

# Beauchamps News



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## Jack Petchey Winners



We are pleased to celebrate the latest winners of the prestigious Jack Petchey awards. In addition to the certificate and attending an event in the autumn to receive a medal, the winning students each receive £300 from the Jack Petchey Foundation to spend with the department of their choice in the school. This term's winners are Freddie S Year 11 (£300 to Music), Hayley U Year 10 (£300 to English) and Harry R Year 8 (£150 to English, £150 to PE). Congratulations to all three fantastic students. [Mr Beaumont](#)



## Headteacher's Letter

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been another brilliant year with much to celebrate. Our Year 11 and Year 13 students are now able to enjoy their summer, having worked hard to complete their end of year exams. I am looking forward to celebrating all your efforts during our results days. I wish all our students who are leaving us in Year 11 and Year 13 every success in their next steps.

I am pleased to have appointed our new school ambassadors voted by staff and students in the school. I know Lenny and Harry will lead by example with support from their Senior Ambassadors to support staff and students with new initiatives within school. I look forward to seeing how they settle into their new roles.

We have some worthy Jack Petchey winners. These students are excellent role models to other students in the school. It is lovely to hear the reasons for receiving their awards and they should be really proud of themselves as we all are.

Our drama department put on a sell-out performance of Bugsy Malone for their end of year production. The extravaganza night was a huge success and a wonderful way to showcase the talents of students across all year groups in the school.

It's been a busy term for sports. Our first staff sports day was a huge success and it was lovely to see all staff getting involved. Our Year 12 students competed in all the classic sports days races including the egg and spoon race, bean bag race as well as the competitive 100m sprints. We had excellent success in the District Athletics competitions with a number of school records being broken this year. Our girls performed fantastically at the dance festival having worked hard on their routines. We have also had positive results in cricket and football. Well done to all of you.

It has been an excellent year. Our students work incredibly hard throughout the year and I love seeing their enthusiasm and engagement in school and within their extra-curricular activities. It is now time for a well-deserved break over summer, to rest, recuperate and enjoy time with family and friends. We as always thank you for your continued support and wish you a restful summer holiday.

Mr Harper,  
Headteacher





# Jack Petchey Winners



## Freddie S Year 11.

He is an extremely talented and hard working young man but it's not only his attitude to education, it's also his amazing love of music and support for the department.

He has learnt to play all the piano music for Buggy Malone and has been there for all the rehearsals, he is also playing a lead character for which he was one of the first to learn all his lines. He has spent time working with individual students and has also been volunteering in music for Year 7 and 8 lessons, all at the same time as working towards his grade 8 piano and sitting his GCSE exams. He is an incredible student and deserves to be recognised for his hard work.

I'm very humbled to receive this award. I've been given so much support from this school throughout my time here, so the work I've put in is my way of repaying the school that helped get me to where I am today. To be recognised for my passion is incredibly rewarding. **Freddie**

## Hayley U Year 10.

Hayley was asked to make some creative work for an English display. Hayley went above and beyond - it is the highest quality of work that I have ever seen. If you look on the A staircase the majority of the work there is Hayley's.

Hayley produced 10 different pieces of work all to a high standard and really took time to produce something creative and different. Hayley exceeded our expectations.

I am very grateful to those who have nominated me for this award as it was completely unexpected! I am always happy to help out in the Beauchamps family as it's nice to see my pieces displayed around school as a reminder to work hard but still be creative and have fun.

**Hayley**



## Harry R Year 8.

Harry has gone above and beyond with his homework completing it to an excellent standard every time, inspiring other members of the class to put more effort into their homework tasks.

He recently wrote a speech which he presented to the class and received a distinction level for his excellent ideas, eloquent use of language and engaging presentation skills. Harry was chosen to present this speech at the English Awards Evening. Through Harry's speech, other members of the class were very impressed and I'm very proud of Harry for being the only member of the class to learn his speech off by heart .

The Jack Petchey award is one of the most incredible accomplishments I have achieved in my life. The award is a huge deal to me. I couldn't be prouder of myself, as I sat in Mr Beaumont's office when he told me. My family were so thrilled to hear the news too. I have really tried my hardest to use lots of different language techniques in my homework to share my ideas. It's really nice to hear that I have inspired others to try harder as well. **Harry.**



# Meet the New Ambassadors



Following a vote among staff and students, the new **Lead Ambassadors** for 2023-2024 are **Lenny W** and **Harry D**.



**James H, Freya W, Leeroy M, Millie C and Madison O** have all been elected to be **Senior Ambassadors**.

**Congratulations to you all!**

We will find out more about them in the next Newsletter and hopefully feature the new Year 11 Prefects also.





# Year 11 Prom

The Year 11 Prom was recently held at Stock Brook Manor





# Year 11 Prom



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



# Bugsy Malone

Bugsy Malone was this year's school production, it was performed by students from Year 7-11 and included a fantastic live band, amazing dancers, terrific singers as well as a very talented cast.

The show was performed over three nights and one matinee to a large audience all of whom commented on the professionalism of the students and spoke highly of the performances. The final night was an extravaganza night with nibbles and drinks and was again a real success. Thank you to all the departments who helped make the show and the support staff for all their efforts, as always it wouldn't be possible without you.

The students have been a pleasure to work with and should be incredibly proud of their achievements as we are of them. We look forward to working with them again.

Mrs Simpson



I love anything to do with acting so being involved in the school production is always fun but I especially loved being in Bugsy Malone. The whole cast became a huge family and with one common goal, we all really bonded over our love for performing. [Chloe H Year 9](#)





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## Bugsy Malone Poster & Ticket Design Winners

Congratulations to Lily J, Ernie D, Millie P and Thomas O all Year 9, for winning the competition to design the tickets and advertising poster for the Bugsy Malone show. Each is pictured with their winning designs which were created during their ICT lessons and the winners were selected by the Drama teachers. A hundred of each of the tickets were printed for the shows and twenty posters were printed and displayed around the school. Thank you and well done! [Mr Carroll](#).







# Sixth Form



Year 12 students visited the University of Essex for the annual UCAS Higher Education Exhibition on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June. There were over 130 exhibitors from all over the country representing a diverse range of higher education providers. Students were able to talk to exhibitors and ask questions about different institutions and courses, find out about open days and collect prospectuses and other information. There was also an opportunity to attend seminars which addressed different stages of the application process. [Mrs Gargrue](#)

## Sixth Form - Duke of Edinburgh



Well done to the Year 12 cohort who all passed their recent DofE Expedition Assessment with flying colours. They were a true credit to the school and behaved impeccably, receiving compliments from numerous schools on how helpful they were around the campsite. It was a pleasure for Mr Byford and Mr Wavell to lead the group and they were both incredibly proud of them. [Mrs Gargrue](#)

## Sixth Form Induction

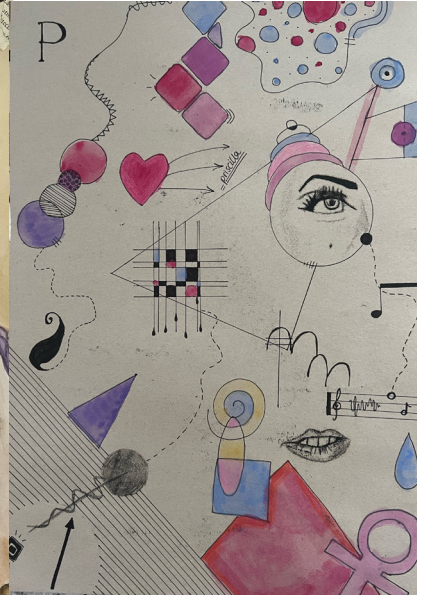


On Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July we saw the start of our two week Sixth Form Induction Programme welcoming Year 11 students to try a variety of different subjects they may be considering to study at A level. We were joined by our brilliant Sixth Form leadership team who were welcoming students, showing them to classes and introducing them to Sixth Form life. A special thank you to [@ks.boutiquex](#) for your support with the T-shirts. [Mrs Gargrue](#)



# year 9 art

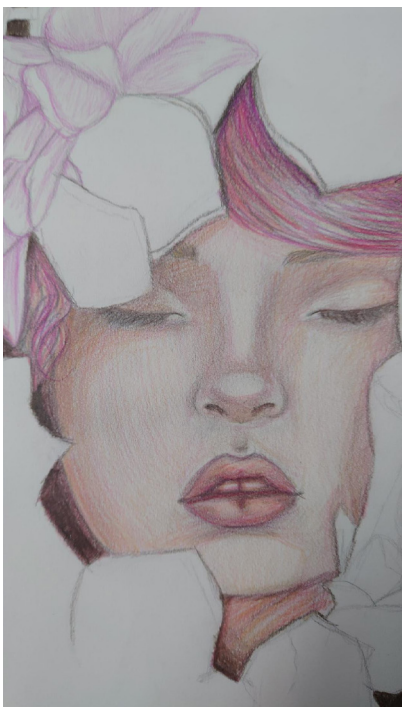
Year 9 Art have been focusing on Loui Jover and Kandinsky, developing their ability to combine artists' styles and create their own imaginative outcomes. The artworks below are mixed media, comprising of monoprint, pen, paint and collage. We are really impressed by their creativity and how sophisticated many of the artworks look. [Mrs Mallows](#)



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



Students in the last half term have been given the opportunity to research and select an artist of their choice, creating a huge variety of outcomes. Lots of our current Year 9's have chosen GCSE Textiles or Art and we are excited to start their coursework themes with them.





# ART CLUB

This half term Art Club students have been exposed to the Lino Print technique of carving and then enjoyed the print process. We think you will agree the students created lovely lino prints for their first attempt. We would like to take the opportunity to thank all members of the club this year and we are excited to begin the new projects in September.

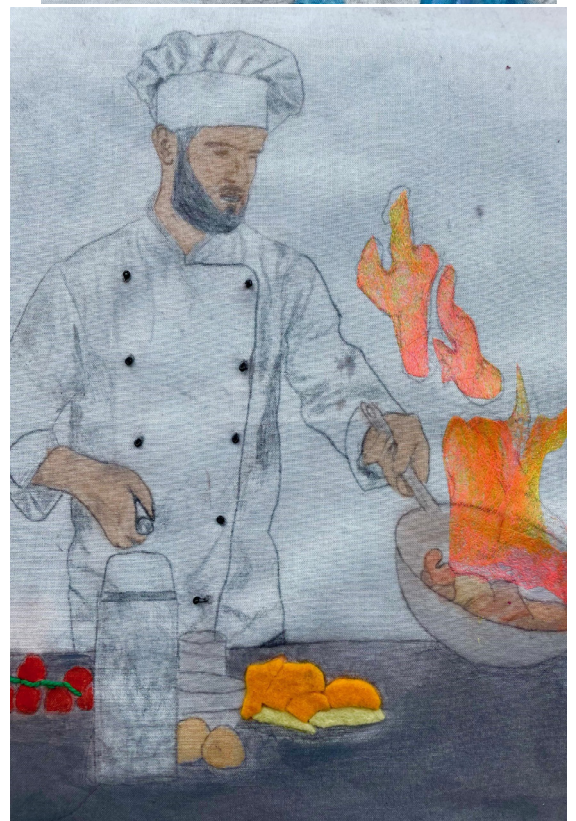
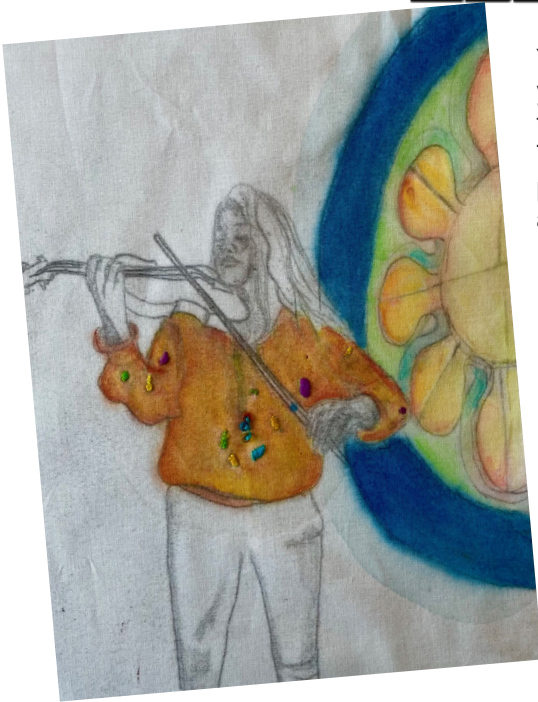
Mrs Birkumshaw





# YEAR 9 TEXTILES

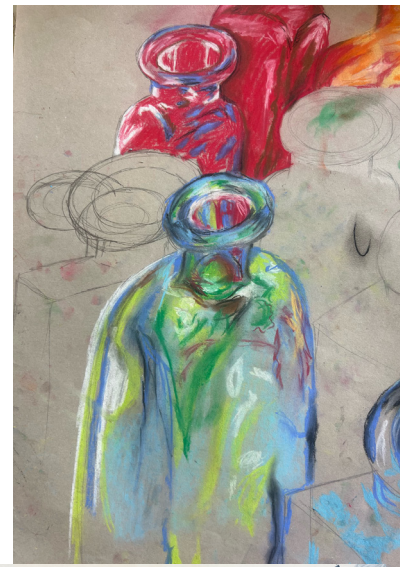
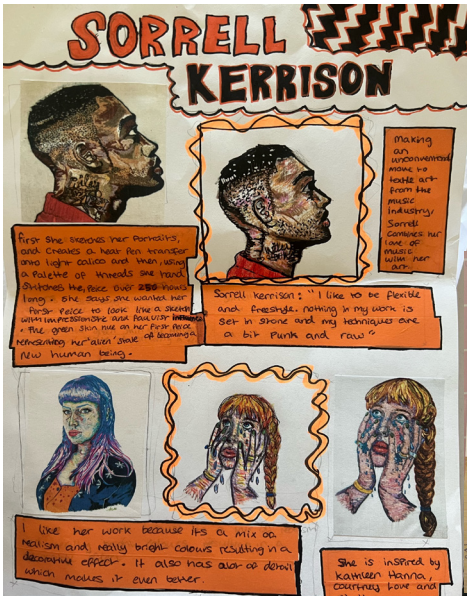
Year 9 Textiles have been challenged to utilise all the medias from this year and develop a final layered monoprint. Students selected an image that depicted hobbies and leisure. Many students have chosen to continue Textiles in Year 10 and the practise from Year 9 will ensure the best possible outcomes and maximise the creative potential from all medias and techniques. [Mrs Mallows](#)





# KS3 Hall of Fame

It has been incredibly hard to choose which work to share as there has been so much this half term. Below is a selection from Year 7 - 9.



Students have shown pride in researching contemporary artists, and designing their own illustrations inspired by Beatrix Potter.

The most imaginative work comes from Year 8 Art who have been focusing on designing their own Fantastic Beast, inspired by Dermot Power and Olivia Lomench Gill. Below are some examples from our lessons, where students found the process of merging animals together highly amusing!

Mrs Mallows, Miss Moore, Mrs Birkumshaw





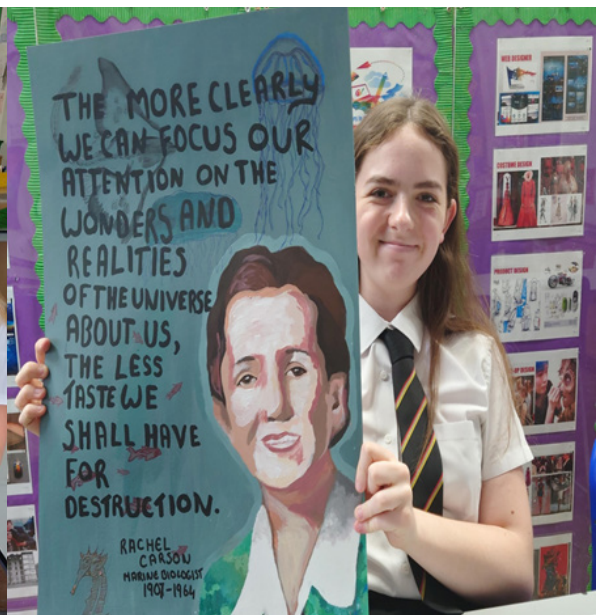
# Art and Science Cross Curricular Project



These amazing pieces of work were produced by very hard-working students in the Textiles Club run by Mrs Birkumshaw. This is the result of a collaboration with the science department to create science based artwork. Congratulations to all the girls involved - although some of them didn't want to be photographed! [Dr Carapuco](#).



Oliver O and Isabelle W Year 7



Jenna C Year 9



Ishraq D and Emily J Year 9



Rosie T Year 7



# History Trip to France

Recently, Basildon Twinning invited some of our students to attend a trip to France to commemorate the start of the Battle of the Somme alongside representatives from our twin towns in Germany and France. Some of the key sites we visited were Lochnagar Crater, Thiepval Memorial, Ulster Tower and Beaumont-Hamel. [Mrs Conway](#)





# Year 12 Sports Day



**The egg and spoon race seemed to cause more issues for the boys than the girls!**



**A very close 100 metres race!**



We held our annual Year 12 Sports Day outside on the 3G pitch. The events were tug-of-war, rounders, egg and spoon race, bean bag race, 100m race and relay race. It was an awesome afternoon and everybody did a fantastic job. The winners of the Sixth Form Sports Day were..... 12SP who also made a brilliant banner to support their class and form tutor Mrs Perkins and Mrs T Butler were there to cheer them on! Everybody had a great time. [Mrs Gargrue](#)



**The baton change in the relay race!**



**12SP - The Year 12 Sports Day Champions 2022-2023**





# Wellbeing Week - Staff Sports Day

After school and after the students had gone home on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June, I put on some sports kit and wandered across to the 3G pitch in order to participate in the first-ever Staff Sports Day, taking place as part of the school's Wellbeing Week activities. There were many staff already there and with an age-difference spread of over 40 years, it was good to see so many athletes taking part. Support staff like myself, were distributed to each of the four teams. I was fortunate to be allocated to the Mathematics, Drama, IT, Art and Music Departments' Team.

The first event was rounders. It started off friendly enough and there was some interesting tactical bowling; some were high, some were low, some were very high, some were very low and a lot were wide, but the games progressed! Soon, there was a disputed run-out and it seemed to spark rivalry and competitiveness between the teams!

There is no doubt that my team had been enhanced by the late arrivals of Mr Windeatt, Mr Mower and Mr Fitzsimmons, but I still thought it was perfectly reasonable for some of my fellow team members to call out a couple of dodgy refereeing decisions that went against us, and to suggest that next time we set up a football-type VAR system to review and sort out the arguments once and for all!

Anyway, we won our 1st game and in the 2nd match further questions were raised about whether it was OK for PE teachers in our opponent's team to be out and then to bat again, and whether PE teachers could in-fact be out at all? We won again. So, having played 2 and won 2, we were leading as we went into the final event - the tug-of-war.



**Miss Cooper with some excellent deceptive bowling!**

**Mr Mower winding up to strike the ball!**

**Miss Lester celebrating after hitting a superb rounder!**

We easily won both of our tug-of-war contests against the opposing teams. To best describe it for students who were not there to see it for themselves, it was a bit like watching a team of elite Year 13 Sixth Formers taking on groups of students on their first day in Year 1, such was the gulf between the teams! Indeed, had the tug-of-war rope been long enough for all 3 of the other teams to pull against my team at the same time, we would probably still have won!

So, we were declared the Champions and were duly awarded the trophy. Thanks to everyone for taking part or watching and supporting their colleagues; to Mrs T Pepper, Mrs Chandler and others for distributing refreshments on a very hot day, and to the PE Dept for organising and running the competition, especially to Miss Page for putting up with the banter and to Miss Davies for her overall organisation and control. It was a lot of fun. [An unbiased report by Mr Jacobs.](#)



**Mrs T Pepper cheering on at the Tug of War**



**Mr T Harper of the English Dept Photebombed the Champions Picture!!**





# District Athletics

We are extremely proud of our students' achievements, as we have once again produced numerous District Champions and broken more school records in the process. [Mr Byford](#)



Keira N - Year 7 200m - a new School Record.



Kanye O (2nd) & Kairon M (1st) - Year 7 200m - a new School Record.



Ella W - Year 8 200m - a new School Record.



George J - Year 7 100m - a new School Record



Year 7 Boys Relay Champions (George J, Stanley, Kanye & Kairon)



Jeremiah M - Year 9 Long Jump.

In the Senior Boys we also had some champions who also achieved new School Records - Elliot Y - 10/11 400m, Laurence S - 10/11 800m and Ollie S - 10/11 1500m. Congratulations boys!



# District Athletics



Photos of some of our fantastic runners-up including Bailey D Year 8 High Jump, Mason G Year 8 800m, Harvey B Year 8 200m and Rosie V Year 9 100m who also came 3rd in the Long Jump. [Mr Byford](#)

# Dance Festival



A big congratulations to the school's dance team for their fantastic performance at the Wickford Arts Festival. Over the past 6 weeks, the girls have been tirelessly training for this event and their determination and talent shone through their performance.

They represented the school amazingly and the feedback given by schools and parents was brilliant. They should all be very proud of themselves.

A special thank you to Anais at Hayley's School of Dance for helping support the team with their routine, we could not have done it without you. [Miss Davies](#)



# Every Child Online



We were lucky enough to have been gifted 40 laptops from Every Child Online. This is a brilliant charity whose aim is to ensure all students have access to technology as a way to support their education. A huge thank you to Mike and his team.

'EveryChildOnline is calling on all businesses and IT managers to consider donating their redundant company PCs and laptops. If you're planning to upgrade your business' IT equipment, or maybe you have shelves full of old PCs, laptops and monitors and you're not sure what to do with them, please get in touch with us.' <https://everychildonline.co.uk/>  
Miss S Bailey.

## English Pizza Party



Students across Year 7 to 11 have been invited to English clubs all year. Since the start of this academic year, English teachers have been helping to enhance learning in lessons by further developing ideas introduced to the students in class, exposing students to alternative sources of inspiration from various media such as film and radio, encouraging students to work collaboratively across all ability levels, to have the confidence to share their ideas and to inspire a love of literacy in all its forms.

As the year comes to an end, students gathered to have a mini party with pizza and treats. It has been a fun year of reading, writing and creating. Here are a few words from some of the students:

Year 7 - "I enjoyed writing and recording the radio play, doing something we don't normally do. It was fun and different."  
Harry F.

Year 10 - "Miss takes the time out of her day to help us be successful. It is very helpful and I am so thankful!" Parys C  
Mr T Harper



# History Project Success



Well done to our Year 8 students who completed their Personal History Project this year. They have been working hard to research their own topic/family trees and creating their own projects which were then presented to the history department. A fantastic effort! [Miss Williams](#).

# Beauchamps Helpers



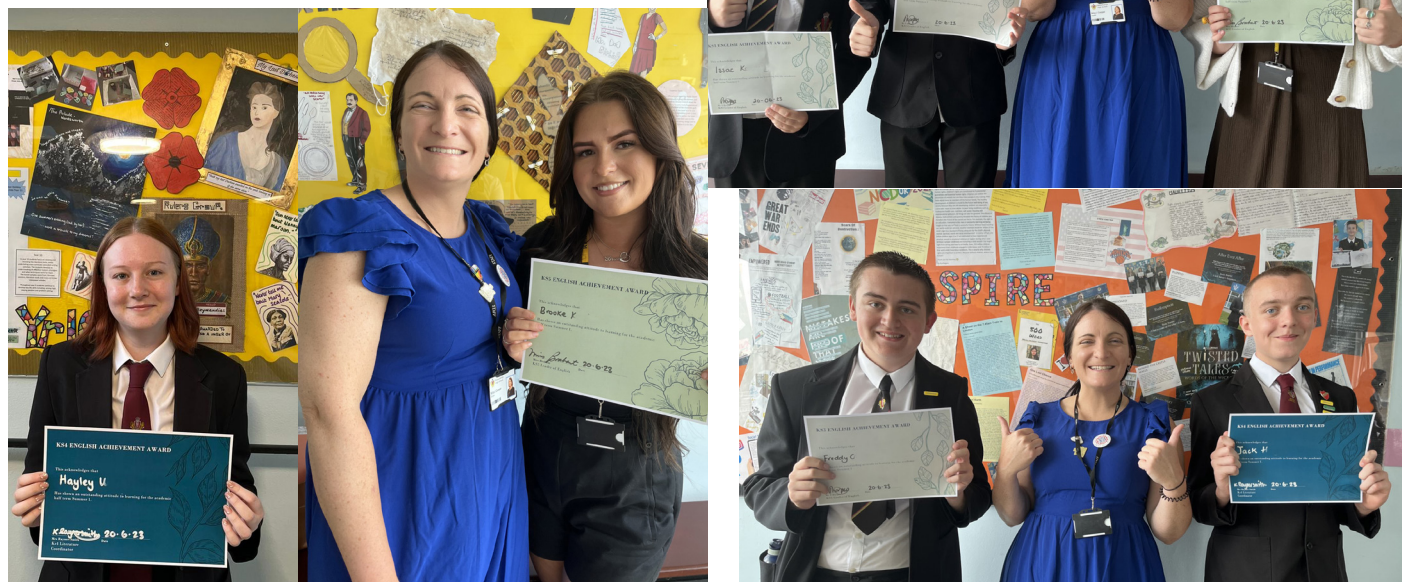
A big thank you to all our Year 7 and Year 9 helpers for their excellent work with our feeder primary schools at the Year 6 Transition Days and the Year 5 Taster days recently. The students played a huge part in supporting the transition process for the Year 6 pupils attending Beauchamps from September 2023 and also for our prospective Year 5 pupils who will be transitioning in September 2024. Each of the students received a Beauchamps pen from Mr Harper, as a thank you for being excellent ambassadors for the school. [Mr Fitzsimmons](#)



# English Lesson Legends

English celebrate summer term'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 students are rewarded with a certificate. Congratulations to all of you!

Mr T Harper



# Poetry By Heart

Poetry By Heart is a nationwide poetry recital competition. Students from both KS4 and KS3 were selected to learn and be recorded performing two poems from the competition's anthology. The poems offered for learning were diverse and inclusive offering a powerful form of participation in cultural life. We entered the competition in the hope that one would be selected for the grand finale, which was to be performed at the Globe Theatre, London. We had 6 entries (Sofia B, Chloe H, Freya D, Caiden R, Frederick S pictured - as well as Olivia R) and although unsuccessful for the finale, our students were highly commended by the panel of judges; being praised on how well they had 'owned' the poems.

Our students felt an incredible sense of achievement; rose to the difficulty of the challenge, considered the risk and the dare of performing their poem and enjoyed the immediate gratification of the respect of their peers and teachers which is something to celebrate.

The 6 candidates had to create their own relationships with their chosen poems and it was delightful for me to see the gains in reading fluency, vocabulary enrichment and the musicality of English.

Mr T Harper





# Geography - Epping Forest

On a beautiful Wednesday in June we took out some Year 7s to visit Epping Forest. We used our time there to investigate microclimates, assessing whether the climate could change depending on different factors. Students got to use equipment to measure things such as the cloud cover, temperature and wind direction using a range of different equipment from bubbles to a light sensor. In the end, we found that areas that were more shaded tended to have lower light, wind and temperature data compared to the open areas we went to investigate. By the end of the day, students were hypothesising and linking the different theories learnt as we moved from area to area. [Miss N Bailey](#)



# Geography - Walton-on-the-Naze

Over two days in June, we took our Year 10 GCSE Geography students to investigate the different coastal management techniques found at Walton-on-the-Naze. Students got to investigate whether the groyne were working at keeping the beach in place by measuring either side of the groyne. Students also took measurements in an area without any protection methods to see the distance between the cliff edge and the pill boxes which were once on top of the cliff. We will compare this with data we have been collecting since 2005 to see the changes happening year on year. We also got to look at how the angle of the cliff changes in areas that have been regraded to see the impact on the cliff face. During lunch, students also got to walk up to the top of the tower and see the area from a bird's eye view, giving them a real chance to see the difference between the protected and unprotected areas. [Miss N Bailey](#)



# Geography - Southend

On a lovely Wednesday in June, students who are part of the achievement curriculum went to Southend to solidify their knowledge in their humanities course. Students spent time looking at how Southend has changed by studying old photos and comparing to the areas of Southend in the present day. Students then got a chance to head to the beach to look at the different coastal management techniques available. Students were able to find and name a variety of coastal management techniques as well as use fieldwork equipment. Students looked at the pebble size and the height of sand either side of the groyne to see how the beach has changed. We also managed to squeeze in an ice cream from Rossi's as well. The students were fantastic, it was a long day and a lot of walking - over 12,000 steps! [Miss N Bailey](#)





# Spanish Extra Curricular Club

In the last 5 weeks of summer half-term, every Monday after school, our Spanish Extra Curricular Club has been promoting Spain and its culture in Spanish speaking countries, aiming to raise the importance of learning an additional language.

On 19th June we went to the food and nutrition kitchens to cook some Spanish inspired food. We prepared some Spanish Tortilla, coupled with other enrichment activities, such as learning a Spanish song, reading Spanish stories and celebrating art in Spanish speaking countries. Ultimately, this enrichment programme celebrated students' involvement with pizza, certificates and Spanish badges. [Mrs Preda and Miss Ramsdale](#)

This is what the Year 7 students had to say...

Chloe B and Isla M - "**Muy divertido**". - **Very funny!**

Harry F - "**Me encanta el club de español porque amplia mi vocabulario**". - **I love the Spanish club because it expands my vocabulary.**

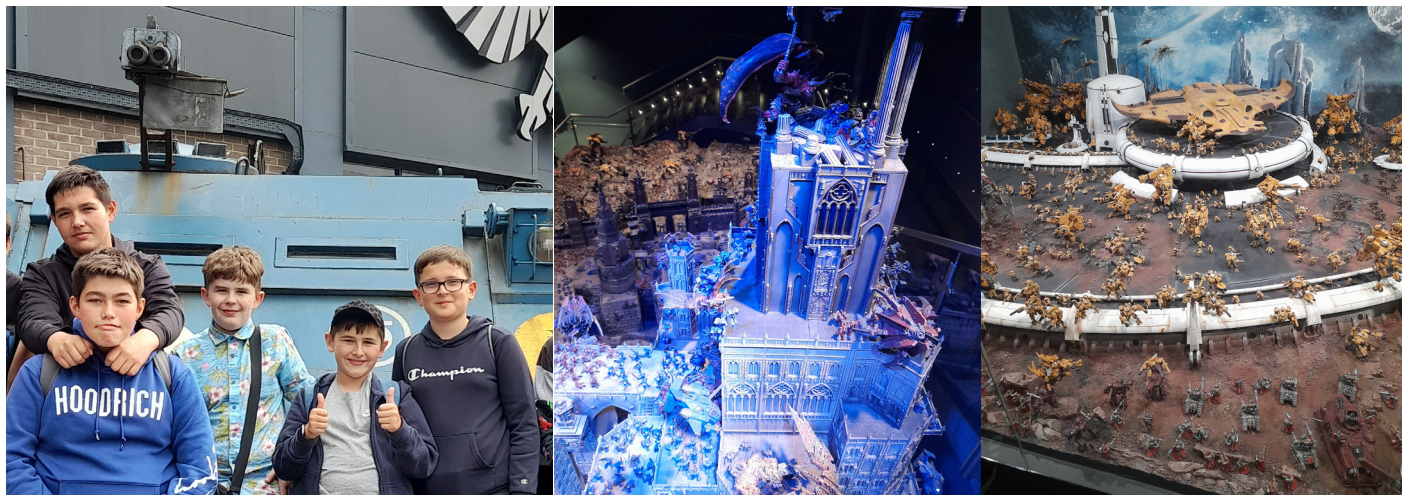
Riley S - "**No fui a algunas sesiones, pero las sesiones a las que fui -fueron como ningún otro club en el que haya estado antes**" - **I did not go to some sessions, but the ones I did go to were like no other club I have ever been to before!**

Eleanor P - "**He disfrutado mucho y las sesiones fueron muy divertidas y estimulantes**" - **I have enjoyed it very much and the sessions are very fun and calming.**



# Warhammer Trip

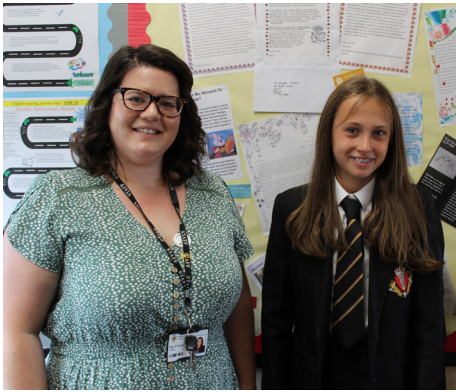
The Warhammer trip took place on 5<sup>th</sup> July. All 12 students arrived bright and early for the 6am departure. After a 4-hour journey, the students were eager to enter the venue. First was a tour through the exhibition centre - 4 enormous rooms packed with displays depicting epic battles in the Warhammer universes. Room 3 was a double-floored super large-scale display. In amongst all the drama was a single miniature hidden away to find. If you found it, you would get a free miniature for your efforts. No-one in our group found it, try as we did. After lunch (in Bugman's Bar - a medieval themed restaurant), the students honed their hobby skills by building and painting their models. After a tour of the events hall and getting involved in a game, it was time to head back to school, but not before having a photo in front of the real life operational Warhammer tank. [Mr Payne](#)







# Maisie J



Congratulations to Maisie J Year 7, for winning a Jack Petchey Award at her Carousel Gymnastics Club. Maisie was nominated for the award due to “working hard and always being supportive and helpful to the team”.

On the left, Maisie is pictured with her form tutor Mrs E Pepper

Well done Maisie! [Miss Whitehead](#)



# Phoebe S



Congratulations to Phoebe S Year 9, for completing the Swim 22 Challenge, swimming 22 miles for Diabetes UK.

She raised a fantastic **£300**. We are very proud of you!

On the left, Phoebe is pictured with her form tutor Mr Bracher.

Well done Phoebe! [Mrs Hampton](#)



# Sophie L



Congratulations to Sophie L Year 10, for winning a Jack Petchey Award at her Badminton Club.

Sophie was nominated for The Jack Petchey Outstanding Achievement Award for her work as a Coach Leader within The Badminton Academy. Sophie has been reliable and hardworking and is keen to help the younger players enjoy their sessions and improve their skills.

Sophie has a fantastic record of playing badminton for her club and for coaching the younger players.

Well done Sophie! [Mrs Leforgeais](#)



# The Rock Project

Florence S and Ryan C both Year 9, attend a club called The Rocket Project which teaches musical instruments to young people between the ages of 12 to 18.

They jointly write - “On 1<sup>st</sup> July our group was invited to a local music festival in Maldon called Ashfest. There were over 20 other bands also performing. Ryan is a bass guitarist and Florence plays the electric guitar.

The festival went really well and the music was great! We all got free food and we stayed back to watch all the other bands as well!” Well done! [Mrs Hampton](#)





# The SEND Page



## SEND Messages

The SEND Football Club will continue next term – all boys and girls from all year groups are welcome. I will confirm the day with you early in September.

The Parent Support Group will also continue to run, again I will confirm dates and times with you in September.  
[Miss Clarkson](#)



**Thank you to all of our students for working so hard this year.**

I must also thank all of our parents for being so supportive, not just with your children of course, but also towards me and the school in helping us to continue to work collaboratively, making sure all children with additional needs get the very best support and provision.

[Miss Clarkson](#)



**Now time to recharge and get ready to make next year even better!**



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

Services and support for special educational needs and disability

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

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

**Wishing you a very happy and relaxing summer.  
We look forward to seeing you again in September.  
Miss Clarkson and The Learning Support Department.**





# Careers



**Mrs Raymond**  
Careers Coordinator

On 26<sup>th</sup> June we welcomed local recruitment firm Read Recruit. Throughout the day, they ran five separate sessions with over 150 students, predominantly focusing on job applications and CVs, but also answering students' questions about qualifications, requirements for careers, interviews and many more areas that students will be facing after leaving Beauchamps.

Andrea and Sam from Read Recruit were very positive about the encounters they had with our students and the students involved echoed this positivity of finding the session incredibly useful and wanting to work further with Read in September.



If you are a current Year 10 student who wasn't invited to this event, Read Recruit will be returning next year to work with the rest of the year group! [Mr Symes](#)

## 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.



# BEC TEACHER TRAINING

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](mailto: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](mailto:info@billericayscitt.com) Visit: <https://www.billericayscitt.com/>



# Food and Nutrition

**Year 9** - Students had the choice to either make a lemon cheesecake or a key lime pie the week after our theory lesson on acids and alkalis. All students worked superbly and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Throughout the year they have all come on leaps and bounds and progressed so much with knowledge, understanding and skills. Keep up your hard work and determination! [Miss Edwards](#)



**Year 7** - The students have worked extremely hard on making their pizza dough from scratch, we then froze it at school and de-frosted it the night before the next practical lesson to make sure we had enough time to cook them in school. In our theory lessons leading up to the practical, we learnt about food provenance and where food comes from. Students were then able to design their own pizza in preparation for the practical. I am super impressed with all your hard work and efforts during the last term. [Miss Edwards](#)



Some students from 7KKFd making pizza



# Food and Nutrition



7HPFd - making Pizza with Miss Edwards



7LEFd - making Pizza with Miss Edwards



7IPFd - making Pizza with Miss Edwards





# English Awards Evening



Part of a teacher's job is to motivate their students and in the English Department, we love to use praise as an incentive. We believe that celebrating achievements and successes is key to knowledge and growth.

In celebrating successes throughout the year, we show our students that success is not just a grade, but actually effort made, hard work and persistence.

A celebration always makes us feel good. So, when we celebrate learning, we make our learners feel good. Celebrating learning has a very significant and positive impact on learners' memory, motivation and other cognitive functions. It instils a love of learning. They are more than just feel-good moments. Our aim in celebrating with an awards evening is to propel students forward on their educational journey, giving them the drive and motivation to continue doing great work in and outside of the classroom.

We held our first Celebration of Excellence English Awards night on Thursday 6th July. We had students from across all ages and across all academic abilities share in an evening of performance and merriment. We had students perform speeches, works of creative writing, poetry and Shakespeare! This event is proof that here at Beauchamps we have students who love to learn, who love to grow, who work hard and persevere...and we couldn't be prouder of them.

[Mr T Harper](#)





# English Awards Evening





# Football Tour to Heiligenhaus



The recent school trip to Heiligenhaus was part of Basildon Twinning Town Programme. A select number of students from the Year 9 football team were picked to represent Beauchamps in the annual football tournament. Whilst being away, the Year 9 boys also had the privilege to take part in a beach volleyball tournament, playing with/against other local German students and schools. The trip was a great opportunity for the boys to experience other cultures and integrate with fellow students from around the world. A huge thank you to Bob Sheridan and everyone at Basildon Council for making this trip possible. [Mr Flower](#)







# U15 Girls Football



Congratulations to the U15 Girls Football Squad for finishing 3rd in the National Finals. A spectacular game in the semi finals in Kingston Upon Thames saw us concede a last-minute goal which unfortunately ended our run in the competition. We finished with a final score of 4-3 which the squad should be proud of. We go again next season! [Miss Page](#)

# U15 Girls Cricket



Congratulations to the U15 Girls Cricket Squad who finished in 4th place in the Essex Schools County Finals. An incredible achievement. This means Beauchamps are one of the top four schools in the county!

Our attention now moves onto the U15 Girls Eclipse Cricket Tournament as we fight to retain our current title as champions!

[Miss Page](#)

# U15 Boys Cricket



Our U15 Cricket Team played excellently recently against Becket Keys in the Essex Plate and won by 15 runs thanks to a 53\* by Bill C and 5 stumpings by Frankie M.

Good luck in the next round. [Mr Byford](#)



# Ellis T

Congratulations to Ellis T Year 9, who has qualified to represent Essex Schools in the upcoming National Schools Athletics Championships in Birmingham. Ellis put in a fantastic performance to finish 2nd in the shot put at the Essex Schools Championships recently.

Well done Ellis!

[Mr Byford](#)





# LRC - Join Your Teacher for Breakfast



On Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July, the library was filled with the hum of reading and the smell of bacon! Around 30 students, all of whom had made considerable progress or showed consistent effort in reading or literacy, joined their teachers for breakfast with books. Every child in attendance had been specifically invited by a member of staff as a reward for their efforts. It was a privilege to listen to so many conversations about books and stories from both students and staff.





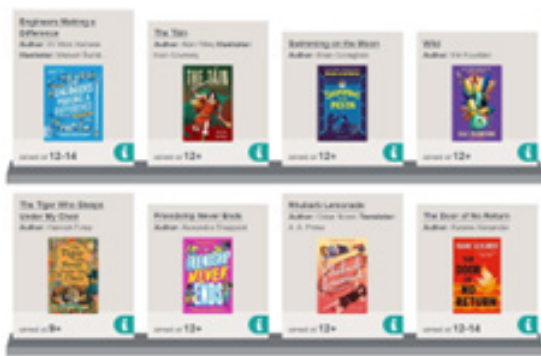
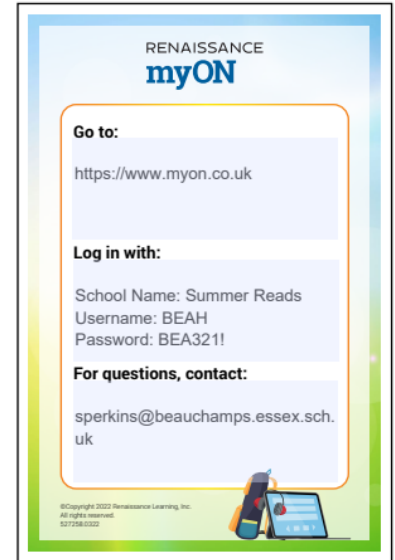
# LRC - Parent and Child Literacy Workshops

## Developing Reading into Year 8.

Thank you to all the Year 7 families that joined us on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July for the literacy workshop in the library. The two sessions allowed us to share our expectations of reading in Year 8, offer advice on how to inspire reading for pleasure over the summer and introduced some online tools to help.

We have been able to acquire free use of the myON website for the summer break. This website, part of the Accelerated Reader suite, is available to all Beauchamps' students using the login details shown here. It provides a vast range of online reading material for students of all ages, including graphic novels, classic texts, fiction and non-fiction.

Every book read on the site will contribute to the Beauchamps total and prizes are being awarded to the most engaged schools. There are no excuses for having nothing to read this year! [Mrs Perkins](#)



The other great website demonstrated was the Bookfinder tool on the Book Trust site - <https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/bookfinder/>

Here you can search by age and interest for some up-to-date book recommendations. This shows you just the first page of the "Best new books" for 12+ search results. Happy summer reading!

[Mrs Perkins](#)

## Bookbusters Reading Club – Carnegie Medal results

After reading, reviewing and championing our favourite shortlisted books, the members of Bookbusters, the Friday lunchtime reading club, finally discovered the winning title of the prestigious Carnegie Medal. This was the beautiful *The Blue Book of Nebo* by Manon Steffan Ross.

Callum D. in Year 9 wrote this evocative review, which was published on the Yoto Carnegie website:

"This book is a very mysterious book about 'The End'.

Its plot twists at every turn of the page. I could not put it down. It gripped me in a way that I could not let go. An easy read, which you do not have to think too much about, but can still shock you when least expected.

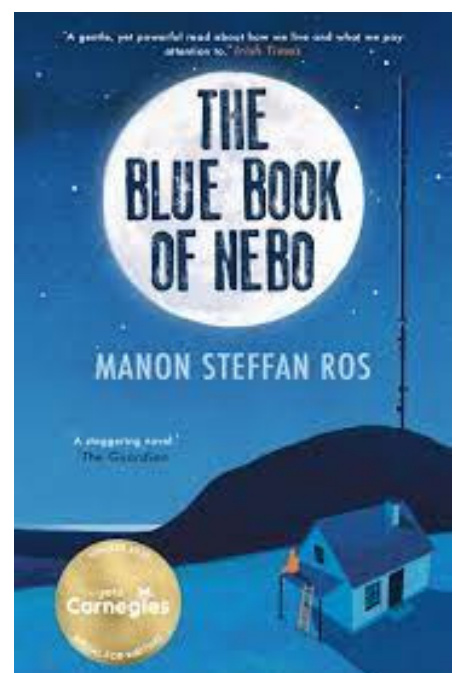
Just a boy and his mum, but a whole world to discover.

*The Blue Book of Nebo*, by Manon Steffan Ros. READ NOW!"

It was also appreciated by William A in Year 7:

"This is an interesting book, a wonderful depiction of the potential way things could happen in a post-nuclear scenario. It doesn't show anything out of the ordinary that would be almost impossible, it is very realistic.

Overall, this is a great book that makes you think about how lucky you are to live your life." [Mrs Perkins](#)





# LRC - Author Tamsin Winter Visit

Beauchamps book fans were treated to a presentation by Tamsin Winter as part of her book launch tour for her fabulous new title, *Bad Influence*. She shared her experiences as a writer, the background to the book and some lucky students came away with their own signed copy.

As the Observer newspaper says, "Tamsin Winter is fast becoming a favourite for younger teens, chronicling those first years at secondary school with warmth and honesty." *Bad Influence* is a powerfully real and funny new story about first kisses, learning to be true to yourself and how one click can last forever. [Mrs Perkins](#)





# LRC - Tamsin Winter



## Summer Reading Challenge

The gauntlet has been laid down to all our Year 7 students, with an additional challenge for their families, in our Summer Reading Bingo game.

Every student who returns a completed bingo card in September will receive a merit and be entered into a draw for additional prizes, one per tutor group. If an adult family member also rises to the challenge, the card will be entered into a draw to win vouchers for family entertainment venues locally.

We look forward to seeing what everyone has been reading.

Mrs Perkins and Mrs Butler





# New Book Vending Machine

On 1<sup>st</sup> July, we acquired a book vending machine which will be used for rewards in English. Should a student go above and beyond, in or out of the classroom, we will give them a token which can only be used in this special machine. All books are brand new and all genres are included. For KS4 we also have revision guides!

*Enrich, Explore, Enjoy - let's make learning fun and rewarding!* Mr T Harper



Two of the first students to get to use the new machine with the special token were Alfie R and Chloe H both Year 9.

Among their other achievements in English this year, many of which have already been displayed in previous Newsletters, Alfie produced the Grill The Teachers article for the last Newsletter and Choe has taken over for this issue.

Alfie chose "The Impossible Boy" by Ben Brooks and Chloe chose "Eleanor and Powell" by Rainbow Rowell.

We hope you both enjoy reading your new books and thank you again for your help with the Newsletters.

Miss S Bailey



# Grilling the Teachers!



**Miss Ramsdale  
and  
Mr Tuhill**



What's your go to lunch when you're at school?

Cream cheese and tomato bagel with lots of black pepper.  
Most likely pasta midweek and Fridays are meal deal days.

What was your own experience like at school?

I loved school. Especially when I met my best friend when we were in Y10 and we did everything together. We used to translate One Direction lyrics into Spanish during our ICT lessons and sing them. We thought we were hilarious...

I went here to school and it was very good. I would have liked to have had the 3G pitch but they decided to build that when I left.

What country would you most like to visit?

I feel as a Spanish teacher I should probably say somewhere Spanish speaking, but I really want to go to Japan and South Korea!  
Canada again because I have family there. I would also love to travel around Italy.

Do you have a work best friend?

Yes! Miss Hunt (French) Has to be Mrs Smith in ERP

What is the worst haircut you've ever had?

A fringe. I looked like I was a character in Pride and Prejudice.  
Lockdown hair!

If your life was a movie, what genre would it be?

The goal: Golden age Hollywood film in black and white  
or The reality: A comedy! No idea on the name though!!  
Historical comedy called The Two Hills of Rome!

If you met your future self, what do you think they'd tell you?

Why haven't you moved abroad yet?  
You've still not left Beauchamps?

Who would you want to be stranded on a desert island with?

Hermione Granger – she seems pretty resourceful.  
Bukayo Saka and super Mikel Arteta.

What was your dream job as a kid?

I wanted to be a doctor, but I fainted whilst watching a programme like 24 hours in A&E. I also wanted to use my languages and work for MI6.

I knew it would always be something to do with history.

Who was your biggest inspiration?

Without a doubt, my oldest friend is my biggest inspiration.  
My parents

What's the longest you've gone without sleep and why?

I don't even know. I'm not very good without a full 8 hours of sleep!  
Probably travelling to New York on the school trip, waking up at 3am and not going to sleep until 11pm New York time.

What shop could you spend hours in?

Waterstones  
It used to be Sports Direct, I would say ASOS now though.

What was your first job?

Working at Colchester Zoo. No, I did not work with the animals, but in the shop. I also used to have to walk around the park and sell balloons. I always made a bee-line for the meercats and stood there watching them whilst selling the balloons. My favourite job to do there was selling the fudge.

I worked in the Co-op while I was in Sixth Form.

Did/do you have any pets?

We've always had cats. I currently have two cats: Dallas and Bolt. My sister always used to have gerbils but they terrify me. I tried holding one with garden gloves on but I dropped it. I didn't try again!

I have a little dog called Bear.

What's something we wouldn't believe about you?

I hate George Ezra. I'm a twin.

If you were reincarnated as any animal, what would it be?

A cat. A dog so people can do everything for me!

Do you like Taylor Swift?

No, I love her. No I listen to good songs!

What's your favourite Disney film?

Cinderella (the original cartoon one!) Peter Pan

If you could relieve one moment in your life, what would it be?

A typical Sunday afternoon at my Grandma's, before she got Dementia.  
My first year at university ... I got to study History.

Are you an introvert or extrovert?

Definitely an introvert. Although I come across quite confident, on the inside I'm really having to put the effort in.  
Introvert.

Which of your personality traits are you most proud of?

Integrity – I will always be honest, and I will always stand up for myself.  
I'm hardworking

What is your favourite type of pizza?

I love a Fiorentina or one with Parma ham.  
Meat Feast

If you could travel back in time for a week, where and when would you go?

I would want to go back to so many different time periods!! I would love to go back to the time of the Greeks and I would love to know what it would have been like to live in the Edwardian times (but only as someone with a bit of money).

My history teacher answer would be Britain in the 1800s, my non history teacher answer would be 2003/04 so I can watch Arsenal go a whole season undefeated.

Are you the favourite child?

My parents say they don't have a favourite, but my sister is definitely the more rebellious!  
Obviously!

## Thank you!

Interviews conducted  
by **Chloe H Year 9**



# Students do Good Deeds



Mr Harper was delighted to reward Year 7 student George R of 7HP with an official Beauchamps High School inscribed pen for his Good Deed of finding a bracelet and handing it in to Student Reception. It was returned to a grateful owner. Mr Harper also awarded a pen to Jessica B of 7KK for going above and beyond with her actions, ensuring Year 6 pupils felt welcomed and valued during both days of the recent Year 6 Transition Days. [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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The new school year starts on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> 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.