# Beauchamps News Issue 91 **Christmas** 2023

# **Jack Petchey Award Winners**



Well done to the latest winners of the prestigious Jack Petchey Awards. The winners receive a certificate and a badge from Mr Harper, plus £300 to spend at school on the department of their choice. At the end of the school year, they also get invited to a Jack Petchey Foundation Celebration ceremony where they are presented with a small trophy from a local official, such as the mayor.

All staff and students are invited to nominate students and a committee selects the winners. We had a lot of high quality nominations to choose from, but eventually the winning nominations were for Summer C Year 12 (above) and Harvey B Year 9 (below). Congratulations to everyone who was nominated and keep up the good work. Could you be a future winner?



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#### Headteacher's Letter

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we come to the end of another eventful term, I would first like to thank parents and carers, students, staff and governors for their support in what has been a busy and exciting couple of months.

In October our Open Evening for prospective parents was a fantastic success and it was a busy, vibrant evening. It was a pleasure to see so many students representing the school so brilliantly through tours and demonstrations. Thank you to all who were involved. Similarly, the Sixth Form Open Evening was an incredibly useful event for all concerned, with students keen to explore the many options we have on offer.

This month we hosted our annual Year 11 Presentation Evening, which was attended by huge numbers of parents/ carers and students. This year we were once again greeted by Kimba, our guest of honour. It was a real treat to be able to reward students who worked so hard last year for their results and there were smiling faces all around.

There have been a number of exciting events in school that our students have been involved with over the last few weeks. We have had BBC Bitesize work with Year 7,8, 9 and 10 students through an interactive careers session, we have hosted a successful in school cross-country competition and our students have also raised lots for charity through various events including Children In Need. In the run up to Christmas, we have also enjoyed our Christmas concert, drama production of A Christmas Carol, our traditional Christmas Revue and Christmas jumper

After what has been a long and very

successful half term, it is now time to relax and enjoy the festive period with friends and family. I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.







# **Jack Petchey Winners**

#### Summer

Throughout her time here at Beauchamps, Summer has dedicated so much of her time to the Languages Department. She has been an absolute credit to the school by taking on responsibilities during Open Evening for several years now and has been instrumental in the success of these events by engaging fantastically with the visiting families.

She has encouraged so many prospective students to try French and makes them feel comfortable. Her passion for the subject and the amount of effort she has put into her studies saw her achieve a grade 9 in her GCSEs this summer. Now an enthusiastic member of Sixth Form, Summer is giving back to the school community by regularly helping out in Year 7 lessons, passing on her knowledge to the younger students.

I couldn't think of a more deserving student to receive this award.

#### Summer writes...

"I'm incredibly happy to have received this award for my efforts in the French department. For a long time it has been my favourite subject and I am glad that my enthusiasm has been recognised. I just want to give a huge thanks to all the French teachers for all the help they gave me." Summer

Summer has chosen to spend her £300 on the Languages Department.

#### **Harvey**

I would like to nominate Harvey B in Year 9 for the support he has offered another student following unkind comments made to them.

The student had been incredibly upset and embarrassed by the comments that were made and Harvey came to me the following lesson asking if he could be a buddy for the student to support them to reintegrate into the class.

I am proud of Harvey's actions on the day of the incident and his acts of friendship to support the victim - previously not close friends. He understood the injustice of the incident and took on a role of leadership and advocacy.

#### Harvey writes...

I am thrilled and honoured to know that I have been nominated for the Jack Petchey Award. I am proud of myself for upholding kindness and empathy to others and that this has been recognised Thank you. Harvey

Harvey has chosen to spend his £300 on the PE Department.

Congratulations to both of our winners



# **Open Evening**



There were lots of happy and excited faces on the evening of 18<sup>th</sup> October, when the school opened up its doors for the annual Open Evening, to show prospective students and their parents/carers what Beauchamps has to offer. Thank you to all the students for giving up some spare time to help the school. Once again the History teachers put on a magnificent display of dressing up in historical outfits. Enjoy the photos! Miss S Bailey.





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# **Presentation Evening**



Kimba the Poet was the guest of honour at the Year 11 Presentation Evening. Mr Harper opened the evening welcoming back many of last year's Year 11 students along with those currently in Year 12 and running through some of the activities during their schooldays at Beauchamps with an informative presentation. Kimba then inspired all those present with an uplifting poem set to music, before students were invited onto the stage to collect awards and to celebrate their time at Beauchamps. The current Beauchampion students were also recognised at the event. Here are just a few of the photographs from the evening. Miss S Bailey





### **List of Award Winners**



Kiera Fautley Memorial Award For GCSE Academic Achievement

John Davies Award For GCSE Academic Achievement

Outstanding Performance In A Vocational Qualification Award

The Art and Design Award

**Business Achievement Award** 

The Computer Science Award

The Construction Award

The English Award

The Enterprise Award

The Ethics, Religion and Philosophy Award

French Achievement Award

Kathryn Edwards Memorial Trophy For Geography

The Hairdressing Award

The History Award

The Information Technology Award

The Maths Award

Media Achievement Award

Pitman Award For Music

The Performing Arts Award

Kim Goldspink Award For Science

**Sports Award** 

Headteacher's Award Beauchamps High School Service in Year 11 Freddie S

**Annual Governors' Award** 

Alec Draycott Award For Outstanding Peer Support

Winifred Maud Cuthbert Award For Special Endeavour

Maggie Beauchamp Award Send Student Of The Year

Freya C

Tejas A

George C

Jess G

Grace W

Fletcher G

Callum R

Charlie C

Grace B

Kaidan H

Izabella J

Jessica C

Molly S

Izabella J

Grant B

Jessica C

Grace P Freddie S

Alfie T

James C

Sophie B

James C

Kieran C

Sem H

Grant B











# Wickford Remembrance Day Service



Former Beauchamps' student Corporal Songhurst, once again visited the school as part of his involvement and organisation of the Wickford Remembrance Day Service. Corporal Songhurst has taken on this role a number of times and this year Freya D, Year 10, was selected to read a poem at the service.

Many people who attended congratulated Freya on her recital. Freya is pictured with Corporal Songhurst and Mr Harper. Miss Blucher

HIGH SCHO



On Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November, I was selected out a group of my classmates to represent Beauchamps by reading a poem at Memorial Park.

At around 10:45am, the parade arrived, with many members of the public following behind. It was amazing to see the community come together to honour and remember everyone one who had lost their lives in the different wars in recent history.

After everyone had settled down, we heard from veterans who talked about their experiences and bowed our heads in silence honouring the names of the fallen, prayers were said and it was then time for the laying of the wreaths. Wreaths were laid down by brownies, guides, police officers and paramedics - I also laid a wreath down on behalf of Beauchamps. It was a very nerve-racking experience but I am happy I was able to pay my respects.

After the wreaths had been laid, it was time for me to read. The poem I read, 'In Flanders Fields' talks about honouring the fallen and reassuring them that they are in our hearts and minds always.

This was a wonderful experience that I hope will continue to be an opportunity for Beauchamps students for many years to come. Lest we forget. Freya D, Year 10

# Remembrance Wreath

On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November, some of our students took part in a ceremony of remembrance at Wickford War Memorial with members of the Basildon Borough Twinning Association. A wreath was laid, as well as individual crosses for soldiers killed in WW1. Mrs Conway



We raised a total of £116.55 from selling Remembrance Day Poppies around the school this year. Mrs Frost

# **Geography Competition Winner**







The 2023 Winner of the

Geography

Design an Antarctica Flag Competition

Sienna's flag will now get taken to Antarctica and displayed by Research Scientists - we hope to have a photograph soon!



# **Geography Stars**

# Geography STARs

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Sixth form
Nominated:	Nominated:	Nominated:	Nominated:	Nominated:	Nominated:
Evie R	Oliver M	Finley C	Joshua R	Hayley U	Daisy M
Michele H-J	Mia H	Max H	Lauren H	Amelia S	The state of the s
Georgie S	Kaita I	Henry H	Belle G	Tommy S	Winner:
Ronnie P	Caris N	Luke K	Ryan C		Kaiden H
Jake P	Ronnee D	AJ B		Winner:	
Ellen C	Delia M	Lily-Mae P	Winner:	Madison W	
Sienna D	Heidi B	Sophi <mark>e N</mark>	Lily T		
	Alfie W				
Winner:		Winner:			
James P	Winner:	Zuri M			
	Summer T				

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

Winners received a Geography badge which they can wear.



### **Science STEM Event**



Astronomer Mathematician Electrical Engineer

Katia Ilcanologist Sound Engineer Cosmonaut

On 29<sup>th</sup> November, students in Years 7, 8 and 9 took part in a fantastic interactive science and STEM show organised by the Science Department. The show was presented by Ruth from Science Made Simple, who has performed similar events all over the World!

These students learnt about brilliant, but often forgotten scientists throughout history and enjoyed some exciting demonstrations including pop rockets, plasma glasses and an airzuka filled with stage smoke.

Thank you to Mr Oakshott our IT Manager for projecting the demonstrations onto the big screen so that those seated at the back of the hall could easily see what was going on.

Thank you to all students for your engagement and a big well done to those volunteers! I hope you enjoyed it! Miss El Pepper





### **Interfaith Debate**





On Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November the ERP department welcomed our Interfaith Day visitors. It was great to see the students engaged in asking questions and listening so intently to the visitors as they talked about their different faiths. With Christianity, Judaism, Islam, Buddhism, Hinduism and Humanism represented, the students got to hear a real range of different traditions and viewpoints.

At the end of the day we had our annual Interfaith Sixth Form Debate. The questions were devised by the sixth form students, and included 'Do you find it difficult to maintain religious belief in a world with so much evil and suffering?', 'How do you feel about people of other faiths?' and 'How do you deal with conflicts between religious beliefs?' It was truly wonderful to see so much agreement from the different faith perspectives especially with the current struggles and conflicts around the world. I loved how everyone had something slightly different to say but with the same basic message of peace and compassion underpinning it all. Many of the sixth formers and some staff stayed after the debate had finished to ask further questions.

We are incredibly grateful for the faith representatives for volunteering their time and speaking to the students with so much enthusiasm. We are always looking for additional contacts and links with faith communities so please do get in touch if you have suggestions.

Thank you to Paul Kaufman, Genny Sapiro, Sidra Naeem, Alex Crawford, Rev Jonathan Evens and Jeff Greenstein. Syam Jampana and Nina Chavda were unable to stay for the debate but attended in the morning. Mrs R Smith





# **Sports Day Cross-Country Races**



This year was the second year of the Beauchamps extended Years 7-9 Sports Day programme with Sports Day 1 cross-country races in the autumn, Sports Day 2 boys and girls team sport tournaments in spring and the traditional athletics-based sports days in summer, which will now become Sports Day 3. Points will be accumulated from each Sports Day to give the eventual winners at the end of the school year.

In November, the cross-country races took place which involved running a number of roped-off laps around the playing field. Representatives from each form took part with gold, silver and bronze medals awarded to the first three to finish in each of the six races.

Congratulations to all the runners who took part and thank you to all the students who helped out. Miss Solley



# **Sports Day Cross-Country Races**





Special Congratulations to all the Individual Winners

Year 7 Girls - 1st Amelia B, 2nd Lucy M, 3rd Hollie B: Year 7 Boys - 1st Mitchell G, 2nd Edgar A, 3rd James P Year 8 Girls - 1st Heidi B, 2nd Kiera N, 3rd Maisie J: Year 8 Boys - 1st Kairon M, 2nd George J, 3rd Kyan D Year 9 Girls - 1st Ella W, 2nd Amelia W, 3rd Sophie R: Year 9 Boys - 1st Mason G, 2nd Max Y, 3rd Luke K





## **Creative Writing**



Mr Bedwell and Miss Lester's creative writing students are published poets!

Students entered a national competition in October - 'This is Me' - where they had to plan and create a poem all about themselves.

We had absolutely fantastic entries from every single student, but 14 were selected to be published by the Young Writers Group. Well done to you all. Miss Cooper

### Congratulations to Miss Lester

## **Congratulations** Karla



Congratulations to Miss Lester for winning the Essex Teaching Awards, New Teacher of the Year Award.

Miss Lester joined the school in 2019 and has quickly developed into an outstanding teacher. She has established Huge congratulations to Karla in Year 8 a member a strong trust with students and has been commended for her of our Aspire after-school club, who has been quality of SEND student teaching.

She has transformed the English Creative Writing option 'Marvellous and entered students into national competitions. She has Hundreds of students across the country entered and developed a creative writing project on perseverance and to be selected is a huge achievement. Well done!! resilience. We are all very proud of her! Miss Cooper



selected to be published in the Young Writers Superheroes' writing competition. Miss Lester

### **Children in Need**





chocolate brownies, that were sold out in fifteen minutes! The Thank you once again to ever reliable Mr Harris. students raised just over an amazing £90 for this worthwhile Always guaranteed to put a smile on our faces on this cause! Mrs Perkins

day every year! Miss S Bailey



Our non-uniform day raised a brilliant £1,384.90 and the Library Bake Sale a £90.10 making our total donation to **Children in Need** a huge...

£1,475.00





## **Drama Christmas Concert**



The drama Christmas concert A Christmas Carol was a night to celebrate the amazing talent of our young people. The showcase was an opportunity for students to perform material that they have worked on in drama club and was a great success. They are a wonderful group of students. Thanks to everyone who helped, especially to Mrs Hindle for all of her fantastic efforts with the production. (The photographs were taken during the rehearsals).

We are also pleased to announced the appointment of students Karla A, Rosie F, Grace S, Grace W, Joseph V, Isabella D, Eleanor P, Anabelle C and Ava B as Drama Ambassadors.

Well done and Merry Christmas to you all and we look forward to working with you all again in 2024. Mrs Simpson and Miss McFarlane



A Christmas Carol

# **History Film Evening**





Year 8 students enjoying a History Film Night and watching Testament of Youth on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November. We intend to hold further film nights next year. Mrs Tweedie

# **History Ambassadors**



Well done to our new History Ambassadors - Sam G, Evan C, Daniel C, Rhys M, Matthew R, Harry C, Lauren H, Lois A, Oliver D, Joshua G, Oliver M. They will be working closely with the history department to engage students and the wider community in history and run school events to promote the significance of key events throughout history. Mrs Tweedie







# Special Educational Needs & Disabilities



I am so pleased to be able to share with you details of our new Preparing for Adulthood outdoor learning space. This is something Mr Harper and I have been working on for three years now! We managed to secure funding from the local authority as our bid was successful. We have now completely redesigned our outdoor garden space to include a preparing for adulthood classroom, a regulation and exercise area, a social area for SEND students to access at break and lunch times and a greenhouse with huge planters where students will begin to grow their own fruit and vegetables. We are so proud of our outdoor space and feel it will help Beauchamps offer further inclusive provision to build on our already extensive offer. This is something which will be sustainable for years to come and help continue to give our SEND students the very best educational experience.

We are so happy to name our new outdoor classroom after our much loved SEND Governor, Maggie Beauchamp, who sadly passed away in 2019. Maggie was a strong advocate for children with additional needs and we are delighted to name our classroom **The Maggie Beauchamp Suite**. Maggie's family did us the great honour of declaring the suite open! Miss Clarkson



### **SEND Clubs**



Just a reminder...

#### **Homework Club**

Mr Souter runs a homework support club for SEND students: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 8.00 - 8.30am and Monday 14.45 - 15.30pm.

In the Flexible Learning Centre





For those who struggle with handwriting, you are welcome to come to the Flexible Learning Centre from 14.45 to 15.30 every Wednesday for support from Mr Souter. Please see Miss Clarkson to book a space.



Mr Adkin will be running chess club weekly during lunchtime on Wednesdays in BE4 for all students with SEND.

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



# Beauchamps Special Educational Needs and



# **Disabilities Football Team**

Calling all students who have special educational needs or disabilities...

We run a SEND football team for all boys and girls interested in coming to brush up on their skills, meet new people and have fun!

Training is after school on the 3G pitch every Thursday 14.45 – 15.45. Please make sure you wear your PE kit and the correct footwear.

If you are interested in attending, please speak to Miss Clarkson or Mr Souter who will be running the sessions.



### **SEND Notice**



We are aware there is an ongoing ADHD medication shortage nationwide. Please speak with your pharmacy and GP to establish if your child's medication is currently in short supply. We have had reports from some parents that their child has been offered an alternative medication until the matter resolves. The NHS predicted the shortage would be resolved between October and December 2023. Unfortunately, this doesn't seem to be the case and further predicted timelines have not been released. If you have any concerns, please contact me on the usual school number for further advice. Below is a list of medication affected:

#### Methylphenidate

- Equasym XL® 10,20 and 30 mg capsules
- Concerta XL® 54 mg tablet
- Xaggitin XL® 18 and 36 mg tablets Xenidate XL® 27 mg tablets

#### Lisdexamfetamine

- Elvanse® 20, 30, 40, 50, 60 and 70 mg capsules
- · Elvanse® Adult 30, 50 and 70 mg capsules

#### **Atomoxetine**

All strengths

#### Guanfacine

Intuniv® 1, 2, 3 and 4 mg tablets

Please note there are some supplies of these medications but their availabliity is changing daily (both coming into stock and going out of stock).

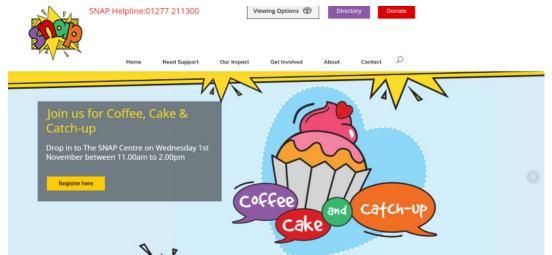






### **SEND Links**





SNAP (Special Needs And Parents) is an Essex charity for families with children and young people who have any additional needs or disabilities. SNAP's aims are to inform. encourage and support parents and carers so that they can grow in strength and knowledge and become better equipped to give the best possible help to their children. https://www.snapcharity. org/



MyOTAS was originally set up by a group of parents of autistic children, as a way to provide support to others seeking a kind, non-judgemental space, to discuss their problems and gain help with all the red tape restricting their child's access to the services they need. Our trustees now include a children's Occupational Therapist, a Primary School Teacher, a FA registered Football Coach and a variety of other professionals and parents of SEN children.

https://myotas.org/

#### 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 festive break and we look forward to seeing you all in the new year!

**Miss Clarkson and Learning Support Team** 













# **Poetry in Performance**

On the 23<sup>rd</sup> November, students from Beauchamps (who were successfully selected from their outstanding auditions) showed their aspiration to excel in English by competing in the annual Inter-school Poetry in Performance Competition, hosted by Jo Richardson Community School in Dagenham and judged by a panel of industry professionals, including the published 'Boelyn Poet' Danny Fenn.

Our students were exemplary in their commitment to rehearsals in 'Aspire' for the six weeks prior to the event and they were outstanding in their performances on the night. Faced with tough opposition, Beauchamps' students exhibited their unrelenting ambition and desire to succeed.

Huge congratulations to Morgan T and Michelle H-J in Year 7 who won the group round! However, Troy M, Mia W, Lola-Grace B, and Layla B-R all scored so highly for their clear diction and pronunciation, their ability to bring the poems to



life and their use of vocal tone to add meaning to their performances. Beauchamps High School WON the overall competition, claiming the trophy! Mr. Harper was especially delighted to personally say a huge 'well done' to Morgan and Michelle who WON the groups category.

All performers were rewarded with illustrated dictionaries, an 'Aspire' badge to proudly wear on their uniforms, a token for the Book Vending Machine and the Group Category winners were given Amazon Vouchers.

The English Department look forward to hosting next year! Mrs Beaney



### **Maths**





Well done to all our Maths Sixth Formers that took part in the UKMT challenge earlier this year and the two Year 11 students who were chosen to participate too! More than half the participants received an award this year. Extra congratulations to Alfie H, Lewis P and Joshua W for receiving a gold award and progressing on to the next round and a huge well done to Rares M for receiving a silver award on the Sixth Form challenge despite only being in Year 11! Congratulations - terrific achievements by all of you. Miss Baker

# **Daisy**

## Ella



Daisy L Year 9, recently volunteered to help at one of her Mother's work events for St Luke's Hospice. She spoke to and helped people out at the event. Well done Daisy! Mrs Watler



Ella W Year 9, won her latest boxing tournament in Denmark that we reported in the last issue.

Well done Ella! Mrs Watler



### Sixth Form



On Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December, 60 Sixth Form students attended Skreens Activity Park near Chelmsford. They battled the high ropes, scored high in archery and had fun throwing the tomahawk.

#### **Student Comments:**

It was a challenging, fun experience and I enjoyed being around my friends and getting to know new people around the school. This trip also helped me become more resilient and now I feel more confident when trying new spontaneous activities. High ropes level 3 was very challenging but with the encouragement of everyone, it helped me complete the challenge. One of many things that was good about the day was it was fun and gave me a chance to focus on my mental health while surrounded by my friends.

Thank you to the Jack Petchey Foundation for supporting this experience. Mrs Gargrupe



### **Sixth Form Cakes**





# **Show Racism The Red Card**



On the non-uniform day on 19<sup>th</sup> October, the students were asked to wear something red in support of the charity Show Racism The Red Card - the picture shows Sixth Form students collecting money - a fantastic £1245 for the charity. Mrs Gargrupe



### **Science Cakes**

Science and Food and Nutrution joined forces to raise money for the Medical Research Foundation with a science themed bake sale. With help from the Year 7 Cook-Off Club and a selection of amazing Year 8 and Year 10 students, we spent the week baking and decorating cupcakes, culminating in a bake sale on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December. The students did a brilliant job, baking nearly 150 cupcakes! The cakes were a hit when we sold them during break and lunch time, with the help of our enthusiastic participants. A big thank you to all the students who took part in raising £45 for a marvellous cause.

With special thanks to Miss Edwards and Mrs Gatty in cooking, whose invaluable expertise allowed this event to go so smoothly. Thanks also to Mrs Frost and Mrs Perkins for all their support. Mrs Harte



### Kimba





was enthusiastically received, with many students volunteering to read one of his poems as part of the performance. Year 7 also impressed Kimba with their knowledge of creative writing techniques.

Many students took the chance to buy a copy of Kimba's book, Write the Wrongs, which he personally signed for them. He then delivered a workshop to students at Monday Literacy Club in the Library. They worked on poems based on the National Poetry Day theme of Refuge, exploring the theme in work about their own place of comfort and safety. Mrs Perkins

### Wickford Market

Year 8 and 9 students have been attending an Enterprise club weekly to make hot chocolate reindeers and sweetie cones to sell at a market stall on Wickford High Street on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December. In total the students have raised **£365** for St Luke's Hospice, which is a charity close to everyone's heart.

We are very proud of all the Enterprise students that attended this club. However, a special well done to the following students that attended on Saturday; Samel G, Danny B, Thomas D, Matthew S, Ben G, Kelsey M, Chloe G, Karla A, Misiri M, Eva B, Layla B, Claudia B, Leo H. They developed the following skills: creativity, entrepreneurship, problem solving and customer service. They were also very resilient standing in the cold and torrential rain to represent our school and raise money for charity, they all had high sprits as they sung, danced and made everyone smile.

Also, a special thank you to the following staff that spent countless hours to make this happen; Mrs Larcombe, Ms Mallen, Mr Gonella and Mrs St John.



his poetry to the next generation of students. It



# **LRC - Blue Peter Reading Badge Winners**

After hearing about the launch of the new Blue Peter Badge for Reading at the Year 7 Literacy Evening in September, three of our students made it their mission to achieve the accolade as soon as possible.

There are three steps to being awarded a badge:

- · Contact the show and tell them about a book you have read and what you think about it.
- Upload your illustration of a character or a scene from the story. This could be a drawing, painting or even digital artwork.
- Let the presenters know what other books and authors you have enjoyed reading and why.

Zoe B., Sophie T. and Emily N. were all keen to share their achievement with Mrs Perkins and should be congratulated for their effort. Mrs Perkins



### Join Your Teacher For Breakfast

We had an amazing turnout at our November reading breakfast event, to which students who had worked extra hard to improve their reading skills were invited. On this occasion, we focused on the vast range of fascinating non-fiction available in the Library as part of our celebration of Non-Fiction November.

Thanks again to all the staff who have supported our students by attending this session; they really enjoy sharing their progress with you. Mrs Perkins



# Bookbusters & Young People's Book Award



Our Friday lunchtime reading club, Bookbusters, has once again been selected by The Royal Society to read, review and judge the shortlisted books for this year's Young People's Book Award. This is awarded to the best science book for children from 3 to 15 years of age.

Part of the joy of taking part is developing the skills to evaluate books intended for children in a completely different age-group. Our students have to look carefully at the intended audience and judge the books based on what would be most appealing to that age-group.

Each week Bookbusters members are given a different book to work on, culminating in a group vote in the New Year, ready for the award ceremony. The shortlist is really varied, as you can see from the photo.

Mrs Perkins



# Reading Rainbow Challenge

When they joined Beauchamps High School, Year 7 were set a challenge to read for 15 minutes a day, 7 days a week, for 4 weeks, completing a rainbow as a record of their progress.

Nathan S. in 7CT completed this challenge before anyone else and was rewarded with a fantastic book bundle. Well done Nathan!



### Lexia

Lexia runs every morning from 8am - 8.25am. The programme is designed to give students more control over the time and pace of their progress, helping them to develop critical reading, writing and speaking skills.

Attendance by Year 7 students has been amazing since they started in September - although Lexia is also available to Year 8, 9 and 10.

Have a Merry Christmas and a well-earned break and Mrs Dawson, Mrs Stephens and I will see you in the New Year for more Lexia!

Mrs T Butler

Lexia Co-ordinator





### **Bookbuzz**



# **History Reading Breakfast in the LRC**



On 12<sup>th</sup> December some Year 7 students gathered in the Learning Resource Centre before school to enjoy a Year 7 History Breakfast and Books event. It was a great morning with Year 7s exploring the history book collections and enjoying a delicious breakfast!. Mrs Kearney.



# **Harry Potter**

Year 7 students had a special lesson with Evanna Lynch aka Luna Lovegood from JK Rowling's hit movie franchise - and after half term these students from 7AEn1 were so inspired that they were found camped out in the library this week sharing their love of reading and tackling not just the series, but the play script for the stage show! Well done Year 7s! Mrs Perkins





# **English Trip**



On Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December, Year 10 students visited The Emmanuel Centre in London to partake in Education in Action. The trip was offered as a reward to certain students who had demonstrated hard work and dedication in English this year so far. Students had the opportunity to listen to five keynote speakers whose high-level knowledge will aid students with their upcoming exams.

The speakers ranged from senior examiners and moderators, lead practitioners and teachers. Nick Hutchinson, an actor, and director at Shakespeare's Globe, was also among the speakers offering insightful and high-level knowledge on Romeo and Juliet. The highlight for many students however was seeing John Agard, contemporary poet featured in their GCSE anthologies. It was delightful to see students so excited to see such an inspiring poet in real life and learn so much more about the poem! Students demonstrated their amazing knowledge of literature by asking insightful questions to speakers.

Well done Year 10 for such a successful trip! Miss Blucher



### **Christmas Book Drive**



Students, parents and teachers generously donated over 1,000 used or unwanted books to the Library, where they were then sold during a 3-day, spectacular book sale, gift-wrapped by elves! Students were able to buy books as gifts for family and friends, for as little as 10p per book. After an amazing turn out on the launch, over two-thirds of the pre-loved books had already been sold, wrapped and taken home to be placed under the tree, ready for Christmas day.

The bustling bonanza raised over £158 for Crisis, a nationwide charity that supports people under threat of homelessness. The money raised means that Beauchamps students have ensured that 5 young people in England will not be sleeping in the cold this Christmas.

Chief Seller-Elf, Phoebe G, said "It was so busy! But I helped loads of people find books for their family." Assistant Wrapper-Elf Serenity H said 'Wow, I got my fingers stuck together so many times! Miss Pepper taught me how to wrap. I'm ready for Christmas now.'

But it wasn't all about giving to others, Lillie P rushed to the Young Adult section and treated herself to 9 glorious reads for those cozy nights in. Grinning, Lillie announced 'These are all for me! I love books!'

But that's not all! The winners of our Christmas Bauble raffle were Henry D and Belle S for their wonderful designs and generous donation of over 15 books. They now have the opportunity to choose a brand new book from our Literacy vending machine and some chocolate, of course!

The Literacy Team would like to thank the dedicated, elf-tastic group of Year 7 volunteers who gave up their time to raise money for such a good cause:

A special mention to Alfie T, Year 12, for bringing his Christmas cheer (and hat!) and all of the English staff who gave their time and to Mrs Perkins and Miss Butler for letting us take over the Library! Miss Hare





## **Social Studies Achievers**



Mr Liddell was delighted to award Certificates of Achievement to students in Enhanced Social Studies. The students in Year 7 and Year 8 have been learning new skills. With the help of Mr Burkett, they have been putting health and safety skills into practise and constructed a number of woodwork joints as an introduction to Carpentry Skills. They have gained confidence in using different tools such as mallets, drills and saws and it has given them an insight into the construction skills they will need, if they select construction as a GCSE option in Key stage 4. Mrs Phillips



# Year 9 to Year 7 Charity Sale



Year 9 have been working hard in their Social Studies and ERP lessons this half term to identify a social issue and a related charity to support, then plan a social action to raise awareness and/or money for the charity. We had a wide range of charities being supported, including St Luke's Hospice, the Alzheimer's Society, Cancer Research, Barnardo's,

Women's Aid and many more. Those students who wanted to raise some money for their charities through bake sales and games took part in a charity fair on the 30th November at lunchtime in the B&E conference room and invited Year 7 and staff to come along and support them. The groups all did fantastically well at raising some money for their charities, but a special mention has to go to George G, Cody B, Harry H and Toby P, who not only sold some amazing cakes, but had a tee-shirt for people to sign messages of support for George (pictured) who ran a half marathon in a fantastic time of 2 hours and 7 minutes on the 16th December, and has raised over an amazing £1800 on his own for the Alzheimer's Society!

A massive thank you to all staff and Year 7's who came along to support our Year 9's and to all of our Year 9's who took part to raise some money and awareness for some amazing charities.





### **PSHE**

The theme for this half term in PSHE has been about being kind and observing anti-bullying week, which took place between 13th and 17th November this year, with the theme of 'Make a noise'. Students took part in assemblies this half term examining the definition of bullying and reminding students about where to go to report any issues they see or hear. They were also introduced to the new Anti-Bullying Ambassadors, a group of five of our Sixth Form students in Year 12, Alfie, Freddie, Stacey, Ella, and Max. The Anti-Bullying Ambassadors also created a form time resource that was shared with students by their form tutors, to allow discussion on what bullying is and how we can help to prevent it from happening at school. Mrs Bell



# **Food and Nutrition**







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We have been making lots of wonderful, exciting dishes in **Food and Nutrition** to build up those skills in Year 7 and Year 9 this term.

Year 7 have been working extremely hard and learnt the 'rubbing in method' when making their apple crumbles - I must say, there was a lot of positive parent/carer feedback of how tasty those were when they got home, I am sure now the students can embed their skills and make some at home for their families - great job Year 7!

Year 9 had some research to complete before they made their soups and they then produced a timeplan, whereby they wrote their own set of instructions to follow when completing their practical. All soups came out really well and I was super impressed by the independence from the Year 9s to produce lovely soups. Next term we will be moving onto some more complex skills - will be looking forward to seeing what creations are produced again.



In Hospitality and Catering, Year 10 have shown such an improvement from the beginning of the year, whereby some had limited knowledge of skills, but wow they have amazed me in such a short space of time.

Ву planning and producing the meals they have has been phenomenal. Bread making was a great success and I am now so sure the students can make bread off by heart - I don't think they realised how quick it would be. Keep up the hard work for next term.

Miss Edwards







# YEAR 8

Year 8 have been working very hard on a 3D sculpture project this term linking to the artist Bryony Rose Jennings.

Working in pairs, they have chosen their own animal and started creating 3D forms in newspaper and tape. Developing onwards they have then cut and collaged with fabrics to create texture and tone developing their 3D skills before adding embellishments and stitching details to refine their outcomes. A lot of fun has been had and students have loved working in groups seeing their animals come to life. Mrs Mallows, Miss Moore,

and Mrs Birkumshaw





Year 7 have produced a variety of outcomes earlier this term developing on from their initial Cezanne assessments. Working at a larger scale and drawing from observation, students had to create their own still life composition and display refined outcomes. Techniques such as dry brush, blending colours and creating realistic tone were all requirements for students to try and achieve.

Mrs Mallows

## Hall of Fame

A selection of home learning from our KS3 learners that asked students to think more widely as to how art can portray a message to an observer. Researching the work of Banksy, Year 8 students looked at the political, moral and social messages within his work. Year 9 students explored environmental issues and using waste to create artwork.

Some great personal responses and results from so many students. Well done to you all! Miss Moore and Mrs Birkumshaw









Year 9 have been researching the Art of Japanese Tattoos and designing their own artwork based on their research. Their 3D modroc outcomes were very successful and gave students the opportunity to create a cast of their forearm. Students could build on their prior skills of colour mixing skin tones and blending colours. The variety of design ideas have been fantastic with beautiful final pieces. Well done Year 9 art students. Mrs Birkumshaw and Mrs Mallows



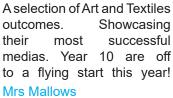




Year 13 have all been refining their ideas for their final pieces and here is a snippet of their fantastic pieces. All projects are student led and medias range from collage, quilting to oil painting.

























## Art Extra Curricular

This term Art Club, the Gifted Art Group and Textiles Club have all been tasked with recreating the famous Art umbrellas which can be found in all classrooms. We have a theme for each classroom and are looking forward to sharing more photographs when the umbrellas are finished and on display. We are very proud of how creative the umbrellas look and the mature approach to working alongside others. Mrs Mallows, Miss Moore and Mrs Birkumshaw













#### **Batik samples**

A lovely selection of batik work from Year 9 textiles this term. Continuing with their Sealife theme, students created their designs by applying wax on cloth and dying it in multiple colours. When dry the wax could be removed, it revealed their individual compositions. This traditional technique was harder to master than they first thought, but some great vibrant results were created after persevering. Well done Year 9! Mrs Mallows









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

A sneek peak of our next project still in progress: Wet Felting







## Meet the 2023-2024 ITTs Miss Johnson



My name is Miss Johnson. I'm a trainee teacher in the English department. Teaching has always been a distant dream that I clung too through most of my education, and I am so grateful I took the plunge to do it! I can't imagine myself in any other job, I love the creative outlet it invites.



In the words of Audrey Hepburn 'Nothing is impossible, the word itself is 'I'm Possible". Reading her autobiography inspired me further to wanting to help others and be present in people's livesto make a difference!

Prior to my training, I attended the University of Greenwich where I studied English Literature. I have always loved getting lost in a book and analyse pretty much everything in my life! English was always my favourite subject inside and outside of school and studying it further at both A-level and degree level allowed me an opportunity to explore literature further. I have also worked part time as a pharmacy dispenser, test administrator and invigilator. I am a social butterfly who loves a constantly changing dynamic! Teaching is the embodiment of this, and I am excited for what it will entail.

I have started my journey with Billericay Education Consortium and expecting to have completed my ITT training by June. So far, I have found the experience challenging but enjoyable! I relish in pushing myself out of my comfort zone and cannot wait to see what I can achieve through the training. I feel very lucky to have a placement at Beauchamps High school. The staff and students have been welcoming and accommodating, I appreciate all of the help they have given me so far. I would like to give special thanks to the English department for taking time out of their busy schedules to help me, give feedback, being positive and full of praise. I feel like I have known them for years! I would also like to thank Miss

Blucher, who has been my mentor, my support system and a friend. I feel incredibly lucky to have such a kind, patient, and considerate mentor. Miss Johnson





My name is Mr Gonella and I am a trainee teacher in Business Studies. I attended university in Leeds and completed a degree in Business Management. Before joining Beauchamps, I was a Cover Supervisor which sparked my interest into becoming a teacher. Prior to this working in education never crossed my mind however I have always worked with children through volunteering as a sports coach in my spare time, so stepping into the classroom felt like a natural progression.

I am training with BEC completing the 1 year QTS and PGCE. I chose this pathway as I wanted to be hands on from day 1 and learn on the job. It's hard work and a lot to take in but I am loving every second of it and learning more every day.

Although I am still early in my training journey, I feel very privileged to be working at Beauchamps. I couldn't ask for a better department to work with and the level of support is phenomenal. The staff and students here have been friendly and welcoming, and I already feel a part of the community. In the future, I aspire to be an outstanding teacher who inspires students to become the best version of themselves and reach their maximum potential.

Mr Gonella



## Careers - BBC Bitesize Roadshow



On 2<sup>nd</sup> November, to launch the careers provision at Beauchamps for the current academic year, Years 7,8,9 and 10 enjoyed an interactive careers session delivered by the BBC Bitesize Tour team. The aim B of the event was to inspire young minds about opportunities that exist locally, raising awareness of career aspirations and practical advice on how students can pursue a career in a variety of settings. Hosted by Alex Mansurouglu, a KISSFM DJ, students heard from Zahra Arefa, a laboratory technician from Great Ormond Street Hospital (GOSH), Roger Simpson, the BBC News Producer and Andy Edmunds, Head of Education at Southend United FC.

The panellists gave an overview of their career paths, their journey through school and subsequent qualifications and discussed the importance of soft skills in the workplace, for example, teamwork, listening skills and problem solving. To answer the question of 'why do we need to learn this?' Alex and the panel also detailed how they all use mathematics in their current roles, from queuing music to end in time for a news bulletin to assessing match performance of footballers. The panel also answered questions on a variety of topics from the students including Isabella and Jessica



in a Q&A session. Alex pointed the students towards the wealth of careers information on the BBC Bitesize website, which also details the many opportunities available for a career path as a technician.

Students, staff and parents gave lots of positive feedback from the sessions and we would like to thank the BBC Bitesize team for a very informative and engaging careers event.

Careers - BBC Bitesize

For students to ask questions, a specially adapted rugby ball with a wireless microphone installed was passed or thrown around the hall for the students to speak into, so that everyone could hear the questions. This was a very successful way of encouraging participation!

Mrs Brittain

### Careers

In keeping with our commitment to provide students with outstanding careers guidance and tailored support when choosing their next step after school, we will now be using Unifrog; an award-winning, online careers platform.

Unifrog brings into one place every undergraduate university course, apprenticeship, and college course in the UK, as well as other opportunities, such as School Leaver Programmes, MOOCs and every college at Oxford and Cambridge. This makes it easy for students to compare and choose the best university courses, apprenticeships or further education courses for their next steps. They can also explore exciting opportunities further afield by looking at English taught undergraduate programmes available in Europe and the USA. Additionally, the platform helps students successfully apply for these opportunities by writing their personal statement, applications and CVs and guiding them through the process, allowing teachers to give live feedback.

Unifrog will enable the careers team, teachers and parents to track individual career progress and prompt useful and constructive discussions at home regarding career choices and progression for all students. We are rolling Unifrog out to Years 10 and 12 in January and will have the whole school up and running by the end of the academic year, so watch this space for updates!

In addition to this, Years 11 and 13 have been busy having 1:1 meetings with Mrs Raymond our Careers Coordinator to ensure they have plans in place post 16/18 and we have numerous educators, employers and employees visiting the school over the next few months to engage our students with the world of work.

If you would like to get involved in our exciting careers work with Beauchamps students, please do not hesitate to contact myself or Mrs Raymond. We actively encourage local firms to offer work experience or local business people / parents / carers to come in to school to talk about their career journey. This information is invaluable to our students and their future career plans so please get involved!

Please feel free to contact myself (rbrittain@beauchamps.essex.sch.uk) or Mrs Raymond (nraymond@beauchamps.essex.sch.uk) if you would like further information on how you can support our amazing students. We look forward to hearing from you! Mrs Brittain





## 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:

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## **Grilling the Teachers!**





Mr Harris and Miss Brabant



Where were you born and where did you go to school?

I was born in Havering, London, but have lived in Essex my whole life. I went to primary school at Long Ridings in Brentwood, and spent my secondary school and A-Level life here at Beauchamps!

I was born on Vancouver Island, on the west coast of Canada, and I went to school in Canada. The Canadian educational system is quite different from the one here!

#### Have you ever met a celebrity?

When I was in uni, we had S Club 7 perform – only 3 of them though, not all. But I met them.

Stevie Wonder – I was working in a hotel lobby bar in Toronto and served him and his family tea!

#### If you could go to any concert, what would it be?

I would have loved to have seen Avichii before he died, but he isn't very mainstream... probably someone that people have heard of would be Ed Sheeran, maybe?

Aerosmith! I have seen them twice: once in the late 80s and another at Download.

#### Favourite music genre?

Definitely Rock music.

World music – It is a tough one because I also love heavy metal!

#### Strangest thing a student has done in lesson?

Last year, I had a really weird class and one time, they all took their shoes off and tried to sniff each other's feet. I'm not too sure what came over them!

One time someone climbed into a bin, head first! I hope that I'm not giving anyone ideas!

What are your socially acceptable and guilty pleasure favourite films?

I'm such a big Marvel fan. My favourite would probably be Infinity War. Or maybe Now You See Me. But a guilty pleasure is definitely Mean Girls.

#### It's a Wonderful Life!

If you were a Barbie/Ken in Barbieland – what would be your speciality?

I didn't actually see Barbie (I know!!!) but I would probably be Party Ken – that'd be me, I'm a bit of a party animal!

Astronaut Barbie. That'd be me!

#### Favourite book?

I don't read very much but probably the Harry Potter books because showing that I could actually read 7 whole books would be amazing.

This is Brutal! I'll go with 'Heart of Darkness' By Joseph Conrad. He is the most exquisite writer in the English Language.

If you could suddenly be fluent in any language, what would it be?

Probably Mandarin – I have a friend who speaks it fluently and it would be fantastic to be able to speak it with him.

Russian – it has always been so fascinating and the alphabet is beautiful.

If you weren't teaching your subject, what subject would you be teaching?

I would love to teach PE, it was my second favourite subject in school (to Maths) but a more practical answer would be either Economics or Geography since that is what I took for my A levels.

#### History.

You can meet any celebrity, dead or alive... who would you like to meet?

Probably the actor Robert Downy Jr., as Iron man is one of my favourite films and he has such a good life to tell. Or maybe the actor Woody Harrelson – he would be hilarious, I reckon.

Mary Shelley the author of Frankenstein – a deep thinker and just a fascinating woman.

A biopic has been made of your life. Who plays your character?

Probably Tom Holland.

I'm not too sure but my daughter would say the actress that plays Lorelai Gilmore!

#### A fun memory from university?

On New Years Day of my 3rd year, most of my friends had gone home but I went to the club with my friends that did stay and Stick Men performed – it was brilliant!

There are so many: but just studying my Philosophy masters was wonderful.

#### Where would you love to visit?

I think the basic answer would be the USA, but I would love to go to Disneyland and the Warner Bros. studio.

Uzbekistan. I would love to go horse riding there!

How will you be spending Christmas this year?

There are no concrete plans yet, but usually I go to see my grandparents in London early in the morning, before having Christmas dinner and opening presents at my family home.

With my family, as always. Family comes first!

Do you cook/have a traditional Christmas dinner including brussel sprouts on Christmas Day? And do you eat the brussel sprouts?

Yes, I do have a traditional Christmas dinner. My family tend to have turkey, roast potatoes, Yorkshire puddings, pigs in blankets, stuffing etc. Some of my family love brussel sprouts but I can't stand them!

Our Christmas dinner is always very traditional - turkey with ALL of the trimmings. I eat brussel sprouts once a year, on Christmas Day.

What's the best Christmas you've ever had and why?

A few years ago, my grandparents came to mine for Christmas and it was lovely having the whole family together in our family home. This isn't possible now as they get older but that particular Christmas was a very happy memory for me.

While I lived in Japan, I went to Vietnam at Christmas rather than coming home. I spent Christmas Day on the beach, which was very different and felt a bit weird, but I liked it.

### Thank you!

Interviews conducted by Max S, Year 12.



## **Students do Good Deeds**



Mr Harper was delighted to hand out rewards of school-inscribed pens to students for recent good deeds. Year 7 Logan D came across a wallet in the street outside the school one morning and handed it in to Student Reception. Daniel B Year 8, spotted a £5 note on the floor of a 2nd floor corridor and handed it in and George R found a watch in the school which had been mislaid and he too, handed it in to Student Reception. Thank you boys for your honesty. Miss S Bailey

Year 10 girls, Ruby M and Maria W saw a mobile phone on the street outside school on their way home. They picked it up and came back in to hand it in. It actually belonged to a Year 9 student! Anna J and Erin C Year 10, found a phone in school and handed it in to be reunited with its owner and Joe P also Year 10 was a hero in a different way! Joe and his Dad came to the rescue of Geography teacher Miss N Bailey when her car would not start after a Scouts meeting one evening. They pushed the car (uphill) to enable it to be bumpstarted, so that Miss Bailey could get home! Well done to all! 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. Mrs Frost



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Students return to school on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2024 and break up for half-term on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February.

#### **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.