



Dear Parents and Carers,

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

Today, I had the pleasure of conducting the final interviews for our Head Girl and Senior Prefect candidates. These interviews concluded a lengthy process that saw the students address their peers, sharing their motivations and plans for the role. The maturity, passion, and dedication these students have shown have been truly exceptional. Their speeches were inspiring, and we were thoroughly impressed by the innovative ideas they proposed to further enhance our school community. We look forward to announcing the new student leadership team on Monday.

Today we hosted a fantastic Careers Day for Year 9 and Year 12 Art/Graphics students. Here, they had the opportunity to hear from inspiring speakers and explore a range of exciting career pathways in the creative arts, including engineering, graphic and digital design, art insurance, and design management! Additionally, Split Banana delivered talks to our Year 12 students on sexual health and to Year 13 students on independent living.

This week has also showcased some incredible musical talent, with students bravely putting themselves forward for our music competition. There were both individual and ensemble categories, with a wide range of instruments and vocal performances on display. After several rounds of fierce competition, the finalists performed last night. The quality of the performances was outstanding, and I was very glad not to be the judge on this occasion! Watching the students perform, I was not only impressed by their musical abilities but also by their commitment to the countless hours of rehearsal they dedicated to this event. All performances were unique and truly impressive, but Jemima emerged as the overall winner, singing an operatic number in Italian—a richly deserved accolade for her hard work and long-standing passion for music.

Throughout the week, Year 11 students have had the opportunity to connect with the Sixth Form through a series of coffee mornings, fostering cross-year collaboration and support. Most importantly, these sessions allowed our Year 11 students to refine their plans for Sixth Form study by getting authentic testimonials from their older peers. The final coffee morning will take place next Monday.

On Monday, we also celebrated the Lunar New Year. We were fortunate to invite two guests to school, who shared with us a special tradition from their culture. We were treated to a traditional tea ceremony, accompanied by a moment of mindfulness and reflection. It was a pleasure to see students from all year groups connecting and engaging in this cultural exchange.

In another exciting event, our Year 12 and 13 English students had the opportunity to attend a performance of *The Tempest* in London on Monday. This play is one of the texts they are studying, and the trip provided an enriching, immersive experience that brought the text to life in a way that can't be replicated in the classroom.

It's been a week full of achievements, celebrations, and meaningful experiences that have brought our school community even closer together.

### **Parent webinars:**

- How you can make technology an ally (& not the enemy), 4<sup>th</sup> February – book [here](#)
- Low mood and Depression, 5<sup>th</sup> February – book [here](#)
- How you can help your child prepare for exams, 11<sup>th</sup> March – book [here](#)
- Understanding the Teenage Brain, 11<sup>th</sup> March – book [here](#)
- How algorithms work, Impact of Social Media on Wellbeing and Supporting young people's wellbeing when online, 25<sup>th</sup> or 27<sup>th</sup> March – book [here](#)
- Supporting your child with Exam Stress, 28<sup>th</sup> April – book [here](#)

### **Recommended Reading:**

#wakeupwednesday – [Top Tips for Supporting Children to Develop Emotional Literacy Menu](#) – week commencing 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2025 (see attached)

[Read this week's 60 Seconds with...](#)...and find out which The Traitors loving member of staff has a fear of ventriloquist dummies!

### **The BHS Lottery:**

This week's jackpot winning numbers are: 7 5 7 4 0 1

One of our supporters from £18.60 in the draw!

Click [here](#) to sign up.

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

- **Year 9 Options Evening, Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February**
- **Year 7 and 8 Disco, Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February**
- **Year 11 Parents Evening, 13<sup>th</sup> February**

- **Early close, 13<sup>th</sup> February** – school will close early at 2.30pm
- **Half Term, 14<sup>th</sup> February** – school will close at 3.30pm
- **Year 11 Prom – Wednesday 25 June 2025** - Tickets for this went on sale today on ScoPay and Year 11 parents and students will have received an email with all the details. [Click here](#) for photos from last year's Year 11 Prom (followed by photos from the 2024 Year 13 Prom).

With very best wishes for a happy weekend

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