

Beauchamps News



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Year 11 Presentation Evening

Headteacher's Letter



Mr Harper and special guest Kimba the Performance Poet were delighted to present last year's Year 11 students with their school certificates and to reward students for achievements and services to the school. Pictured above are all the major award winners at the Presentation Evening on 8 December 2022.

Below, some current year 12 students and some former students receiving their certificates. More photographs and a list of the prize winners on the following pages...[Miss Randall](#)

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 busy and exciting few weeks.

In October we were delighted to be able to hold our Open Evening for prospective parents; it was wonderful to invite parents and students 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 incredibly useful event for all concerned, with students keen to explore the many options on offer. We were also thrilled to be able to host our annual Year 11 Presentation Evening, which was attended by huge numbers of parents/carers and students; it was a real treat to be able to reward students who worked so hard last year for their results. In addition, the Christmas concert was a real festive occasion; you can read more about this in this newsletter. Similarly, the traditional last day of term Sixth Form Revue was able to go ahead, and we hope it spread some Christmas spirit amongst the students, along with the Christmas jumper day which raises money for local charities chosen by the Sixth Form.

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 2023.

Mr Harper,
Headteacher





Presentation Evening





Presentation Evening

During the evening the Year Group's Year Leader Mrs Smith addressed the audience along with Mr Harper and Kimba. Senior Student Ambassador Sophie J of Year 13 also made a presentation and thanked Kimba for presenting the awards on behalf of the school.

Further awards were presented to the latest Beauchampions.(pictured below). Congratulations to everybody who received awards, the evening was a great success! [Miss Randall](#)



List of Award Winners

- Kiera Fautley Memorial Award For GCSE Academic Achievement Katie C
- John Davies Award For GCSE Academic Achievement Alfie H and Archie R
- Outstanding Performance In A Vocational Qualification Award Millie C
- The Art and Design Award Logan S
- Business Achievement Award Luke C
- The Computer Science Award Ethan M
- The Construction Award Dyllon B
- The Design and Technology Award Emily L
- The English Award Jared S, Mia C and Oliver G
- The Enterprise Award Connor R
- The Ethics, Religion and Philosophy Award Molly C
- French Achievement Award Ellie H
- Kathryn Edwards Memorial Trophy For Geography Phyllis I
- The Hairdressing Award Hollie-Marie H
- The History Award Henry S
- The Information Technology Award Toby G
- The Maths Award Lenny W
- Media Achievement Award Valentina S
- Pitman Award For Music Leila A
- The Performing Arts Award Bethany W
- The Psychology Award Jasmine S
- Kim Goldspink Award For Science Alfie H
- The Skills Learning (ASDAN) Award Bethany W
- Sports Award Millie C
- Headteacher's Award Beauchamps High School Service in Year 11 Miller P
- Annual Governors' Award Valentina S
- Alec Draycott Award For Outstanding Peer Support Harriet M
- Winifred Maud Cuthbert Award For Special Endeavour Jasmine S
- Maggie Beauchamp Award Send Student Of The Year Jack G

A special thank you to [Miss Cooper](#) for taking all the photographs on the evening.

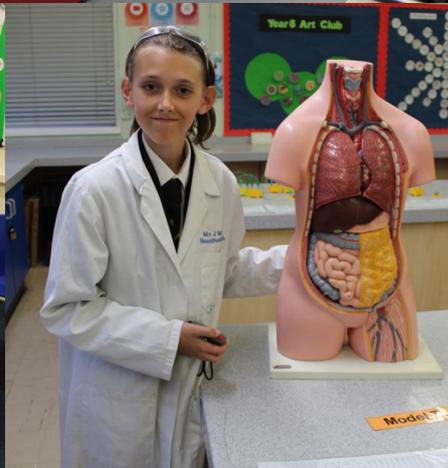


Open Evening





Open Evening



For the first time since 2019, the school had the opportunity to host a normal Open Evening, and invite prospective students and their parents/carers in to school to experience a small snapshot of what this wonderful school has to offer. The school was certainly buzzing with excitement and both staff and students put on a display to be proud of, to maintain the high standards we aspire to. [Miss Randall](#)



Open Evening - French Cakes

The French department invited year 7 students to take part in a “Beauchamps French Bake Off” and show off their baking skills to our visitors on Open Evening. There was a voting system in place and prizes were awarded to the best 3 show-stoppers.



The cakes we received were certainly show-stoppers! They tasted delicious too. Thank you and well done to everyone who took part.

Our 3 winners were:

- 1st Alys H,
- 2nd Mason G
- 3rd Maisie G

Our budding bakers in year 7 would've scored 10/10 from Paul Hollywood!

Our runners up were:

- Eliza C, Kelsey M, Eva B, Oliver M & Kyan D,
- Tyler M, Claudia B, Mia W and Archie B.

Miss Hunt



During the autumn term, Mrs Lefever and Mrs Amooore have been running after-school French Clubs at a local primary school for years 5 and 6. There will be a report in the next issue of the Newsletter in February 2023.



Poppies for Remembrance Day



It was all hands on deck throughout October as the Textiles Club were working hard to prepare over 100 individual poppies to construct into a commemorative display to go in the main reception of school for Remembrance Day. Students learnt new techniques such as mono-print, batik, stencilling and silk painting during club time and their designs were then combined and stitched into two large free-standing Poppies. We were so proud of their achievements and creativity. A special thank you to Mrs Hollywell and the Sixth Form helpers for their support. Congratulations to all. [Miss Moore](#)

Wickford Remembrance Day Service

Former Beauchamps student Corporal Songhurst, was once again involved with the planning and organisation of the Wickford Remembrance Day Service this year. Corporal Songhurst has taken on this role a number of times and this year Sofia B, a year 10 student, was selected to read a poem at the service.

Many people who attended congratulated Sofia on her recital, and Mr Harper subsequently received two letters from attending dignitaries, praising Sofia on her performance. Sofia is pictured below with Corporal Songhurst and with Mr Harper who rewarded Sofia with a school-inscribed pen. [Miss Cooper](#)



On Sunday the 13th November, I volunteered to recite a poem at the Memorial Park to represent Beauchamps in honouring those who gave up their lives for our country in the war. At 10:45 the parade arrived along with many members of the public who had taken time out of their day to pay their respects

After the Minister's speech highlighting the importance of peace, there was the reading of the names; a list of those who died from our own community here in Wickford. This was followed by the last post and the annual two-minute silence.

The laying of the wreaths followed, and was the main part of the ceremony, soldiers past and present were joined by Guides, Brownies, Scouts, the police, and paramedics to lay their wreaths symbolic of their respect. I too laid a wreath on behalf of Beauchamps High School, it was an incredible honour but a nerve-racking experience too, as there were so many people of different ages present.

At last, it was time for me to read the poem: '50 Years Late' written by Jodie Johnson aged 9, a simple but moving piece about how the younger generation is unable to thank those who sacrificed themselves for us.

I hope many students will take this opportunity in the future to continue this partnership with the community and to pay their respects to those who died for us. **Lest we forget.** [Sofia B Year 10](#)



Poppy Selling Students

We are grateful to one of the boy's parents for sharing this story with us...Jay R and Jenson E of year 8, have both recently joined the Air Cadets and their parents are super proud of them, as they wanted and volunteered to sell poppies.

They started at 9am on a Saturday in Wickford, and were there all day until around 3pm despite the horrible rain!

They don't have cadet uniforms yet so had to wear school uniform. They both took part in the Remembrance Day Parade on 13 November. We are proud that two of our students are doing amazing things in their own time. Well done boys! [Miss Randall](#)



The SEND Page



Our Preparing for Adulthood Year 10 class took part in a trip to the Wickford Memorial Park on Remembrance Day. Here they took time to look at the memorial plaques and take photos for their evidence files. When back in school in their PFA classes they then researched the names of the people and found out about their lives. This was a wonderful way to remember people from our community who have given their lives in battle.



**The Beauchamps Family,
is an Inclusive Family**



Just a few reminders of SEND specific clubs we have running and new ones we would like to introduce next term!

Firstly, our SEND Football team training is up and running again. All students with any additional needs are welcome to come and play football and make new friends every Tuesday 14.45 – 15.45. We meet on the 3G pitch straight after school. [Miss Clarkson](#)





SEND News extra!

Parent Support Group

We have also re-started our Parent Support Group, facilitated by Mrs Long and Jane Morgan (ex parent of the school and simply fantastic lady who has seen it all when raising three wonderful boys with SEND needs and navigated the schooling system both mainstream and special).

The forthcoming dates of the group which will be hosted at Beauchamps are:-

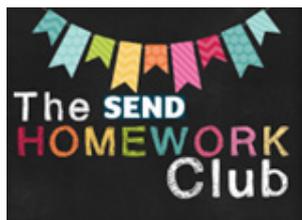
Friday 23 January 2023 – 11.15am to 12.45pm
Friday 10 February 2023 – 11.15am to 12.45pm



SEND Lunchtime Activity Clubs

Currently we are hosting Wii Sports club in BE4 every Wednesday 13.00 – 13.30.
For further information see Mrs J Edwards.

On Fridays all SEND students are welcome to attend BE4 at lunch time. 13.00 – 13.30, for relaxation activities such as listening to calming music



A reminder we have SEND Homework club running daily in The Flexible Learning Centre from 8.00am with Mr Souter. Please book in with Mr Souter, he will help you complete your homework and then hand it to your teachers.

We are going to start a SEND Wellbeing Club after school on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays in January. We have noticed some of our SEND children prefer to stay a little later to avoid all the busy crowds walking home and some find it a little unsettling going home and waiting on their own until parents / carers return from work. We wanted to try to help our families by providing a welcoming place after school where our children could wait, take part in wellbeing and mindfulness activities until 15.30. All SEND children are welcome and the club will start on Monday 9th January in BE4. If you are interested in attending, please speak to Miss Clarkson.



Happy sweet 16 to one of our SEND Ambassadors Louie!



A quick reminder this is the link to the Essex SEND local offer;

Services and support for special educational needs and disability

Information about support services and local opportunities for children and young people with SEND – find what you need all in one place

<http://www.essexlocaloffer.org.uk/>

Wishing your all a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!
We look forward to seeing you all in the new year
Miss Clarkson and The Learning Support Department





Sports Day 1 Cross-Country Races

This year sees the inaugural Beauchamps extended Years 7-9 Sports Day programme with Sports Day 1 Cross-Country Races in Autumn, Sports Day 2 Boys and Girls Football Tournaments in Spring and the traditional Athletics-based activities in Summer, which will now become Sports Day 3. Points will be accumulated from each Sports Day to give the eventual winners at the end of the school year.

On 8 November, the Cross-Country races took place which involved running a number of roped-off laps around the playing field. Representatives from each form wore different coloured bibs and thank you to the numerous Sixth Formers for helping PE staff to time and count the competitors as they completed each lap. [Mr Byford](#)



Above, Mr Byford with the year 9 Girls and Boys individual winners.

Below Mr Byford and Mr Carroll with 9CC, the leading year 9 form after the Cross-Country races.



Below, the start of the Year 8 Cross-Country race. Boys and Girls ran together.



Sports Day 1 Cross-Country Races



Above, Miss Page with the year 8 Boys and Girls individual winners.
Below Mr Byford and Miss Windeatt with 8GW, the leading year 8 form after the Cross-Country races.



Special Congratulations to all the Individual Winners
Year 7 Girls - 1st Lois A, 2nd Heidi B, 3rd Kiera N : Year 7 Boys - 1st Kyan D, 2nd Stanley B, 3rd Kairon M
Year 8 Girls - 1st Ella W, 2nd Amelia W, 3rd Sienna H : Year 8 Boys - 1st Luke K, 2nd Ernest S, 3rd Billy C
Year 9 Girls - 1st Freya D, 2nd Millie P, 3rd Tayla R : Year 9 Boys - 1st Alfie E, 2nd Finley C, 3rd Harry C



Above, Mr Hunter with the year 7 Girls and Boys individual winners.
Below Miss Page with 7HP, the leading year 7 form after the Cross-Country races.

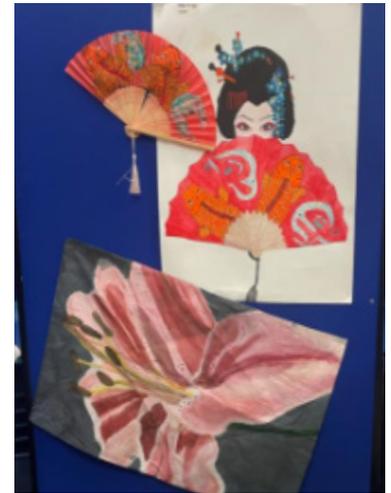
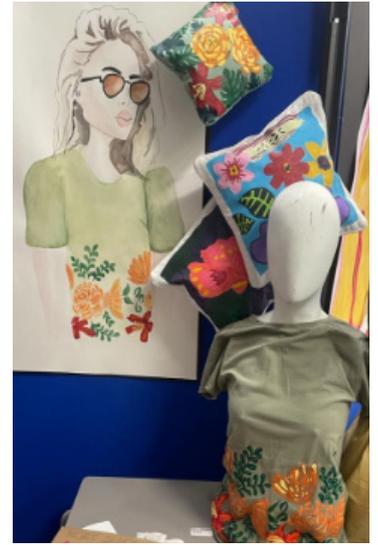




ART & TEXTILES EXHIBITION

At the end of the last academic year we exhibited the Art and Textiles GCSE and A Level work.

Until now, we could not share photos of their incredible outcomes due to Exam regulations. We think you will agree there is a huge variety of final pieces produced and the talent is clear for all to see. We hope to see many more familiar faces in next annual Exhibition which takes place in May 2023 for the current Year 11 and 13. [Mrs Mallows](#)



Art Excellence Award



These students have all amazed the Art Department with their standard of work and outstanding attitude. Only one person per year group was selected from Art or Textiles for the awards for this latest half-term.

Mrs Mallows

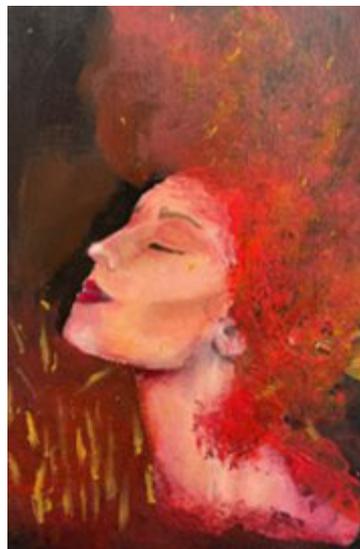
- Ostap H (Yr 7)
- Mylee B (Yr 8) and Paige C (Yr 8)
- Pheobe S (Yr 9) and Jenna C (Yr 9)
- Millie S (Yr10) and Sofia B (Yr10)
- Leona L (Yr11) and Alex N (Yr11)
- Emily G (Yr12)
- Amy W (Yr13)

YEAR 12 ART AND TEXTILES



This half-term has been very rewarding for Year 12 students, beginning their own chosen themes and experimenting with their ideas. After Christmas students begin working larger scale and creating imaginative outcomes. The experiments below range from oil pastel and paint, mono-print to stencilling and colour pencil.

Mrs Mallows





THE ART COMMITTEE

The Art Committee have been busy creating the Christmas Music Production back drop since October. Whilst painting the scene of a Christmas Fictional Village. The students had lots of fun and had the chance to work together on a larger than life project! Great effort from all involved.

[Mrs Birkumshaw](#)



Gifted Art Workshops

The Gifted Art group have been focusing on working three dimensional this half term, and have all fired a clay sculpture in the kiln. We have had many successes and enjoyed seeing the students work larger scale with a 3D material and experiment with glazing.

We have now turned our hand to mastering charcoal, beginning with large portraits that are inspired by light and darkness. I look forward to sharing the next outcomes with you in the New Year.

[Mrs Mallows](#)





YEAR 8 TEXTILES



Year 8 gained their sewing machine driving licences this term by completing a skills test with Mrs Hollywell in their textiles lessons. All students learnt how to set up a machine independently, insert a bobbin and control the machine speed and direction. Some great mastery and skill was seen and we saw all students experiment with this equipment without the fear of failure. Students now move on to using these skills in their next when constructing their own 3D food packaging designs. Well done Year 8!

Miss Moore and Mrs Mallows



TEXTILES CLUB

We were delighted with our Textiles Club for producing the Remembrance Day Poppies for the Main Reception Area at the front of the school. You can see these on Page 7 of this Newsletter. Here are some close-up photos showing the work that went into the design.

Mrs Mallows



TEXTILES CLUB



The end of November saw students create their own Pudsey Bears in Textiles club for Children in Need.

Students had to learn the skills of pattern cutting, pinning and sewing to turn a 2D pattern into a 3D product. They showed great independence in following their step by step guide and enjoyed helping each other to ensure they were completed to take home for the big night on 18th November.

Miss Moore





TEXTILES
CLUB



The last project of the year in KS3 textiles club was the Christmas stocking project. So many students were keen to make these to give as gifts and pets were a popular choice! There were multiple designs and ideas on show and a variation of both hand and machine sewn creations.

Our sixth form ambassadors were on hand to help with machine skills and assist with the completion of these festive creations. A big thank you to Amy, Freya, Lorena, Bella and Lacey for giving your time and helping to make the club so enjoyable for all. [Miss Moore](#)

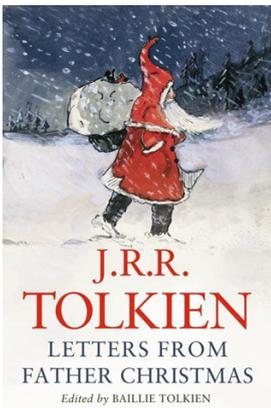


Learning Resource Centre

Reading is for Life.... Not Just for Christmas.

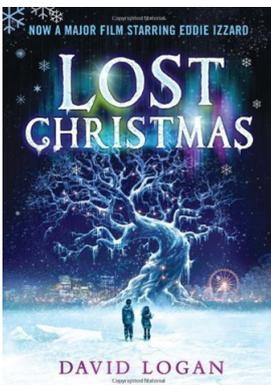
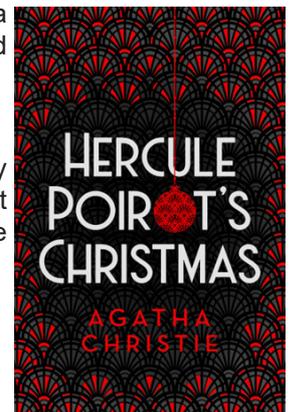
If you are looking for a great Christmas read, why not try some of these suggestions?

[Mrs Perkins](#)



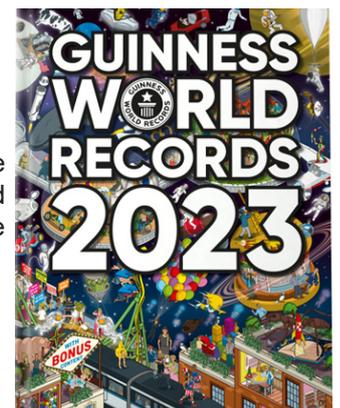
Did you know that J.R.R. Tolkien, writer of the Lord of the Rings trilogy, also published the letters he wrote for his children each **Christmas in Letters from Father Christmas**? The North Pole is portrayed in a distinctly Tolkienian way, full of fantasy and mischievous reindeer and polar bears.

If you're looking for a traditional Christmas mystery, you could try Agatha Christie's **Hercule Poirot's Christmas**. However, you may not wish to invite the whole family for Christmas ever again once you have read this twisty murder mystery.



A great YA fiction book for the season is **Lost Christmas** by David Logan. Set on Christmas Eve, this moving, magical and thought-provoking fairy-tale for older readers makes an ideal story for the festive season.

An annual favourite; the **Guinness Book of Records** is still the bestselling book for children each Christmas. Full of weird and wonderful achievements, it is the perfect book to dip into over the holidays.



**“A Very Happy Christmas
from Mrs Perkins and Mrs Butler”**



Learning Resource Centre

Bring Your Teacher to Breakfast

One of our favourite Literacy events took place in the Learning Resources Centre on Thursday 24th November. A number of students, who have been taking part in some of our Literacy programmes, came along before school to share their reading journey with members of staff. Over a tasty breakfast they shared a range of new and favourite books, many of the participants - staff and students alike – leaving with a book to read at home. The photos below are from our last Teachers breakfast reading event in June 2022. [Mrs Perkins](#)



Festive Literacy Saturday School

A keen group of students joined Miss Lester & Mrs Perkins on Saturday 3rd December to work on some Christmas poetry. After reading the festive favourite, 'Twas the Night Before Christmas, they learned something about its history and original publication. Two hundred years old next Christmas, this poem is often shared by families on Christmas Eve. In 2005, the then Poet Laureate, Carol Ann Duffy rewrote the poem for the 21st Century. Although many modern additions were made, the traditional reindeer names and the final line remained constant.

After discussing the similarities and differences between the two poems, the students then created their own versions. Careful planning took place, and a range of festive vocabulary was learned. The excellent work produced reflected a very personal idea of Christmas for many of the students.

Parents were invited to see the final poems over mince pies and a hot drink and were very impressed with the quality of the students' work. [Mrs Perkins](#)



The return of Kimba

When performance poet and rapper, Kimba agreed to attend our Presentation Evening as guest of honour, we could not wait to introduce our latest year 7 students to him. As in previous visits, Kimba delighted the audience his witty and meaningful poetry, complete with audience participation. The whole of year 7 were clapping along, creating the rhythmic background to his work. He took time to sign autographs and copies of his book, before heading to the LRC for a workshop with some of our year 9 boys. Once again, some excellent work was produced as a result of his inspiring guidance. [Mrs Perkins](#)





Year 9 Business Students

Year 9 Business and Enterprise students designed and produced their own products to sell at the Wickford Christmas Market. They made hot chocolate reindeers, Sweetie Cones and environmentally friendly reindeer food.

The students attended the market on Saturday 10 December from 8am in the morning in very cold weather conditions of -4°C! Their customer service was excellent and they raised **£369.90 for Cancer Research UK.**

This is a comment we have received from a member of the public...

Some of your students had a stall in Wickford market today selling chocolate and sweet cones in aid of Cancer research. These students who were there at 8am, were a shining example to not only the parents but also the school. They were friendly, polite and informed me whom they were raising money for.

Please pass my comments onto their teachers, to them and their parents. I would be interested to know how much they raised. Kind Regards, Lynne.

We are very proud of them, well done to the Enterprise Club. [Mrs St.John](#)





Cross-Country District Champions



I am pleased to announce that we have been crowned District Champions for Cross Country this year. This really is an incredible achievement as our district is very competitive.

Cross Country really is a team effort, with over 60 students representing the school on the day and despite us having some amazing individual successes, there were some equally impressive performances from others who finished in the Top 20.

How the scoring works is the first 6 back from teams of 10 score points; so, it is crucial that the other runners in the team are closely behind the top pack. All the students really bought into this teamwork ethic with students working incredibly hard to stay close to the front pack and performing well above expectations. Every race, we saw waves of Red Beauchamps vests finishing in the top 20 leading to some brilliant scores.

Students have shown great character and commitment over the course of this year by attending two morning running clubs a week on top of a Saturday morning run in the build-up to the event. It's safe to say they really did earn this success and showed what you put in, really is what you get out. [Mr Byford](#)



Lois A - Yr7 Girl - District Champion



Ollie S - Senior Boy - Runner Up
Laurence S - Senior Boy - Bronze

U14 Girls Football District Champions

The U14 Girls Football Team recently became District Football Champions for the second year running! They came top of the table with 12 points and won every game!

Congratulations to Lilly C, Olivia D, Farrah H, Ellis T, Demi I, Izzy G, Sophie H, Gabriela K, Bella D, Brooke T and Roxanne D.

[Miss Page](#)





Senior Leadership Team

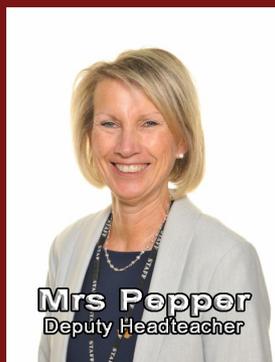
Mr David Fitzsimmons has recently been appointed as an Associate Assistant Headteacher and has joined the SLT. We wish him every success in his new role. [Mr Harper](#)



Mrs Frost
Business Manager



Miss Randall
Assistant Headteacher



Mrs Pepper
Deputy Headteacher



Mr Symes
Associate Assistant
Headteacher



Miss Clarkson
Assistant Headteacher
(SENCO)



Mr Liddell
Deputy Headteacher



Mr Harper
Headteacher



Mr Windeatt
Deputy Headteacher



Mr Beaumont
Associate Assistant
Headteacher



Mr Kidman
Associate Assistant
Headteacher



Mrs Butler
Acting
Deputy Headteacher



Miss Bailey
Associate Assistant
Headteacher



Mr Fitzsimmons
Associate Assistant
Headteacher



Mrs Chandler
Human Resources
Manager



Mr Mower
Strategic Family
Support Lead



Jack Petchey Award Winners

Congratulations to the latest winners of the prestigious Jack Petchey Awards. All staff and students are invited to nominate students and a committee selects the winners. These were the nominations for the winners. [Mr Beaumont](#)

I nominate [Sophie J- Year 13](#) for the Jack Petchey Award. I have only been teaching at Beauchamps High School a short while, but long enough to know how much of a positive impact Sophie has had on not only the other students at Beauchamps, but also the staff. Sophie's determination to achieve brilliant grades in all subjects is outstanding, her hard work and dedication to learning is clear to see in all subjects.

Not only is Sophie a fantastic student in her subjects. But she is also a brilliant role model to the younger students. From representing the school in numerous successful sports teams throughout the years, to now helping to coach and support the younger years in numerous sports including Netball, Cross-Country, Athletics and Rounders. In Sophie's spare time she will assist on coaching extra curricular clubs, umpire netball games, officiate at events, and lots more. It is clear to see that students from year 7 all the way to year 13 really do look up to Sophie as a role model really to respect her advice and coaching.

She has more recently been a brilliant ambassador at our sixth form open evening, where she spoke to Year 11 students and parents about our school. Both her knowledge and how she spoke to parents was exceptional. Thank you Sophie for all your hard work and dedication to the P.E. department.

[Sophie writes...](#) I was nominated for the award because I have been volunteering in sports clubs and events and working with students of all years while at these clubs. I have been running sessions for younger years in netball and working with them from the start of the year to help them improve their technique and learn new skills. I have also been going to matches to umpire and going to events to continue

to give advice and coaching to the students I have been working with at other clubs such as running and rounders. Furthermore, I have volunteered at open evening for both lower school and Sixth Form where I spoke to parents and took tours around the school. Winning the award has meant a lot to me as I have loved being able to work students in the younger years and watch their success in the sports I have been involved in and I have enjoyed sharing my experiences with new parents and students looking at the school. It is an honour to receive this award and be recognised by the teachers and students for the work I put into school and volunteering and I have decided to give my grant to the PE department as they have always encouraged me to try new things and helped me become the person I am and I hope this grant can help more students try new sports and find an enjoyment in sport.

[I'd like to nominate \[Valentina S- year 12\]\(#\)](#). She is working in her second language and is naturally a very shy person. She gives 100% in all her lessons and homeworks, she is supportive of a non-GCSE student who is taking A Level and she has reached the highest mark in the recent Y12 examination. When I predicted Valentina a Level 9 in the GCSE, she actually came quietly to point out that she thought I had made a mistake but I reassured her that she is extremely bright and that perhaps working in her second language had not allowed her to realise that. She got the Level 9 at GCSE. This year, I gave her a personal target of speaking up more and she has responded well in class and has volunteered to support the department in both the Open Evening and Sixth Form Options evenings. She has made a concerted effort to interact with visitors and to explain the subject to those who are encountering it for the first time. I have been really impressed by her volunteering answers in class and it's been so good to see her grow in confidence. I think this award would really cement her progress and allow her to realise what an excellent Media student she is.

[Valentina writes...](#) I was told I have been nominated because of my efforts in class, attempts to step out of my comfort zone and my overall results. Working in my second language and having to deal with my anxiety every day feels a lot like having to walk on thin ice while also being blindfolded for a lot of the time, I'm blinded to what I can achieve because of these struggles.

Media helped me realize that, with passion and perseverance, I can achieve more than what I tell myself. Last year, in year 11, I was told my target grade for Media, and I was convinced they had made a mistake. It was a 9! My grades were mostly average back then, so the thought of my teacher believing in me enough to predict such an unbelievable grade really made me rethink my ability to achieve something more. Despite the constant thoughts that told me it was a stretch, I pushed through and just tried my hardest regardless... and I managed to reach that target! I like to think that 'push' caused all my other subject grades to rise also.

This year, I am trying harder to speak and involve myself as much as possible, and although the ice I feel I'm on is still as fragile as ever, I've really been taking more care of my mind while still stumbling out of my comfort zone and subsequently, away from the 'blindfold' that kept me away from achieving anything. My lovely Media teachers have given me the target to speak my mind more and put myself out there, so I took the opportunity to help out at Open Evening and Sixth Form Options Evening, despite how scary it all seemed in my head; and it went great! The money will go to the department that has always made me feel capable: the Media department. Thank you for this honour.

[Lacey-Faith G- year 10](#) has been helping out in my textiles club after school since September and has been a great addition in terms of her motivating younger students. I think she needs to be recognised for this as she gives her time freely and is so friendly and supportive to the younger years- especially year 7. I have some older students that help too, but they do this more to gain recognition for UCAS applications and DofE. Lacey-Faith has volunteered herself without being asked and has nothing to 'gain'. Every week she turns up and never complains at anything she is asked to do. Sometimes proving more helpful than the older students! I just feel that she has been very selfless in her want to help others, as well as sharing her passion. She is a great role model and is inspiring the younger years with her passion.





Meet the new Trainee Teachers

Every year at Beauchamps, we interview and recruit new staff to train as teachers; some are former students such as Mr Tuhill of History and Mr Harris of Mathematics. There are many different options available to becoming fully a qualified teacher and each year we ask the latest trainee teachers to share their experiences in the hope of encouraging new people to train to be teachers with Beauchamps in the future. If you would like to know more please contact Mrs Conway via the school. [Mrs Conway, ITT Coordinator.](#)

Miss McLennan



I was the student in school who was always helping everyone to stay on task and help others. My teachers constantly tried to tell me to become a teacher. I always doubted my ability and never thought I could become a teacher. I left school and trained as dental nurse and stuck with it for six years. With age, I became more confident, and I took the courage to study Biology at the UoG. I now believe I can relate to students who doubt their ability and want to help students develop a growth mindset toward learning.

I have a huge passion for all aspects of Biology (even plants!), I can't wait to infect students with a love and curiosity for science. I believe a passion for a subject is key to engaging students, I want to support pupils and show them that you can achieve anything if you work hard!

After six years of dental nursing, I am now completing an ITT with Billericay Education Consortium and expecting to complete my training in June. Even though it is early into the training I feel extremely lucky to be placed at Beauchamps, everyone is so welcoming and supportive. A huge

thank you to all the teachers who have allowed me to observe their lessons outside of the science department. A massive thank you to the whole science department (all 18 of them). I feel so supported by everyone, and cannot thank them enough for all the help so far. A huge thank you to my mentor - Mrs Bagshaw, who challenges me with new targets weekly to develop skills to become a great teacher. A huge thank you also to Mr Wavell and Mr Barnett who have been incredible in helping me take responsibility for a year 7 class. I am excited to face challenges over the upcoming months of training and feel extremely lucky to train in such a supportive school.

Mr Phipps

I have been teaching as an unqualified Science teacher for a number of years at various schools across Essex and was keen to build on this experience by getting my teaching qualification. Beauchamps had an excellent reputation and so I began my training here in September 2022, meaning that I will become qualified for September 2023. I have taken the PGCE training course through Essex School Direct and so far have found the experience enjoyable. There have been some tough times but this is expected with any training year, but I have been pleased with my progression so far. In my extra-curricular time I am currently helping with the interventions for year 11 in Science on a Thursday after school, and am hoping to get involved with the cricket club in the summer months. I would like to thank the Science department for their amazing support so far, that I'm sure will continue through to the end of the year.



Miss Kelly

After completing my Drama and Theatre degree, I worked with young people with additional needs for a couple of years. I always knew teaching was the career I wanted to pursue so I wanted to get as much experience as I could before training.

I am currently doing my training through BEC and will be a Drama Teacher with a PGCE and QTS. I am expecting to qualify June 2023.

The whole experience has been crazy. Every day I am pushing myself out of my comfort zone and doing things I did not even realise I was capable of doing. Teacher training was always going to be difficult, however, the students make it all worth it. I have had an insight into how hard my teachers must have been working whilst I was at school, and I appreciate them even more so now.

I have truly enjoyed getting into the swing of Beauchamps school life. Getting to know the students and then taking on their lessons has been hard work but certainly the best part of my experience thus far.

I would like to thank my mentor Mr Carroll for all his help, guidance, and wisdom. It is not easy being a teacher but juggling a mentor role on top of that is truly something else, credit to you!



Careers



Mr Symes

SLT : Careers Strategy

Mr Symes and Mrs Raymond would like to wish everyone at Beauchamps High School a Merry Christmas and we look forward to working with students by supporting and guiding them with their career ambitions in 2023



Mrs Raymond

Careers Coordinator

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Do you have a degree and would like to put it to good use?
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Food and Nutrition



7EPFd making Apple Crumble with Miss Edwards



7LMFd making Apple Crumble with Miss Edwards



7CBFd making Apple Crumble with Miss Edwards



The year 7's have worked incredibly hard, each practical has started to become more challenging, and they were able to make apple crumbles which came out superbly. I am proud of how far all of year 7 have come this term, and how much they have learnt practically and theoretically. Keep up the hard work year 7's - I look forward to see what you are going to produce in the new year.



Food and Nutrition



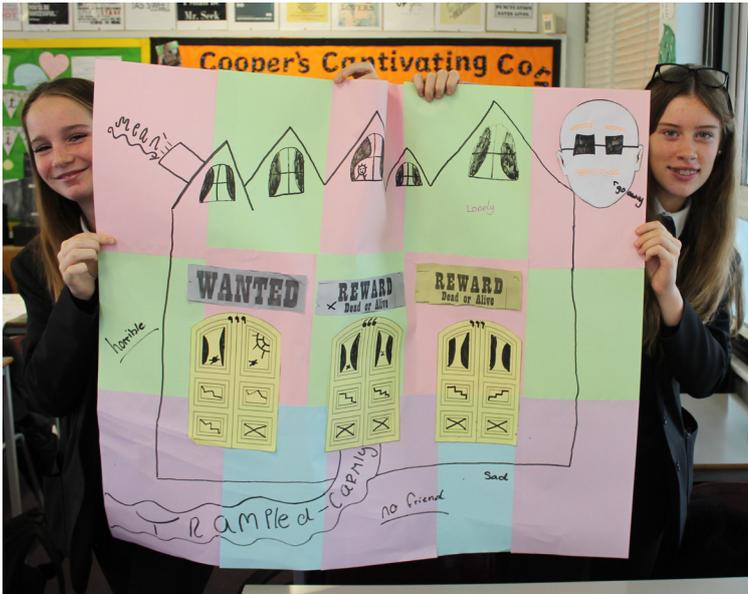
Before the end of term, I thought it would be lovely for year 9 to start to get into the festive spirit, therefore students could have the choice of either making shortbread or gingerbread. All students thoroughly enjoyed the practical, worked super hard and I could tell they enjoyed them too by the looks on their faces when they tried them. To see such hard work, teamwork and determination in the lessons is amazing. I'm pretty sure most of the school enjoyed the smell coming from the kitchen too! Keep practising those practical skills year 9 and we will be roaring and ready to go for the new year.



Year 10 this term has worked extremely hard. I have given them some challenging practicals, especially in only an hour's lesson, the pressure has been on. But I must say every time they have pulled it out of the bag. From making pastry / bread dough / pasta dough from scratch to the final part of term, students planning and making their own three course meals. Year 10 I am excited to see what new things you can make next term so I can stretch you all. [Miss Edwards](#)



Outstanding work in English



Fantastic and inspiring creative homework, and work in the classroom by this year 9 English class
Well done to you all. [Miss Cooper](#)





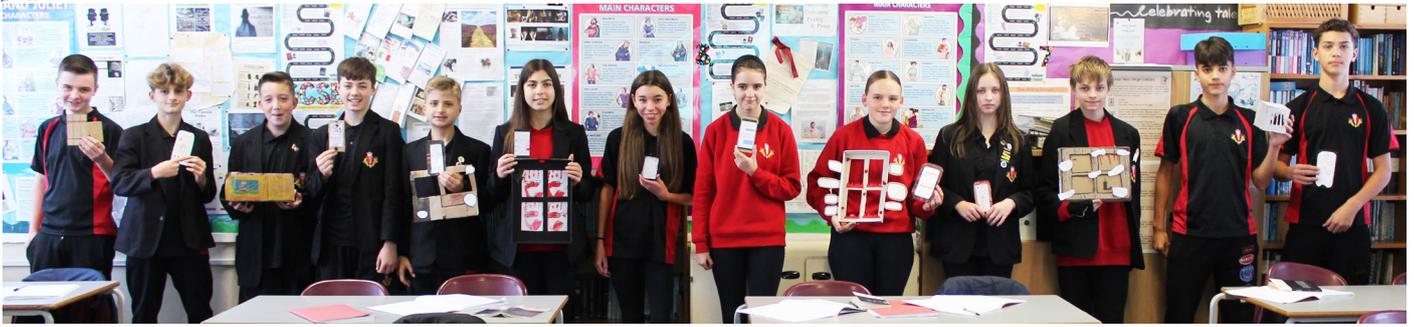
Outstanding work in English

A selection of year 9 students proudly displaying their creative homework creations from their studies of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde by Robert Louis Stevenson. [Miss Cooper](#)





More Year 9 English Homeworks



Yet another selection of year 9 students' creative homework creations from their studies of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde. [Miss Blucher](#)

English Trip

In December, year 10 students were rewarded for their hard work and dedication in English with a trip to see Jekyll and Hyde live in theatre. As this is one of their GCSE texts, it was an exciting and useful experience for students to see the characters, themes and context of the novella brought to life! Students saw the text brought to life in front of their eyes; finding new ways to enjoy English beyond the classroom! It also provided a valuable revision tool to help consolidate their learning in a fun and engaging way... not to mention some interesting songs! The students were exceptionally well behaved and for many, it was their first trip since Covid. Students found it interesting to see how the novella can be interpreted and how certain themes were explored. The English department are incredibly proud of how the students conducted themselves and look forward to providing more exciting opportunities for students. [Miss Blucher](#)



English Heroes

Half-Term Heroes English Awards - ten students were nominated for English Awards. Congratulations to all of the heroes including Oliver G and Hayden T who missed being photographed! [Miss Cooper](#)





Poetry in Performance

After its creation in 2019, this was the third Poetry in Performance competition. A poetry recital competition where students bring words to life through vocal performance.

The competition has been a pyramid of participation from individual classroom presentations to whole year group contests and auditions, resulting in the competition at Jo Richardson Community School (last year's overall winner). In the process, students have fostered deep personal connections with the poems chosen and have brought poetry alive for their friends and their school community.

Last year the anthology focused on climate change and global warming. On the surface it's about the bees, but it highlights their last dance and how they die together. What really carried the piece was the rhythm and the melody. This year the anthology celebrates poems that reflect the self and identity. As a diverse Borough, Jo Richardson wanted to express the importance of celebrating differences whether that is race, religion or sexuality.

This poetry in performance competition has given students the power to use their voices to touch an audience's heart and bring about positive change. They all highlight the way people perceive others and respect their chosen identity. After all that is the power of poetry.

It was a tough competition with so many talented performers and Jo Richardson retained the School Trophy and will host the event again next year. However, Beauchamps won 2 of the 3 rounds: Zuri became the solo round champion and will appear as a guest performer next year and Caiden R won the Judges Choice Award.

Zuri: "At first I felt really scared when I walked up onto stage. But as soon as I started, I realised that I had finished - it went so quickly and I enjoyed every minute of it"

Caiden: "I was nervous with excitement and I feel so proud of myself. I did something I never thought I could" [Mr T Harper](#)



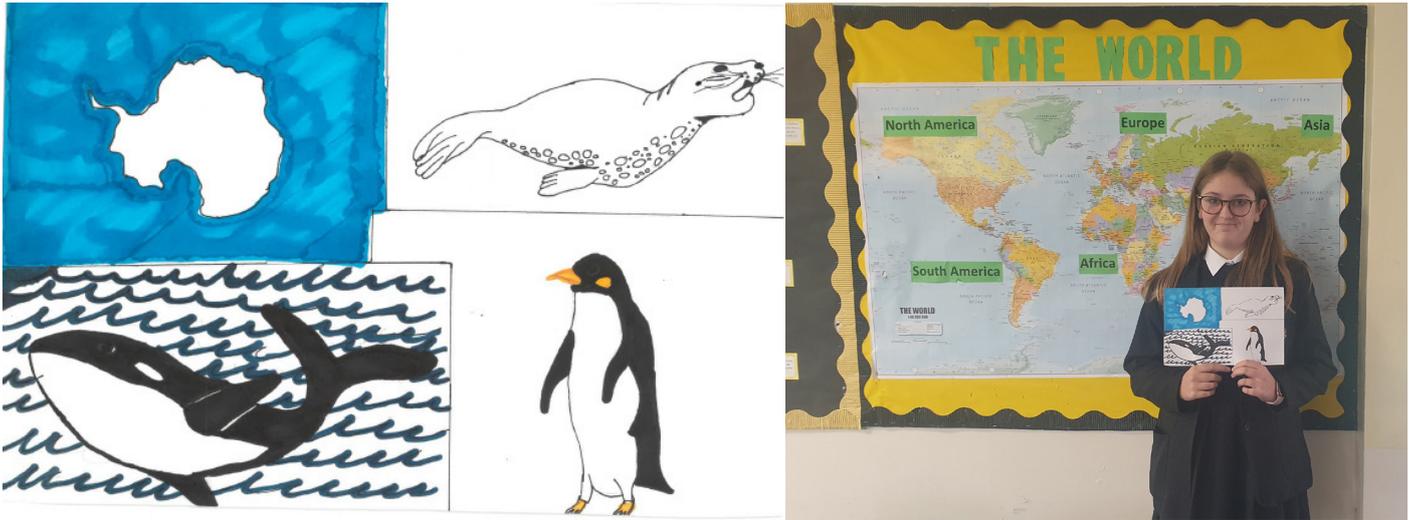
Jack Petchey Speakout

On Tuesday 6 and Wednesday 7 December two groups of year 10 students were tutored in public speaking techniques to take part in the annual Jack Petchey Speakout Competition. Pictured below are the students selected from the two days to go forward to the next stage of the competition, presenting to staff and students. We will let you know how they get on in a future Newsletter. These were two fantastic days and well done to all students involved! [Mrs Collier-Brown](#)





Antarctic Flag Competition



Well done to Alys H in 7IP for winning the Antarctic flag competition. Her flag has now been sent to Antarctica in collaboration with the Polar Network. We will then get a photo back at some point with a scientist holding her flag in Antarctica and some information about the area the scientists are currently in- watch this space!

Alys won a Geography badge as part of winning the competition. [Miss N Bailey](#)

Children In Need



ICT teacher Mr Coleman and Mathematics teachers Miss Baker and Mr Harris delivered their lessons dressed in Pudsey outfits, helping to raise a fantastic **£1,555** for Children in Need.

This year's event took place on Friday 18 November and was a non-uniform day to mark the occasion.

[Miss Randall](#)

The Meaning of Christmas



The ERP department is grateful to Reverend Jonathan Evans and Bjorn Perera for coming into the school on Friday 9 December to present to year 7 students about the true meaning of Christmas and why Jesus was born.

The year 7 students really enjoyed the sessions and asked insightful questions. I am very proud of all of them.

[Miss Hopping](#)



AQA Project Qualification

A group of Year 7s and 8s have been working hard over the last half term starting their AQA Foundation and Higher Project Qualifications. This is an opportunity offered to our Higher Attainer students in Year 7, and some Year 8s have chosen to continue the programme following their successful completion of the foundation project last year.

Students have been working with Liz and Helen from Twenty-Twenty Learning to learn research skills and are starting to plan their research projects. The qualification aims to help our students develop lots of important study skills, including time management, planning, responding to feedback, researching, and evaluating.

The students have been in for Saturday morning sessions, half term workshops and have been working at home on their projects, including remote meetings with their supervisors. They are really rising to the challenges of this qualification, and we are starting to see some very effective independent learners.

In the latest session the Year 8s Abigail W, Ben R and Scarlet-Rose M presented to all the Year 7s to give them their top tips after completing the project last year. They all gave excellent advice, based on their own experiences, such as keeping a record of their research sources as they go along to make writing their bibliography easier at the end of the project. The Year 7s were very grateful for all the advice.

Some of the research ideas the students are thinking about now include understanding sense of humour, railway safety, Vikings, dreams and roller coasters. I can't wait to hear all about their projects as they keep building on what they have done so far!. [Mrs Kidman](#)



Two Defibrillators in School

The school is pleased to announce that we have recently acquired a second AED or defibrillator. As demonstrated by Sophia T of 7LM, the first is located conveniently mid-way along the main corridor on the ground floor between the Premises Manager and the Site Team offices. The defibrillator is openly accessible should it be needed. The second and latest one has been provided by the Football Foundation and is outside on the 3G pitch. To gain access to this second kit, you need to dial 999 or 112 to obtain a key code. A defibrillator is easy to use and doesn't require training, but it could make the difference between life and death. Once they are switched on you will hear step-by-step voice-prompt instructions on how to use the device. You will only be able to shock a patient if they need to be shocked, so please don't worry that you will shock someone and do harm, this is not possible. Whilst we hope we never have to use either of them, all staff have been given access to a St Johns Ambulance training video on their use. [Mrs Edwards](#)





Sixth Form SASH



Recently some Sixth Form students have delivered presentations in assemblies to all year groups throughout the school on **SASH - Students Against Sexual Harassment**.

The assemblies covered examples of the different forms that Sexual Harassment can take and they were very well received by the younger students. The Sixth Formers are making themselves available as counsellors in case other students wish to talk to them about issues surrounding this subject.

We are very proud of these students for doing this.

Mrs Bell

Wear Red

On Thursday 20 October, the school held a non-uniform day for the 'Show Racism the Red Card' charity, promoting National 'Wear Red Day'. Sixth Formers went round collecting the donations from other students who were asked to wear something red, and we raised a **magnificent £1,376**.

In acknowledgement for our efforts the charity have rewarded us with a Certificate of Appreciation.

Mrs Gargrupe



Psychology Hats

This half term some of our Sixth Form Psychology students have been exploring the brain and have had the opportunity to make some really cool hats.



Well Done!

Mrs Gargrupe



Sixth Form Cake Sale for Charity

Sixth Formers recently put on a Cake Sale for MacMillan Nurses. They raised a grand total of **£171.22**. [Mrs Gargrue](#)



PSHE

This half-term our PSHE theme has been 'Being Kind'. All year groups had an assembly tying in with Anti-Bullying Week, where the theme chosen by the Anti-Bullying Alliance was 'Reach Out: be the change you want to see'. This concept has been further explored through the weekly PSHE form time sessions, focusing on the power of words. All year groups also had an assembly led by our Sixth Form student action group, SASH, in which its new members introduced themselves, and spoke to students about the issue of harassment, inside and outside of school. Please see the pictures on the opposite page.

This half term has also seen year 7 experience their 6 week block of RSE lessons, in which we focused on various key concepts of relationships, with a particular focus on gender equality, and bringing in some key ideas surrounding consent and boundaries, as well as staying safe online. Year 7 were very enthusiastic and mature about these lessons, and the RSE team were very pleased with their contributions to their lessons, so well done Year 7!

[Mrs Bell](#)



Year 7 Clock Faces

Year 7 have been working hard this term to design and produce their own laser cut clocks with Miss Moore and Mr Bracher. They had to master the CAD software 2D design to digitally draw their ideas, before cutting them on the laser cutter and constructing by hand in their design technology lessons.

We were really pleased with the results and creativity they showed! A great effort mastering these new skills. Well done year 7! [Miss Moore](#)



Year 7 Rugby

We are very proud of the achievements of our year 7 Boys Rugby team in their first term at Beauchamps. They started the season with a heavy defeat in their first game to Bromfords, a game which for many was their first experience of contact rugby. We were very proud of how they conducted themselves and the spirit they showed to 'be better' and prepare themselves for the upcoming tournament at Basildon RFU.

At the tournament, on a night of miserable weather and a squad slightly depleted through illness, the boys did themselves proud and registered convincing wins against De La Salle and Bromfords (real testament of how far they have come!). They met a formidable team in Woodlands A, but gave it there everything and put in a formidable 'tackling effort' – something they should be proud of.

The boys were delighted to be announced runners-up and were presented with their medals by Russ, a close working partner to the school, from Basildon Rugby Club. A great achievement by all – well done boys! [Mr. Fitzsimmons](#)





Grilling the Teachers!



Miss Blucher
and
Mrs Smith



If you could have lunch with anyone, dead or alive, who would it be and why?

Queen Victoria because I would want to know what it was like to be a powerful woman at the time of her reign and I feel she would give good advice.

Biggie Smalls, he was intelligent and had a lot to offer.

What is your go-to karaoke song?

When I'm Gone - Eminem
Gypsies, Tramps and Thieves - Cher

If you were on a desert island, what book would you want?

The Bear Grylls Survival Guide
Anything by Phillippa Gregory

If you could re-live any moment of your life, what or when would it be and why?

University: so I can try & have a more positive experience
The moment I saw my mum's face when I had my daughter!

Do you have any nicknames?

Jeff **Bob**

What is your dream job?

Being a Spy!

Looking after students' wellbeing, which is what I do now.

What is at the top of your bucket list?

To see the Northern Lights
To watch my grandsons play cricket at Lords

If you could live or re-live in any decade, what one would it be and why?

I would live in the 70s as I love the clothes, the music and I would take part in feminist protests
The early 90's - I loved that decade. It was should I become a History or a PE teacher?

Who would you want to play you in a film about your life?

A young Cameron Diaz **Halle Berry**

What is your favourite film?

Spirit: Stallion of the Cimarron
Anne of the Thousand Days

If you could live anywhere in the world, where would it be and why would you live there?

New Zealand as it is quiet and values the outdoors
Australia because I like the climate, the social side of how they live and I have good friends out there

Who is your favourite band/musician?

The 1975 and Tame Impala
Jackson 5

Who has been the biggest influence on your life and how did they influence you?

My Mum is the biggest influence on my life, as she's raised me to be a strong, independent woman and she taught me the importance of working hard.

My Mum told me I could become anything I wanted to.

What is your most prized possession?

My original copy of Marley and Me that has a message from my Grandma inside
My children and grandchildren

What is your biggest fear?

Being caught in the path of a Tsunami
Being alone

If you could trade places with one person for a week, who would it be and why?

I would trade places with David Attenborough, so I can know what it's like to be the most liked & best human ever!
Queen Elizabeth I. She was strong, didn't suffer fools and did what she wanted to do.

If you were a superhero, what would your power be?

Telekinesis
Time travel and make things right for people

Do you have any celebrity crushes?

Tom Hardy **Cliff Richard**

What is your go-to midnight snack?

Crisps sandwich **Crisps**

What is your favourite season and why?

My favourite season is winter because I love the clothes, the activities, the fairy lights and Christmas.
Winter because we used to have lots of snow, I love going out in the snow.

What is your dream holiday destination?

South East Asia **Cape Verde**

What do you do, on your day off?

I love to spend time with my family and go shopping.
I see my daughter and look after grand children and I like to socialise loads.

Thank you!

Interviews conducted
by **Daisy M Year 12**



Students do Good Deeds



Mr Harper was delighted to reward Year 7 student Sophia T of 7LM with an official Beauchamps High School inscribed pen for her Good Deed of finding a £10 note outside of one of the Art rooms and handing it in to Student Reception. The money was returned to a very grateful owner. [Miss Randall](#)

Poppy Appeal Total

We managed to raise a total of **£116.55** from selling Remembrance Day Poppies around the school this year. [Mrs Frost](#)

A Bigger Beauchamps?

A consultation to expand Beauchamps from September 2024 has just completed, with a decision due on the results early in the new year.

If you missed the consultation documentation, it is still available to read on the school website.

[Miss Randall](#)

Beauchamps High School

Consultation on a proposal to enlarge the premises of the school and increase its capacity to 1550 places from 2024

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Students break up for Half Term on Friday 10th February, returning on Monday 20th February 2023.

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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.