of the classroom at all times. Showing respect for self and others at all time is the key to 'Being the Best you can Be!'. Well done to those of you who always do this without being reminded.

Many thanks, Mrs McAvoy

Year 10

This week we have been lucky enough to appoint 18 new Year 10 Leaders for our Year Group. Congratulations to the following students who have been appointed, we really look forward to working with you as a group this year!

Scarlett Stratton 10CHO
Dorothy Doku 10CHO
Ramnik Kaur 10CHO
Aamna Ahmad 10SJA
Chloe Stubbs 10CHO
Dylan Hodgson 10SJA
Zak Savage 10GGN
Michael Braisby 10SJA
Ghulam Mustafa 10JBS

Celeste Davies 10JBS
Rosie Tak Waulu 10CHO
Sara Ahmad 10GGN
Chloe Strachen 10SJA
Sofia Perveen 10CCE
Lucy Way 10CCE
Namira Nadeem 10CCE
Hassan Waqar 10GGN
Sophie Linford 10JBS

Amanda Irvine
Director of Year 10 Studies, Beechwood School

Year 11

This week I have been inundated with applications from students applying to become a Year 11 prefect which has been fantastic. Interviews for Head Boy and Head Girl will take place on Wednesday 30th September, students will be notified if they are to be interviewed by the end of the day Monday 28th. We will then announce the students who have been appointed as Prefects, Head Boy and Head Girl.

Practical PE lessons have started back this week and it has been great to see so many Year 11 students in their kits taking part in Athletics. A quick reminder that students need to have a Beechwood PE top as a minimum and plain dark tracksuit bottoms if they do not have the full Beechwood kit. Students must also come to school with their Beechwood blazers to wear over the top during the day. Hoodies are not allowed to be worn in school.

Many thanks,
Miss Hallett

Sixth Form

Thank you to all the Sixth Formers that have applied to be part of our Sixth Leader team for 2020-2021. I look forward to introducing them to our school community in the coming weeks.

Kind regards,
Miss Rebecca Doncaster, Director of 6th Form, Beechwood School

Be Word Savvy - Part of the new Disciplinary Literacy Strategy

This week the word is **transportation**: 'trans' meaning across, 'port' meaning to carry and 'tion' meaning the study of.

Other words using this root or suffixes are: transatlantic, transactional, transit van, transpose, translate.

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 21 September 2020

prefix
trans
across

Example Word
trans port a tion
across to carry the act of, process or result

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

transportation
the act or method of carrying something from one place to another.

suffixes
port to carry tion
act, process or result

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

As you are aware, students are turning up to school in their Beechwood branded PE uniforms for the days in which they have practical PE. Please could you reinforce our kit expectations in tutor as no student is permitted to wear hoodies or non-school branded uniforms. They are allowed to wear their school blazers, or school branded tracksuits during the day. For further information please refer to the attached letter which has been sent home to parents:

[Pupil PE Kit letter to parents](#)

Many Thanks
Mr Ratsakatika

Art Room

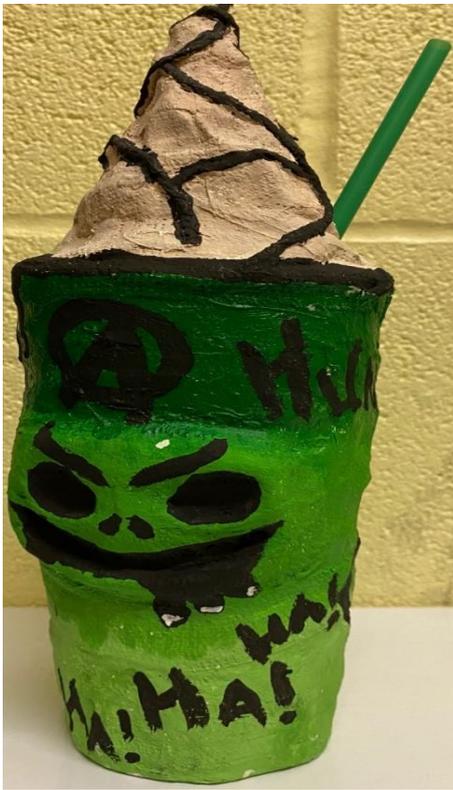
Please see the photographs of the work we submitted to the Thames Valley Learning Partnership for an art competition being judged by The National Gallery. The work is from last Year's Year 11 and is a great example of some of the wonderful talent we have here at Beechwood!

I'll be working on a virtual exhibition to exhibit the rest of the 2019-20 cohort but for now the work shown here is from the following students:

Daisy Green, Harnish Salhotra, Kornelia Kotara, Milena Wodzynska, Morgan Pritchard, Nikodem Burakowski, Paige Steventon and Zuzanna Walz

Kind regards,
Steph and Siobhan - The Art Department





Letter for parents about COVID-19 symptoms

Public Health England have produced a letter for schools to distribute to parents which explains when a person requires a coronavirus test and what the symptoms of coronavirus are. The Department would be grateful if you could share and circulate this letter amongst parents at your school.

The intention of the letter is to help prevent children being taken out of school unnecessarily and answer some of the questions parents may have around testing.

[You can view the letter here](#)



**If your child has:
a high temperature
a new, continuous cough, or
a loss of, or change in, sense of
smell or taste**

**This could be a sign of
coronavirus**

Book a test

**If your child has:
a runny nose, is sneezing or
feeling unwell
But they don't have:
a high temperature
a new, continuous cough, or
a loss of, or change in,
sense of smell or taste**

**These are
not normally symptoms of
coronavirus**

**Seek advice from a pharmacy, dial
111 or see your GP**

My very best wishes to you all for the week ahead.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathleen M Higgins". The signature is written in a cursive style and is set against a light grey rectangular background.

**Kathleen M Higgins
Executive Headteacher**