

Beauchamps News



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Football Academy Success

Congratulations to the Football Academy for winning their first ever trophy!



On 19th April, the team won 3:1 against Davenant Foundation School in the Divisional Cup Final at Aveley FC. In an exciting and competitive match, Miller P, Sam H and Leeroy M scored the goals that won the cup! This was the U19 Division Cup Final and in order to reach the final, we had to beat Chelmsford College, USP (Palmers) and SEC on penalties. The Football Academy boys have worked incredibly hard this year to achieve this success, training 4 times a week and playing matches once a week. Not only did they achieve cup success, but they also finished runners-up in our division 1B league.

The final itself was a tough game against a very good side. The first half was a very cagey game, Beauchamps never really settled to the occasion and forced a lot of play. Davenant having the better of the ball, gave us some real issues to deal with. However, the team showed great resilience to ride out the pressure to go in at half time 1-1. The second half was much more a Beauchamps footballing performance, showing great work rate, attitude and style of play to create more chances against a good side. The team has played some very impressive, slick football this season, it is a joy having the privilege to watch the team train and play in the manner that they do each week. The team are already in training ready for the start of the new season and with more players being welcomed to the academy next season from Year 11 students, it really is a fantastic time to be a part of the Beauchamps Football Academy chasing success both on and off the pitch. Pictured above celebrating wearing their winners medals and the trophy, with Mr Flower and Mr Lodge.



A photo of the team looking relaxed but perhaps a little apprehensive taken just before leaving the school to board the coach to take them to the Cup Final. Congratulations to Ben C, Billy M, Ben W, Owen M, Jaiden S, Hayden B, Tyler P, Harvey H, Aston A, Harry J, Miller P, Sam H, Nicholas V, Leeroy M, Alex B and Harrison M. The school is very proud of you. [Mr Flower](#)

Headteacher's Letter

Dear Parents/Carers,

The exam season is now upon us. Good luck to all our Year 11 and Year 13 students who have been working incredibly hard all year. The next few weeks will be busy, so keep pushing on and you will soon be able to relax and enjoy your summer.

I am always pleased to hear of our numerous sporting successes across the school – both team based and individual. Our Year 7 Netball B Team have been victorious against The Billericay School, our Year 9 and Senior Football Teams were runners up in the District Football Finals and a huge congratulations also goes to our Football Academy who won their first ever trophy in the Divisional Cup Final!

I am also proud of our individual sporting stars – Sophie (Year 10) who is part of the Essex Badminton Team. She will soon be competing as a senior and I wish her the best of luck. We also celebrate Ella (Year 8) who is the England Boxing National School's Champion. This incredible achievement now means she has the potential to be selected to represent England at the European Championships which is really exciting. I also want to celebrate Archie (Year 11) who has accepted a scholarship at Hull City Football Club which is due to start on 1st July. Archie is a talented goalkeeper and they are lucky to have him on their team.

Elsewhere in the school our departments have been busy too. The Geography department took our Year 8 students to Epping Forest for their first taste of fieldwork. Students were given the opportunity to develop their investigative skills outside the classroom and it was something they really enjoyed. A small group of Year 8 students also got to visit Ypres in Belgium where they visited the battlefields and laid a wreath on behalf of Beauchamps.

Celebrating a key moment in history was our English department who threw a Coronation party to celebrate the crowning of King Charles III. Students enjoyed reading about the history of the monarchy alongside peers, staff and friends. A lovely moment to look back on.

As the weather begins to finally improve, I want to wish students and their families a wonderful half term break. We thank you for your continuing support.

Mr Harper, Headteacher





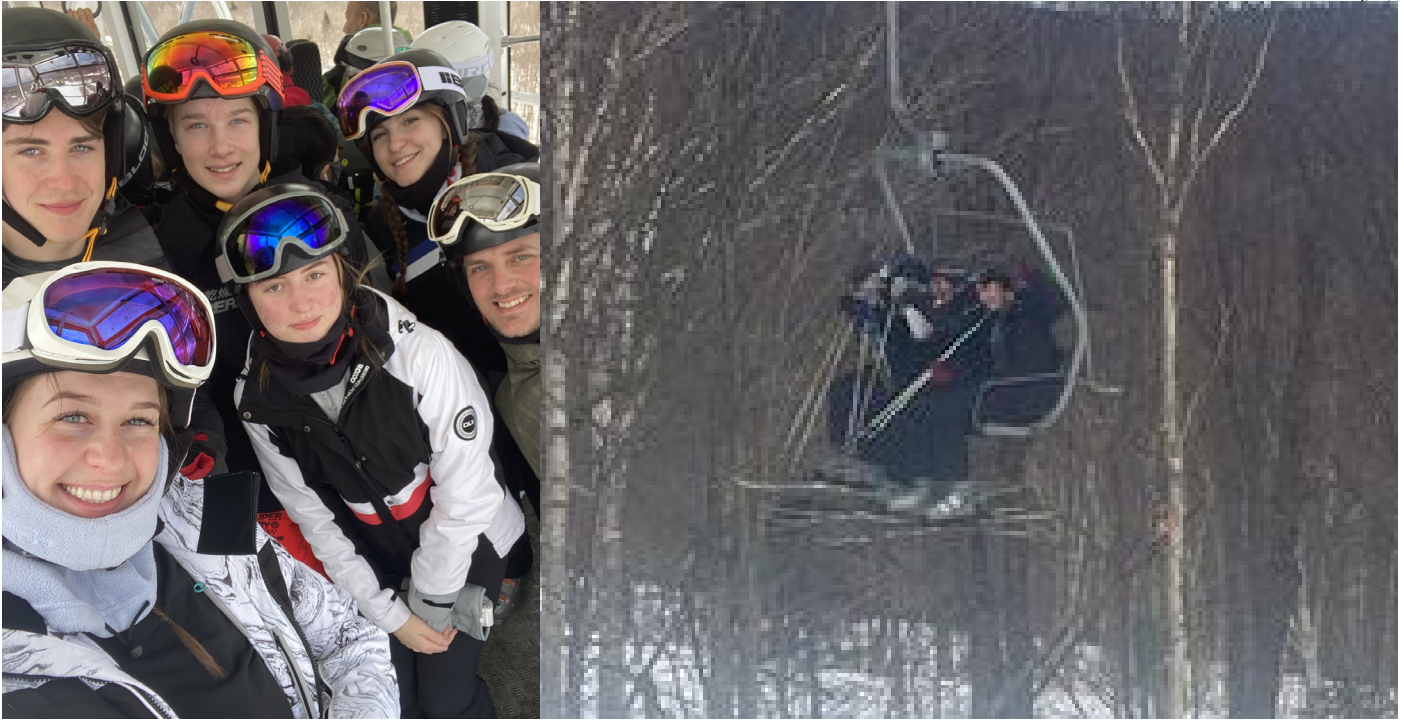
Ski Trip to Jay Peak

Jay Peak in Vermont USA was once again the incredible destination for our Ski Trip for this year. 38 students and 3 staff set off from school at 3am on the first Sunday of the Easter holidays arriving in Jay Peak at around 4pm later the same day. This particular week in Jay Peak is known as 'The British Invasion' as 12 schools were in the resort for the week. The week consisted of 5 days of ski lessons for 5 hours a day followed by a programme of evening activities including the use of their water park, a climbing centre and watching an ice hockey match. Jay Peak throws every bit of weather at you possible. In 5 days we had sun, rain, wind and snow as well as temperatures ranging from -9C on Monday to 13C on Thursday. They have had nearly 10 metres of snow this year! It certainly is a unique place.





Ski Trip to Jay Peak



The majority of our students were beginner skiers and they enjoyed spending time learning skills to enable them to progress up the mountain which they all did. By the end of the week everyone was at least able to safely negotiate a run from the top of the chair lift to the resort Base Lodge.

Here are comments from two of our instructors: **CP (Cullen Porter):** I've just spent the most amazing week of my skiing career with these students. They were everything that parents want for their children to be when they're away from home, at least when they were skiing. My prayers were answered in that we all stayed safe. We had lots of fun! Jeremy, Toby, Max, Eva, Josh, Sophie, Eva and Alex all found a place in my heart this week and I will remember this week with them forever. Safe travels! Bless you all!

Ryan Millet - I always love teaching and having fun with such a great group of amazing people from across the pond! I have been lucky enough to work with your school for multiple years/visits to Jay Peak and I look forward to many more!

At the end of the week of skiing, we still had to fit in our shopping trip in Manchester, New Hampshire. So we left Jay Peak on Friday evening for our trip down. We visited a Sports and Arcade Bar, Dave and Buster's, before getting up the next morning for our shopping trip and then a short visit to Quincy Market in Boston en route to the airport.

The staff were very proud of how our students conducted themselves throughout the trip and we received many comments about the behaviour and attitude of our particular group compared to others in the resort.

We look forward to taking students to Jay Peak next year! [Mr Windeatt](#)





English Lesson Legends

English celebrate Spring Term 2'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 2's winner was Thomas H (Year 10) for supporting his peers in and out of the classroom; showing a dedication beyond expectations. Through praise and appreciation the English department aim to inspire a love of learning. We can't wait to see who wins next half term. [Mr T Harper](#)



English Skills Academy Reading Club



The English department have invited students in Year 8 and 9 to join an after-school club full of reading and football where we build up confidence in reading and feel inspired to learn through physical activity. Students are joined by Year 12 students (members of the Beauchamps Football Academy) who read together to help engagement and to evoke discussions on themes and language used. The KS3 students have a choice of non-fiction texts to read:

***They Don't Teach This* by Eniola Aluko** - This text explores gender and how challenging it was for a female to get ahead in a sport dominated by men; her biography explores growing up on the streets in Birmingham and venturing into a 'man's' world.

***Anything is Possible* by Gareth Southgate** - In this text, the pro-player-turned-England-manager offers tips and life lessons - "focus on what you can control, do not compare yourself to others, dare to try."

Ultimate Football Heroes: 10 Book Collection - A series of fun football biographies telling the life-stories of the biggest and best footballers and their incredible journeys from childhood to super-star professional players including: Grealish, Salah, Pogba, Neymar, Ronaldo, Mbappe and Kane.

After the reading sessions, everyone traverses from the English department to the 3G pitch where the Sixth Formers (under the watchful eye of [Mr Flower](#)) go through some drills before teaming up to play a friendly game. Who knew reading could be so much fun? [Mr T Harper](#)



Careers

Are you in Year 10 or Year 12? Please see the opportunities below for residentials at the University of Essex this summer. If you are interested in applying, please contact careers@beauchamps.essex.sch.uk for an application form. [Mr Symes](#)



Criminal Minds Summer Sleepover

Programme highlights:

- Live like a uni student
- Fun evening activities
- Visit a court and see a live case
- Meet a real Judge
- Take part in a mock trial
- Experience a university lecture
- Work with academic staff & students
- Discover amazing careers across law, forensic science, psychology ...and much more

DEADLINE: 12th June

Future Leaders Summer School

12th - 14th July
Year 12 / first-year FE

Programme Highlights:

- Live like a uni student
- Fun evening activities
- Build your debating skills with the Debate Mate team
- Take part in a **Model UN**
- Work with student ambassadors
- Make your CV glow!

DEADLINE: 12th June



Mrs Raymond
Careers Coordinator

23 - 26 JULY
YEAR 10
FREE RESIDENTIAL

Travel bursaries available

MAKE HAPPEN

Free summer residential
University of Essex
Colchester campus.



PSHE/RSE Update

The focus for PSHE this half term is health, with a particular focus on mental health and the promotion of Mental Health Awareness Week, which this year falls between the 15th and 21st of May. Mental health is a very topical issue to address and the theme chosen by the Mental Health Foundation for this year is 'Anxiety'.

<https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/our-work/public-engagement/mental-health-awareness-week>

“Anxiety is one of the most common mental health problems we can face. In a recent mental health survey we carried out around stress, anxiety and hopelessness over personal finances, a quarter of adults said they felt so anxious that it stopped them from doing the things they want to do some or all of the time. Six in ten adults feel this way, at least some of the time. On a positive note, anxiety can be made easier to manage.”

During PSHE form time, we began to examine life in Ukraine a year after the war began, with a particular focus on the town of Borodianka, which has been chosen by Basildon Council as a potential twinned town as a focus for providing some support for the residents still there. We have launched a shoebox campaign that will continue into next half term, where form groups will be encouraged to bring in items to gift to a teenager from a refugee centre in Borodianka. [Mrs Bell](#)

Higher Aspire Club

Sam G, Year 8, has been selected to be published from the Higher Aspire Club entries to the Winter Wonderland Young Writers Competition. Sam has been working hard to develop his creative writing skills since starting Beauchamps in Year 7 and deserves this amazing achievement for his creation '25 Wishes' - Well Done! [Miss Cooper](#)



Sixth Form

As part of well-being week, our amazing Year 13 students took part in a dance activity followed by a well-deserved tea party. A wonderful cake made especially for the occasion was very popular! [Mrs Gargrue](#)





Sixth Form Charity Cake Sale



Thank you to Danny B, Year 8, who made some cupcakes and contributed to the Sixth Form charity event and for all the donations from students and staff, they raised £140 for the Sue Ryder Charity. [Mrs Gargrupe](#)



Duke of Edinburgh Award



Sixth Form students went on an extremely successful and demanding Duke of Edinburgh expedition just before Easter.

I want to praise the students for their efforts after heavy rainfall made the conditions quite easily the hardest I've ever seen!

These students showed resilience in an abundance as they quite literally rolled up their sleeves and got on with camping in swamp like conditions. Their navigational skills were excellent and all the groups stepped up to all the challenges thrown their way.

This was a real test of character ahead of their assessment expedition in the summer and it's safe to say if they show anywhere near the same level of commitment and perseverance in their next expedition, they will all pass with flying colours.

The students should be congratulated on their efforts as they were a true credit to the school. [Mr Byford](#)





Jack Petchey Speakout Challenge



On 18th April, Ashley A, Year 10 presented her amazing speech at De La Salle School in Basildon as part of the annual Jack Petchey Speakout Challenge Competition. We are all very proud of her hard work in writing a powerful speech and presenting it in front of a diverse audience!

Student Thomas H, Year 10 was a runner-up from Beauchamps who unfortunately did not get the chance to present his unique speech. However, he was there supporting Ashley selflessly like a real gentleman! [Mrs Stavroula](#)

Ashley writes...

I started the Speak Out Challenge Competition during a workshop with our lovely trainer Ore. Afterwards, a select few were chosen to present their speeches in front of Years 7, 8 and 9. It was both a nerve-racking but enjoyable experience. Each year group had to vote for their school representatives and Thomas and I were chosen! We spent many weeks working on perfecting our speeches. Mine was entitled 'One good idea' and Thomas' 'Not acceptable'. I spoke about how youths don't use their brilliant ideas just because someone told them it was not good enough. With the generous help and support of Mrs Kalousis and Mrs Collier-Brown, I have learnt so much on this journey. I would also like to thank my mother who helped me prepare for the competition (at times very late into the evening).

With thanks to Jack Petchey, I now have the confidence to speak in public and know how to write a speech which will be enjoyed by a diverse audience.

Jack Petchey's
"SPEAK OUT"
Challenge!



Year 7 Netball B Team



Well done to our Year 7 Netball B Team on their 14-6 win against The Billericay School recently.

Both Miss Davies and Mrs Gotts have been impressed with the commitment of this team and their hard work definitely paid off. Player Of The Match - Alice G.

Miss Davies

Ella W - Boxing

Following on from her successful boxing trip to Sweden as reported in the last newsletter, Ella W, Year 8 has now competed at the England Boxing National Schools Championships 2023.

The semi final and final of the Championships were held over the weekend of 13th and 14th May at Guildford. On Saturday, Ella confidently won the semi-final to set up a final with last year's champion on Sunday.

Ella successfully overcame last year's champion and won her first National title, making her the best in the country in her age and weight category.

Following this fantastic achievement, Ella has received a letter from England Boxing inviting her to participate on the England Boxing National Performance Pathway as well as asking her to attend the selection camp which they use to select the boxer to represent England at the European Championships! She was also voted as one of the three, all different ages, boxers of the tournament by the England Boxing coaches.

The photos show Ella competing against her opponent in the final, and a little later after she had been declared the winner with her golden boxing gloves and as the 2023 Champion!



Sophie L - Badminton

Sophie L, Year 10, has been informed by the Essex Badminton Team of the exciting news that she will be moving up into the U19s from September this year. This will be the final chapter of playing for Essex County Juniors and her next stage after that will be competing in the Senior league.

Sophie has already entered the Essex U17s Tournament in September, but can now enter for the U19s competition as well. She can also now attend training sessions for the U19s. Congratulations Sophie!



Year 9 Football and Senior Team

The Year 9 and Senior teams played in their District Football Cup Finals on Tuesday 2 May. Both teams battled hard, but unfortunately finished runners up. The students thoroughly enjoyed the experience of playing at Billericay FC, learning a lot from the matches played and they should be proud of their efforts this year.

Beauchamps PE Department were extremely proud to be the only school with two sides represented at the finals, once again showing the progress the school is making in their football provision. [Mr Byford](#)



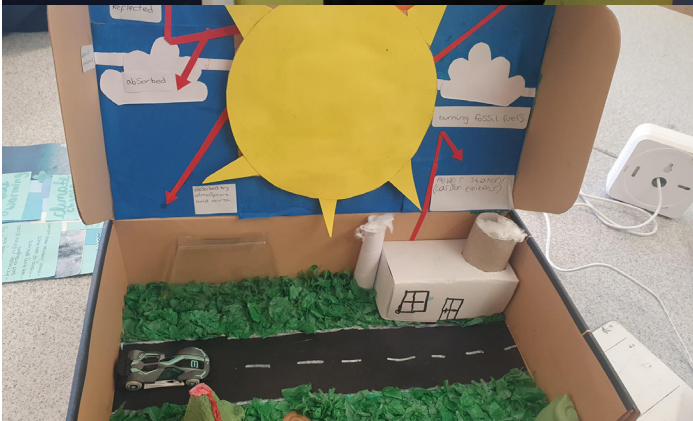
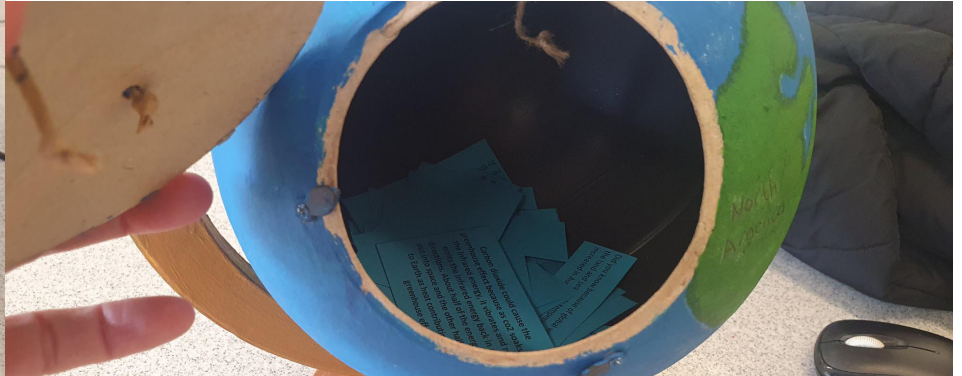
The Year 9 Team and The Senior Year 10/11 Team warming up before their respective finals at Billericay FC.



Outstanding Work in Science

Congratulations to Henry B and Neev V, both Year 8, for their superb work on the Climate Change projects they were set. Henry's work comes in a box which opens up to show climate change facts. Neev's made his entry from an old globe which he carefully cut open to make a door and inserted tabs and a small cord so it can be opened and closed. The beauty of this design is that it can be easily updated with more useful and interesting facts about climate change.

[Dr Carapuco](#)



For my science project I have decided to create a globe to demonstrate earth and filled it with facts about global warming. To retrieve the facts, you must put your hand in the globe and fish them out one by one. If you do so you will find facts about the greenhouse effect and what it is, climate change and how it is affect different countries. So that everyone gets a chance you must pass the globe on to the person sitting next to you. I hope you have fun with this and if you have any questions feel free to ask.

GIFTED WORKSHOPS

The gifted art group have been busy creating large graphic portraits that represent a range of sports. Note that the Beauchamps colours have been used and each portrait was created by 2 students working together. Once the artworks are displayed in the school gym and I will be sure to share a final photograph. For the final half term of the year, our gifted art students are starting a personal art piece which show-cases their best media.

[Mrs Mallows](#)



ART CLUB AND THE ART COMMITTEE

This term the art committee and KS3 art club have been working together on the summer drama production 'Bugsy Malone'.

The art committee have enjoyed stage painting and learning how to paint strong contrast. The art club have been busy working on making the finishing touches to the set to make sure the stage is looking fabulous for the performers for their summer production.

Mrs Birkumshaw



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





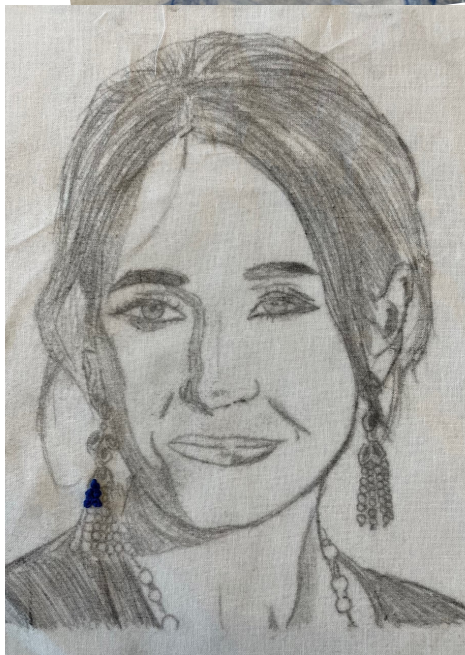
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TEXTILES

This term Year 9 have been refining the art of mono printing in their textile lessons with Miss Moore and Mrs Mallows. Connecting International Women's day to their practical skills, it has been a fantastic project in which all students have learnt about iconic and influential women past and present. As you can see there are some brilliant outcomes on display. How many faces can you name?

Miss Moore & Mrs Mallows



YEAR 8 TEXTILES

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 news skills. A big thank you also to Mrs Hollywell and Miss Pinnock for their help in lessons. [Mrs Mallows](#)

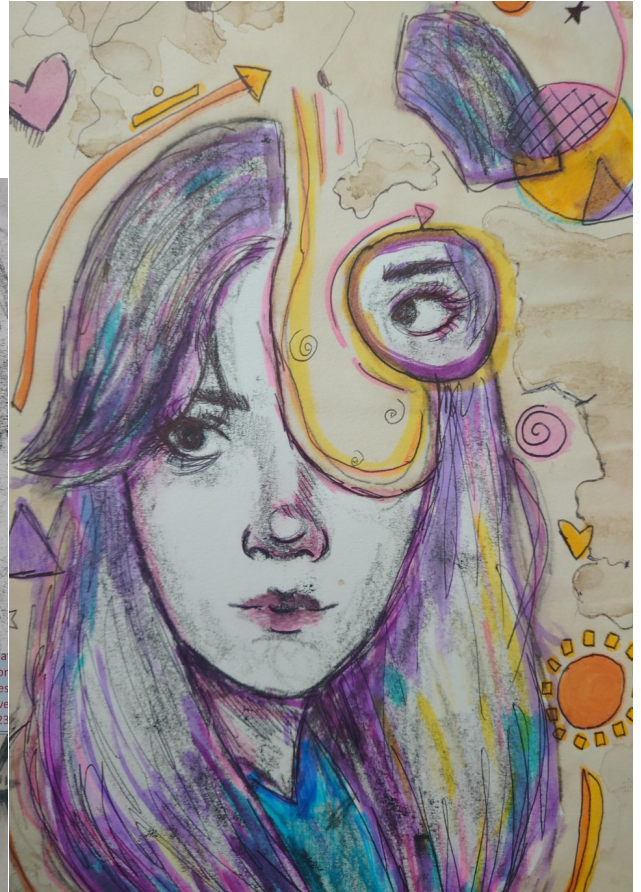


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Year 9 art have been refining their mix media skills by working on the project 'Identity'.

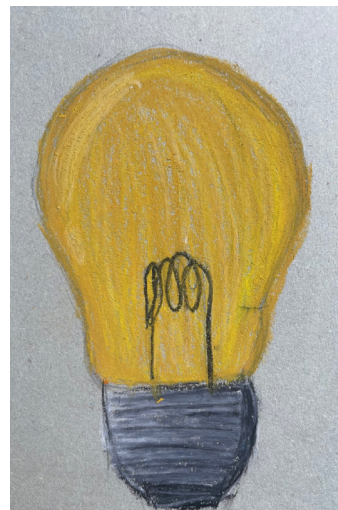
The students have been working very hard in their art lessons, building on their confidence to experiment with a variety of media; mono-printing, etching, collage, coffee staining and water colour. The students have had lots of fun developing their own artwork which I know will lead to some fantastic final pieces.

Mrs Birkumshaw
&
Mrs Mallows



Fantastic contrast of techniques To improve Cbi May 23

YEAR 8



Year 8 have been expanding the medias that they have been working with in their art lessons and have been creating everyday objects in oil pastels. Although at first it seemed a hard and messy media to master, here are their results on show that have come from hard work and perseverance.

Miss Moore & Mrs Mallows





The SEND Page



This half term has seen the start of the GCSE examinations for Year 11. We have also seen our Year 10 students sit their GCSE examinations in English Literature. We are really proud of everyone's preparation and determination going into the exams as we know how stressful pressures like these can be! We would like you all to remember:

JUST KEEP DOING YOUR BEST

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YOUR BEST IS ALWAYS ENOUGH!

I wanted to share some interesting information with you around the special educational needs landscape in our school. Did you know, if you have additional needs which require lots of classroom support or six hours extra classroom support, you are placed on the school's Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) register. If you have significant needs and find school very hard, you might have been given, by the Essex Local Authority, an Education and Health Care Plan (EHCP). This means you get lots of lots of support in school. Currently in our school we have 183 children on the SEND register, 39 of those have an EHCP. In September we are expecting to welcome approximately 45 students with additional needs into Year 7 with around 10 having an EHCP.

Here at Beauchamps we are proud to be a very inclusive school and have a SEND statement all our staff and children embrace.

Miss Clarkson

Here at Beauchamps we expect **ALL** children to make progress appropriate to their abilities. We push all of our children to try to exceed targets both in and out of the classroom. We expect our children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities to try hard in lessons. They should expect the same from us;

We promise to support our SEND students by planning differentiated, engaging and accessible lessons so they can reach their goals.

We recognise their abilities are different and our aim as educators is to help them realise their potential by removing any barriers which may prevent them from doing this.



"Nobody rises to low expectations."



SEND News extra!



NEW CHESS CLUB



We have discovered recently there is a love of chess in the learning support department and Mr Adkin has set up a lunch time chess club!



Mr Adkin will be running a SEND chess club during lunchtime on Wednesdays in BE4.

All SEND students welcome

All abilities are welcome and there is no need to book, just come along.



Just a reminder...



We have **SEND Homework club** running daily in **The Flexible Learning Centre** from 8.00 with **Mr Souter**. Please book in with Mr Souter, he will help



I am a parent. I am a caregiver. I am a family member. It is my job to see the world through this child's eyes. Explain this child to teachers. Explain this child to our community. It is my privilege to fight for this child's needs.

Sensory Processing Disorder Parent Support



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;

Wednesday 24th May 1.30-2.30pm
Tuesday 13th June 1.30-2.30pm

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/>



Have a lovely May half-term holiday and I look forward to seeing you all after the break.





Lola C - BubbleBraids

Lola C, Year 12 started braiding family and friend's hair at the age of eight. Then two years ago, a friend's mum offered her £5 to braid her hair and Lola wondered if she could make a business out of this. She set up online pages for her business and has now amassed over 1,500 followers on Facebook. She has been running her *BubbleBraids* business since she was 14 and she recently held her first market stall at Wickford market on Saturday 15th April 2023.

It was an instant success and very soon, an hour-long queue of girls had formed for Lola to braid their hair! Well done Lola!

[Mrs Gargrupe](#)

Lola says, "I started off braiding hair from under a gazebo in the garden but as more and more people kept enquiring, I decided to try out having a market stall.

I am very grateful to everyone who visited the stall. I had the most amazing day and it was such a great environment. It was so lovely meeting so many people and I hope to see them again soon".



Lola's stall is at Wickford Market most Saturdays!



Lola has her own website <https://www.bubblebraids.co.uk> and she is saving up to pay for driving lessons and to buy a car when she is old enough! The photo above is Lola and with Sixth Form Year Leader Mrs Gargrupe.



First Give Competition

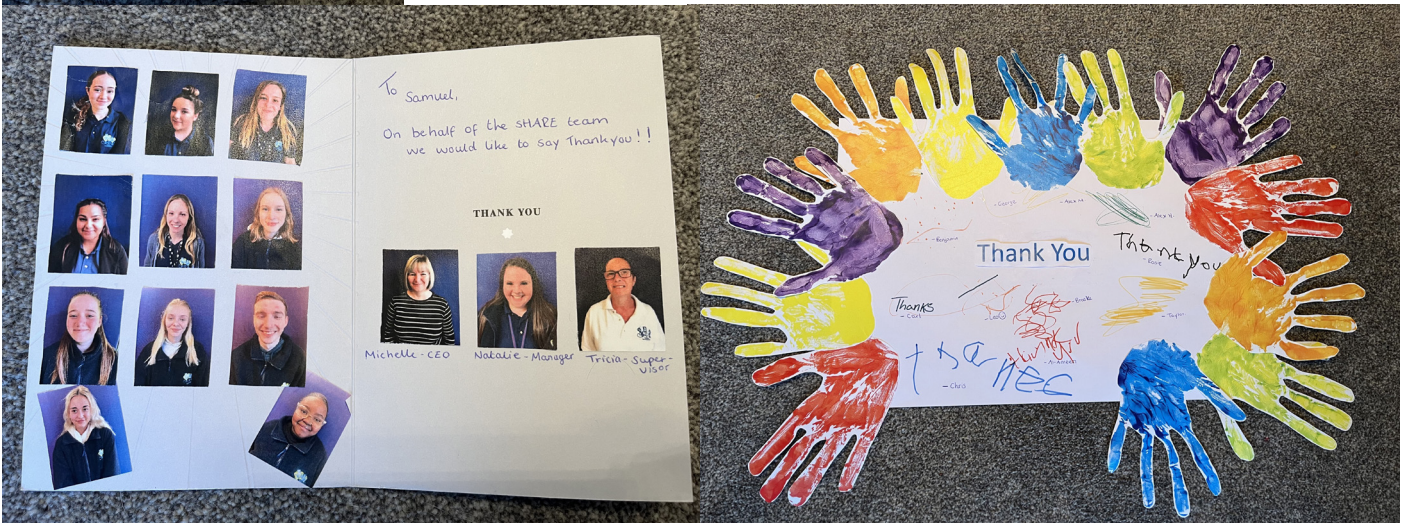


The ERP department are very proud of the Year 9 presentations at the First Give final this year. Every student worked really hard throughout the programme and raised a lot of awareness and donations for local charities.

The winning students - Sam D, Callum D, Oliver B, Alfie R, Emily A, Demi I and Isabelle D (pictured below with Mr Harper and Year Leader Mrs T Hampton) raised £75 for Share, a Children's Respite and Care charity based in Basildon and the group's winning presentation won the £1000 prize which will also go to Share.

Share are incredibly grateful and will benefit greatly from the money for their centre and sent a lovely Thank You card to the students.

A big thank you to everyone that supported our students throughout the programme.
[Miss Hopping](#)





Archie H - Year 11

We are thrilled to hear that following a trial, Archie H of Year 11 has been offered and accepted a 2-year scholarship at Hull City Football Club.

Archie's Dad says "To say Archie is shocked is an understatement! He said that he thought he had trained well and shown himself in a good light, but was still lost for words when they told him of the offer".

Archie and the club have since had meetings to discuss digs, education and ongoing support. The start date is 1st July, although he is allowed to come back for the Year 11 Prom!

[Mr Byford](#)



Archie recently received a club goalkeeper's shirt and was introduced to the home crowd at the MKM Stadium in Hull. Archie lined up for a photo with his fellow inductees to the Academy. We wish Archie every success at Hull City.

Congratulations Archie

[Archie writes...](#) I started playing football at an early age, always keen to be in goal having balls kicked at me. At the age of 6, I joined Essex Royals and was soon playing games for them as their goalkeeper.

Age 7, I joined Colchester United and was offered a place in their academy as an U9. I spent a few seasons there and have lots of great memories. It wasn't all plain sailing though, I had to make a lot of sacrifices along the way - lots of time travelling (both during the week and at the weekends), early nights when my friends were at parties or sleepovers and having to juggle football commitments alongside keeping on top of school work.

At the end of U11's I was released, apparently I 'hadn't developed or progressed enough'. I will be honest, at first it was upsetting - being told you are not good enough! - But I soon started to think what my next move would be. I love playing football and one club's opinion wasn't going to stop me.

I didn't want to go back into academy football so found a good grassroots team with a goalkeeping coach.

I joined Concord Rangers playing in the EJA league (Eastern Junior Alliance) as an U12 and have just finished my last season there as an U16.

In November 2021 [Mr Byford](#) put me forward for the Essex County team trials.

It was a great experience and as a result I had lots of interest from professional clubs.

Later that month I started an 8 week trial at Arsenal, the feedback I got from them was really positive....But at the end of the 8 weeks I was told it was a 'No'. April 2022 I was asked to trial at Spurs, this time however it was a 'No' from me, I don't know what it was but it just didn't feel right, so I walked away. Summer 2022 and I went to West Ham. I was there for 6 weeks and again the feedback was great. But yet again I was faced with another 'No'.

I was determined to keep going so my next trial was at Norwich. I really thought that I had done well and was quite disappointed when the news came in that it was another 'No'. However, this time was different, this time they told me that they believed in me and whilst I wasn't quite what they wanted, that they would help me find a club.

And that is how I ended up going to Hull City for a week in March, and how I ended up securing a 2 year Scholarship.

If I could give any advice, it would be never give up on yourself or keep working hard.





Geography Field Trip

On a rather wet Friday in April, Year 8 embarked on a trip to Debden Brook, a small river in Epping Forest. Students got a chance to learn more about fieldwork in geography, work on their enquiry skills and really learn about how we can take the geography learnt in the classroom into a real-world example. It also gave students a chance to develop their own independent investigation- plan the whole thing through and collect the data needed to see if their initial thoughts were correct. [Miss N Bailey](#)

Here are some comments from some of the students on the trip:

The Epping Forest trip was very interesting. We learnt about the forest and surrounding area, like how Debden Brook is actually a tributary of the Thames. We explored the educational side of things as well, such as when we were looking at different types of soil/mud at different points on a hill. My favourite part was walking in the river, where we worked in groups to collect information and carry out our own experiments to prove our hypotheses. Overall, it was a fun, fascinating experience and I hope to go again. [Zuri M.](#)

My experience at Epping Forest was amazing!

It is the perfect place for a peaceful and relaxing walk or a fascinating geography trip. The staff there were very kind and accommodating and taught us lessons about the natural habitat and the river around us. I really loved it when we went inside of the river and measured the velocity and width of it. I would recommend Epping Forest to anyone who wants to go for a fun geography trip. We had lots of fun and I would go there again. [Harry C](#)



History World War 1 Battlefields Trip



Around fifty Year 8 students had the opportunity to visit the WW1 battlefields around Ypres in Belgium on Friday 24th March. They laid a wreath on behalf of Beauchamps High School at Tyne Cot by the name of a fallen Wickford soldier, Albert Heard. [Miss Williams](#)



Food and Nutrition - Year 7 Cook Off Club



This term in cook off club, the students have put forward some of their own ideas on what they wish to cook. I thought this was a lovely idea for all to contribute and discuss different ideas. So far we have made brownies, lasagne, pesto pizza and mini burgers. Mondays after school have been super fun and relaxed with fantastic participation - well done all! [Miss Edwards](#)

Further achievements in and out of school



Huge congratulations to Joseph L, Year 11, for qualifying for the Maclaurin Mathematical Olympiad by getting into the top 600 students in the country on the UKMT challenge. And extra congratulations for receiving a merit award in the Olympiad! [Miss Baker](#)



Congratulations to Phoebe S and Chloe H, Year 9 for taking part in a national Swimathon recently and raising money for Diabetes UK, both receiving medals for their efforts. These two students have raised over £180 pounds each for the charity, the swim was over a two week period. Phoebe swam 22 miles, Chloe 11 miles. [Mrs T Hampton](#)



Coronation Party

Offering another chance for friends and peers to mark a historical event together, the English Dept. invited all Year 7 students to a Coronation Party after school on Tuesday 9th May to celebrate the crowning of King Charles III. As part of our drive to maintain, promote and engage student interest in English and its wider world application, we thought it was important to acknowledge and celebrate this momentous occasion.

Students joined their peers and friends with a drink and snack whilst reading non-fiction texts about the history of the monarchy, the life of Charles III, the preparations for a Coronation as well having plenty of the creative tasks all centred around our new monarch. Evidence of the hard work will be on display in the corridors of the school. [Mr T Harper](#)





Drug Education Day



Drug Awareness Presentation

On the 18th April students from Year 9 took part in a Drug Education Day. There were 2 aspects to the day. Firstly, the Children’s Society and Essex Police ran an information session on drugs and the effects they have on young people and their families. The officers showed how drugs link into knife and violent crime and how young people can be proactive in being drawn into the risks that drugs bring. Resilience Voyage brought their Drugs Bus onto the school site and students experienced an interactive session split into 2 activities. The bus is divided into 2 sections, a ‘crack shack’ and a prison cell. The students undertook escape room activities in the prison cell, whilst the ‘crack shack’ was a fully immersed discussion space where information was given on topics such as substance misuse, knife crime, county lines, mental health and young offending. [Mr Windeatt](#)



The Resilience Voyage Drugs Bus





Police Visit Playground!

The Children and Young People Officers from Essex Police visited us at lunchtime recently as part of Operation Sceptre. This is a national operation to tackle knife crime. Our students were able to engage with the officers and speak to them about knife crime. Students tried out the 'knife arch' and hand scanners which are tools the police can use to detect knives being carried. Many students had fun walking through the knife arch and setting off the metal detectors and many took it in turns to be temporarily locked up in the back of the police van! We hope to welcome the officers back to the school soon with other national and local initiatives. [Mr Windeatt](#)



**TOGETHER
WE CAN FIGHT
KNIFE CRIME**

Every day we are carrying out work to tackle serious violence and knife crime in our communities, to help keep you and especially our young people safe.

**OPERATION
SCEPTRE**





LRC - Breakfast with Books

On Thursday 18th May we welcomed a library full of parents and students who shared a reading session accompanied by a hearty breakfast of bacon rolls and fruit. The theme for this term's meeting was raising the reading expectation and a fantastic range of the library's latest titles were available. Our new Literacy Team members, Mrs Graham and Mrs Ray, who are reading intervention specialists, were on hand to offer advice to parents and update them on student progress. Our final reading breakfast event of the year, Bring Your Teacher to Breakfast, will take place on Friday 30th June, so look out for your invite. What a great way to start the day! [Mrs Perkins](#)





The Tempest - Shakespeare's Globe

As part of our Literacy enrichment programme, students from Years 7,8 & 9 went to The Globe Theatre in London to see a matinee performance of The Tempest. This production was a magical 90-minute version, created specifically for young people and was the perfect introduction to Shakespeare for people of all ages. We enjoyed the authentic Tudor groundlings experience, standing in the yard for the performance. Although some legs were tired, they all agreed that it was worth it to get so close to the onstage action. Some of our students even ad-libbed themselves a part as they were engaged in conversation by the cast. As always, the students were a credit to the school. [Mrs Perkins](#)



LRC - Read with PRIDE

During June, the school will be celebrating Pride Month and the LRC will be showcasing the fantastic range of LGBTQ+ books available. There is a huge range of inclusive fiction, with diverse characters as well as a large range of non-fiction texts. Students are encouraged to join us at any time, but particularly for lunch on Thursday 22nd June when we will be hosting our own Pride Literature event.

See the following for just a small sample of what is available. [Mrs Perkins](#)





English Dept Celebrate Eurovision

To celebrate the recent football World Cup and Eurovision Song contest, the English department ran reading challenges to encourage students to learn more about the events and the countries involved. Within allocated Drop Everything And Read time, students were challenged to read articles from an array of countries all centred around the topics.

Points were awarded for borrowing designated books from the library (literature from around the world both fiction and non-fiction texts relating to the participating countries) and writing a review of either the books taken from library or the articles in DEAR time. The highest scoring three students in each KS3 year group were then awarded a certificate and prize.

In English we believe in celebrating current world events; moments that will make history in order to bring the students closer to each other and has become an integral part of growing and learning in our classrooms.

Congratulations to the winners, some of whom are pictured below. [Mr T Harper](#)



Excellent Work by Year 9 students

Some excellent English home learning from Year 9 based on our set text 'An Inspector Calls.' [Miss Cooper](#)





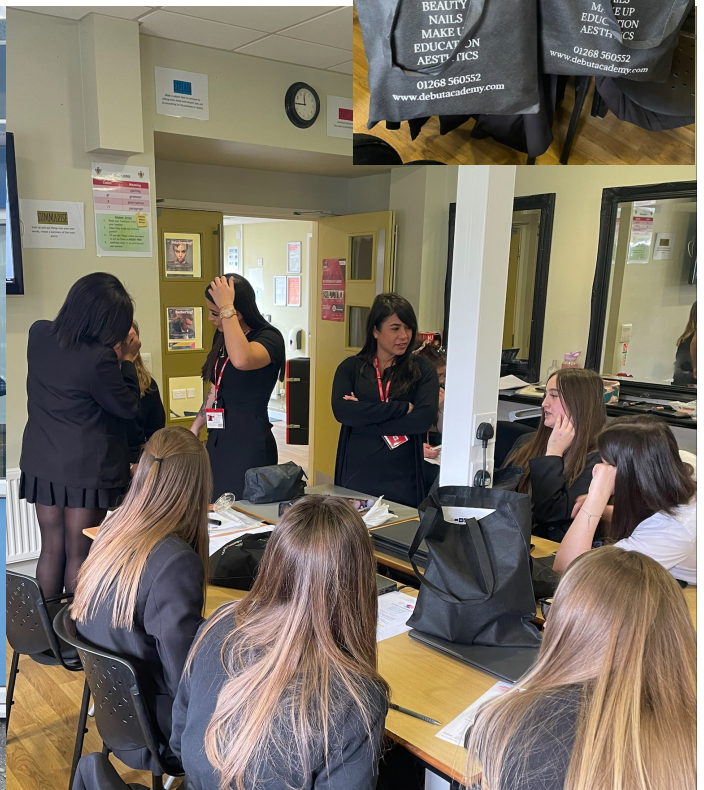
Year 7 Football Final

Students in Mr Harper's Year 7 English class took on the challenge of reporting on the Year 7 Football Final. The students spent lessons developing an understanding of how interviews are used in journalism before applying this knowledge in an interview workshop with four of the Year 7 players. Questions focused on pre-match preparation, favourite skills, dealing with pressure and their inspirational heroes. Using the information, students from the class were then tasked to turn the interview questions and answers into a magazine article. In addition, four members of the class were offered the chance to join the team on the team bus and watch the match - to create a match report article. The results from this task were great and the standard of writing was incredibly high – many a proud teacher moment. However, of all the submitted pieces, Sophie and Oliver (pictured) produced phenomenal works worthy of any magazine. [Mr T Harper](#)



Hair and Beauty Visit

Year 10 had a visit on 20th April 2023, from Debut Academy in Wickford. They came to talk about future careers, apprenticeships and other training opportunities. The students got to hear from a current Debut trainee to hear about her experience as an apprentice and watched a make-up demonstration from a professional makeup artist. They also came away with a goodie bag each! [Miss Parker](#)





Are you thinking about teaching as a career?

Are you looking for a new challenge during these uncertain times?

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

IF SO...

Then Beauchamps High School runs a high quality, successful ITT programme working alongside our SCITT providers BEC Teacher Training and Essex Schools Direct.

We are a high-quality school centred initial teacher training provider with many years of experience training teachers in Essex.

Passionate about training, we know every trainee is an individual and we aim to meet your needs through an inspiring training experience that will provide a strong foundation for your future career. Our friendly and highly qualified team offers a rigorous, practical and personalised programme so our trainees progress rapidly to become good and outstanding teachers.

Our trainees tell us that training with us is a 'first class experience' that gives them 'all the skills they need to be a successful teacher'. All our trainees get jobs when they reach the end of the course, with the vast majority choosing to take up positions in local schools as they take their first steps in this exceptionally rewarding career. [Mrs Conway](#)

If you are interested and want further details on our ITT programme, please contact Mrs Conway (email: aconway@beauchamps.essex.sch.uk). OR contact the providers directly using the contact details below. Please quote Beauchamps High School as point of referral:

Call: 01268 477611 Email: info@billericayscitt.com Visit: <https://www.billericayscitt.com/>



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Beauchamps High School

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26th - 28th June 2023

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Grilling the Teachers!



Miss N Bailey
and
Mr Flower



What's the first thing you would buy if you won the lottery?

A holiday travelling across the USA

- I'd like to travel along route 66, possibly for a month.

I would love to own a villa abroad somewhere in Spain or the south of France & I think I would buy Southend Football Club!

If you could only eat one type of food for the rest of your life, what would it be?

Anything to do with bread!

I really enjoy Turkish food.

Who do you admire most in the world?

Malala Yousafzai and Michelle Obama.

Being a PE teacher & football coach, **Pep Guardiola** must be the main person for the impact he is having on football.

What song always gets you on the dance floor?

Single Ladies by Beyonce.

There isn't any song that will ever get me to a dance floor to awkwardly just step around! I have two left feet!

A genie gives you three wishes, what would they be?

Health for my family/ A house with land and a farm/ To always have enough money to be comfortable.

To be fluent in another language (Spanish)/ To be able to travel around the world coaching/ To be a scuba diver.

Which fictional character do you relate to the most?

Hermione Granger - I was very like her at school.

Someone really cool like Captain America, but it is probably closer to someone like Donkey from Shrek!

If you could meet a person (dead or alive) who would it be?

Anne Boleyn - to get her side of the story!

Michael Jordan – his work ethic and mentality both in sport & business are phenomenal. He has had an incredible life full of achievements & success. I'd love to hear his stories.

What is the best place you have travelled to and why?

Poldhu beach, Cornwall, for the memories with my family.

When I went skiing in Crans-Montana in Switzerland.

What has been your proudest moment?

Having my son.

Reaching the 1st round of the FA Cup coaching Bowers and Pitsea, against league one Lincoln City FC.

What's your favourite thing about your current job?

Being able to give back to the school that I went to.

Difficult question as there is lots that I love about working at Beauchamps. One of my favourite things will always be the interaction with staff and students, so many good and interesting students and staff at the school.

If you were Prime Minister for a day, what would you change?

Make it so all our energy comes from renewable sources.

That is an easy question, it would have to be having a 4-day working week!

If you could time travel to any period in history, which one?

1950's in the USA

1960's

Have you ever had any unusual jobs?

I used to serve the meatballs at IKEA

DJ assistant – During secondary school I earned pocket money working for my neighbour who was a DJ, He used to do birthday parties & weddings. I would carry & set up all the equipment, then play music and party all night long!

What do you remember about your first day in your first job?

How weird it was calling my old teachers by their first name.

I remember thinking that the Year 11's were only 4 years younger than me and the Sixth Formers only 2 years, so how on earth was I going to get them to take me seriously being so close to their own age!

What hobbies do you have?

I love baking and embroidery.

I have really stereotypical PE teacher hobbies.... Playing football, football coaching, going to the gym and I enjoy reading.

Do you have any unusual skills?

I can touch my tongue to my nose .

Thought hard about this but I genuinely don't, closest thing to unusual was for a period of time Miss Page and I were learning how to make balloon animals (we got very good)!

Do you have a work best friend?

The whole Geography department

I will have to be impartial with this question, don't want to upset too many people. It would have to be the PE department firstly. However, we are really fortunate at Beauchamps to have lots of great and interesting staff around school that I've had the pleasure to know.

How would your 13 year old self react to what you do now?

I am not surprised that I am a teacher, but surprised I work in the school that I went to!

I think he would be happy with what I do now. I was fortunate to have some idea of what I wanted to do when I grew up.

What's your favourite season and why?

Autumn because of the leaves falling

It must be summer, but more specifically the very beginning of summer when it first starts to get warm & bright in the mornings.

If you could do anything besides what you do now, what would it be?

Working for the UN to help the most vulnerable around the world through education.

It would have to be something practically based; I haven't got the attention span to work in an office! I have regularly said that when I retire I'd love to be a groundsman at a top sports ground.

What's the scariest thing you've ever done & why did you do it?

Move away from everyone at 18, because I needed to learn to be independent.

The most memorable time was on a family holiday when I was younger. We took a precarious camel ride up the side of a mountain! I remember hanging over the edge of the path on a camel for hours, thinking my time was up!

I will not be doing it again!

Thank you!

Interviews conducted by

Alfie R Year 9



Students do Good Deeds



Mr Harper was very pleased to award school pens to students for good deeds this term. Matthew R, Year 8, found an Apple Watch and handed it in to Miss Scott in Student Reception, Sam W, Year 7 came across a £10 note he found in the corridor and handed it in and Isobella R Year 7, found a mobile phone in the playground, handed it in and it has now been returned to the owner. [Miss S Bailey](#)



Emily A, Year 9, was thanked for handing in a mobile phone in a leather holder, with some money stuffed down behind it. This was returned to the grateful owner. [Miss S Bailey](#)



Two Year 10 students, Noah C and Jake S were thanked for their good deed of handing in a mobile phone that they came across to Student Reception. [Miss S Bailey](#)



Jack H, Year 13 was in the local Tesco before school recently, when according to a witness who contacted the school - "An elderly lady collapsed in Tesco this morning and Jack was amazing taking her pulse and putting bandages on her, he waited 40 minutes for the ambulance and the lady said how fantastic he was". Well done Jack - what a wonderful thing to do! [Miss S Bailey](#)

Online Donated Uniform Shop



In order to support parents/carers with the purchase of uniform, the school operates an on-line **Donated Uniform shop**.

Details of available items can be viewed and paid for via the SCOPay app and can be collected from the Main Reception between 8am and 4pm during term time.

If you have any unwanted clean, good condition uniform that you would like to donate, please drop these items off at the Main Reception.

Anyone donating uniform throughout the Summer term will be entered in to a prize draw to win a £30 Amazon voucher. [Mrs Frost](#)



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Students break up for Summer on Wednesday 19th July. The new school year starts on Wednesday 6th September 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.