



Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Life at Beaconsfield High School this week:**

With the surprise of warmer weather, it's been wonderful to see students enjoying more outdoor activities. Thanks to the fantastic efforts of our FoBHS team, we now have new table tennis tables set up around the school. These have become popular spots for students to play a game or two during break and lunchtime, adding an extra element of fun to their day.

Our PE department has been hard at work organising various fixtures, and we'd like to extend our thanks to the students who have represented the school so well during these events. Their sportsmanship and dedication continue to make us proud.

This week has been particularly busy for our students across several subjects. Our Year 13 Biologists have been away on their annual residential trip to Juniper Hall, which plays a crucial role in supporting the coursework component of their A-Level studies. Meanwhile, our Year 12 Art students had the opportunity to visit the V&A Museum in London, providing valuable inspiration for their work. Additionally, our Year 10 and 12 Latin students were invited to a conference at Cokethorpe School. These enriching trips are vital to our curriculum, and we have many more exciting excursions planned for the rest of the year.

### **Open Evening Update – Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September:**

Thank you in advance to all students for their help next week at our Open Evening, and to their families for your support. Earlier this week (Tuesday afternoon) you received important information via email about this event, including how students will be involved, and the 13:30 early school closures on Wednesday and Friday. Year 8 and Year 12 students will all be involved, giving guided tours. Year 13 prefects and subject ambassadors will have heard directly from teachers about their involvement. In addition, we've had over 70 students from Years 7, 9, 10, 11 and 13 who have volunteered to represent departments, and they will be contacted directly via their school email address on Monday, to confirm where their help is needed.

If students have a PE lesson on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> or Friday 27<sup>th</sup>, they will be allowed to come to school in PE kit. Full, correct PE kit is expected, as specified on the website

[here](#). The same goes for PE lessons on Friday 27th September, where lesson times will also be adjusted. Those helping with the Open Evening must be back in full school uniform in time for their duties to begin.

### **Macmillan Coffee Morning – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September:**

We are delighted to be hosting a whole school **Macmillan's Coffee Morning on Friday 27th September**, to raise money for this important charity. We are encouraging students to take part in this House competition by either baking or donating something sweet or savoury. If students would like to donate by purchasing something tasty on the day, please **bring no more than £2 in cash**. If they would like to donate by baking or buying a product to sell on the house stall then they need to **supply the list of ingredients used (completely nut-free please)**, either written out or cut from the packet.

The winners of the House competition will be the House that raises the most money in their Macmillan collection bucket. The students have been made aware of this competition through their House prefects and form tutors, but I just wanted to make you aware, if your child reaches for the apron and the flour this weekend. Further guidance on what to do with their baking on the day will be given the day before in the Student Bulletin. Thank you for supporting us in aid of such an important cause.

### **Staff Stories: 60 Seconds with...**

This is BACK, and this term we are showcasing our new members of staff, asking them questions like 'What did you last Google?' and 'Who would play you in a movie?' This week is the turn of Mrs Flanagan, our new drama teacher. Meet her and read past profiles [here](#)!

### **Are you able to help with University Mock Interviews?**

Mock interviews for our early applicants play a crucial role in supporting our students throughout their university application process. Over the past few years, parents who have helped students with practice interviews have provided invaluable support, aiding them in securing places at Oxbridge and receiving offers for courses in Medicine, Dentistry, and Veterinary Science.

This year, we are excited to have a large number of applicants and are seeking interview support in the following subjects:

- English Literature, Classics, History, Law, Philosophy, PPE, PPL, Music, Fine Art, Geography, Spanish and History
- Engineering, Physics, Natural Sciences, Computer Science, Economics
- Medicine, Dentistry, Nursing, Physiotherapy

If you are able to assist in any of these areas and are willing to conduct a 30-minute virtual interview via Microsoft Teams, please contact Rachel Greenwood, Sixth Form Manager, at [greenwood-r@beaconsfieldhigh.school](mailto:greenwood-r@beaconsfieldhigh.school) by 4th October. The mock interviews will take place in mid-November, in preparation for the December interviews.

**Recommended Reading:**

#wakeupwednesday – [What Parents and Educators need to know about ‘Final Fantasy XIV’](#)

Instagram gives parents more control over teen accounts – read the article [here](#)

**Key Dates and Reminders:**

- **Open Evening** – 25<sup>th</sup> September
- **Macmillan Coffee Morning** – 27<sup>th</sup> September
- **Early close** – 13:30 on 25<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> September

With very best wishes for a wonderful weekend,

**Tina Bond**  
Headteacher