

Beauchamps News



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Jack Petchey Awards



Mr Harper was delighted to celebrate with the latest recipients of the prestigious Jack Petchey Awards. Jenna J Year 12, Archie S Year 8 and Sam W Year 7 were selected as winners by the Student Voice representatives from the 28 nominations of students that were put forward by students and staff. Below are the nominations followed by a few words from the students. [Mr Beaumont](#)

I would like to nominate our Sixth Former, Jenna for the Jack Petchey Award. Having previously taught Jenna and knowing her as a more able student, I have built a good relationship with her and this led to her opening up to me this year about the ongoing challenges that she faces outside of her education. Living in a single-parent home, Jenna has revealed that her mother spends a considerable amount of time travelling for work. Jenna is mostly self-sufficient in the home and has had to take on a part time job in order to replenish food as her mum was forced to make key-financial decisions during the pandemic that has increased financial commitments

now, making their economic circumstances incredibly tight. As a result of seeing her parent struggle, Jenna shoulders this responsibility alongside her mother (who is proud and does not ask for anything) and implicitly contributes to her household by filling the fridge regularly with her own part-time income and pays her own travel costs to and from school in order to reduce the burden on her mum. Following her experiences, Jenna recognises that helping others can share workload and has actively sought out and volunteered in the English department to support struggling students, she frequently gives up her spare time to support us with displays and celebrating student work alongside continuously refining her studies towards opening up career opportunities for her. For me, Jenna stands out as a resilient, hard-working, compassionate student who deserves to be recognised for her inspirational and unwavering effort.

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Headteacher's Letter

Dear Parents/Carers,
It has been another busy and successful half-term filled with numerous academic, enrichment and sporting successes. The countdown is well and truly underway for our Year 11 and Year 13 students who start their GCSE and A Level exams after Easter. They have been working really hard and will need to push on in the coming weeks.

I was delighted to present the prestigious Jack Petchey Awards to our worthy winners – students across different year groups who have stood out to staff for a number of reasons. It has been lovely hearing their stories and we are lucky to have such incredible, resilient and hard-working students as part of our Beauchamps family.

We also have a star in the making as Maisie, Year 7 has been performing in Matilda the Musical as Matilda herself. As well as performing weekly on stage for the past year, she recently performed one of the routines on BBC1's Big Night of Musicals. If you haven't seen her performance already, it's available on BBC I-Player. She will definitely be one to watch in the coming years.

Our Art and Textile students have produced some excellent work in their lessons and during lunchtime and after school clubs. We have some exceptionally talented students and it is a pleasure to see their work showcased around our school.

We have had a number of trips and events running this half term – most notable, our trip to New York during the half-term holidays. It was a packed few days filled with sight-seeing, shopping and most of all eating. It was a wonderful opportunity and thoroughly enjoyed by all.

In addition, we have had National Careers Week with many opportunities for students to consider their options for life beyond Beauchamps. Students have been involved in a number of activities and had the opportunity to hear from a former Beauchamps student about their experiences of Higher Education at Cambridge University. I know the week has really inspired our students and got them thinking about their future career options and goals.

It has been another short half-term but packed full of triumphs. I love hearing and reading about our amazing students and their achievements inside and outside of school. We as always thank you for your continued support and wish you a wonderful Easter break. **Mr Harper,**

Headteacher.





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Jenna writes... Throughout Year 12 I have had to balance my work, school, social and home life to make sure that I am not overwhelmed and to allow myself to put the important things first. By doing just this, I have been able to ensure a successful outcome in anything I put my mind to whether that be my increase in organisation for Sixth Form, to promotions at my workplace, as well as ensuring that my mum has to worry that little bit less when it comes to providing for me.

I was completely surprised when I got told that I had been nominated for the Jack Petchey award for my continuous contribution to my household while my mum is away with work. As a single mother, my mum has to go away to try and make sure she is providing the best for me in any way she can, mainly in working for hours on end. I always want to make sure that she doesn't have to worry and I try to help out in any way I possibly can, as I owe it to her. Working at my part time job has enabled me to provide myself with money for things including travel, folders for Sixth Form as well as key pieces of stationery all of which has helped me learn to the best of my ability. This has inevitably meant that I have been able to do effective revision and push to make my mum proud everyday.

As a 16 year old in the middle of her Sixth Form journey, it has been so important for me to learn how to prioritise what is important and ensure that my mum is never struggling. My mum is the strongest and most amazing person that I have ever experienced; she always wants the best for me and pushes me in school and work, to reach the best of my ability. My mum is my inspiration, therefore, I just want to thank her for everything that she has done. Mum, you have made me want to achieve the best and the best only; this is what I see you do everyday!

Throughout a difficult time of trying to get through the strain of finances, school and work, the English department have done everything to support me in any way they can. I have decided to give my grant to them as I would like students to be able to organise their learning and want the best for themselves, like I want for my mum. The English department have been an important accessory in the person that I am today, therefore they deserve to provide their students with items they deem as necessary so students are able to hit the goals they dream to achieve.

I would like to nominate Archie S in 8Z2En for the Jack Petchey Award.

Archie has experienced a very disruptive year in his home life: dad has been battling cancer, Archie needed an operation on his writing hand in the autumn term and (most recently), he lost his grandfather. Archie also has diagnosed SEN and he came to me at the beginning of the year in tears to explain how it impacts his behaviour in lessons and that he found English as a subject particularly difficult throughout Year 7. Over the course of the year, despite what has been going on outside of school, Archie has managed to transform from a student with historic challenging behaviour to a role model for positive behaviour in my lessons. In addition, despite his operation, Archie completed ALL work remotely whilst he was off and brought it all in, taking care to stick it into his book in order. On returning to class, he conducted his use of a laptop in class well and ensured that he did not miss out on any opportunity to progress his learning. Furthermore, following the devastating loss of his grandfather - whom Archie was very close to - Archie continues to maintain his outstanding effort in lessons, completing all and any extra homework. I have already sent positive emails home as his assessment data demonstrates that in the face of adversity he continues to progress; his attainment and his positive attitude has never wavered. Not only does he deserve to be nominated, but his resilience outshines his peers and he deserves to win.



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Archie writes... I chose my grant money to go half and half to the History and English departments as they are my favourite subjects and because they have supported me through everything. I would like to thank everybody for nominating and supporting me.

I would like to nominate one of my students, Sam W for a Jack Petchey Award. Sam is one of the most incredible children I have ever met and I am in awe of his bravery and resilience. Sam is currently studying in Year 7 and joined us on roll in September 2022. At four months of age, it was thought Sam had Cerebral Palsy as he was not smiling or moving. He began to smile, roll and sit at eight months and walked when he was around two years old. He was referred for further assessments to a genetic consultant and received the diagnosis of Soto Syndrome in April 2014. Soto Syndrome is a genetic condition affecting physical growth accompanied by developmental delay, as well as physical, speech and language difficulties. Sam has severe Scoliosis because of his condition and must wear a back brace. When Sam was born, he was starved of oxygen for eleven minutes. He had grommets inserted in June 2014. He had open heart surgery for a hole in his heart in February 2015 and surgery to remove a cyst on his back. He has had pneumonia on two



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The Beauchamps community
is a family, in which
everyone strives to achieve
their dreams.



occasions, resulting in a collapsed lung and hospitalisation from September to mid-November 2016. He has received input from the Paediatric Respiratory Consultant in Clinical Genetics, Consultant Orthopaedic & Spinal Surgeon and Community Paediatrician throughout his life. Sam has had 9 major surgeries so far and they are likely to be ongoing throughout his life due to his condition. Sam has ear problems and recently had his second surgery in one year on his inner ear which was a significant procedure. In short, this boy is absolutely incredible. He comes to school every day and I have never heard him complain, even when in pain! Sam was back to school shortly after his most recent ear surgery, when I asked him before the operation if he was nervous, he simply replied – ‘no, it’s fine!’ For all Sam has to contend with in life, he never makes excuses for himself, he works

harder than any student I know, he is kind and caring and has a great moral compass and will call anyone out if they are being unkind or disrespectful. It is a rare trait to be so unapologetically you at such a young age, Sam accepts all his difficulties and uses them to inspire others, I don’t think he even realises he does this, but believe me, people who are fortunate to work with Sam are humbled by his ability to get on with life and always have a smile on his face! I can think of no-one more worthy of a Jack Petchey Award!

Sam writes...As a 12 year old boy with Soto Syndrome receiving the Jack Petchey award means a lot to me. It’s a recognition of my achievements and hard work which makes me feel proud and happy. The award also serves as a reminder that despite the challenges I face because of my condition, I can still accomplish great things. I hope the award inspires other students with any conditions or additional needs to believe in themselves, love the skin they are in and pursue their dreams.

Higher Aspire Students



The English Department are thrilled to announce that several of our talented Higher Aspire students have successfully been chosen for publication in the Young Writers Creative Writing Competition ‘The Power of Poetry!’ Their beautiful and thought-provoking poems were selected from a national pool of entries from schools. Congratulations to Jack D, Chloe W, Charlie H, Lilia D, Alfie R, Chloe H, George A, Isla H, Jirapan C, Luca C, Lucy C, Oliver B, Sophie-Eloise K, Tara O, William R on their exciting achievement! [Mrs Beaney](#)



Year 7 Maisie - Musical Star



In the photograph above, Maisie is being congratulated by Miss S Bailey at the front of the school.

For over a year, Maisie M, Year 7, has been performing in the Royal Shakespeare Company's production of the musical Matilda at the Cambridge Theatre in London.

Maisie plays the role of Matilda and recently performed a routine from the show along with her fellow cast members, which was shown on BBC1's Big Night of Musicals by the National Lottery 2023, on Saturday 25th March, hosted by Jason Manford. The Manchester AO Arena where the show was filmed, holds over 20,000 people! Her incredible performance is available to watch on BBC I-Player. Maisie also had a small part in the film version of Matilda which came out last year. [Miss Whitehead](#)

Maisie writes... I have really enjoyed being in Matilda. Sometimes it is hard work getting home late at night and catching up on school work for example, but overall it has been a lot of fun and an amazing experience.





English Subject Awards



English celebrate Spring Term 1's Lesson Legends to acknowledge the phenomenal successes in learning both in the classroom and at home.

Each half term English teachers nominate students deserving recognition for outstanding attitude to learning and home learning from across all Key Stages. All are rewarded with a certificate, but one student is selected from the list to receive the coveted Cooper Certificate (Head of Department Award) chosen and awarded by Miss Cooper - Faculty Lead of English and Media.

Spring 1's winner was George C (Year 8). Through praise and appreciation Team English aim to inspire a love of learning. We cant wait to see who wins next half term.

[Mr T Harper \(KS3 Leader of English\)](#)





Boxing Stars - Ella...

Ella W Year 8, has recently returned from Sweden after competing in the Golden Girl Boxing Tournament. She ended up with two bouts; in the first she beat a Swedish girl and in the second she beat an Irish girl. Both were unanimous decisions which means that all of the 5 judges gave the result to Ella, thus she won the gold medal in her age/weight category. [Mrs Watler](#)



Ella winning one of her bouts



Ella and form tutor Miss Windeatt

Ella writes - I have been going to the boxing club since the age of 7 and followed my brother into boxing. I train 3 times a week at a boxing club in Hoddeston. For me, boxing is a family activity that we all enjoy as my father also used to box and follows the sport. I have now had four proper fights in tournaments and as yet I am unbeaten! The School Girls Championships are coming up later in the year and I am hoping to take part in them. My brother Tom, a former Beauchamps student, has recently been attending a Boxing Camp in the Phillipine Islands and is hoping to advance his future boxing career.

...and Jayden

Jayden H Year 10, is also a boxer. He recently won and qualified for the Finals of the England National Junior Championships, having beaten formidable opponents (an Eastern Counties finalist and a Home Counties Champion). The Finals were held in Wigan on the 25th and 26th March. He weighed in and had his semi-final bout on Saturday and won with the final on Sunday, where he met a 4-times National Champion. It was a very close bout but unfortunately Jayden had to settle for the silver medal, meaning he is the now officially the 2nd best boxer in England in his age and weight category. Well Done Jayden! [Mrs Leforgais](#)



Jayden proudly wearing his medal and form tutor Miss N Bailey



Jayden winning his semi-final



Jayden writes - I have been boxing for four years and train at the Billericay and Wickford Amateur Boxing Club. In the run up to the Championships, I was training up to 5 times a week. I hope to enter more tournaments and hopefully go one step better and win a gold medal in the future. I would like to thank everybody who has supported me so far with my boxing career.



Handball

Beauchamps recently took part in our first ever Handball competition.

The Year 7/8 team won all their games and are County Champions and will move onto the next Regional round. The students have shown great commitment to training over the past term, and this clearly showed on the day.



The Year 9 team were competing in the U15 group and so found the opposition were older and more experienced, but they still won some games putting great effort into a sport that they've only just started playing.
[Mr Byford](#)



Year 9 Boys' Football Success



The Year 9 Football team continued their good form with a 3-1 victory against Billericay School on Tuesday. The District Cup Final will be at Billericay Football Club and we hope to report on it in the next issue of the Newsletter.

[Mr Byford](#)



Food and Nutrition



9FdR - making Pasta with Miss Edwards



9FdQ - making Pasta with Miss Edwards



9FdP - making Pasta with Miss Edwards



Year 9 have gained so many new and variable skills over the last term. All students made pasta from scratch, it was a messy practical, but it was worth it. Year 9 worked thoroughly hard making the dough and then stretching it through the pasta machine. They gained a lot of information through the theory lesson learning about the gluten content in pasta and were amazed by how much the fresh pasta expanded in the water - oh and the fact it takes 3 minutes to cook! Well done Year 9, keep up the hard work. [Miss Edwards](#)



English Homeworks



Year 9 students creating and exploring the weapons used in Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet. [Miss Cooper](#)

English Trip

On Friday 3rd February 40 Year 10 students had the exciting opportunity to go and see Poetry Live 2023 at the Dominion Theatre in London. This was a fantastic event designed to aid students' awareness of the GCSE Power and Conflict poetry they are studying and served to boost their knowledge of key poems in preparation for the exam. The students heard from poets such as Simon Armitage, Carol Ann Duffy, John Agard and Imtiaz Dharker. The poets performed their poems and answered questions from the students about their work. The day was an amazing success and the students left feeling inspired by the power of poetry! [Miss Blucher](#)



French Duolingo Competition



During the autumn term, my Year 7 students completed a classroom quest on Duolingo where they had to work together to score a certain amount of points each week.

Their effort and dedication was amazing and as a class they have made excellent progress in French.

They have all been awarded with prizes from Duolingo and the top scorers were Eva B, India H and Leon M.

[Mrs Lefever](#)



English



Well done to the Year 7 students who have created some brilliant models for our studying of A Midsummer Night's Dream from models of Shakespeare's Globe to illustrating Bottom's Dream!

Well done to George, Alys, Ava, Claudia, Maisie. [Mrs E Pepper](#)

English Masks



9.2En English class were tasked to recreate masks from the Masquerade Ball in Romeo and Juliet. [Miss Blucher](#)



Year 12 Students mentoring Year 10



Every Friday lunchtime, students studying English in Year 12 meet with students studying English in Year 10. The Year 12 students pass on their knowledge and wisdom from their experience of the English Literature exam - a fantastic example of dedicated students working together to achieve! [Miss Cooper](#)



The SEND Page



Another busy half term! The Learning Support Department have been completing lots of additional training to ensure we are all always in the best position to support your children effectively.



Well done Sam and Archie!

HUGE CONGRATULATIONS TO Sam W and Archie S for winning Jack Petchey awards!



Everybody in Learning Support is immensely proud of these two young men.





SEND News

Complete the word search and then use the words to write a story all about Easter. Submit your answers to [Miss Clarkson](#)

Name: _____ Date: _____

Easter Day
Word Hunt

DIRECTIONS:
Find and circle the vocabulary words in the grid. Look for them in all directions including backwards and diagonally.



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SUNDAY



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EASTER

WHAT IS EASTER?

A religious celebration where Christians celebrate new life after the resurrection of Jesus.

Many people who are not religious celebrate Easter too as the beginning of Spring the northern hemisphere and Autumn in the southern hemisphere.

Easter is held between the 2nd of March to the 25th of April depending on when there is a full moon.

On Easter **CHRISTIANS** usually go to **CHURCH** whilst others may only **COLLECT** and eat **CHOCOLATE EGGS** and spend time with their **FAMILIES**.



Planting Snowdrops in the Wickford Memorial Park

On 22nd March we went to Memorial Park to take part in the planting of snowdrops in the garden.

The students really loved getting involved and even spoke with a couple of the staff there.

We also took part in the seed throwing in another part of the park and will check on our seeds when we visit in the future.

We also brought back some sunflower seeds to grow in school and will return to plant them later on in the year.

[Mrs Long](#)





SEND Reminders...

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.



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 31st March 2023 – 11.15am to 12.45pm

Friday 21st April 2023 – 11.15am to 12.45pm



SEND CLUB

Relaxing music and activities

Friday Lunchtimes
1.00pm until 1.30pm
in BE4

no phones permitted



SEND CLUB

WiiSports

Wednesday Lunchtimes
1.00pm until 1.30pm
in BE4

no phones permitted



SEND CLUB

Board games and activities

Monday Lunchtimes
1.00pm until 1.30pm
in BE4

no phones permitted

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

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/>



Have a lovely Easter holiday and I look forward to seeing you all after our break.





Trip to New York 1

During February half term, we were fortunate to revisit New York City, which we have not been able to do since 2020!

We embarked on a 5 day trip, meeting at 3am on the Monday morning, bleary eyed but excited! 40 students and 4 staff members flew into JFK at lunchtime and by mid-afternoon, we were already soaking up the sights in Times Square!

Monday evening's activities included a quick stop for dinner and then a visit to the Empire State Building Observation Deck for our first glimpse of the Big Apple.



We then very gladly went back to the hotel and fell into bed after a day which had seen most of us up for almost 24 hours!

Our first full day began with a tour of the UN buildings situated on the banks of the river Hudson. Students were given guided tours where the staff explained the important role of the UN in maintaining international peace and also working towards nuclear disarmament and worldwide human rights.



We then walked to Midtown where students were given some free time to grab lunch and engage in some retail therapy – which many took very seriously!



Trip to New York 2

After returning to the hotel to drop off our bags, it was then back out for dinner at the Hard Rock Café, followed by an evening performance of the Lion King on Broadway which was enjoyed by all. Those sitting on the aisle were certainly surprised by the interactive parts of the show!

Wednesday was our first chance to experience the New York subway on our trip downtown to the World Trade Centre and 9/11 museum. For the staff it was odd to think that none of the students were alive when the 9/11 attacks happened, but the students certainly appreciated the sombre nature of the memorial and were very interested to see the stories told within the museum itself.

As part of our visit, we ascended to the top of the new One World Trade Tower with extensive views of the city – not for those who don't like heights!!



After a quick detour to Wall Street (for Mr Sim our Business/Economics expert!) we returned to the hotel for some chill time to rest our legs before dinner out in the evening and some time in Times Square.





Trip to New York 3

Our final full day meant another trip on the subway, this time to get us to Battery Park and the Statue Island Ferry terminal. Here we boarded the ferry for the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island and got some great snaps of the New York skyline too!



Our final evening was dinner at Ellen's Stardust Diner with some singing performances from both the staff and some of our students! Some new skills were certainly unveiled that evening – although video evidence is being kept under wraps!

On our final morning, we packed up and took a very long walk up to Central Park. Students had some free time to explore and also to browse in 5th Avenue, although this was out of the price range of most of us! We then headed back to Times Square for our final meal at Bubba Gump before we met the coach and headed back to the airport.



We finally arrived home on the Saturday lunchtime having eaten lots, shopped until we dropped, and having walked upwards of 40 miles!

The trip was thoroughly enjoyed by all and we certainly made the most of our time in New York!

I would like to thank all the staff who came along and made the trip possible – Mr Sim, Mr Tuhill and Miss Williams.

Mrs I Butler



Year 12 Visit to Parliament

On Monday 20th February Year 12 Politics students had the opportunity to visit Parliament for the day. They saw the House of Commons, The House of Lords and the Palace of Westminster. [Mrs I Butler](#)



Mark Francois MP Visit

On Friday 10th March local Conservative MP Mark Francois visited the school. He was invited into a Year 13 Politics class where he conducted a Questions and Answers session with the students on topics which we have been following in our lessons.

Students asked him his opinions on the controversial appointment of Sue Gray, whether he supported the recent strikes and also the issues surrounding Gary Lineker and his comments on the immigration bill. Mr Francois spoke with the students about his role in the Brexit policies and was also put under some pressure by one student about school funding for A Levels! [Mrs I Butler](#)





Antarctic Flag Competition

In the autumn term all Year 7s were invited to create a flag for Antarctica. Alys H in 7IP won with the design and it was sent off to Antarctica through the UK Polar Network. In the photo you can see her flag on Robert Island after Matt Davey volunteered to take it all the way. He is currently studying the vegetation and algae on the island for two months as part of a project with NERC. You can find out more via the link: <https://snowalgae.org/> Miss N Bailey



ANTARCTICA DAY
 10 DECEMBER 1956

ANTARCTICA DAY 2022

This certificate is awarded to Beauchamps High School for designing inspirational flags "in the interests of all mankind."

YOUR FLAG WAS CELEBRATED IN ANTARCTICA!

Location Name: Robert Island
 Latitude: 62.3998° S
 Longitude: 59.5074° W
 Flag Bearer: Matt Davey
 Date: 07/03/2023
 Signed: UKPN Antarctic Flags Team

Geography STARS

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Sixth form
<u>Nominated:</u> Reyes C-B Sianna S Emily K Ellie H Rosie I Isaac S Eleanor P	<u>Nominated:</u> George C Henry B Isla G Sophie O Tillie F Daniel C Joshua G	<u>Nominated:</u> Callum D Emily H Maximus S Dylan S Charlie H Ellie J George E Isla H Deacon Z	<u>Nominated:</u> Amy C Alex N Tyler F <u>Winner:</u> Maddie O	<u>Nominated:</u> Harry T Tejas A Phoebe C Kaiden H <u>Winner:</u> Jess D	<u>Nominated:</u> Rosie M Kayla S <u>Winner:</u> Megan K
<u>Winner:</u> Erin I	<u>Winner:</u> Chloe L	<u>Winner:</u> Ellis T			

Well done to both the nominated and winners for each year group. Students were put forward as a Geography STAR by their teacher due to the effort and achievement displayed.

Winners received a Geography badge which they can wear.



THE ART COMMITTEE

The BIG SECRET is out.... Our super talented Art committee have been very busy creating portraits of the unsung heroes around the school – this is just some of them!

It was extremely rewarding for our students to hand over the artwork to the hard-working staff. These were created during Art committee sessions, all students are welcome.

We meet Monday after school in ART1.

Mrs Birkumshaw



YEAR 8 TEXTILES

Some fantastic outcomes created in Year 8 textile classes this term. Lots of new skills and media refined to create some recognisable and familiar food packaging items seen here. Year 8 have experimented with fabric paint, fabric collage, embroidery and sewing machine skills. A big well done to all! You should all be very proud of your final outcomes. A big thank you to Mrs Hollywell and Miss Pinnock for their sewing machine skills and support in class. Mrs Mallows





ART CLUB

Every Tuesday lunchtime in Art!

Fantastic watercolour paintings were created through observing fresh daffodils which provided an opportunity to showcase painting skills.



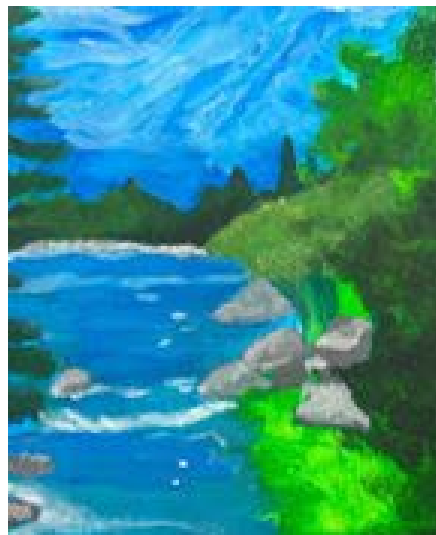
Ahead of the holidays we have begun sculpting Easter Bunnies.

[Mrs Birkumshaw](#)

GIFTED WORKSHOPS

Over the last term the Gifted Art group have been working extremely hard on their individual landscape paintings. I am extremely proud of the outcomes and all that they have achieved. You can see them on display in our canteen! Keep your eyes peeled for their next project.

[Mrs Mallows](#)



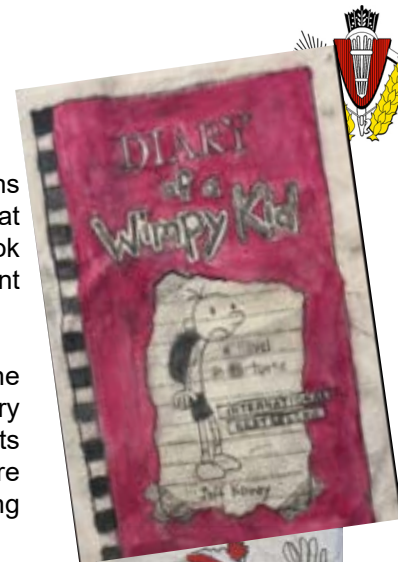


Textiles Club

Beauchamps High School's World Book Day celebrations continued into KS3 Textiles Club as students were hard at work creating mono prints of their favourite children's book characters. From past classics to new novels, lots of different characters were explored.

Once printed, students watercolour painted areas of the designs and embroidered sections to create a more sensory and tactile print. Some lovely results were created and lots of discussions about their favourite books and literature were had at the same time. Next term we welcome spring and start to create 3D fabric daffodils.

If you want to develop new skills and try new textile techniques, then come to Art 2 every Thursday 2:45-3:45pm with [Miss Moore](#).



Year 9 have been working on relief prints this term with Miss Moore and Mrs Mallows in their textile lessons. They first created lino carvings based on the theme landscapes and then printed and embroidered their fabric designs. These prints were then used to create iPad cases to develop the students' skills on the sewing machines working in 3D. A big well done Year 9 for working so hard on these brilliant outcomes and persevering and refining many new skills. A big thank you also to Mrs Hollywell and Miss Pinnock for their help in lessons. [Mrs Mallows](#)





year 9 art



All Year 9 art students have thoroughly enjoyed using acrylic paint to create their A3 David Hockney and Kehinde Wiley inspired portraits. It was fantastic to watch their weekly progress and the determination they all showed to produce a final piece. Thank you to Year 9 for creating these master pieces. [Mrs Birkumshaw](#) and [Mrs Mallows](#)



"We encourage Art students to be creative individuals and to try new skills *without the fear of failure*"



Year 12 Art and Textiles

A snapshot of the diverse range of outcomes produced by some of our Year 12 students in fine art and textiles this term. An array of different media and themes can be seen in the personal explorations of their coursework in the images.

[Mrs Mallows](#) and [Miss Moore](#)





Breakfast Reading with Teachers



On Friday 24th March, students joined English and Literacy staff in the LRC over breakfast. During this session, students had the chance to preview the books shortlisted for the Yoto Carnegie Medal for Illustration. Our KS3 reading club, Bookbusters, will be shadowing both Carnegie awards for illustration and writing over the next few weeks. This book award showcases the very best in contemporary writing for Young Adults and we look forward to sharing and discussing the complete shortlists.

Some of the comments from our students suggest that the shortlist for the Illustration Award includes some excellent titles.

“This is a dark, gloomy and atmospheric book, with monotone colours to express the book’s message.” Emily H., Karla A., Marta S. & Isla M. on *Alte Zacher (Old Things)*.

“In this detailed comic book, the pictures are with the words and you can study more in the details of the picture as well as reading.” Mia W. on *Saving Sorya; Chang & the Sun Bear*.

“The images of evidence from the Titanic show what it was like. It makes the story dramatic and upsetting.” Samuel G. on *Rescuing Titanic*.

“The use of colour makes the reader feel concerned.” Adam A. on *Rescuing Titanic*

“I think this is going to be about time travel. It’s eye-catching, very colourful and probably for younger children.” Isaac A-F. on *The Comet*

“The illustrations give a sense of tension as you don’t fully know what’s going on in them.” Melia J. on *The Worlds We Leave Behind*. [Mrs Perkins](#)

Lexia Reading Club



The Lexia Reading club runs Monday to Thursday before school. Every time a student attended or performed some Lexia reading at home, their name was entered into our competition draw.

Our three lucky winners were Isabella M, Belle S and Charlie L - who each received an Easter egg and a bundle of books. Enjoy!

[Mrs T Butler](#)

[Lexia Coordinator](#)



World Book Day

World Book Day in the LRC

To celebrate World Book Day this year, students were invited to a Pizza Party in the library at lunchtime. Here they had the opportunity to complete World Book Day quizzes, pick up a free copy of one of the specially published World Book Day books and enter the Design a Book Token competition. Great fun (and delicious pizza) was had by all.

Mrs Perkins



World Book Day changes lives through a love of books and reading. Our mission in English is to promote reading for pleasure, which is the single biggest indicator of a child's future success. Team English invited all Year 7 students to dress up as a book character and come along to a Book Party. There were discussions on books including favourite characters, best plot lines, best authors and all whilst eating cake! Team English knows how to celebrate books in style!

Mr T Harper





National Careers Challenge



The Business department was very excited to invite a large number of students from Year 8 to take part in the National Careers Challenge last month and this proved to be a fantastic day with students showcasing their employability and entrepreneurial skills for a specific enterprise challenge.

This year the groups were set the challenge of coming up with a new idea and design for an “Airline of the Future” with a key focus on zero-emissions. Every group worked extremely hard to come up with innovative and effective ideas, including creating a unique selling point for the airline, identifying a key target market and planning ways for the airline’s service to reduce its carbon footprint. Groups were also tasked with considering effective ways for their airline to create and promote an inclusive workforce.

The event concluded with a number of the teams pitching their idea to a judging panel and an audience of their peers. This was also the setting for the most impressive part of the whole event with pupils, many of whom were not experienced at public speaking, showing huge confidence and overcoming some nerves to present their ideas to the judges and over 80 of their peers.

After a number of excellent pitches, the judges selected ‘The Garden Airline’ as the winning team and the team will now represent Beauchamps at the National Finals in July. Congratulations to the winning team of Abigail, Alice, Gabriela, Scarlet-Rose, Scarlett and Wilson. [Mr Sim](#)





Sixth Form



Congratulations to the Duke of Edinburgh Award Winners

The Year 13 Duke of Edinburgh students celebrated their successful completion of their course receiving badges and certificates from Head of Sixth Form, Mr Liddell. The students pictured received special awards for outstanding contributions made. Thanks to Mr Byford and Mr Wavell for running the Duke of Edinburgh Youth Awards Programme.
[Mrs Gargupe](#)

Inter-Schools Warhammer Tournament

On Saturday 25th March, Beauchamps Warhammer club took part in a local Warhammer Competition at Wayland Games in Hockley.

Henry B, Tommy C, both Year 8, Ethan R, Year 9 and Alex N, Year 10, represented the school, facing off against teams from King Edmunds School and Southend High School..

Each played 3 games against opponents from a mix of the two schools in their first competitive event for Warhammer.

Players were scored on their match results, their organisation and their sportsmanship over the day. In all, 18 players competed and a lot of experience and fun was had from all the games. Ethan managed to make 2 wins and a draw from his games with Henry scoring a win and a draw.

After the games were played, each player put forward one of their models for a post event painting competition to be judged by the shop staff. This was won by King Edmunds School.

Overall, Beauchamps finished third with 255 points from the day, but Ethan and Henry finished 4th and 5th respectively on the individual player table. Ethan also won 2 favourite game awards, nominated by other teams chiefly for the way he helped his opponent with rules, queries and in game tips at the risk of compromising his own result. A big well done to Ethan.

King Edmunds School finished first in the team event and also occupied all the top 3 places in the individual player standings, with Southend High School coming second.

The biggest learning curve for all the players was hobby organisation. Almost all the players lost points by not having their army battle forged, bringing their rules and dice to the game and not having their army fully built and painted.

All three teams are looking forward to going into battle against each other again! [Mr Payne](#)



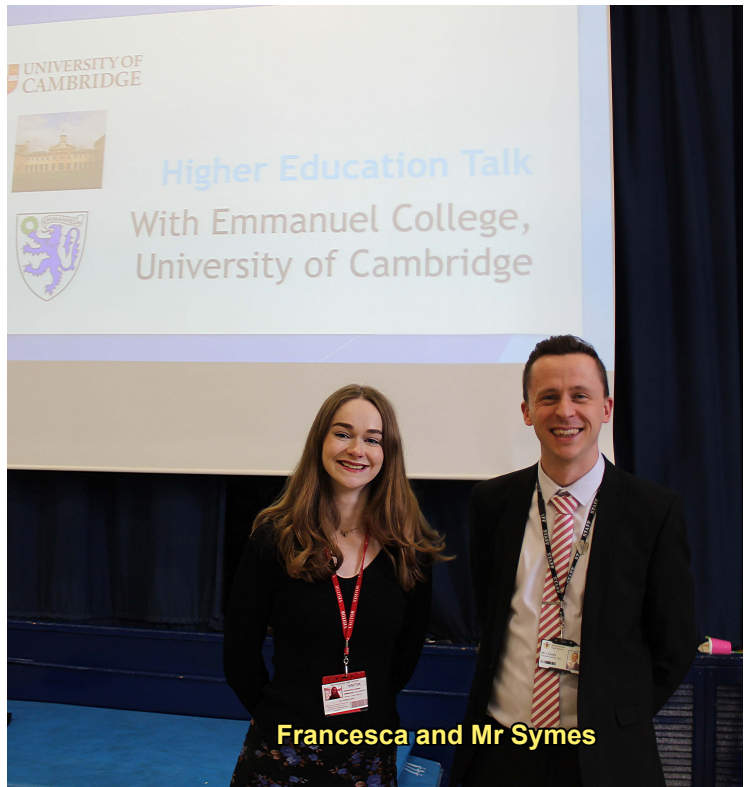


Careers

On Tuesday 14th March our wonderful ex-student and now Cambridge University graduate, Francesca, visited our Year 10 students to discuss Higher Education, life at University and misconceptions around studying at Cambridge.

Following her successful studies in English Literature, Francesca now works for Emmanuel College, Cambridge, in their outreach programme, specifically in Essex and Sheffield. The session proved engaging and inspiring, with many students staying to ask further questions about their own options moving forward, tips about their studies and options between now and the end of Year 11 and 13 and Francesca's experiences as a student at Cambridge University.

Following the session, Francesca said "it was a special moment being back at Beauchamps to speak to students about their future aspirations, when it feels like only yesterday that I was in their position. I hope the session on Higher Education and Cambridge provided useful ideas that will inform each student's educational pathway!" **Mr Symes**



Francesca and Mr Symes

Careers within the curriculum allows students to see the relevance and benefits of their lessons every day at Beauchamps. This can be as clear as making a direct link between a topic and a particular career, or more transferable where skills are being developed in lessons. We focus on the eight key employability skills: speaking, listening, creativity, staying positive, aiming high, problem solving, leadership and teamwork. These eight skills have been present throughout every student's education, but they have perhaps not always been aware of it. By making the use of these skills obvious to students, they not only have tangible examples of how they are employable, but also they can see the links between their proficiencies in a range of subjects and how their studies in one area can benefit another. **Mr Symes**



Mrs Raymond
Careers Coordinator

PSHE

This half-term our PSHE theme has been Gender Equality. We celebrated International Women's Day by exploring the meaning behind the national theme of #embracingequity and examining examples of women in sport to gain an understanding of how far equality and equity has been achieved.

<https://www.internationalwomensday.com/theme>

"Being included, and belonging, feels good.
When we embrace equity, we embrace diversity and we embrace inclusion.
We embrace equity to forge harmony and unity and to help drive success for all.
Equality is the goal and equity is the means to get there. Through equity, we can reach equality."

We have also explored the idea of role models, with a focus on positive female role models. Through cross curricular links in History, Year 9 have been exploring how far women achieved equality in the 1960s, exploring both the workplace and in their social lives and in attitudes towards women.

Year 8 have also participated in a programme of statutory RSE lessons, exploring various concepts from pressures in young people, to how language and behaviour could be seen as sexual harassment, consent and how to report abuse online.

We look forward to next half-term, where our theme will focus on physical, mental and emotional health.

Mrs Bell



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Food and Nutrition Cook-Off Club

Year 7 Cook-Off Club have recently made some very tasty treats and we decided to make something for Mother's Day. All students were thrilled as they were able to make chocolates and take them home in a homemade bag. It has been such a lovely opportunity for students to be able to have their say on what different things they would like to make and cook in the club. Keep up the enthusiasm!

Miss Edwards



Comic Relief/Red Nose Day

This year Beauchamps decided that Friday 17th March would be a non-uniform day and to invite students and staff to donate towards two charities Comic Relief and Kids Inspire. A total of £1,350 was raised on the day so £675 went to each charity.

Kids Inspire is a local organisation that provide mental health and trauma recovery support for children, young people and their families. They do this through a range of therapeutic and community activities to promote resilience, self-awareness and relationship building to empower more positive life choices. Last year they worked with 3755 children in Essex which was an increase of 35% on the previous year. They receive no government funding and so rely on the generosity of local businesses and individuals to help fund its work. [Mrs Frost](#)



Beauchamps High School

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Grilling the Teachers!



Mrs Wood
and
Mr Knight



What is your favourite film?

Drop dead Fred.

The Good, the Bad and the Ugly.

What is your favourite quote from a film or book?

"All shall be well, and all shall be well, and all manner of thing shall be well" - Julian of Norwich.

(Forrest Gump) "Those look like really comfortable shoes".

What was your first job and did you enjoy it?

I stacked shelves in Gateway (a supermarket that does not exist anymore). No, I didn't enjoy it.

Working for M&S, and yes; it was very physical/manual.

What is your favourite meal of the day?

Dinner! My husband cooks. Breakfast.

What are you most proud of in the last year?

Remembering all the lyrics at Alanis Morissette's concert!

My son winning the Chelmsford Football League.

What is your proudest moment?

My children! They're pretty awesome.

Getting my law degree.

If you had 3 wishes what would they be?

Never have to mark anything again, eat as much chocolate as I want without gaining weight & wishing for world peace.

I wish for my son to get a job, for my daughter to pass all her GCSEs and for West Ham to get relegated!

If you weren't a teacher, what would you like to do?

I would be a gardener. I would be a musician.

What is the funniest/craziest thing that happened during one of your lessons?

I spent a whole year calling a student "Jebadiah". I knew it wasn't his name, but he answered to it quite happily!

A student once took control of my laptop during a lesson! They started changing the PowerPoint as I was teaching!

What famous person (dead or alive) would you like to meet?

Karl Marx - I'd like to ask him about the "revolution" he said would happen and why it hasn't?

Billy Bragg.

What year of your life would you like to go back to?

The year of my A- levels to work harder!

I would go back to my first year of college, 1993.

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

Quitting a stable career to pursue teaching... And no, I wouldn't do it again.

Teaching my first lesson, and yes I would do it again!

What family traditions do you have?

Me and my family send each other presents of a cardboard snow man!

Meeting up at Christmas at a particular pub with family.

Do you like sports? If so, which sport and team?

Nope. No interest. Football - Southend United.

What is your favourite bit of advice that someone once told you?

Probably something about being myself and not worrying what others think?

"So don't worry about tomorrow. For tomorrow will bring its own worries. Today's trouble is enough for today!"

Where would be your dream holiday?

I would go to Iceland again!

I would go somewhere unexpected in Europe.

What super-power would you have if you could?

Freezing time. I would have the time to mark and to take a lovely nap.

Super strength!

Marvel or DC fan? Favourite character?

I prefer Marvel but I like both. Wanda is my favourite; she's a very "gray" character. The good and bad to her gives her a lot of depth.

The Thing (from Fantastic 4).

If you could time travel, what time would you go to?

I would time travel to bedtime. Any and every bed time.

I would go back to 1966 to watch the world-cup final.

What is the perfect way of spending time on your birthday?

With my family!

Watching a football match and ordering a Chinese takeaway.

Do you have any hidden talents you'd like to share?

Years ago, I taught trampolining to adults.

I can juggle with one hand, I ran three marathons, and I went parachute jumping!

Thank you!

Interviews conducted by

Rebecca H and Valentina S Year 12



Students do Good Deeds



Mr Harper was delighted to reward these students with school pens for Good Deeds. From left, Harley K Year 9 handed in a mobile phone which belonged to a member of staff, Alex C Year 11 came across a bank card in Memorial Park and handed it in to Student Reception and Grant B Year 11 found a mobile phone in the playground and handed it in, which was subsequently found to belong to a grateful Year 7 student. Well done boys! [Miss S Bailey](#).

Wickford Cricket Club

If any staff, students, parents/carers or friends are interested in playing cricket over the summer, Wickford Cricket Club are looking for new players to join them.



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Students break up for half-term on Friday 26th May, returning on Monday 5th June 2023.

Contact Information

Could parents/carers please ensure that the school is informed by letter of any change to contact phone numbers, home addresses or email details via Student Reception. Thank you.

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.