



Dear Parents and Carers,

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

On Sunday, we had the pleasure of hosting the regional gymnastics competition, which was open to all primary and secondary schools in the region. Our students had an outstanding performance across all age categories. The U13 squad, made up of Year 7 students, competed against Year 8 students from other schools and secured a commendable 3rd place, narrowly missing out on a spot in the National Final. The U16s placed 1st in their category, while the U19s earned 2nd place. Both teams have secured places in the National Final next year. A huge thank you to our dedicated staff and students for their commitment and hard work in preparation for the event.

On Tuesday, we provided a mock assessment centre for Year 13 students applying for apprenticeships. Led by external trainer Rob Evans, students learned valuable skills such as making a great first impression, effective communication, and experienced typical activities found in an apprenticeship assessment. It was an invaluable opportunity for students to build confidence and gain insight before their real assessment centre experiences.

Tuesday also saw our Year 10 students take part in their PSHE Day, where they explored crucial topics to support their physical and emotional well-being and help them navigate the world around them. Sessions included discussions on self-esteem, body image, and harmful online content, delivered by Split Banana, as well as a session on Credit and Saving by the Money Charity.

On Wednesday evening, we had our exciting new House Dance competition. I had a very tough job as part of the judging panel, as all performances were not only choreographed and performed skillfully, but were also conceptually brilliant. It was inspiring to witness the talent and creativity of the dances, many of which were choreographed by Year 11-13 students. With over 150 students participating, it was wonderful to see the House Spirit and lovely relationships between students of all ages. Congratulations go to Hamilton House for their victory; their Dance involved 30 Dancers performing a truly creative take on James Bond, "blending espionage, action and glamour"! Click [here](#) to watch a montage of their rehearsals.

As part of our ongoing efforts to engage with the community, we were thrilled to receive an email from Wycombe Women's Aid, thanking us for the £330 raised during the Parliament Week fundraising. The staff were deeply moved by our desire to support their charity, and said the donation will enable them to do important work for women in our local community. I was also delighted to receive a charming thank you letter from another member of the local community telling me how much they enjoyed our Mary Poppins production, and that they thought it was "West End quality!"

Finally, I could not write to you about this week in school without mentioning our Ofsted Inspection. I would like to thank everyone who participated in Ofsted's Parent Survey. While we await the final report, I want to take a moment to express how proud I am of our school community. Our students were eloquent, polite, and thoughtful in their lessons and interviews, proving to be a real credit to themselves and the school. I am not permitted to talk of any outcomes or details at this stage, as we must wait for our written report, which we anticipate will come in the new year. However, I trust that the inspectors saw what we see every day – a school full of energy, enthusiasm, and excellence.

Lastly, I'd like to remind you about tomorrow's annual Christmas Fair, organised by our fantastic FoBHS team. It promises to be a fun-filled event, with food stalls, House stalls, and the famous bottle tombola and raffle, as well as so much more. I'm very much looking forward to seeing many of you there, and I want to extend a heartfelt thanks to those who have worked tirelessly to make this event happen.

### **Becky High 2024 Harvest Slough Foodbank Donations:**

For many years we have supported the work of the Slough foodbank which provides a minimum of three days of non-perishable emergency food to local people in crisis. All food given out is donated by the local community and they work in partnership with frontline care professionals to identify people in need. Their work is more important than ever this year as demand for food banks continues to grow.

This appeal has been launched in assemblies this week. As in the past, please respond generously and donate any of the below items that they require at this time. Smaller sizes are preferred. Thank you very much for your support. Please send donations to school with your child, who should leave them on the tables in the foyer of K block.

- Fruit juice (long-life 1 litre), Long-life milk, Tea / Coffee (small sizes)
- Instant mash
- Tinned: tomatoes, soup, tuna, fruit, meat, vegetables, custard, sponge and rice puddings (long life)
- Cooking sauces (long life)

- Toiletries: Toothpaste and children's brushes, Shampoo and deodorant, Sanitary pads, Soap and shaving foam / gel
- Household: Washing up liquid and toilet rolls, Size 6, 7 and 8 nappies

They also have a Christmas specific wish-list: Christmas cakes (fruit and others); Christmas Puddings; Mince pies; Custard (500g carton); Stuffing Mix; Crackers e.g. Ritz / Jacobs; Chocolates/Sweets e.g. Roses / Heroes; Crisps e.g. Twiglets, Pringles; Christmas Selection Boxes; Sweet biscuits

### **Recommended Reading:**

#wakeupwednesday – [What Parents and Educators need to know about Mental Health and Wellbeing apps](#)

60 seconds with – read the latest profile [here](#) – this person has a strange superpower!  
National Autistic Society – Parent Information leaflet (attached)

### **The BHS Lottery:**

This week's jackpot winning numbers are: 9 5 4 0 7 6

One of our supporters from £18.60 in the draw!

Click [here](#) to sign up.

### **Key Dates and Reminders:**

- **Christmas Fair, 7<sup>th</sup> December**
- **Christmas Jumper Day, 11<sup>th</sup> December** – Please make a £2 donation on SCOPAY if your child would like to wear a Christmas jumper instead of their school jumper and blazer. This is not a non-uniform day and students who do not wish to wear a Christmas jumper should be in their usual uniform. All funds will go to Save the Children. You can watch the Charities Prefects' clip [here](#).
- **Christmas Lunch Day, 11<sup>th</sup> December** – Please make sure your child's cafeteria account is topped up if they are planning to have a Christmas lunch (£5.65).
- **Parent Group, 12<sup>th</sup> December** - For several years a group of Christian parents have met once a half term to pray for the school. The second meeting of this year takes place on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December from 18.00-18.45, meet at the entrance to K block. If you are interested in attending or would like further information do get in touch with Kerry on [kez@top3.co.uk](mailto:kez@top3.co.uk)
- **Last day of term, 18<sup>th</sup> December** – school closes at 3.30pm
- **First day back, 7<sup>th</sup> January** – all year groups back in school

With very best wishes for a happy weekend. I hope to see you tomorrow at the fair!

**Tina Bond**  
Headteacher