

PARENT BULLETIN



Headteacher's Message

Dear all,

Another year has drawn to a close - it is hard for me to think that I have only been at Beechwood for two years - I feel so part of the school and its wider community and that is down to the wonderful individuals that make up Beechwood.

We have ended the year with some great events including our Culture and Diversity Day and Sports Day.

I have also been lucky enough to interview those young people in Year 10 and Year 12, who have put themselves forward to be Senior leaders. We are blessed with some incredible individuals who are going to support the student body extremely well next year.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the staff who have worked so tirelessly for each and every student. Especially to those staff who will not be returning to us in September, as their careers are taking them in a different direction - we wish them well with their new adventures.

At the end of year assemblies today, rewards were given out across all year groups for outstanding efforts. The pinnacle of these was Kornelia (Yr 8) receiving the Ryan Miller Sports Award, named in memory of an amazing Beechwood student who is sadly no longer with us.

My final request to all of the students was for them to have a restful summer and to keep themselves safe. I wish the very same to all of you.

Anita Spires
Headteacher



Key Dates

Summer Term 2023 - 24

Start of Autumn Term

Years 7 and 12

Tuesday 5th September

Roll Call at 08:40

Years 8, 9, 10, 11 and 13

Wednesday 6th September

Staggered Roll Call Times:

Year 8: 08:40

Year 9: 09:20

Year 10: 10:00

Year 11: 10:40

Year 13: 08:40

Duke of Edinburgh

Expedition (Bronze Award)

Sat 9th - Sun 10th September

Year 6 into 7 Open Evening

Tues 19th September

Year 11 Geography Trip

Tues 26th September

Duke of Edinburgh

Expedition (Silver Award)

Thurs 28th September – Sat

30th September

CLASS CHARTS: [DOWNLOAD THE APP](#) TO FOLLOW YOUR CHILD'S ACHIEVEMENT AND BEHAVIOUR POINTS IN SCHOOL.
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<https://www.classcharts.com/>

RESPECT • EXCELLENCE • KINDNESS

MEET OUR TEAM ... We hope to introduce a member of our school community through each issue of our Parent Bulletin. ***This week we introduce Suzie Brench.***

I am very pleased to introduce myself in this week's parent bulletin. My name is Suzie Brench, some may know me as Miss Hallett. I am a Teacher of PE and will be the Director of Studies for Year 7 starting in September.

I began working at Beechwood school as an NQT in 2012, having graduated from Chichester University. I was then successfully appointed as a Director of Studies in 2017 and have been the Director of Studies for Year 11 for the past three years.

I grew up and attended school in Southampton, where I fell in love with sport at college and began playing netball. Whilst at University, I completed my Umpire Award which meant 5 out of 7 nights a week I was either playing or umpiring netball. Fast forward four years, where I applied to Beechwood School for the role of PE teacher and after being successful, made the decision to move away from home.



This is me with Ashley Johnson, who used to play for Wasps Rugby

As someone who didn't actually enjoy school, I was later diagnosed with dyslexia, which made sense to myself and my family, as I struggled to read and take in information. I have always had a love for learning, I just needed some extra time and support. Now I take up any opportunity to further develop my career and improve my understanding of teaching, as well as finding new ways in supporting those that struggle with school and studying.

I have a deep love for sport and take every opportunity to watch sport live, including netball, rugby and cricket, as well as actively taking part in exercise. I truly believe that sport and exercise is key for everyone as a motivator for positive health and well-being. Although I am unable to take part in netball competitively now due to a shoulder injury, I have found other ways and new loves of activity. I now take part in step, aerobics and strength training, as well as enjoying long walks at the weekends.

When I am not at school and there is no sport on to watch, you will either find me curled up with a good book and a cup of coffee, or spending time with family and friends for long walks, or meeting up for some food and a catch up. Most school holidays I travel down to Southampton to visit my family, in particular my two little brothers and young niece.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a fun and relaxing summer holiday, and I look forward to welcoming all new students, families and staff to the Beechwood Community in September.

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GirlsGetSET CELEBRATION DAY

After seven months of hard work and dedication our amazing Industrial Cadet girls have successfully completed their Bronze level.

We are proud to have His Majesty King Charles III as the Patron of Industrial Cadets.

Our girls became Winning Team 2023 and won a beautiful glass award for 'Carbon Footprint Project Winning Team 2023'

Congratulations on their well-deserved success goes to:

Francisca Somide, Veronika Sominde, Julia Kalmuk, Kornelia Pietka, Narin Armandzadeh, Amilia Moon, Selina Malik and Amelia-Maria Bucko.

"Congratulations on your outstanding achievement. It just goes to show that hard work, passion, and a 'never give up' attitude really goes a long way. You have put your time, heart, and soul into this, and your perseverance has paid off. You overcame so many obstacles to achieve this win. You worked so hard and pushed your abilities to the limit to make this success happen. Enjoy the rewards that come from your accomplishments. You deserve it!" Mrs Ilkova

GE quote from Rosalind Munro - Co-Head of Community Investment GE UK & Ireland

"We were impressed with the students' focus on the engineering tasks that we set. Their competitive spirit and energy were inspiring. I can't believe the winning raft held over 170 marbles! We also enjoyed answering questions throughout the day."

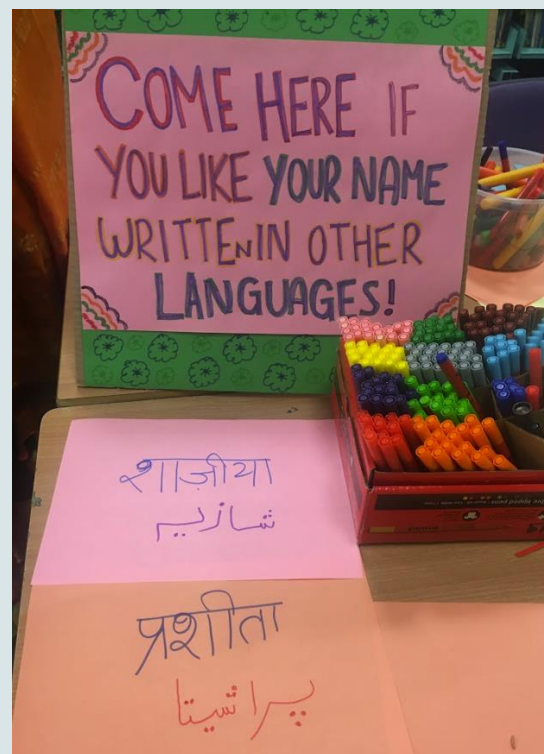


Celebrating Culture and Diversity

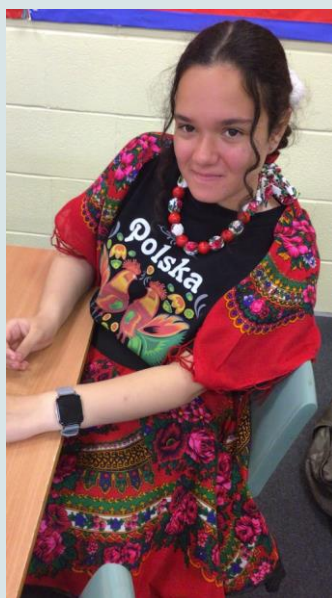
A WONDERFUL DAY, CELEBRATING BEECHWOOD'S CULTURAL DIVERSITY

Students enjoyed a Culture and Diversity Day on Friday 14th July. What an amazing day it was! Students came to school dressed in clothes that represented their culture and community. They enjoyed a timetable rich in cultural sports, music, art and cooking, as well as enjoying a wide range of activities, to support a greater understanding of the multi-cultural community here at Beechwood.

From cultural youth role play, to jewellery making, stage performances, henna tattoos and making rangoli patterns, the students truly emersed themselves in and enjoyed the day.



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Embracing New Opportunities

VOLLEYBALL IS GROWING AT BEECHWOOD

Students from different year groups have demonstrated Beechwood's core values of **Kindness**, **Respect** and **Excellence** whilst engaging in the game of volleyball.

The Volleyball Club met every Tuesday during summer term and became so popular, Mr Powell started a second volleyball club on Thursdays for Year 11 and Sixth Formers.



Mr Powell hopes to continue with both clubs when school returns in September. Watch out for news on when the clubs will start – all students are welcome!

NEW PREFECTS APPOINTED FOR AUTUMN TERM



Budding young professionals gained their Prefect ties recently and have all been assigned their duties for September.

Congratulations to Nikola, Lindsay, Saleh, Leonie, Tianna, Ikraam, Jennifer, Daisy, Joanna, Mya, Tia, Taylor, Adeela, Alan, Oliver, Soori and Ellie, who have all been awarded Prefect status.

Congratulations too to our Senior Prefects:

Cindy – responsible for well-being and attendance

Mohamed – responsible for inclusion, ethnicity, DAS and mixed sports

Leah – responsible for Student Council, Student Voice and Parent Bulletin

And finally, **Congratulations** to Kahlil and Diviya, who have been made Principal Prefects for 2023-2024.

We're proud of every single one of you and know that you're going to do an outstanding job next year. **Good Luck**

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WELCOMING OUR NEW YEAR 7s FOR SEPTEMBER 2023

On Tuesday 4th July, we opened our doors and welcomed our new Year 7 students from their Primary schools. Our new Year 7s experienced a range of subjects and took part in some cooking classes, where they left having baked chocolate chip cookies, drew self-portraits in Art, carried out experiments in Science and were read an introduction to Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children.

In the afternoon, students were gathered in the hall to celebrate their successes during the school day, with 40 awards being given out to students for their best efforts throughout the day, answering questions and working hard. Students left with cookies and medals in their hands, with one asking if she could start big school now and come back tomorrow, because she had so much fun. Another student commented on already making new friends with someone in her class and looking forward to starting in September.

We would like to say a huge well done to all the students who joined us for the day and we look forward to welcoming some of them back during the summer holidays, for 3 days of summer school and all students back for the beginning of Autumn Term on Tuesday 5th September.



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YEAR 11 LEAVERS PROM

On Thursday 29th June we held the Year 11 Leavers Prom at Ditton Manor and it was a great success. Students arrived in fashion, dressed up in beautiful gowns and smart looking suits. Students enjoyed having pictures taken with props from the photo booth and then all danced the night away on the dance floor till 10:30pm.

It was, as always, a really great evening and an opportunity to say farewell and good luck to the students who leave us this year, before beginning the next chapter of their lives, whether that is joining us in Beechwood Sixth Form, or moving on to colleges and apprenticeships.

We would like to wish all Year 11 students the best of luck for their future and hope they enjoy their summer holiday, having worked so hard throughout the exam period.



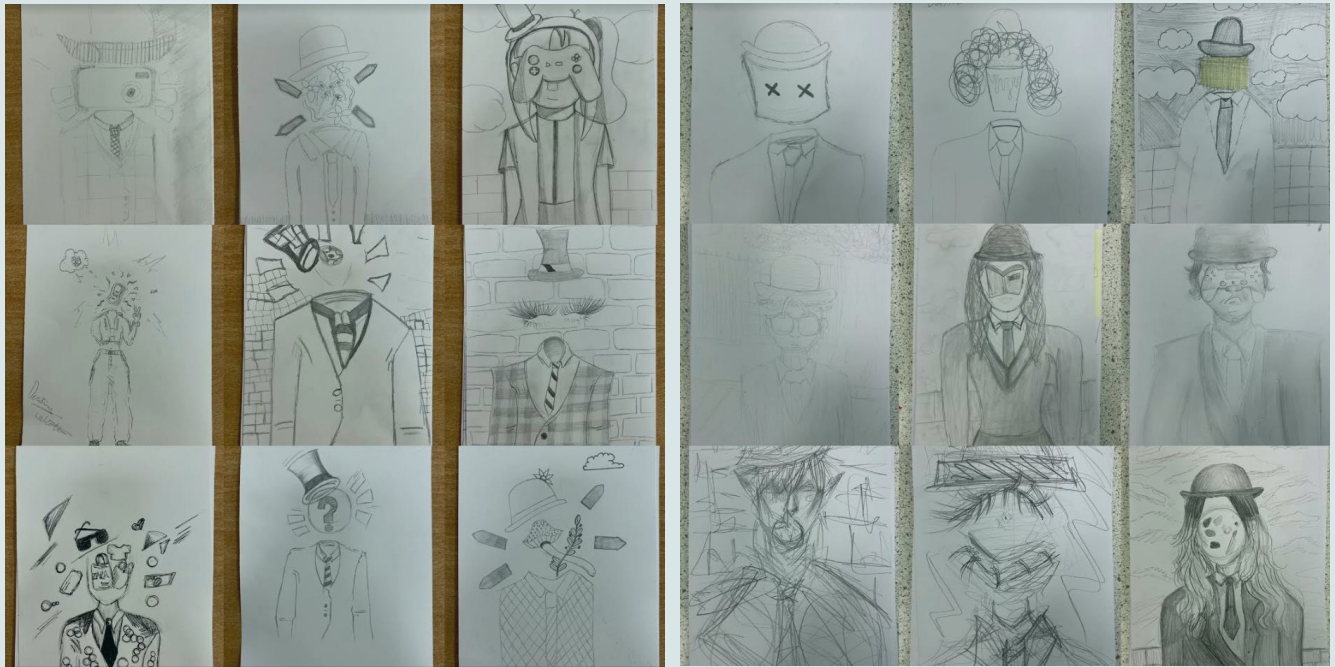


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YEAR 10 TASTER ART & PHOTOGRAPHY

Earlier this term, our Year 10 students had a 'Taster Day', to experience life in Sixth Form. The students followed a packed timetable of lessons, which we're confident will help them make those all important A Level subject choice next year.

The Head of Art, Miss Taylor, was particularly impressed with the artwork produced by some of our Year 10s. The students were asked to respond to Rene Magritte's 'Son of Man', using their own objects to reflect their identity, and produced some lovely examples.



In the taster photography session, students produced images, focusing on the different ways of viewing objects. **Star Photographer** goes to **Rishi Sookrah**, who brought his own DSLR camera and produced some amazing photographs!

Well done Year 10



Celebrating our students

Bright SPARX

Five students from Key Stage 3 were named as highest achievers in Sparx this term.

Each student met with Miss Spires, so she could congratulate them on their achievement and present them with their 'I can do Maths', Sparx badge.

Congratulations to them all: Fawad Ali, Hammad Waris, Zainab Waris, Brooke Sharp and Samir Miah.

Keep up the great work!



Year 9 Maths Quiz

Year 9 students showed off their maths skills in a recent quiz.

Well done to all involved and congratulations to the winners, who will be announced next term.



Penn Wood Primary wave goodbye to their Headteacher

Students who previously attended Penn Wood Primary School in Slough, celebrated their old Headteacher, Mrs Girle, as she retired this term.

Students helped create a large leaving card for Mrs Girle, by writing messages of thanks and good luck on paper petals, which were then made in giant flowers.

We all wish Mrs Girle a long, happy and fulfilled retirement, after many years' service to the local community.

Embracing New Opportunities

Willow Sculpting with TVLP Schools

TVLP arranged a willow sculpting day at Beechwood School this term. Schools, who are part of the TVLP group, joined Beechwood students to create some beautiful willow sculptures, which are now on display at the Alexander Devine Children's Hospice. Thank you to TVLP for arranging such a fantastic day and well done to all the students who worked hard on their creations.



"I just wanted to say a huge thank you for welcoming me to Beechwood School yesterday and to all the students, teachers and staff involved in donating the beautiful willow sculptures made for our children's hospice.

I am delighted to share with you that the Dolphin and Deer sculptures have now found new homes on the grounds of our children's hospice. The three deer have been placed to the front of our grounds so that as supported families, staff and visitors of our hospice drive in, they are welcomed with a smile by the beautiful sculptures. We are looking forward to decorating these at Christmas, as you suggested, to add that extra sparkle as families are welcomed.

The dolphin has found a perfect spot in our Dolphin Garden, a vital space for families going through the hardest of times at our children's hospice. Alexander Devine's favourite animal was a Dolphin, so when he sadly passed away in 2007 John and Fiona Devine decided it to be the perfect logo and heart of our children's hospice. Our bereavement suite is called The Dolphin Suite and is used for families experiencing end of life care at our children's hospice. We recently had a beautiful, peaceful garden developed as part of this area to give families a calming environment to support them in the challenges they may be facing. The Dolphin sculpture is in a perfect position to look over the shoulders of these families and remind us all of the very special boy who inspired everything that our children's hospice is today.

I would be so grateful if you could pass on contact details for the member of staff from each school responsible for the students who attended so that I can pass on my heartfelt thanks to them all.

Thank you so much for such a wonderful opportunity and of course for the generous donation of willow sculptures, we are truly grateful and I am looking forward to seeing the sculptures every morning as I drive into work, and seeing the incredible impact they will have on the children and families that we support". **Jazmin Parker**

Celebrating Excellence

Sports Day July 2023

The annual Sports Day took place this year on Monday 10th July 2023. It was an excellent event that showcased the talent and resilience of all our pupils that took part. Prior to the event on Monday, throughout PE lessons, many other competitors took part in a number of athletic events across their individual year groups.

The main aim was to gain as many points as possible for a Sports Personality, that all pupils in the school are allocated to. These Sporting personalities were chosen as they represent everything we believe sporting role models should be and also demonstrate our 3 core values – **Kindness**, **Respect** and **Excellence**. The personalities are Nicola Adams - Double Olympic female Gold Medallist (Boxing), Usain Bolt - 'the fastest man alive' world record holder 9.58s (100m/200m) and Christiana Ronaldo - 5 time ballon d'Or winner. (Football)

Events that took place during the pupils PE lessons were as follows: 1500m, 800m, Javelin, Discus, Shot Put, High Jump and Long Jump.

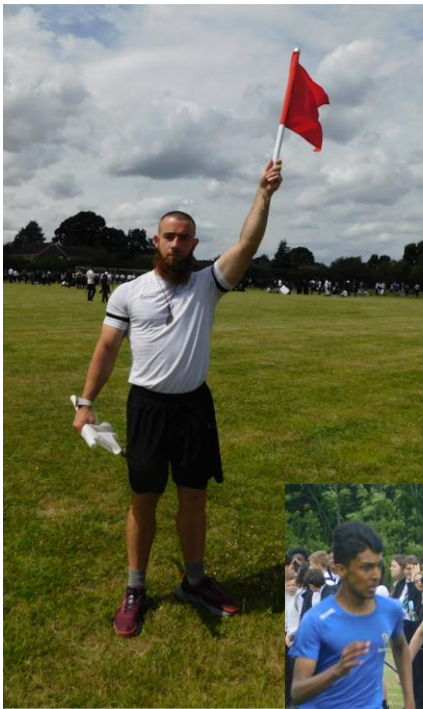
We had many competitors and all should be congratulated for taking part and making the competitions very close throughout the whole event, however it gives me real pleasure in announcing that a number of records have been broken this year. These are:

Boys Javeline	Danny Chaplin Pablo Weston	Year 9 Year 10	28.60m 30.00m
Girls Javeline	Maime McNally	Year 10	15.25m
Boys Discus	Ali Jamaal Sayid Kyngston Miller	Year 7 Year 10	14.30m 23.30m
Girls Shot Putt	Monika Strzelczyk	Year 9	7.80m
Boys Long Jump	Leo Wall	Year 7	3.73m
Girls Long Jump	Michelle Adofo Pietka Kornelia Tiarrah Christian-John	Year 7 Year 8 Year 10	3.60m 5.30m 4.05m
Boys High Jump	Adam Marchlewski Julian Garate and Matthew Beaumont Aaron Shiel Oliver Hill	Year 7 Year 8 Year 9 Year 10	1.25m 1.40m 1.65m 1.55m
Girls High Jump	Francesca Somide Beloslava Marinova and Jasmine Singh Jasmine Singh	Year 8 Year 9 Year 10	1.35m 1.20m 1.25m

The events that took place during the Sports day event were: 300m, 200m, 100m and 4 x 100m Relay. Again we had some records broken from previous years. Congratulations to:

Boys 100m	Julian Garate	Year 8	12.59s
Girls 300m	Amelia-Maria Bucko Maime McNally	Year 8 Year 10	54.78s 53.47s
Girls 800m	Jasmine Singh and Amaya McKay	Year 10	3.36 mins
Boys 1500m	Jakub Singh Aaron Shiel	Year 8 Year 9	5.55 mins 5.23 mins

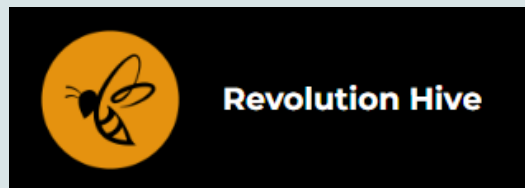
CONGRATULATIONS to you all – you're amazing!



Supporting our students

Thank you to Revolution Hive and BEEP

A huge thank you to Revolution Hive, a young dynamic company delivering motivational skills to our Year 10 students, getting them ready for life after Year 11. From role play interviews, writing CVs to games, our students were immersed into a day of team building and valuable skills to take with them into the future.



To find out more about Revolution Hive, visit their [website](#)



Another huge thank you to BEEP, Berkshire Education Employer Partnership, who also gave up their time to deliver social media awareness and what post 16 has to offer in terms of education and apprenticeships.

Year 10 were an outstanding representation of the Beechwood school community, showing kindness, respect and excellence at all times.

Food Parcels for Families in Need

Thank you to Sophie Linford, Maja Bisaga, Scarlett Stratton and Elle Gealy who helped organise some of the food/hygiene items available to families.

We understand that some families are struggling during the current cost of living crisis and we will be continuing to offer food parcels when we return in September. Please contact the school if you are in need. All requests will be handled



A fun, free activity, everyone can join in with

Between **Friday 14th July** and **Sunday 6th August** choose a place to spot butterflies and moths. Watch for **15 minutes**. Then record which species you see

For information on how to get involved, visit [The Big Butterfly Count](#)



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Modern Foreign Languages

During July, KS3 students have been completing a project on **La Francophonie** to research all French speaking countries and KS3 Spanish students have also been completing a similar project on Spanish speaking countries. They have managed to collect information about each country, such as the population, the national dish and so on.

Students have done a wonderful job and their PowerPoint presentation skills are outstanding!

Well done!

Mrs Chimene Audi-Jana – MFL Subject Leader



This summer term, the MFL department has celebrated its top students with a small afternoon party. Students enjoyed a variety of snacks as well as taking photos in front of French/Spanish themed backdrops with props! Well done to all of our young linguists and have a lovely summer!

À bientôt!
Hasta luego!



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Making a difference

A huge **WELL DONE** to all our Duke of Edinburgh participants, who have spent a total of 416 hours volunteering over the past year.

Keep up the amazing work – you really are making a difference.



We hope to see attendance continue to improve further from September.

Attendance remains a national issue and we are tightening down, as are all schools across the country, on our measures to help improve it.

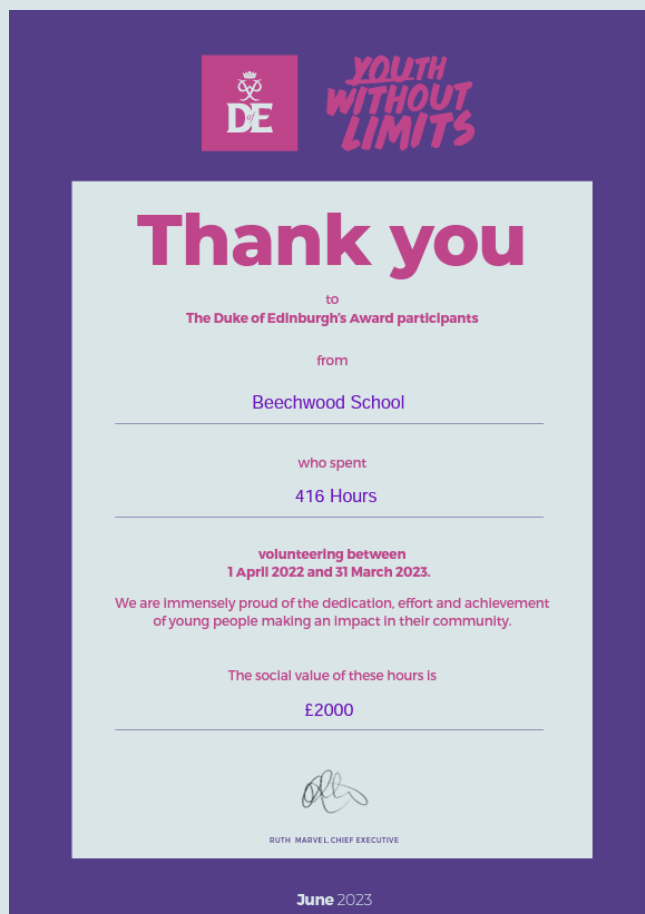
The Headteacher will be unable to authorise any holiday requests during term time, unless there are extenuating circumstances and evidence is provided. Please remember if you take your child out of school for a period of 5 or more days, without permission from the Headteacher, we are duty bound to report your child's absence to Slough Borough Council and they may issue you a fine.

A reminder: Please report your child's absence every day of the absent period, by calling the **attendance line on 01756 787293** and leaving a message, **text to 07786 201170** or email **attendance@beechwood.slough.sch.uk**.

Please note that an appointment does not necessarily require a full day off school. Your child must attend school, before and after an appointment, if it is during the middle of the school day. We encourage appointments to be made at the very start or very end of the school day, to minimise disruption.

Please encourage your child to be at school on time. Punctuality matters and students should be ready for roll call at 08:40am. Registration closes at 9am and a child arriving after this time, without medical proof, will receive an authorised mark for the morning session. Attendance is also important for each lesson throughout the day and all students should attend their lessons on time.

Thank you for your continued support.



SUPPORTING HEALTH & WELFARE

BE SAFE IN THE WATER THIS SUMMER

Emergency services across the Thames Valley have joined forces with double Olympic gold medalist swimmer Tom Dean MBE, to share important water safety messages this summer.

<https://youtu.be/jdcxThIHUmc>

As the weather gets hotter, emergency services, local authorities and the Environment Agency will be working together across the Thames Valley to share how to stay safe by the water and how simple changes and techniques could save a life.

Following tragic deaths in the water over the last few years in the Thames Valley, Thames Valley Police, Buckinghamshire and Royal Berkshire Fire and Rescue Services, the Environment Agency, South Central Ambulance Service, Buckinghamshire Council and the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead have all been working together with the aim of warning and informing residents of how to stay safe by the water, particularly with young people who often head to the water side when schools are closed.



Over the summer, all agencies will be participating in joint patrols of the riverside and running a number of safety events on hot, sunny days when these areas are busiest.

On a hot day, water may look enticing, but you can never be fully aware how deep the water is, how the temperature of the water may affect you, how fast the currents are, or what objects might be under the water and out of sight.

We urge you to speak to your child(ren) about the risks of open water and share with them some key survival tools in the event they find themselves in water and struggling:

- There are numerous natural and man-made hazards in our waterways – varying water currents, weirs, reed beds and dangerous objects beneath the surface that have been carelessly discarded.
- Jumping into cold water can lead to cold-water shock, even for the strongest, most experienced swimmers.
- Sudden exposure to cold water can immobilize or even kill.
- If you're going to go into the water, enter the water carefully from a sloping bank, so you can test how cold it is and feel how deep it is.
- Always have someone with you.
- If you find yourself in trouble, try not to panic and remember **'Float to Live'**
- **Call – Tell – Throw.** If you see someone in difficulty, remember these three words and call 999, whilst keeping the person in view. Shout to the person to float on their back and try to throw something to them to help them float.
- Always tell friends and family where you are going, your planned route and what time you plan to return.
- Carrying a whistle to draw attention if you do get into difficulties is a good idea.

We want everyone to enjoy their summer safely. If you love water and enjoy swimming, try to seek out safe areas to swim. Head to outdoor lidos or other supervised swimming areas wherever possible.

Supporting our Students

CLASSCHARTS in School

CLASSCHARTS is widely used in school and allows teachers and parents/carers to track positive and negative behaviour of students in school.

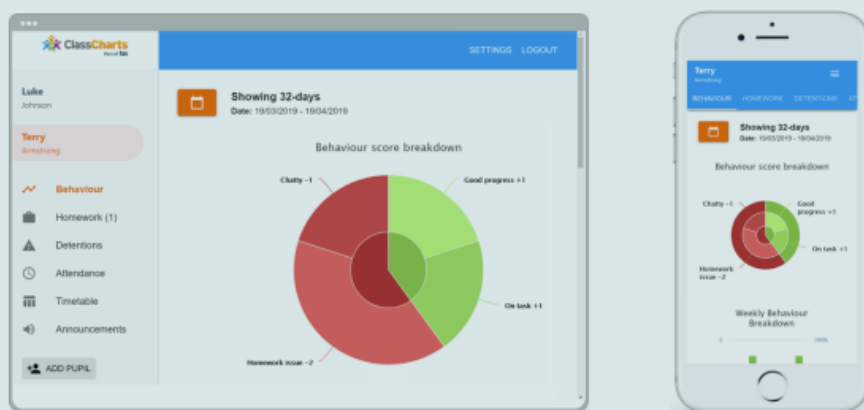
The App gives every parent/carer access to the ratio between positive and negative behaviour as well as being notified if a student receives an after school detention, including the reason, length of the detention and the name of the member of staff who set the detention. **If you haven't already downloaded the Parents App, we actively encourage you to do so. If you require any support with this, please contact your child's Director of Studies or Form Tutor.**

What is Class Charts for parents?

Depending on how your school has set up our system, you will be able to use Class Charts to keep track of your child's [behaviour](#), view [attendance](#) records, access their weekly [timetable](#), view assigned [homework](#) tasks, track scheduled [detentions](#), create [wellbeing](#) submissions and view announcements from their school.

If you have more than one child, you can access Class Charts information about your children from a single, centralised parent account.

Class Charts for parents can be accessed via our [website](#), or through our [iOS](#) and [Android](#) apps.



You should have received a [Parent code](#) from your school, which will look similar to the example code shown on the right.

This code is used to set up your [Class Charts parent account](#), which is covered on the next page.

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For more information, please visit the [Parent Information guide](#)

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NEW SCHOOL UNIFORM SUPPLIER

We are pleased to confirm that we have a new uniform supplier, located on the Slough trading estate.

Uniform can be purchased directly through School Days Direct. Please contact them for any of your school uniform needs.

Students may continue to wear the purple school jumper, but now have the choice to wear either a round neck, or V-neck black sweater too.

Please note, School Days Direct do not currently supply our PE kit. PE Kit should continue to be purchased through the link on our website.



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The Uniform Specialist



BEECHWOOD SCHOOL UNIFORM PRICE LIST 2023



MAIN UNIFORM PRICES FROM

Black Eco Blazer - <i>Embroidered with School Badge</i>	£28.50	White Shirts/Blouses	£13.95
* V-Neck Classic Sweatshirt - <i>Embroidered with School Badge</i>	£11.50	Black School Trousers	£15.95
OR		Black Knee-Length School Skirt	£16.99
* Crew Neck Classic Sweatshirt - <i>Embroidered with School Badge</i>	£11.50	Black or White Socks (Pack of 5)	£7.50
Multi-Striped School Tie	£5.50	Iron-On Name Tapes	£3.95

* Optional Items

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SPECIAL OFFER

£5.00 Off Beechwood Uniform when you spend over £35.00 in one transaction in store/online

Please note this price information flyer must be presented at time of purchase to achieve discount if purchasing in-store.

Offer valid until Monday 14th August 2023 & cannot be used in conjunction with any other offer.

One voucher per customer.

Online code:- BCH2305



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Saturday
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Newsletter



Herschel & St Joseph's Implement Eco Improvements

St Joseph's Catholic High School and Herschel Grammar School have been making student-led environmental improvements to their school grounds, following their attendance at the TVLP Make a Change environmental event in May.

Changes include the introduction of water butts, compost bins, insect hotels and fruit trees at both schools, and the creation of a sensory garden and an allotment at Herschel Grammar School, complete with vegetable and fruit plants and seeds, plus edible flowers including nasturtiums, for growing this year and next spring. Tiger worms have also been delivered to Herschel Grammar School, so they can investigate how the rate of composting from wormeries varies to traditional composting.

Clare worked with the eco staff leads at both schools, Miss L Boland and Miss Firme, and helped identify funding for these changes, which came from 3 members of the public, Laura Miller, Helen Slaney, and Jane Atherton. The insect hotels were made by Stephen Tebbutt.

Miss Boland, Geography - Subject Leader and TVLP Champion at St Joseph's Catholic High School said, "I want to send a personal thank you to both Helen and Jane for donating items to our school. The students were so enthused by the discussions we had at the TVLP event. These changes will make a huge difference to the environment of the school and will encourage more students to be involved in sustainability and ecology at home as well."

Miss Firme, Physics Teacher, Eco Schools and STEM Coordinator, commented, "On behalf of Herschel Grammar School, I want to say a huge thank you to Clare and Laura for their amazing support."

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WILLOW SCULPTURES DONATED TO HOSPICE

NEW TVLP COORDINATOR

2023-2024 EVENTS & COMPETITIONS

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Willow Sculptures Donated To Hospice

Students from 4 schools in the TVLP came together on 6th July 2023 to create 4 sculptures made from willow, which have been donated to Alexander Devine Children's Hospice in Maidenhead. Pupils from Beechwood School (who hosted this event), Herschel Grammar School, Holyport College, and St Joseph's Catholic High School made a dolphin (the hospice's logo) and 3 deer, which can be decorated with fairy lights in the run up to Christmas.

Jazmin Parker, Community and Events Fundraiser at Alexander Devine Children's Hospice, who attended one of the workshops said, "It is wonderful that students from across TVLP schools have made such beautiful, unique sculptures for our children's hospice service. They will make amazing additions to our grounds for our children and adults to enjoy."



New TVLP Coordinator



We will have a new TVLP Coordinator from September 2023, Jeanette Kemp, as the existing TVLP Coordinator, Clare Matheson, who has been with the TVLP from the start of its creation in September 2019, will be stepping down.

Jeanette's past career was sales focused. She was a Sales Account Manager for Philips Electronics, during which time she delivered training and sales events. She then worked for the library service as an Outreach and Events Officer in the Royal Borough of Windsor & Maidenhead. During this time she discovered the joy of working with schools & young people.

Jeanette is an avid book lover and passionate about reading. She is also a runner and enjoys climbing mountains and going to the theatre.

2023-24 Events & Competitions

We have a wide range of free events and competitions planned for the next academic year. These include: • TVLP art competition and exhibition. • TVLP Student Leadership Conference. • TVLP French Spelling Bee competition and languages event • TVLP psychology competition. • TVLP creative writing competition. • Launch of the 2024 edition of the TVLP student magazine. • TVLP Battle of the Bands music event. • TVLP Philosothon. • TVLP Model United Nations event. • TVLP water sports event. • TVLP Festival of Theatre. • TVLP 5-a-side football competition. • TVLP Robotics event. • TVLP Design & Technology Network for staff • TVLP Computer Science Network for staff. • TVLP Career Education Network for staff.

These will be advertised through TVLP schools, on our social media pages and our website: tvlp.org.uk/upcoming-events

TVLP SCHOOLS

The Thames Valley Learning Partnership is a partnership of secondary schools from the state and independent sectors in Berkshire.

Schools currently in the TVLP are (listed in alphabetical order): Beechwood School, Eton College, Herschel Grammar School, Holyport College, Langley Academy, Lynch Hill Enterprise Academy, Slough & Eton Church of England Business & Enterprise College, St Joseph's Catholic High School, St Mary's School Ascot, The Windsor Boys' School, Windsor Girls' School.



Supporting our Students and Wider Community



There is a brilliant Inclusive Festival taking place on the 2nd July in Windsor Great Park. FREE festival entry tickets are available for all SSSN school families and a 50% off code for the challenge events too!

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The format of Parallel Windsor features a range of challenge events for everybody of all ages, health conditions & abilities. Walk, push or run - there are no cut off times, highlighted by their slogan of '**Start Together, Finish Whenever**'.

The selection of distances range from 100m, 1k, 5k, 10k & their very own SuperSensory1K. The shorter distances start & finish on the historic Long Walk, with two stunning routes in The Great Park for the 5k & 10k; all finishing against the backdrop of Windsor Castle.

Everybody who starts gets a medal, t-shirt, water & goody bag.

Parallel Windsor also features the fully accessible Festival of Inclusivity, providing lots of inclusive fun & entertainment for the whole family.

The festival footprint brings together a wonderful charity village, picnic area, yummy food concessions & famous Clusivity Inn provided by The Windsor & Eton Brewery. There is also a huge range of activities & entertainment - Live Music Stage, Arts & Crafts, Storytelling, Sport, Active Lifestyle, Play, Skills & Careers, Technology, Mobility & Community.

As a fully accessible event, Parallel Windsor has on-site parking, on-site mobility aids for hire, accessible toilets (including 3 Mobiloos), medical support, quiet spaces & all support & assistance animals are welcome.

You can find more information here [Parallel Windsor 2023, Sun 2 Jul 2023 at 10:00 | Race Space](#) including all the booking details, **you do still need to book a ticket/register to attend even if you are just going for the festival.**

Code **SSSNFestival** gets you free festival entry tickets

Code **SSSN50** gets you 50% of all challenge events

If you are local and free on the day we encourage you to go along, they have sold in excess of 4000 festival tickets so far and have over 1500 challenge event entries too so promises to be a big event!

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2023

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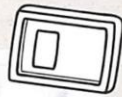
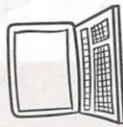


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WIN AWARDS

Shortlisted writers will receive a certificate and a gift bag of books at our awards ceremony.
Winners in each category will also be presented with a cash prize and a trophy!

OPPORTUNITIES

Shortlisted entries will be published in our annual anthology. After winning at the Young Muslim Writers Awards, writers will join the ranks of previous winners Imaan and Umar who were invited to international festivals, Safeerah who read her award-winning poem at TEDxTeen, and Mina who published her debut novel at the age of just 15!



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Week 4: 7th-11th August

Week 5: 14th-18th August

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Ages 5-13

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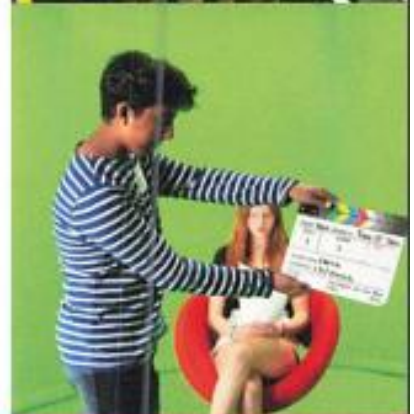
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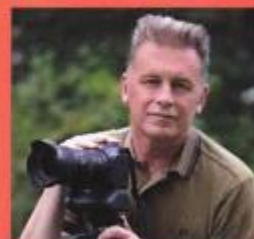


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Finalists are invited to our Tower of London awards ceremony with TV's Chris Packham.



Hope Skidmore - winner of 12-15 Mobile Phone and Devices category

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