

Beauchamps News



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Jack Petchey Award Winners



We are pleased to celebrate the latest three winners of the prestigious Jack Petchey Award: Sophie B year 10 above, Izzy C year 13 below left and Jack H year 12 below on the right. Also, this month a Jack Petchey Staff Award for



Miss Clarkson - pictured below receiving her award from Mr Harper. Please turn to page 2 to read more about these fantastic winners... [Mr Beaumont](#)



Headteacher's Letter

Dear Parents/Carers,
As we come to the end of another eventful term, I would like first to thank parents and carers, students, staff, and governors for their support in what has been a challenging few weeks, with various last - minute changes in school; I have been pleased to see students adapt so well, so quickly.

Despite changes elsewhere, in October we were delighted to be able to hold our Open Evening for prospective parents as planned; it was wonderful to invite parents and students back into the school to showcase our students and the excellent and varied provision we have on offer. It was a busy, vibrant evening and I would especially like to thank the students who represented the school so brilliantly, conducting tours and doing demonstrations. Similarly, the Sixth Form Open Evening was held in person and was an exciting event for all concerned, with students keen to explore the many options on offer.

Unfortunately, due to recent COVID developments, the school has had to postpone various other events. Our annual Year 11 Presentation Evening will take place in the New Year, and we now look forward to celebrating the event on the 27th January 2022. We were also incredibly sorry to have cancelled the Christmas Concert and the Drama Showcase but have been pleased to arrange for these to be recorded and hope that in due course we will be able to share some highlights with you. Similarly, the traditional last day of term Sixth Form Revue was unable to go ahead, but the students have instead been treated to highlights of this during tutor time, which we hope will spread some Christmas spirit. We were happy to see students enter into the spirit of Christmas Jumper day and the inter-form quiz on the last day of term will give students something to feel festive about.

As you know, regarding the latest developments with COVID, the government is requesting that all students are tested prior to their return to school in the New Year; more details regarding these plans will follow.

I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and look forward to welcoming everyone back to school in 2022. **Mr Harper, Headteacher**





Jack Petchey Awards Continued from front page

Sophie B raised money in memory of her cousin who died suddenly in May 2020. She recently completed the 3 Peaks Challenge and as part of a group they raised over £10k to be split between two charities. Sophie also helped organise a charity netball match at school last term. She is a determined and inspirational young lady, who fully deserves to be recognised for her amazing commitment and efforts. [Mr Beaumont](#)

Sophie writes - In 2020 my 18 year old cousin Ewan sadly passed away in unexpected circumstances. In honour of his memory, I along with friends and family decided to take on the National 3 Peaks Challenge to raise money for Cornwall Air Ambulance and Penhaligons Friends, a bereavement charity. As part of this we organised motor cross events, raffles and I organised a boys versus girls netball match in school. The 3 Peaks itself was the most gruelling 24 hours of my life but highly rewarding and left me very proud to be part of the group who by the end had raised a total of £11,000. I am very grateful to receive the Jack Petchey award and I will be giving my grant to the PE Department. Thank you to everyone who has supported me and the group, and I know my cousin Ewan would be very proud of all of our achievements!

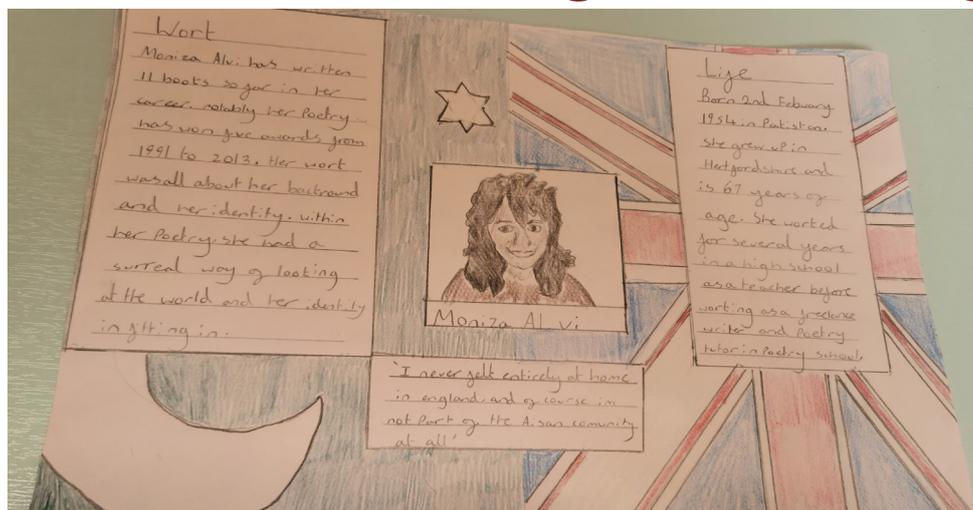
Izzy C volunteers at her local Beavers and Cubs after school. She works with a group of children who have special educational needs. This group would otherwise be unable to participate in the activities the main group take part in, but through Izzy's support, they are able to feel included and involved. This is a tremendous act of maturity and kindness that deserves recognition. [Mr Beaumont](#)

Izzy writes - I was nominated for a Jack Petchey award because of my volunteering within my Beaver and Cub Scouts group, in particular helping those with SEN. I help ensure that they get the best out of Scouts and ensure that they are included and supported by all leaders and children and sometimes run different activities separate to the main group if these children find these activities too much or they do not want to participate. I have chosen to donate my grant to the Maths Department because I feel as though they have supported me so much through my time in this school, both secondary and sixth form. In particular, Mr Symes and Mr Piggott have constantly supported me throughout the time they have been at this school and this would be a way of saying thank you and I know that this grant will help them support more students with their studies.

Jack H is new to the school in our Sixth Form. On one of his induction days he noticed a student, unknown to him, who was having difficulty breathing. Jack courageously and with haste stepped in to deliver first aid. In doing so he was able to quickly dislodge an object that was causing the difficulty in breathing. This is a tremendous act of courage and clear thinking, especially when joining a new school. Unfortunately Jack has not been able to be in school for the last few days and we do not have a photograph or write-up from Jack. We hope to include these in the next Newsletter. [Mr Beaumont](#)

There are many reasons [Miss Clarkson](#) was been nominated for a Jack Petchey award. For going over and above in her role as SENCO, for the support she gives to the students, parents and staff. She is an incredible SENCO, she knows each student that needs additional support and how to best support them in the classroom. Not only this, but she offers her time freely to guide staff in building on their practice and I have seen her offer support to a staff member who was facing challenges with their child in another school. She is an asset to the school and deserves to be celebrated. She cares so much for all of the students at Beauchamps, but especially the SEN students. Her empathy and kindness has no bounds. All of this is done effortlessly while she juggles a life as a mother of a lively toddler. She deserves this award as she is a definition of what a Jack Petchey award stands for! For her passionate dedication to eradicating discrimination, celebrating diversity and providing the tools to allow all students in the Beauchamps family the opportunity to reach their potential. [Mr Beaumont](#)

Celebrating Outstanding Work



Lily L Year 7, has produced a great homework that explores the heritage of poet Moniza Alvi following the lesson in which her class explored the poem 'Presents from My Aunt in Pakistan'. Year 7 students have been studying poems from all around the world and this is but one piece of excellent work produced by Lily. [Mr T Harper](#)





Sixth Form Cake Sale for Macmillan Nurses



On Wednesday 10th November 2021, the Sixth Form Ambassadors hosted a coffee and cake afternoon in support of Macmillan Cancer Research. Students took part in making, buying, and selling cakes in order to support this fantastic charity.

They raised a fantastic £234.00.

Excellent effort by everyone that participated, well done to you all. [Mrs Gargrue](#)

Christmas Jumper Day

On Friday 10th December, the Sixth Form helped to organise a school-wide charity Christmas Jumper Day, where all students were allowed to wear a Christmas Jumper in place of their blazer for the day. The money raised went to the charity "Save The Children" and **a magnificent £660.00 was raised.** [Mrs Gargrue](#)





Interview with Mr Flower the Football Academy Manager

Beauchamps News recently spent some time with the new Football Academy Manager Mr Flower...

What is your job title?

My job title at Beauchamps High School is the Football Academy Manager and teacher of PE.

What is your role at School?

My role is to manage the Sixth Form Football Academy and teach PE.

How long have you worked at Beauchamps High School?

I only joined Beauchamps this summer, so it's just one term!

What did you do before you joined Beauchamps?

I have had a mixture of roles within teaching and football, for the past 10 years I have been involved in teaching. I have taught at 4 different schools across Essex. Within those schools, I have always held different roles from Head of Boys PE, Head of Department, Pastoral lead and many others. I graduated with a Physical and Sport Education degree from St Mary's University in Twickenham, I went to university knowing that I wanted to teach and get into football coaching.

Alongside teaching, I have always been heavily involved in football. For 6 years before joining Beauchamps I worked for Chelsea FC, undertaking various roles from community, development, and academy coaching.



How has the first term gone so far?

My first term at Beauchamps has been absolutely brilliant! It has been an enjoyable 3 months and already feels like I have been here for so much longer than that. The Football Academy has started off really well in terms of the football played on the pitch and the setup of what is expected off it. Lessons have been thoroughly enjoyable and I have taught basketball, football, and rugby to a variety of classes across all year groups.

Has it been what you expected?

Yes, it has been everything that I expected and more, it has been brilliant to come into a new school and be able to get involved in so much already. The school has an incredible reputation, and it is clear to see why.

What have you enjoyed the most?

Really tough question to answer as there has been so much already. I have extremely enjoyed the Football Academy process, from meeting and getting to know the players to implementing a style of football at training and games. It has been incredibly enjoyable to set up a team environment amongst the players, where they have all bought into the culture that is being created and are able to share that with each other.

Although my role has a large focus on the Football Academy, I have really enjoyed still being able to teach core PE lessons to students. Having that chance to still teach a variety of different sports to different classes, is the reason why I wanted to become a teacher to help young people develop on their school and sporting journeys.

How do you hope the role will develop?

For me, a large focus of the role is on what we can do to help develop the players involved in the Football Academy for their future lives after they leave Beauchamps. So, a key drive for myself is developing the role to be more than just playing football, looking to help the players gain qualifications and experience that is relevant to football that could help them with their next steps and later careers. The Football Academy has already started to build a good culture, where the players are giving up their spare time to help staff at lunch clubs. They also help coach the younger school football teams and referee in games. I would love for that to develop with Beauchamps Football Academy helping in our local community as well. I would also like for the role to further develop girls football; girls football is growing more and more popular and it would be brilliant to establish a Girls Football Academy here at Beauchamps.



Mr Flower

What made you want to be a Football Academy Manager?

As you can probably gather now from the answers to the previous questions, a lot of my time and my life has been dedicated to football in one way or another. So, the opportunity to be a Football Academy Manager at an outstanding school seemed like a dream role. The opportunity to use my coaching experience and knowledge to give back to players that are at the beginning of their footballing journeys was the main drive behind wanting to be a Football Academy Manager. I have always believed that it is your social obligation to give back what has helped you develop, and to be able to combine football and teaching together is the perfect combination for me.

What school did you go to and your favourite subject?

I went to a school called The Grays Media Arts College, recently renamed to the Hathaway Academy. Whilst at school I would say that my favourite subject was History, I loved learning about the World Wars, the wild west and Jack the Ripper. I went on to take History for my GCSEs in year 10, alongside PE, Drama and ICT.

What are your interests/hobbies?

I have several interests/hobbies, but as you can probably imagine they are all related to either football or sport in some way. Outside of Beauchamps, I am on the management team for step 3 semi-professional non-league side Bowers and Pitsea FC, having huge recent success of getting to the FA first round and playing against League 1 side Lincoln FC for the first time in the club's history. I have been managing/coaching at men's non-league level for the last 5 years, with previous clubs including Burnham Ramblers FC and Basildon United FC. I play football still but only recreationally now, just to play for fun with friends. I stopped playing non-league football to pursue a career and future in football management, if I am not coaching football then I'm either playing it or watching it on TV.

Aside from football, I try to find time to read, but again it is normally a sports biography or relating to sports coaching in some way.

Can you give a word or two of advice for the students?

One of my favourite quotes is by Colin Powell, "There are no secrets to success... It is the result of preparation, hard work, learning from failure...." So do not be afraid of making mistakes they are opportunities to learn through hard work.

Before ending I just wanted to give a special mention to a few people that have helped me settle into life at Beauchamps. Firstly, I would like to thank the students of Beauchamps High School for their warm welcoming, especially those who are a part of the Football Academy for their incredible dedication, effort and attitude so far. Secondly, to the PE department, it is never easy starting a new school and department but it is made all the easier with a brilliant group of people to work with. Then finally a huge thank you to Mr Lodge, without whom the Football Academy would not be where it is at currently and be moving in the right direction. **Thank you!**



The Football Academy 1st Team with Mr Flower and Mr Lodge



English Poetry Competition



On Thursday 18th November, students took part in an inter-school poetry competition. Students from six different schools competed with pieces which were all about our planet and raising awareness of the dangers we pose to our environment.

It was a fantastic night and Beauchamps students performed brilliantly! Chloe and Freya won the group round, and the esteemed judges were impressed with everyone's performance.

We also had two fantastic comperes - Jake and Erin in year 10 - who kept the audience entertained in between performances.

Above Freya & Chloe with their certificates and prizes and below they are joined by Isabelle K who was highly commended for her performance. [Mr T Harper](#)

Well done to all who took part and assisted with the night. [Miss Lester](#)





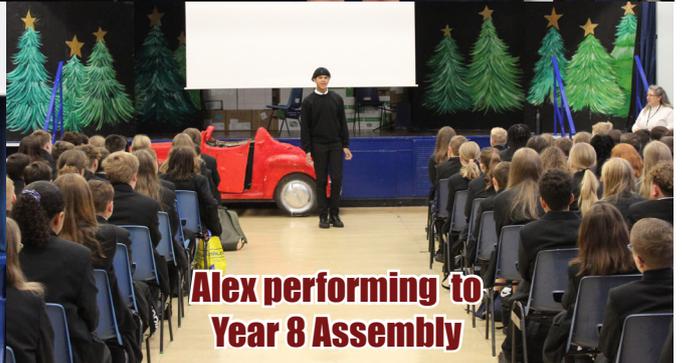
Jack Petchey Speakout



Above: All the Year 10 speakers from 3rd November Jack Petchey Speakout 1st Round with regular visitor and public speaking coach Ore Ogungbayi, Miss Cooper and Mr Beaumont. To the left are the top students from that day and below are the top students from the following day with Miss Brabant. The students are holding Ore's new book "Knocked 4 Six". [Miss Cooper](#)



The Semi-Finalists before performing in front of Years 7, 8 and 9 Assemblies



Alex performing to Year 8 Assembly

After a nerve-racking quarter-final round in front of the English department, our 12 quarter-finalists were whittled down to 5 semi-finalists: Alex C, Josh C, Freddie S, Summer C and Max S. The students only had the weekend to polish up their speeches before being thrown to the lions of the year 7, 8 and 9 assemblies!

Speaking in front of such a large crowd for the first time is nail-bitingly tense and stressful. However, the fantastic five carried it off like the professionals they are fast becoming, repeating, and improving, their performances from Monday, through Tuesday and eventually Wednesday mornings.

Each year group voted in their tutor groups for the speaker they wanted to represent our school in the Central Essex Regional Finals at the William de Ferrers School on the **12th May 2022** (6:00pm)

The voting was tight, as it always is, but eventually Freddie emerged as our runner-up and reserve speaker, and Alex was pronounced our winner.

Both boys will now have time to work hard on crafting and perfecting their speeches before they become this year's representatives in this prestigious tournament.

The finals are open for all to come and watch and cheer our boys on. So put the date in your diary, and come and enjoy a fantastic night of speaking and entertainment. [Mrs Collier-Brown](#)



The SEND Page



Our African Mask Lessons will introduce you to a range of African masks



AFRICAN MASKS

Why did they use the masks

Masks serve an important role in rituals or ceremonies with varied purposes like ensuring a good harvest, addressing tribal needs in time of peace or war, or conveying spiritual presences in initiation rituals or burial ceremonies



Well, our first term back after the summer was a busy one! We are now running Nurture groups in all Key Stage 3 year groups which are full to capacity! To end last half term with a bang... literally, we were treated to a day off timetable where students learned African drumming, African dance and African mask making. Year 7's spent the day making puppets with a specialist puppet designer!

Miss Clarkson



We have also been able to spend some time working on life skills all around cooking.




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SEND News



Our before school SEND homework club continues to be a great success and is open daily from 8.00. In addition to this we are going to be developing an after-school sports and activities club for SEND students. This will run three times a week from 14.45 – 15.30, details will follow soon.

I mentioned in my previous newsletter I will be setting up a SEND parent and carer support group. This will start in the new year and a letter will go out to parents and carers of SEND students in the forthcoming weeks, I would appreciate if you could complete the expression of interest form in the letter to allow planning or numbers and refreshments.



I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all restful and happy holidays and look forward to a wonderful 2022.
[Miss Clarkson](#)



Children In Need



Mr Harris, Miss Baker and Miss Cheshire dressed up in Pudsey outfits, helping to raise a fantastic £1960 for Children in Need.

This year's event took place on Friday 19 November and was a non-uniform day. [Mrs Perkins](#)



Olivia H (Year 8) and her friend (Ruby from Bromfords School) danced for 24 hours between them over the weekend for Children in Need and have raised over £340!

[Mrs T Hampton](#)



Geography

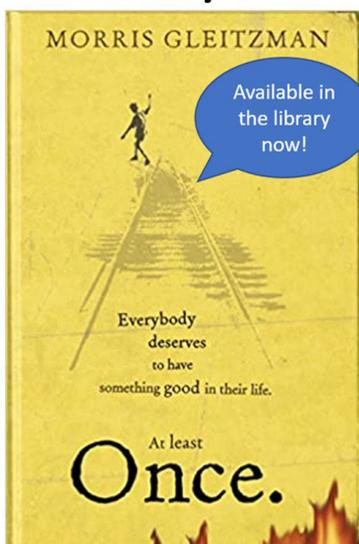
Congratulations to Maisie B in year 7 who won the Antarctic Flag competition this year. Her design has been sent to the Polar Network who organise the world-wide competition. Maisie's entry is the fourth from the right. It is being held by the scientist TJ Young who is a Postdoctoral Fellow at Scott Polar Research Institute in Cambridge, UK. He is an expert in phase-sensitive radar, which is used to measure the properties and thickness of ice, and he was also a National Park Ranger in Taiwan for a year after his doctoral research. The photo was taken by a team from the Scott Polar Institute and their main research base is on Thwaites Glacier at the McMurdo Station on Observation Hill, at latitude 77 degrees 55.961 minutes South and longitude 166 degrees 40.253 minutes East.

The cross on the summit is a memorial to Captain Scott who perished over 100 years ago on his return from the geographic South pole. The mountain in the background is called Mt. Erebus, the southernmost active volcano in the world. Maisie received a Geography badge and became the first student in year 7 to be awarded one this year. Well done to all of the students who entered. [Miss N Bailey](#)



History - December Book of the Month

History: Book of the Month



Title: Once **Author:** Morris Gleitzman

Curriculum link: KS3 – Holocaust

Felix has been living in an orphanage for three years and eight months when the men in armbands arrive to burn the books.

Going on the run in search of his parents, Felix soon learns that **Poland in 1942 is not a safe place for Jewish boys.** But can his gift for storytelling keep him one step ahead of the Nazis and help him find his parents?

After all, everybody deserves to have something good in their life at least once.



Careers

On Wednesday 24th November Katie from the AIM Group came in to talk to parents of Year 11 students about the possibility of an apprenticeship for students either after Year 11 or Year 13. This followed on from an assembly that was given to students before half term about various areas of what apprenticeships consist of including what levels they can be studied at, how to apply and the range of careers that they cover. Further information about apprenticeships can be found in the school's Careers section of the website. [Mr Symes](#)



At the start of this half term

Mrs Raymond joined us as our new Careers Coordinator. Since starting, she has been leading on some Careers events in school as well as running one-to-one interviews with Year 11 and Sixth Form students. If you require guidance with your next steps after Beauchamps, whether that be after Year 11 or Sixth Form, please contact Mrs Raymond either via email nraymond@beauchamps.essex.sch.uk or in her office, which is next to the Admin Meeting Room. [Mr Symes](#).



PSHE/RSE

This half term Year 9 have been taking part in their series of RSE lessons, looking at issues such as the impact of social media on body image, consent, and contraception and STIs. Lessons have included lots of discussions and opportunities to ask questions, and we have had some very interesting discussions in lessons. Students have also had the opportunity to ask anonymous questions which are addressed in the final evaluation session.

Year 10 also had their RSE Impact Day, which took place in November. The year group had four sessions across two days, dealing with topic areas such as sex in the media, sex and the law, different types of relationships and accessing sexual health services. The year group conducted themselves very maturely through the sessions, and asked some excellent questions of the staff who took the sessions.

Some comments from year 10 students included:

It helped me understand about the different types of relationships and what to be aware of

Had a lot of new information I didn't know before

I liked it because it doesn't normally get taught

It was useful to know about the laws

We learned about all different forms of contraception and what they do, I learnt about different ones I didn't know before.

[Mrs Bell](#)



Meet some of the Trainee Teachers

Mr Jessop

My name is Mr Jessop and I am a trainee teacher of Computer Science. Before joining Beauchamps I completed a three-year Computer Science Degree at the University of Essex.

Becoming a teacher was always an idea in the back of my mind, but I did not actively pursue the idea until my third year of university when I was deciding what to do when I left. Teaching just made sense to me – having the ability to share my passion and knowledge for my subject with many bright minds is something I would love to do.

I am training on a 1-year pathway at the Billericay Education Consortium (BEC) where I will achieve a Qualified Teacher Status (QTS) and a Post-Graduate Certificate in Education (PGCE). I chose this pathway as I wanted to jump straight into the action and learn whilst on the job. I teach at Beauchamps for 4 days a week, and I attend lectures and study at Bromfords for 1 day a week. To achieve my QTS and PGCE I will have many observations on my lessons, and I will also have to submit lots of assignments and essays to both BEC and the University of Suffolk who oversee my QTS and PGCE respectively. It's a lot of work but it's very rewarding.

My experience at Beauchamps so far has been wonderful. The staff and students here have been friendly and welcoming, and I already feel a part of the Beauchamps community. I would like to give a massive thanks to Mrs Ritchin for being such a great Mentor to me, and to the rest of the Computer Science department who have all been so supportive and helped me settle into the school. I would also like to give a shout-out to the cover-supervisor team for being so kind and creating a warm environment in the staff room at lunch times – which is especially appreciated when I'm buried under assignments and essays!

In the future, I aspire to be an outstanding teacher who inspires his students and gets them interested in technology and the future it brings. This includes the Extra Curricular Coding Club that I am currently running which encourages students to think outside the box and create their own computer games – which has been great fun!



Miss Knight

I am Miss Knight and I am a trainee in the History department. I had previously spent almost four years working in sports broadcasting, working alongside others in the production of shows such as the Premier League, Champions League, a Tyson Fury fight or two and my last project was the Tokyo Olympics (in Manchester...). After four seasons worth of the same sports, I found myself getting quite bored. I had started so many applications to train to teach but kept delaying taking the plunge, but after the Covid-19 lockdowns and being able to re-evaluate how I wanted my future to go, I found this was the perfect time to change my career and train to teach.

I have wanted to teach since I was young as I loved school and I loved learning, but I was not the most confident public speaker so I did not want to train until I felt confident in that regard, which took a few years after I left university. In the mean time, I studied for my Masters degree, which is what I spent most of lockdown working on and worked on my public speaking skills in preparation.

I chose to train at Beauchamps, via BEC Teacher Training as I had heard wonderful things from friends who had been students here and the history curriculum had so many topics I was interested in, that it seemed like a great fit! It is also relatively local to where I live, so my dreaded commute from my old job was no longer a concern!

I was unsure what to expect when I started training, but I did know that I would be learning as much as I would be teaching and this was definitely an accurate assumption! The classes I help teach (and am starting to take over) are full of such wonderful students who all seem to genuinely be interested in some aspects History so I definitely think that has been a bonus. I have also been truly lucky to be working alongside a department who are very encouraging and supportive and are always happy to help when I have struggled with anything - so a special thanks to Miss Williams, Mr Tuhill, Mrs Conway, Miss Nunn, Mrs Bell and Mrs Tweedie!

My short term plan is to qualify as a History teacher, but for longer term I want to continue developing my skills and eventually take on more responsibilities - I have not decided what those are specifically quite yet though. I have also started to get involved in the Extra Curricular History Club with Mr Tuhill, where students come along and research areas of history that interest them, and recently been involved in a project on pirates!





Celebrating Staff

Mr Simpson

I began to study for my Chemistry degree whilst working as a money broker and realised after a time that I wanted to put my degree to use. This is when I decided that I wanted to enter the teaching profession and teach a subject I felt passionate about.

When I started to look at how to transition across, I saw the opportunity to join a SCITT programme. The reputation of BEC teacher training was very good and offered me the opportunity to have teaching experience alongside developing my theoretical and subject knowledge. I wanted to work at Beauchamps as its reputation in the local area is excellent.

Even though I am only at the very beginning of this journey at Beauchamps, I am already so impressed with the friendly, welcoming staff who are both dedicated and knowledgeable. I have really enjoyed meeting the students and working alongside them to support their learning in lessons and I am looking forward to continuing to do so in the coming months.

I believe some of the important qualities a teacher should have are an ability to communicate their subject knowledge well, motivate students and to be approachable. Having worked in the private sector for several years I realise the importance of education and the demands the workplace expects in terms of qualifications, I want to inspire students to be the best they can.

I am involved in the extra-curricular science club for years 7 and 8. So far, we have conducted a range of engaging practical experiments that allow the students to investigate and explore science at their own pace.

I would like to thank all the staff in the science department, especially my mentor, Mrs Kidman, for their support, guidance, and help. It has made me realise that this was definitely the right decision, and that this transition of career change has been more enjoyable and rewarding thanks to the support I have received.



Congratulations

As celebrated in the last Newsletter, The Chair and Vice Chair of Governors, Mr Geoff Flowers and Mrs Sharon Chan, recently presented certificates to these excellent teachers on completing their training and becoming fully qualified teachers.

Mrs Farrar-Gaskin

Are you thinking about teaching as a career?

If so, then Beauchamps High School runs a high quality, successful ITT programme as part of the Schools Direct and SCITT Programme in collaboration with Billericay Educational Consortium
- <http://secondary.billericayscitt.com/>

Beauchamps High School has been a graduate trainer for many years and so far has a 100% success record that has enabled over 60 candidates to successfully complete the ITT programme. Seventy-five percent of these trainees have been employed by the school and have gone on to start our Newly Qualified Teacher (NQT) programme.

Applications are made through the UCAS web portal <http://www.ucas.com/apply/teacher-training>

ALL references MUST be uploaded to UCAS before any applications can be seen. Candidates are required to have a degree in the subject they wish to teach or at least 50% of that subject. In addition you must pass your English and Maths skills test before the start of the course in July.

If you are interested in the Schools Direct Programme then please contact Mrs Farrar-Gaskin at afarrar-gaskin@beauchamps.essex.sch.uk for advice on how to apply and which course would be the most suitable. (Please see the Teaching advert on the back page also)



Year 11 Mock Breakfast Club



During the recent Year 11 mock exams, we ran a Breakfast Club for Year 11 students to come in, have some toast and a hot drink, and have some last-minute support from their teachers. This gave students an opportunity to relax and feel more prepared for their exams, particularly the ones taking place during their first lesson. This will take place again during the next set of mock exams in February so students can again look forward to being waited on by Mr Symes, Mrs Butler, Mrs Pepper, Mr Windeatt, and many other teachers! [Mr Symes](#)

Girls Football



An emotional roller-coaster! Impressive individual performances from every player involved, spurred on by a motivational and electric atmosphere from the many supporters. We were clinical in front of goal which sent the side through to the final against a strong Mayflower side. Both teams battled for the win, but the game ended as a draw with no goals, meaning penalties decided the fate of the winners. Nervous tension filled the air as players stepped up to take their penalties. Beauchamps ended the tournament with celebrations and winners of the U13 Basildon District Football League. [Miss Page](#)

Girls Basketball

The U16 Girls Basketball Team had their first game of the season and beat De la Salle School 32-18.

There was some amazing shooting from Charlee T and Eliza L, and an overall fantastic team effort. Well done ladies! [Mrs Smith](#)



Great Performance!



Cross Country Success

Congratulations to our individual District Cross-Country Champions



Miller P
Yr11

Jess G
Yr10

Laurence S
Yr9

Another great year with some outstanding individual and team performances.

Beauchamps Overall - 4th in the District (only 3 points separated 2nd - 4th positions!).

Team Performances

Year 7 Girls - 5th
Year 7 Boys - 3rd
Year 7 Overall - 4th

Year 8/9 Girls - 4th
Year 8/9 Boys - 3rd
Year 8/9 Overall - 3rd
Year 10/11 Girls - 3rd
Year 10/11 Boys - 1st

Year 10/11 Overall - 1st (District Team Champions)

Individual Performances

Year 9: Laurence S - **District Champion**
Year 10: Jess G - **District Champion**
Year 11: Miller P - **District Champion**

Miss Stibbs and all the staff in the PE Department are very proud of all of our runners.

[Miss Stibbs](#)



Congratulations to our District Cross-Country Team





Extra Curricular “Cook Off” Club



Food and Nutrition offer year 7 after school extra-curricular club. This club is called ‘cook off’, which varies each week with different things for the students to cook. Since September, we have made things such as firepit cupcakes for firework night, pumpkin muffins for Halloween and lemon muffins to link with our Eatwell guide. The students have thoroughly enjoyed coming every Tuesday after school. This allows students to build upon an introduction to Food and Nutrition before they start their year 7 rotation with Design and Technology. We will continue the club in the new year, more information will be sent out in January. [Miss Edwards and Miss Moore.](#)





Virtual Music Christmas Concert

Photos of Music teacher Mrs Hindle, directing and video recording the Christmas Concert.



Planning a Christmas concert is always one of my favourite times of the year. When everything is ready to go and the students are excited, all we need is for it to come together on the night. Unfortunately, as plans, especially in recent months, are having to change, we yet again find ourselves tasked with bringing the joy and excitement of a concert to a digital platform. You don't get the same atmosphere when it's on-line but the students have been amazing. Having a beautifully decorated stage and many very eager musicians to help, we have been able to create a lovely concert which can be saved as a memory for years to come. My congratulations to all the performers for their wonderful contributions.

Mrs Hindle





Art Art Clubs



Year 7 Art Club have been focusing on creating Pet Portraits and in the photograph you can see the end result of many week's hard work. Year 7 Art club runs every Tuesday 8.00-8.30 with Mrs Birkumshaw and Miss Moore, all students are welcome. [Miss Mallows](#)

Armistice Day Poppies



For Armistice Day, Year 8 Art Club each created their own felt remembrance poppy and wore with them pride. We are very proud of how great they all look. Year 8 Art club runs every Thursday 8.00-8.30 with Miss Moore, all students are welcome. [Miss Mallows](#)



Art

This year Textiles has been introduced for Year 8. So far students have learnt the basics of sewing by hand and importantly, how to set up and operate a sewing machine. To gain their 'Sewing Licence' students had to complete a map which includes manoeuvring roundabouts and straight lines, making sure to stay on the road! We are so impressed by how enthusiastic the students have been and proud of them for mastering the sewing machines. The project is based around food and packaging and we look forward to sharing their outcomes with you after Christmas. [Miss Mallows](#)



Our outstanding Art Committee began painting the stage in preparation for the Christmas Music Performance back in September, from painting the background trees to the hanging baubles and the angel. Every Monday after school the students have worked continuously throughout the term. Well done and a big thank you. After Christmas the Art Committee will continue to work on wider school projects. The committee is open to all year groups and takes place every Monday 2.45-3.30. [Miss Mallows](#)

ART COMMITTEE



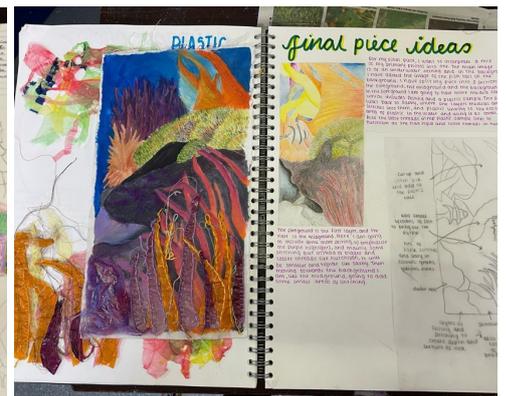
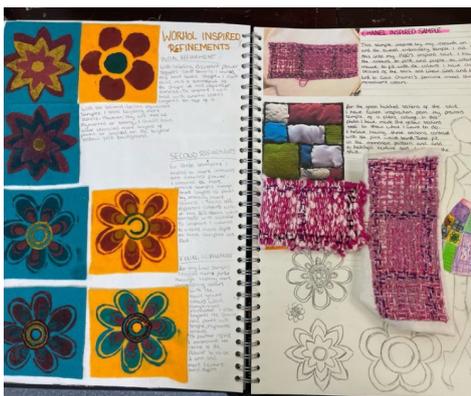
Spotlight on Art & Textiles A Level

Each Art and Textiles A Level student independently chooses their project and theme. Below you can see three year 12 projects that are underway.

Jen C's painting depicts two fellow students and focusing on the closeness and relationship between people. Naomi W is researching the affects of coral bleaching and experimenting with a variety of textures to create an underwater scene. Naomi is employing the use of colour and plastic within her textiles pieces.



Lastly Amy, has chosen Fashion through the 20th Century as her line of enquiry. To begin with Amy has studied the context of the 1960s, the prominent fashion pieces and the famous fine artists such as Andy Warhol to inspire her own skirt design. We are showing you just a snippet of their work and excited to see where their projects are leading. [Miss Mallows](#)





Learning Resource Centre Bring Your Teacher to Breakfast is back!

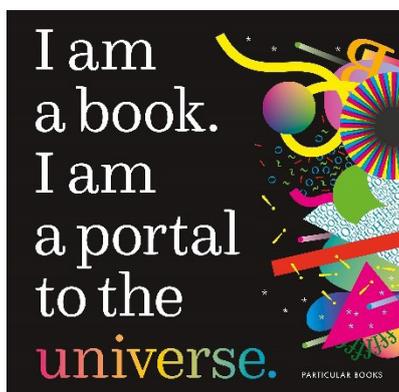
On Friday 26th November, 32 students were joined by 25 staff to share books and bacon butties in the long-awaited return of our Bring Your Teacher to Breakfast event. This is a termly session hosted in the Library, which gives our students a chance to read with their teachers and share some of their favourite books. Many thanks to all the staff who gave up their time to encourage our students' love of reading. [Mrs Perkins](#)



Thank you to Mrs Perkins for hosting

Bring Your Teacher to Breakfast in the LRC

Bookbuzz Reading Group Winner



Since the launch of the Award in October, members of our regular Friday reading group, Bookbuzz, have been reading and reviewing the shortlist for The Royal Society's Young People's Book Prize. This is an annual award for the best new science book for young people.

There was a very strong shortlist this year, but the book that won Beauchamps' vote was *I am a Book. I am a Portal to the Universe* by Stefanie Posavec & Miriam Quick. It is a fascinating book, covering a huge variety of scientific concepts from evolution to rising sea levels in an original, graphic format.

We have now started shadowing the Juniper Book Awards, reading and reviewing a shortlist of 6 fiction books. We are looking forward to the virtual Awards Ceremony in March, at which all of the shortlisted authors will appear. [Mrs Perkins](#)

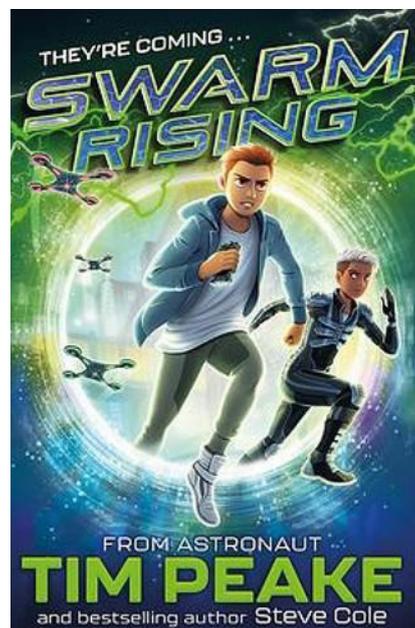
Christmas Book Gift Recommendations

Key Stage
3

"I really enjoyed reading this"

Co-written by astronaut Tim Peake, this is a great new sci-fi adventure which finds humanity in danger from a supposedly benevolent alien hive mind and only Danny and his best friend Jamila can avert catastrophe.

Perfect for years 7 & 8, particularly fans of Alex Rider or the Cherub series. [Mrs Perkins](#)





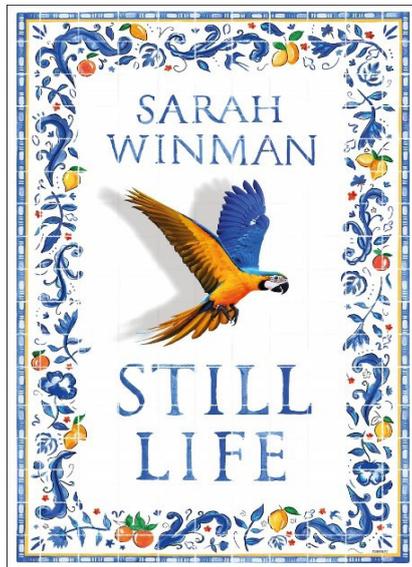
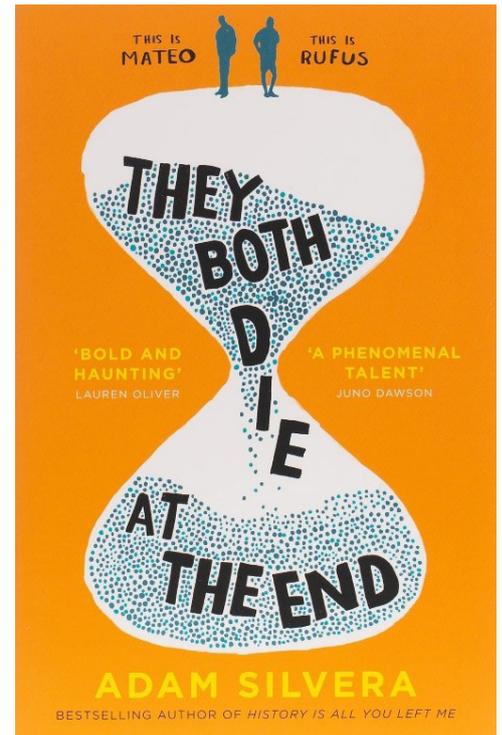
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Key Stage 4

“Definitely one to recommend”

This is a heart-stopping adventure for older teens, written by YA favourite, Adam Silvera.

On September 5th, a little after midnight, Death-Cast calls Mateo Torrez and Rufus Emeterio to give them some bad news: they’re going to die today. Mateo and Rufus are total strangers, but, for different reasons, they’re both looking to make a new friend on their End Day. The good news: there’s an app for that. It’s called the Last Friend, and through it, Rufus and Mateo are about to meet up for one last great adventure - to live a lifetime in a single day. [Mrs Perkins](#)

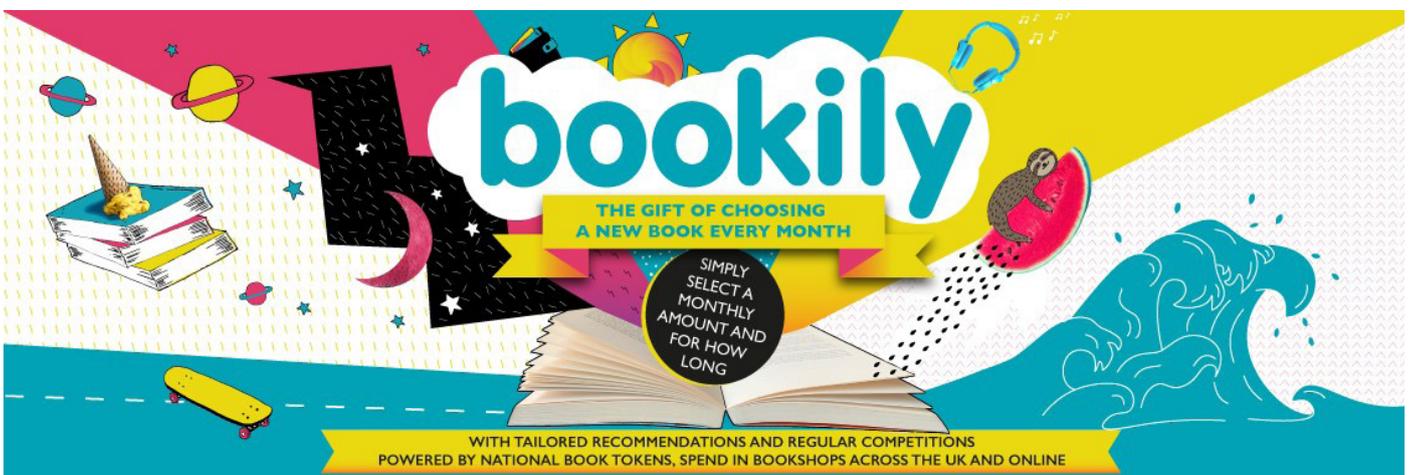


Sixth Form and Adult

“A great read”

“An excellent book”

A feel-good book with universal appeal, Still Life tells the enchanting tale of an unlikely friendship between a British soldier and an alleged spy in wartime Italy. Moving from the Tuscan Hills and piazzas of Florence, to the smog of London’s East End, it is a sweeping, joyful novel about beauty, love, family and fate. [Mrs Perkins](#)



If you really cannot decide on a single title, there is a new type of National Book Token, specifically designed for young people. Called Bookkily, it allows the giver to set up a monthly amount that is credited to the card, thereby allowing a whole year’s worth of new books to be chosen. Further details can be found here: <https://giftcards.nationalbooktokens.com/bookkily>. [Mrs Perkins](#)



Planting Saplings



The school made a successful bid to The Woodland Trust for some saplings to provide hedging and trees to plant around part of the perimeter of the school field to encourage wildlife and provide screening from the surrounding residential areas. Two small nurture groups were able to help with the planting of the saplings. Year 9s Jack H, Darren H, Bradley W, Jake S, Alfie D, Presley B and Alfie B. As well as year 7s Sacha V, Harrison S and Danny H. The groups learnt about the saplings and ways to encourage the plants to grow, they then placed plastic covers around the saplings. Thanks also to Premises Manager Mr Sheekey, and the Site Team for their help and taking the photos. [Miss Day](#).





Success beyond School Layla



Layla B managed to win a National Trampoline competition in her age group against a field of 64 other competitors. She went into the final in 5th place but performed to the highest level in order to win the competition in the final routine. She out-performed her goals and can now plan to train at higher levels ready for next season. [Miss Stibbs](#)

Sophie

Sophie L recently entered the Essex Junior Restricted Badminton tournament at Redbridge a couple of weeks ago. She played extremely well getting into the semi-final of the Girls Singles and reached the final with her partner in the Girls Doubles winning a Silver Medal. Sophie plays/trains four times a week and some weekends training for her county team also. She is assisting in coaching in the week too. Her coach and also ourselves has tremendous praise for the effort she puts in, not only does it keep her fit but also is good for her well being. Her coach is always encouraging her with the sport she enjoys it may not be a school sport but she puts in 100%. [Miss Stibbs](#)



Congratulations to Zowie

The PE Department were thrilled to learn recently that Zowie D in year 11, has been named Young Sports Personality of the Year for the borough at the Active Basildon awards.

This is a fantastic achievement for Zowie having been runner-up for the last 2 years. [Miss Stibbs](#)

We are always pleased to hear of and share "Success beyond School" stories of present or past students. Please email them to the school. [Miss Randall](#)





Y7 & Y8 Students in Action recently



Excellent Homeworks

By 8yEn1 with Miss Blucher



8y2Tx with Miss Moore have all passed their sewing machine tests and received licences to sew!



7MSFd making Apple Crumble with Miss Edwards





Y7 & Y8 Students in Action recently



7PHFd making Apple Crumble with Miss Edwards



7RPFd making Apple Crumble with Miss Edwards



Congratulations to form 8TH - top attendance for the last half term



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Grilling the Teachers!



**Mrs Larson
and
Miss Lester**



What's your favourite film?
Dr Strangelove
My Best Friend's Wedding

What is your favourite quote from a film or book?
"Even smiling makes my face ache!" from The Rocky Horror Picture Show
"You're never gonna be jello!" from My Best Friend's Wedding

What is your favourite meal of the day?
I like breakfast but for dinner I love pancakes with maple syrup eggs with syrup bacon with more syrup!
Carbonara and garlic bread - I could eat it every day

What are you most proud of in the last year?
My yr10 English class and the progress they have made
Getting a rescue dog, Millie (chihuahua and shitzuzu)

What are you proudest of in life?
Most proud of my daughter and my education
My diverse career so far

A genie gives you 3 wishes what are they?
I wish for my family and myself to be healthy, my daughter to have happiness and success in the world and my students to get good grades!
Win the lottery
For my students to have confidence in themselves and finally a machine that cooks dinner!

If you could have any other job, what would it be ?
Zoologist
An actor or a casting director

What famous person dead or alive would you like to meet?
Stalin, because I think he's one of the most interesting dictators in history and I enjoy soviet political intrigue
William Shakespeare, I would discuss my favourite play, poems of the era, get him to write a sonnet about me and ask him about his lost years

If you could relive a year of your life which one and why?
2003 - when I was 20 years old because I took my youth for granted
2011 - I was 21 years old and wish I had not wasted it and not worried about things that I should not have been worried about at 21!

What's the scariest thing you've done and would you do it again?

Moved to a new country where I hardly knew anyone and would do it again
A Ghost walk through Epping Forest and I would do it again I love being scared

Do you have any strange family traditions?
We always eat pierogies on Christmas Day
When I was younger my sisters and I used to run around in circles to see who fell over first and we still do it to this day!

Do you like sports If so which sport and team?
I like ice hockey and support the Ottawa Senators
I like boxing but I don't follow a particular boxer

Where would be your dream holiday?
The Maldives - I want to be secluded in a hut all alone

What's the best advice you have received?
Take things one step at a time

What super power would you have if you could?
I wish I had the super power of a 'silver tongue' meaning I could make anyone do what I want!
Manipulating time because when students are getting noisy, I could freeze them and recover the moment!

Marvel or DC fan? Favourite character ?
DC all the way because I think Batman is the best hero as he is a normal man and rises to conquer impossible situations
Marvel - Black Widow she's a fierce female, she's independent, and she's brave and loyal

If you could time travel, what time would you go to?
Regency England and pretend I'm in Bridgerton
To the 1950's so I can jive on the dance floor!

What is the perfect way of spending your birthday ?
With cake... lots of cake!

Lie in, breakfast in bed - bacon sandwich and ketchup. I'd go out for lunch with family and friends preferably a buffet and the perfect evening would be going to a sing along!

Thank you!

Interviews conducted
by **Taylor B, Year 13**



Students do Good Deeds



Mr Harper was delighted to reward students with official Beauchamps High School inscribed pens for Good Deeds: Harry W year 8 found and handed in a pair of eye pods in the playground way back in June (as a year 7!) and so we are pleased to have finally caught up with him to thank him for doing this, and George L year 9 who more recently found and handed in a mobile phone. Both items were reunited with their grateful owners. [Miss Randall](#)

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Students break up for Half Term on Friday 11th February, returning on Monday 21st February 2022.

Contact Information

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We aim to respond to any queries and/or complaints within three working days and respond to telephone calls within five rings during the normal school day.