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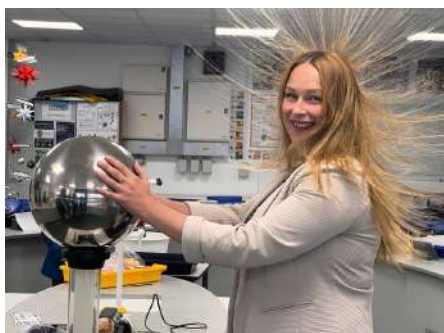
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Welcome to Becky Highlights. Autumn Term 2024-2025



Welcome back to a new edition of Becky Highlights where we showcase everything that has happened so far this term. We also take this opportunity to congratulate our students for their achievements outside of school.



From our Open Evening, trips overseas, team building day and activities in lessons, there is always something going on. In this edition, you will find lots of photos, updates from the Library, an overview of our EDI events, an insight into Drama at BHS, as well as an article written by Mya about her trip to Homerton College, Cambridge.



You'll also find a poster from our amazing FoBHS team asking you to 'Save the Date' for our Festive Fair on the 7th December. It's always a fun and successful event.

Remember you can always find out what we are up to by following us on social media!



Avneet, 9BLK - for participating in the Wizard of Oz at Wycombe Swan

Isabel, 11HML - achieved a merit in her ABRSM Grade 6 Piano exam

Soraya, 8BLK - for achieving distinction in her LAMDA exam

Saoirse, 10PAR - for achieving merit in her Grade 3 piano exam

Anusha, 11PAR - who is currently Top 10 in the National English Women's Chess rankings, which also ranks her as number 1 in the English U15 Girls category. She has since gone on to secure her second title as "Woman Fide Master"

Apiraamy, 9HML - for achieving merit in her LAMDA 'Speaking in Public' Grade 5 exam

Florence, 7HML - for achieving merit in her Grade 2 singing exam and for also competing as part of Garsington Opera Youth Company over the summer

Emily, 8RAM - for being awarded Advanced Blue Belt at her martial arts grading

Snigdha, 11RAM - for achieving merit in her Kathak dance exam and passing her Indian Classical vocal music Grade 6 exam

Evie, 11BLK - for achieving merit in her Grade 7 Piano exam

Avani, 7HML - who has moved up to Level 7 in swimming

Aaditri, 7HOL - for having her poem, "The Everlasting Flame of Victory" included in a book which will remain at the British Library forever!

Lucy, 10BLK - for achieving Distinction in her LAMDA Grade 4 exam



< Congratulations to Rania who won the U13s Oasis Tournament, winning U13 singles and doubles.

Ela, 7BHU, completed her second ever triathlon at Hever Castle. She finished 14th in her age group. >



Huge Congratulations to Keira and Anaya in Year 13 for their contribution to the Jeremy Lemmon project at The Globe in October. The performance was incredibly professional, engaging and truly showed how Shakespeare can be brought to life for an audience. We are incredibly proud of both students - such an asset to the school as the project took great dedication (and they had to pass a tough audition to make it to the cast). Both of them looked truly at home on a professional West End stage which is one of the most famous in the world! What an incredible accolade for both students.



< Following on from Anmol's win at the Junior International during the summer holidays, we are extremely proud to announce that she is now the youngest member of the British Shooting's Rifle pathway.

British Shooting is the governing

body for the Olympic shooting disciplines in Great Britain and Northern Ireland. Anmol is eager to pursue her goal of representing GB at the highest level in her sport. You can click [here](#) to read more.

Congratulations Anmol! We are looking forward to following your journey.

- FOBHS PROUDLY PRESENTS -

Saturday
7th December

12PM-4PM

A Very Becky Christmas Fair

at Beaconsfield High School

GIFT STALLS FESTIVE FOOD & DRINKS
PRIZE DRAWS RAFFLE GAMES

and much more!

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Open Evening 2024



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Year 7 Singing Festival

On Thursday 17th October, Year 7 students treated their parents and carers to an evening of music for stage and screen. This year, we decided to move the annual Year 7 Singing Festival, a fiercely competitive house competition, to the Autumn term and to run it in the evening to allow all the parents and carers to see what they had been working on.

The Year 7s this year really raised the bar in terms of standard and had worked exceptionally hard to not only learn their songs, but they all had slick moves to go with the singing. The audience were treated to amazing solos from a number of the year group and we could not be prouder of them all.

Miss Pritchard and Mrs Ball had a tricky job judging the houses, and after some intense discussions, they decided on Blackman as the winning house. Three prizes were awarded for individual effort as well to students who really stood out in their house performance.

Mrs Melvin very kindly filmed some of the rehearsals during the day and had made a montage for everyone to enjoy! [Click here to watch.](#)

We are already planning a theme for next year and can't wait to see what the new Year 7s come up with!



Year 7 Singing Festival



EDI



The month of October marks Black History Month. The theme for Black History Month this year is “Reclaiming the Narrative”. Mrs Anukem wrote a poem which one of our students, Zara, performed. [Click here to watch the video.](#)

Students from Year 13, Year 12, Year 11 and Year 8 confidently delivered our assemblies, sharing informative and impactful messages. A big thanks to our canteen team as they served special menus of black heritage; curried goat and rice and peas and Jollof rice and chicken or vegetable stew.

We also marked Dyslexia Awareness week. During the week we encouraged students to look at the stories of others and share their stories.



Showcasing the diversity of the dyslexic community and highlighting that everyone’s experience of dyslexia is unique. 10% of the population are dyslexic – that’s over 6.7 million stories to tell.

Global Citizens Week: A Celebration of Diversity and Sustainability

Global Citizens Week was a resounding success, showcasing the rich range of cultures, faiths, and ethnicities within our school community. This week-long event provided a platform for students and staff to learn, celebrate, and appreciate the diversity that enriches our world. At the heart of Global Citizens Week lies the fundamental principle of inclusion. We believe that inclusion is essential for building a thriving and harmonious school community. By celebrating diversity and promoting understanding, we aim to create a space where everyone feels valued and respected.

Key Highlights:

- **Cultural Displays:** A captivating display of garments from across the continents offered a glimpse into the vibrant diversity of global fashion.
- **Global Food Festival:** A culinary journey around the world, featuring delicious dishes from various cultures and fuelling understanding through food. This was also world food day and we had discussions about the UN goals to end world hunger and malnutrition.
- **Author Talk:** Renowned author Khadija Merrif shared her insights on the role of religion in society, sparking thought-provoking discussions.
- **Pre-Owned Fashion Collection:** A collaboration with Green Grove Peace promoted sustainable fashion and environmental awareness.
- **Film Screening:** Stephanie Okereafor and Adesola Akerele “LEAP,” a documentary exploring the realities of betting on oneself and exploring the world, inspired students and staff with its message of empowerment and global citizenship.

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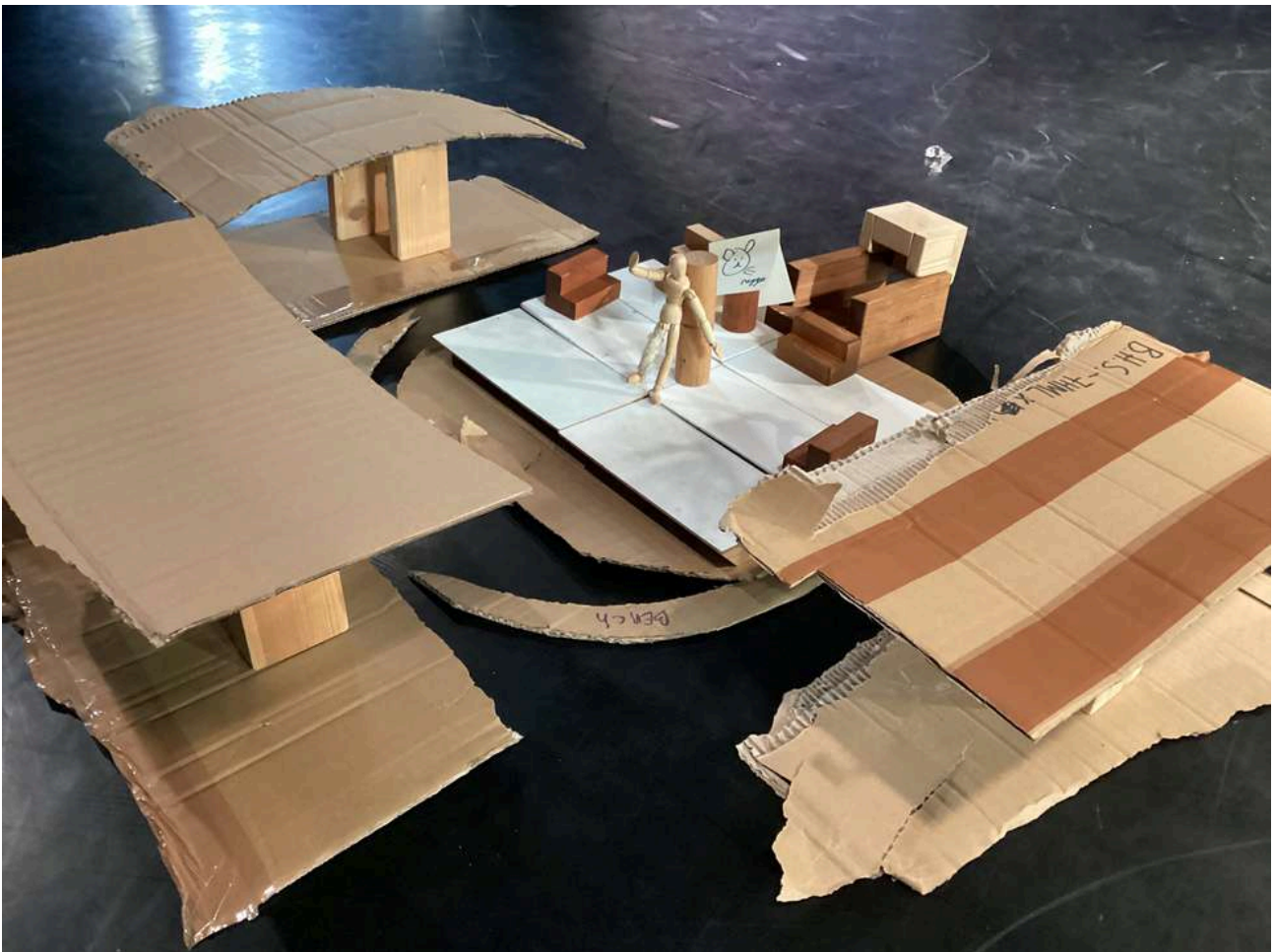
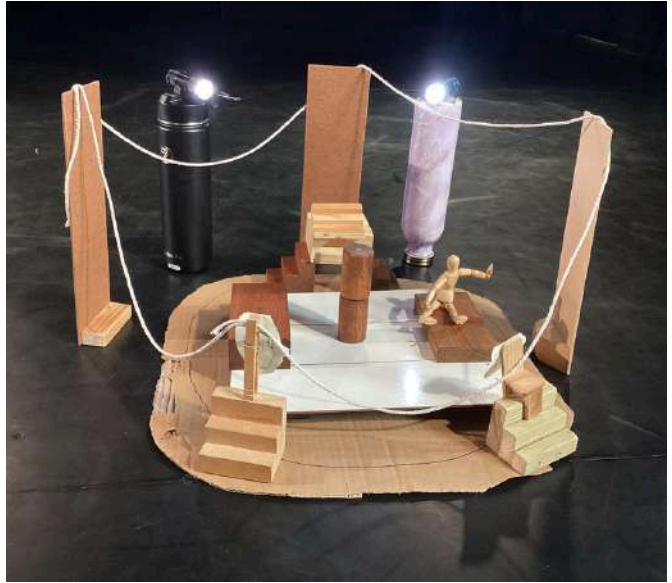
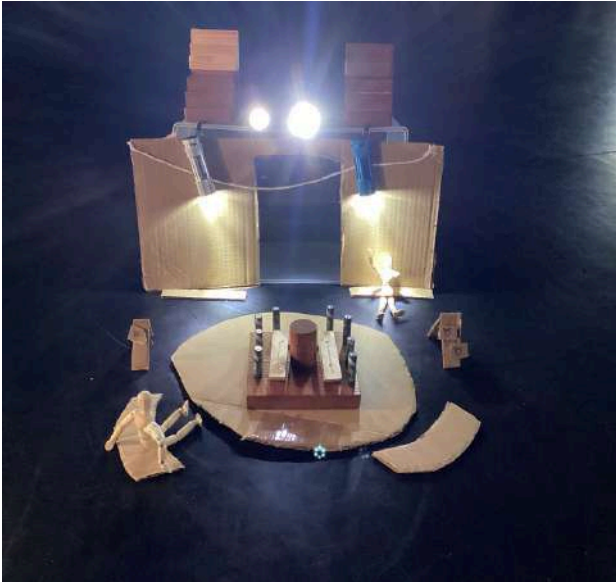
Global Fashion Show

A showcase of garments from Argentina, China, Bangladesh, India, Nigeria, Pakistan, South Africa, Poland, Russia, Zimbabwe, Wales, Ghana, and Romania, highlighting the beauty and diversity of global fashion. [Click here to watch our video.](#)



Drama

Following their trip to the V&A in October, Year 12 Drama students have been getting creative making set boxes of Shaffer's original set design instructions in *Equus*. This is really helping our students to visualise his original intentions before they create their own set design for their written exam. We were incredibly impressed with not only their creativity but also their resourcefulness!



Drama

On Thursday 10th October, Mae Munuo from Complicite Theatre Company came to School to run a 3 hour workshop with our A-Level Drama students. The workshop focused on devising skills and physical theatre techniques, supporting the students with the Component 1 aspect of their course which needs to clearly show the influence of a practitioner. The workshop certainly put the students through their paces and was incredibly beneficial (whilst being really enjoyable too!).



Our Year 8 students have been enjoying learning about the National Theatre's production of War Horse in their Drama lessons. One aspect of this has been exploring how they can use Physical Theatre and Stylised Still Images to convey challenging locations such as WW1 trenches and a WW1 Tank. We have been so impressed with their mature attitude, focus and inventive responses.





Our Year 13 physics students visited the Large Hadron Collider at CERN in Switzerland.



Year 13 Biology students went on their residential to Juniper Hall

At the beginning of the term, our existing and new Year 12s went to London for a team building day.



'Restart a Heart' with Year 11



On Tuesday 15th October, all Year 11 students had an hour long session with two trained medical volunteers for "Restart a heart" day. All the students learned the basics of CPR, how to do a primary survey in the event of finding someone unconscious and the "DRABC" acronym. They also learned about defibrillators, and the difference between a heart attack and cardiac arrest. It was a great opportunity for the year group to learn a life-long skill that could make all the difference to someone's future. You can find out more at bhf.org.uk

A Visit to Homerton College

written by Mya, 11RAM

During our trip to Cambridge, we had the chance to experience a wide range of activities that provided an indepth look into university life, academic opportunities, and the historic charm of the city. The day began with a introduction to the universities of Cambridge, where we engaged with current students. They shared their insights and personal experiences, giving us a better understanding of what it's like to study at Cambridge. We found this quite interesting because we could ask questions about student life, academic challenges, and how they balance their studies with other activities. It felt reassuring to hear from students who had been in our position.

Next, we had a tour around the campus, which allowed us to explore one of Cambridge's historic colleges. We enjoyed walking through the beautiful campus grounds and learning about the history and unique traditions of Homerton College. One of the key moments was the 'escape room' puzzles, which engaged our problem-solving and critical thinking skills that we learnt is needed for university studies. Finally, the Cambridge city tour was a wonderful way to end the trip. We got to see the city's historic landmarks and the student ambassadors who led the tour were knowledgeable and engaging, overall enhancing the experience even more.

📖 New Books, Autumn term 1 📖

We have recently added new books to the Library, a selection of which are shown below. A full list will be available soon on the website.



KS3 Martha Mills writing competition – BHS Winner!

We are delighted to announce that Alice (9HOL) has been selected as one of the runners-up in the Martha Mills writing competition organised by the London Review Bookshop. Alice's entry, A Child of Death, was chosen by the judges (who included Philip Pullman!) as they thought it to be exceptional among the 1300 entries received. Alice's story will be published in the prize pamphlet which will be available in the Library.

Alice and her family were invited to a party to celebrate the winners and runners-up of the prize at the London Review Bookshop.

Chiltern Kills Crime Writers Festival 2024

Year 12 students were given the opportunity to volunteer at the Chiltern Kills Crime Writers Festival held in Gerrard's Cross on Saturday 5 October. Twelve students went along and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. The volunteering included working backstage, making sure the speakers had microphones, going amongst the audience with a microphone during the question and answer sessions, ushering speakers from the entry gate to the green room and checking festival-goers tickets. Before and after volunteering, students had the opportunity to listen to author talks and attend panels. Y12 made such an excellent impression that they have been invited back next year!

The Beautiful Truth Poetry Competition

We have received lots of entries for the Beautiful Truth Poetry competition. Winners will be announced on our website in Autumn Term 2.

POETRY BY HEART

Choose a poem,
Learn it by heart,
Perform it out loud!

POETRY BY HEART 2025 launched on National Poetry Day! PBH is a national poetry speaking competition with a chance to perform at Shakespeare's Globe, London. There will be an opportunity for all year groups to take part in a school competition and we will then select students to take part in the national competition.

What else has been happening in the Library...

★ Y7 have been learning about research and context in their Library lesson. They completed a Rooftoppers context lesson which produced some excellent presentations.

★ Y12 have completed session 1 of the EPQ Research and Referencing lesson, learning how to use Harvard referencing for their EPQ.

★ Y7 Book Club is held every Tuesday Week A in the Library. This term there have been lots of discussions and recommendations of books and book related games. Y12 Duke of Edinburgh volunteers will be running a session for Book Club next term. We will also start to read and talk about the longlist for The Bucks Book Award 2025.

★ Y8 and above Book Club is held every Tuesday Week B in the Library. Book Club have been enthusiastically recommending books to each other and sharing their latest reads. Next term we are going to start reading a book as a group.

KS3 English – Reading lists

A reminder that all our reading lists are now available on our new reading page on our school website. Please follow the [link](#) to have a look. In English we encourage students to read a book related in some way to the teaching in our English curriculum. The new reading page contains Year 7, 8 and 9 book list suggestions in line with our teaching topics. We also encourage our students to read non-fiction. Please support our learners by encouraging them to read newspaper articles and engage with non-fiction.

Book Donations – Young Adult Fiction

If you are clearing out your bookshelves over half term we are always very happy to receive donations of children's and Young Adult fiction. Whilst we have many of the popular titles the more copies available to our students the better.

In the Library



Dare to be remarkable