



Dear Parents and Carers,

Life at Beaconsfield High School this week:

I had the pleasure of attending the Friends of Beaconsfield High School (FoBHS) AGM on Wednesday evening. Over the past year, FoBHS has raised impressive funds to support our school, and it was a delight to share updates on the impact last year's fundraising has had; from the fun created by the new table tennis tables to the additional comfort the new and additional picnic benches provide for break and lunch arrangements- the monies make a real difference to the students experience. We discussed ideas for this year's fundraising initiatives and focus areas; we are hoping to re-vamp our school hall and stage to enhance performances, assemblies and our lecture series, to benefit every child in the school.

We also welcomed new members to the FoBHS team, including a new Chair (Hannah), Treasurer (Gemma), and Secretary (Khristina) and we are excited to work together to continue the excellent work of FoBHS. In welcoming our new team, we gave thanks to those out-going; Paula and Gaby both served three years and, in that time, re-vamped FoBHS post Covid, and bought back all the fun of the Christmas Fair, getting many new parents on board to support this flagship event. It has been my absolute pleasure to work with them both and I give them my heartfelt thanks. Thank you too to all parents that attended the AGM. If you could not make the meeting but are interested in getting involved, please reach out to the team at fobhs@outlook.com. We are a school community of over 900 families and if each family gave just a few hours once a year to support an FoBHS event we would have an incredible task force, so please consider coming forward to offer your support.

On Thursday morning, I had the opportunity to welcome the Year 7 parent form representatives to our Staff Room for coffee. This gathering is always a valuable chance for me to connect with parents and gather their feedback. Ms Lewis, the Head of Learning for Year 7, joined me, and it was wonderful to hear how well the students have adapted to life at Becky High, with smooth transitions and happy school days reported by their parents.

As mentioned last week, we are really excited about the Jeremy Lemmon project showing this Sunday 6 October. The dedicated young actors have worked hard to create something engaging and inspiring. The performance will take place in the Sam Wanamaker Playhouse, at Shakespeare's Globe, at 6pm, if you have not visited the Globe before it is a must, and you can see our students take to the stage with free tickets available via [this link](#)

This week, our Year 12 Drama students enjoyed a day at the V&A in South Kensington. They attended a private screening of the 2007 performance of Equus by Peter Shaffer, featuring Daniel Radcliffe and Richard Griffiths. Additionally, Year 12 participated in a team-building treasure hunt in London, with congratulations going to Team Clapham and Team Libby for their victories. Meanwhile, our Year 10 artists visited Kew Gardens on a sunny day, and Year 13 PE students contributed to a CPD session at Pipers Corner. Tomorrow, our Politics students will head to Model UN in Reigate and we wish them luck.

To cap off a busy week, I celebrated the September birthdays with our Year 7 students. To give a little context, I meet all year 7 students in or around their birthday month to hear about their celebrations, and find out how their school year is going to date. I loved hearing about the special birthday activities, family time and gifts they received. We also talked about the very many and varied pets we all have and they told me about their favourite subjects- P.E was very popular with this sporty bunch!

Dyslexia Awareness Week 2024:

Next week is Dyslexia Awareness Week 2024. Dyslexia Awareness Week is an annual event run by the British Dyslexia Association to raise awareness and further understanding of dyslexia. Dyslexia is a learning difficulty that lots of people have. It's estimated up to one in every 10 people in the UK has some degree of dyslexia. Intelligence isn't affected, but somebody with dyslexia may experience difficulties with their reading, writing or spelling. Over the course of the week, there will be clips and information shared with teaching staff to support our inclusive classroom practice. There will also be information shared with students in their messages bulletin and in the library to help build an understanding and remind students that we are an inclusive school and having additional needs and differences is part of BHS and our community makeup. Attached you'll find some resources that may be of interest to you.

Recommended Reading:

Mrs Wray's Careers blog – click [here](#) to read about Pinewood Futures Fair, as well as open days, events and virtual work experience opportunities.

#wakeupwednesday – [What Parent and Educators need to know about 'In-Game' chat](#)
60 seconds with new PE Teacher, Miss Clarke – Read it [here](#).

Key Dates and Reminders:

- **Year 7 Singing Festival, 17th October** - join us in the Main Hall at 7pm
- **October half term begins, 24th October** - school closes 3.30pm on 23rd October.
- **Individual photos deadline, 24th October** - students have been sent home with their individual photo proofs. If you would like to order, the deadline has been extended to 24th October.
- **Winter Concert, 13th November** - Save the date! A letter with details of how to book tickets will be sent home soon.
- **Mary Poppins the Musical, 27th, 28th and 29th November**

With very best wishes for a wonderful weekend,

Tina Bond
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