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Welcome to Becky Highlights. Spring Term 2025-2026



Welcome back to a new half-term edition of Becky Highlights, where we celebrate all that has taken place so far and recognise the fantastic achievements of our students, both in and out of school.

This term has been full of activity, with plenty of hard work taking place across classrooms in every year group. Students have shown great focus and commitment in their lessons, producing thoughtful work and embracing new challenges.



Alongside their academic efforts, students have taken part in a range of trips, workshops and enrichment opportunities. This edition includes lots of photographs capturing these experiences and offering a snapshot of the energy and enthusiasm that continue to define our school community.

Picture on the front: Our Year 7s at the Natural History Museum
Pictures on the left: Ellie, 8HOL, performing in the Whole School Music competition (top); our U14 Hockey Team (bottom)

Congratulations



We are so proud of how much our students achieve both inside and outside of school. If your child has achieved something inspirational, please email us via achievement@beaconsfieldhigh.school.

Florence, 8HML - for being awarded her Silver Ice Dance grade

Anusha, 6K - for finishing in 3rd Place at the Riga Christmas Chess Festival

Aya, 9PAR - for achieving Merit in her Grade 6 Piano exam

Sophie, 8BHU - for achieving Distinction in her Grade 5 Piano exam

Dhanvi, 9HOL - for successfully completing the NHS Cadets foundation programme

Deeksha, 8HOL - for winning the U15 Singles Bronze in the All England Badminton Tournament

Atinuke, 9BHU - for achieving Distinction in her Grade 2 Clarinet exam and Merit in her Grade 3 Piano exam

Jessica, 9RAM - for completing her Gold Award with Guides, the first time any guide in Beaconsfield has ever achieved this!

Jiya, 9HML - for achieving her Grade 2 Piano with Distinction

Aaditri, 8HOL - for having her poetry work 'Unschool Me' published in a book called, 'I have a Dream - The Dream we all share'

Georgina, 7BHU - for being awarded Distinction in her Grade 5 Music Theory exam

Kavya, 6C - for coming 1st in the individual 10M Summer 2025 Div 2 Rifle Tournament, and for placing 2nd with her team in the Rifle pairs.

Avleen, 8BHU - for achieving Distinction in her Grade 5 Musical Theatre LAMDA exam

Shreenitya, 7BHU - for winning the Chess ECF Online Rapid Grand Prix and for coming 2nd in the NCL Online Autumn Chess Congress competition

Charlotte, 7HML - for achieving Merit in her Grade 8 Piano exam

Anmol, 10HOL - for being selected to represent Great Britain, again, at the European Championships

Sophie, 8BHU - for achieving Distinction in her Grade 5 Theory exam

Aadritri, 8HOL - for passing Kannada language Level 4 exam with Distinction

Milla, 10PAR - for passing her Grade 4 ballet exam with Merit

Ela, 8BHU - for being selected to represent Bucks at the Inter-Counties Cross Country Championships

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The following students took their ABRSM exam in December:

Atinuke, 9BHU - achieved Distinction in her Grade 2 Clarinet exam

Siyona, 9BLK - achieved Merit in her Grade 4 Singing exam

Ayesha, 8PAR - achieved Pass in her Grade 3 Piano exam

Ella, 7RAM - achieved Pass in her Grade 3 Piano exam

Lyla, 8HOL - achieved Merit in her Grade 2 Singing exam

Avantika, 8RAM - achieved Pass in her Grade 1 Singing exam

Amelie, 8BLK - achieved Distinction in her Grade 1 Flute exam

Sienna, 8HML - achieved Merit in her Grade 3 Piano exam

Oshmi, 9BHU - achieved Pass in her Grade 3 Violin exam

Jiya, 8HML - achieved Distinction in her Grade 2 Piano exam

Sophia, 6B - achieved Pass in her Grade 5 Clarinet exam

Scarlett, 9BHU - achieved Merit in her Grade 4 Singing exam

Annabel, 6H - achieved Pass in her Grade 4 Singing exam

Charlotte, 10HML - achieved Pass in her Grade 4 Piano exam

Aaditri, 8HOL - achieved Merit in her Grade 1 Piano exam

Arianna, 9HOL - achieved Pass in her Grade 4 Flute exam

Elen, 10HOL - achieved Merit in her Grade 4 Flute exam

Ayaana, 8HML - achieved Distinction in her Grade 7 Flute exam

Navya, 9PAR - achieved Merit in her Grade 1 Violin Exam

Lanna, 8HOL - achieved Merit in her Grade 5 Singing exam

Sonya, 9HOL - achieved Distinction in her Grade 4 Singing exam

Ellora, 10PAR - achieved Merit in her Grade 4 Piano exam

Polly, 6J - achieved Distinction in her Grade 8 Singing exam

Alicja, 10BLK - achieved Distinction in her Grade 3 Flute exam

Emily, 10RAM - achieved Distinction in her Grade 5 Flute exam

Lucie, 10RAM - achieved Pass in her Grade 3 Singing exam

Emilia, 8HOL - achieved Merit in her Grade 4 Violin exam



NSPCC Number Day

It was NSPCC Number Day on Thursday 5th February. We celebrated by dressing up in costumes, and all students took part in the times tables challenge, seeing how many correct answers students could get in 3 minutes. Many achieved more than 200 correct answers in just 180 seconds!

At lunchtime our Year 7s and Year 8s took part in a treasure hunt trying to find the teachers who had dressed up, and their numbers.

A huge thank you for all the donations, we raised over £780 for NSPCC!





BHS WORLD BOOK WEEK

9 - 13 MARCH 2026



Carnegie Medal for Writing Longlist 2026

The UK's longest running and best-loved book awards for children and young people, the Carnegie Greenaway Awards, announced the 2026 longlist in February.

All books on the longlist are available to borrow from the library. [Click here to find out more.](#)

POETRY BY HEART

Poetry by Heart Competition 2026

Poetry by Heart 2026 is now very much underway in school and we are very excited about the school competition which will be held in the Main Drama Studio on Tuesday 10th March!

To start the term Year 7 have been taking part in a dedicated Poetry by Heart Library lesson. They have taken on the challenge of learning a poem in 20 minutes. The results have been impressive!

In the Library



KS3 Reading Challenge 2026

This term KS3 are being introduced to the Reading Challenge 2026. The purpose of the Reading Challenge is to give students time to read, introduce them to a wide range of authors and genres and inspire them to challenge themselves by reading outside their comfort zone. Reading proficiency is the key to learning right across the curriculum and to lose ourselves in a novel is to grow, imaginatively and intellectually.

Therefore, we appreciate the support and encouragement you give to your child to ensure they continue to read regularly and complete the Reading Challenge.

Here's how the challenge works:

- 📖 READ the book (copies in library or get your own)
- 😊 RATE the book (use display in library)
- 👉 REVIEW the book (reviews are displayed in the Library)
- 🌟 REWARD collect GLRs for your efforts!

Find out more [here](#).



[Read an extract here.](#)



Reading lists

A reminder that all our reading lists are available on our Library page. Please follow the [link](#) to have a look.

Subject reading lists are a new addition to this page.

Book Donations – Young Adult Fiction

If you are clearing out your bookshelves over the holiday, 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.



Returning Library books

Reminders have been sent to students about returning outstanding Library books.

Students can borrow books for up to 3 weeks.



2026 BECKY HIGH WORLD BOOK WEEK



Wednesday 4 March
Sonia Leong workshop

Tuesday 10 March

Poetry by Heart Competition

Wednesday 10 March

BBA 2026 Winner Announcement

Thursday 12 March

Dress as Your Fav Book Character (non-uniform, £2+ via ScoPay)
Book and bake sale in Maddy's Garden (hall if wet)



Friday 13 March
Lia Middleton author visit (Year 12)

Throughout the week

Literary Lucky Dip £1 in the library
WBW Quiz (collect sheets from the library)



Bookmark

Change a child's story

All funds raised this year will go to Bookmark, a charity delivering essential reading support and resources to the children who need it most.

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BHS Sport



Panathlon

On 14th January, our Year 12 Sports Leaders hosted a Panathlon Challenge for local schools. Panathlon provides competitive sporting opportunities to children with disabilities and special educational needs. Our Sports Leaders did a fantastic job!



U14 Netball Team

A really busy season for our U14 Netball team. Placing 3rd at the Regional Rounds of the National Schools competition, winning their National Quarter trophy final of Sisters'n'Sport which progresses them to the National semi-finals.



U16 Hockey Team

Congratulations to our U16 Hockey team for coming 4th in the Notts Sports Girls Schools Vase finals. They played teams from all over the country including Manchester and Cornwall.



U19 Netball Team

Our U19 squad is made up of girls from different year groups including some Year 13s. With their last match with Becky High played, we thank them for their commitment to their school and their team. We hope to see them back for our Alumni Netball event next year.

Music

Music Competition 2026

This year, we had our annual singing competition which saw a record 160+ entries who performed in the heats over three days. The winners of each category then performed live in a concert with a visiting judge, Miss Steph Gordon, a head of music and an BBC Young Musician of the Year String finalist. She was extremely impressed with the overall standard of our students and had a very difficult decision. The overall winner was Ellie, 8HOL, with Emily, 7HOL, as the overall runner up.

The winners were:

Grade 1-3: Ella, 10BLK

Grade 4-5: Alice, 10HOL

Grade 6+: Ellie, 8HOL

Ensembles: Swetha & Shekinah, 8HML

Well done to everyone who took part.



Year 8 Singing Festival

After the success of moving the Year 7 Singing festival to October and an evening event, Year 8 wanted to repeat the competition for a chance to win! Competition was fierce with each house presenting a song complete with choreography. They were given the theme of numbers, which coincided with the week of numbers day. Each house creatively picked a song, but it was Hamilton's rendition of Six from the musical Six which stole first place this year. Ms Bond had a very difficult job to choose as everyone worked so hard. Throughout the evening, the audience was treated to solo performances as well.

The results:

1st place: Hamilton

2nd Place: Blackman

3rd Place: Bhutto



Drama

On Thursday 22nd January, Jon Cole, from JNC Events, spent the day in the Drama Department giving lighting workshops to GCSE and A-Level Drama students. This practical workshop demonstrated to the students different types of lanterns, accessories, styles of lighting, focusing and angling. Not only did the students enjoy seeing these different aspects up close but it was incredibly useful to see them in action in our Drama Studio! This knowledge will hugely support the students with their Drama written examinations where they need to create and describe different lighting states for an examiner in response to an extract from their chosen texts.



War Horse Set Designs by Year 8

In their Drama lessons this term, Year 8 students are learning about the different forms of Design in Theatre Production. Here is a taster of some of the set designs created by students, focusing on the themes of War Horse and considering how they can communicate the two different settings of Devon and the Front Line in WW1. Congratulations to the Year 8 students for such mature, innovative and moving pieces of design and making them in only 1 hour!



Outside the classroom



Visits to the Maths Institute, Oxford

Year 9 and Year 12 had the opportunity to visit Oxford University as well as the Maths Institute. Year 9 took part in a maths workshop whilst our Year 12 students took part in lectures, problem solving and meeting a panel of undergraduate maths students to see what Uni life is like.

Graphics trip to the Bodleian Library

Year 12 visited the Bodleian Library for a fascinating graphics trip focused on the history of printing. Students learned about the development of the printing press and how printed materials were produced in the past. They also had the chance to try traditional typesetting, arranging individual letters by hand, before using historic Albion presses to create their own prints. The visit gave everyone a practical insight into the craftsmanship and techniques that shaped early graphic design and publishing.



Outside the classroom

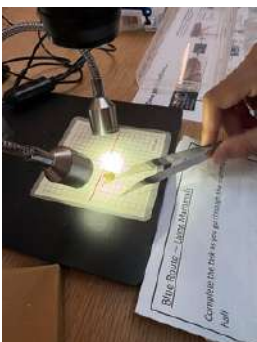
Year 7 visit the Natural History Museum

Earlier this year the Science department took the Year 7s to the Natural History Museum in London.

The students explored the museum looking at dinosaur fossils, a huge range of mammals, constellations and volcanoes.

During the trip, the students learned how science is used every day by farmers and practiced their microscopy identifying insects from the Museum's gardens during their workshop.

The students heard from the museum staff about the groundbreaking research that goes on at the Museum and the pathways they could take to contribute to the future of natural history.



Outside the classroom

Hannah, 6G, visited Pinewood Studios

On Saturday 31st January, through my A-Level Drama studies, I was given the opportunity to attend the Pinewood Studios Festival, held once a year. Pinewood Studios is home to creating many incredibly famous movies, such as James Bond, Marvel and Star Wars. The tours showed behind the scenes of filming, with our tour group actually being able to see an actual film being made! There were also stunt demonstrations, which were incredible and very eye opening. I found out some strange facts, for example, when in the water they use broccoli for debris! Although it was very enjoyable, it was also informative, giving me insight into my different options after A Levels. They had a variety of Universities and Work Experience opportunities that we could look into, ranging from Drama and Theatre opportunities, Marketing courses, and even Medical related stalls. Overall, it was an incredible experience and I highly recommend going the next time it is available.



'Equus' at the V&A

Our Year 12 and Year 13 A-Level Drama students spent the day at the V&A in South Kensington on the 27th January. They had a private screening of the 2007 performance of 'Equus' by Peter Shaffer, starring Daniel Radcliffe and Richard Griffiths. 'Equus' is one of the set texts for A-Level Drama and seeing this production really helps bring it to life for our students. A very cultured day was had by all!

Woman in Black

On Wednesday 11th February Year 10 and 12 (and some Year 11 and 13) Drama students attended the Oxford Playhouse Theatre to watch a performance of The Woman in Black in preparation for their Drama written examinations. The students were in the stalls and, not only that, in the second, third and fourth rows! This definitely proved to be a more intense experience than sitting anywhere else in the theatre, especially when the Woman in Black herself walked past Mrs Craggs and Mrs Flanagan at the end of their rows! A fantastic experience which gives the students a wealth to analyse and evaluate in their written paper. Mrs Grantham was thrilled to see the impact the tension and suspense created in the theatre had on our BHS students, an exemplary example of how effective theatre can be achieved with simple set, props, clever design and two actors. We don't count the ghost of the Woman in Black as an 'actor' as she is the only role in all of theatre history that doesn't get a programme credit - as she's real... isn't she...?





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