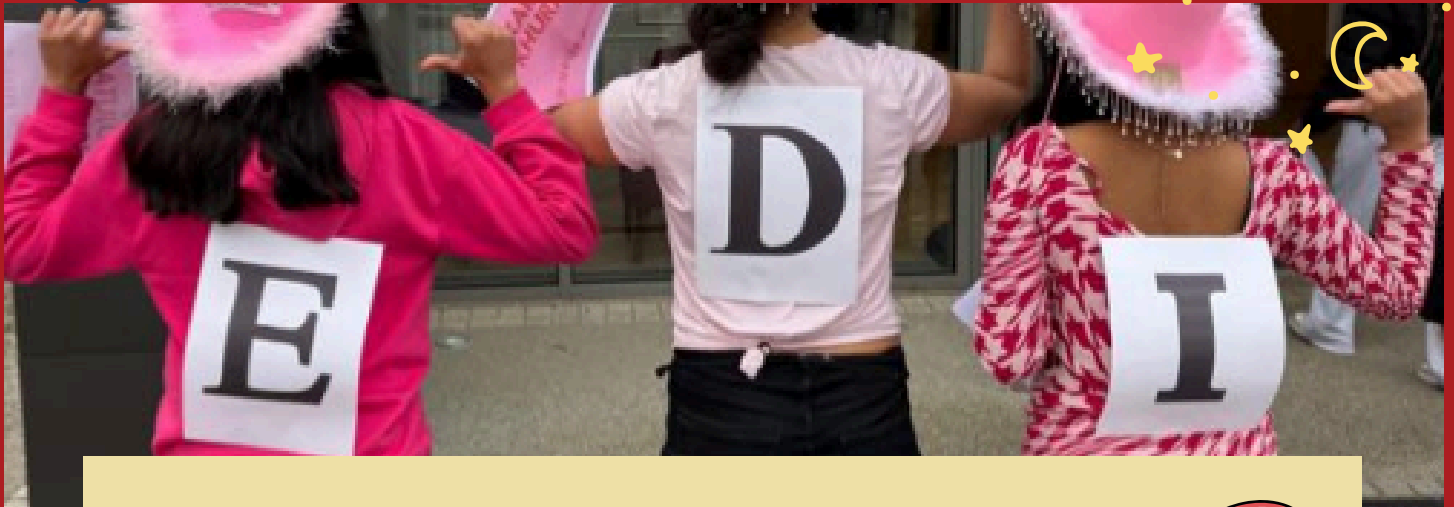




Equity, Diversity and Inclusion at BHS



EDI Newsletter!



Welcome to our Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) Newsletter for this term. We are pleased to share some of the highlights, reflections, and events that have taken place over the past few months.

EDI represents our commitment to creating an environment where everyone feels valued, respected, and included. This term, we have seen great participation across our community, and we truly appreciate the enthusiasm and support shown for our initiatives.

Thank you for being part of our EDI journey. We look forward to continuing this important work together and to seeing you at future EDI events.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!

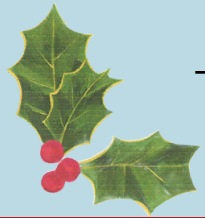
In this newsletter you will find:

All the **latest** EDI events at Beaconsfield High School!



Meet the Team!

“My aims as Senior EDI prefect are to celebrate diversity and challenge discrimination and bias in our school community. I’d also love to give students a platform to speak their mind, which can empower student voices.”



- **Kav Thangapandian**



“My aim as senior EDI prefect is to create meaningful platforms where student voices can be heard. I am going to start an EDI podcast where we’ll explore real stories and tackle important issues that will make our school unique.”

-**Karissa Khurana**



We’d also like to thank our current EDI champions for all their wonderful effort and participation this half term. On that note, we’d like to introduce and welcome our **NEW** EDI Champions:

- Vee Obeng**
- Keerit Khosa**
- Hishani Bakirathan**
- Krishna Iyer**
- Fatimah Zeeshan Year**
- Aleena Ashfaq**
- Ellie Marston**
- Amina Inam**
- Myra Dehulia**
- Sri Aadharshini Bagyaraj**

Congratulations!

“My aim as senior EDI prefect is to incorporate EDI into our day-to-day life. EDI isn’t just about organising massive events, it is also about changing mindsets and encouraging people to stand up for themselves and others, making the school environment safe and comfortable for everyone!”

-**Rujuta Mutha**





Message from EDI Lead: Mrs. Anukem!



This term has been an incredibly meaningful one for Equity, Diversity and Inclusion at BHS not just because of what we delivered, but because of the way we delivered it. Our work continues to move beyond individual events and towards a more embedded, sustainable approach, where EDI is central to student leadership, curriculum conversations, community partnerships and the everyday culture of our school.

We were proud to host Global Citizens Week, creating space for students to explore identity, global perspectives and social responsibility through activities and student-led discussions.

We also marked Rosh Hashanah, celebrated Diwali with a beautiful Rangoli competition, reflected on the significance of Black History Month, and shared impactful presentations during Neurodiversity Awareness Month and BHS Movember, focusing on mental health, wellbeing and allyship.

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Achieved the Bronze Award with the Global School Alliance, recognising our commitment to global citizenship and inclusive practice across the school.

A key strength this term has been our growing community engagement. We were delighted to welcome and collaborate with local primary schools, host elderly residents from our community, and build purposeful partnerships beyond our gates.

Our Global Fashion Show showcased not only student creativity and confidence but also the power of collaboration, with generous support from Sweaty Betty as our official sponsor and Renée Peace Grove, whose sustainable fashion collection beautifully aligned with our values of environmental responsibility and social awareness.





Message from EDI Lead: Mrs. Anukem!



One of the most powerful shifts this term has been the continued growth of our Student EDI Champions. We have seen a noticeable increase not just in numbers, but in confidence, initiative and leadership. Students have shown maturity, empathy and positivity in the way they approach inclusion, leading assemblies, supporting events, engaging in conversations and representing diverse voices with respect and pride. Their work embodies our BHS cultural pillars of Choose Respect, Be Open to New, Back Yourself and Spurring Each Other On, and it has been inspiring to see these values reflected so authentically in practice rather than just lip service.



Thank you also to the wider BHS community students, staff, families and partners for engaging with these initiatives so positively. EDI is not one person's job or one team's responsibility; it is a collective mission, and this term has shown how powerful that can be when we move forward together.

I am deeply proud of the progress we are making and excited for what lies ahead.

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to our incredible Senior EDI Prefects, Student EDI Champions, our Staff EDI Champions, and our Parent EDI Champions. Your time, passion and commitment continue to drive this work forward and create real change within our community.

Merry Christmas!

from the EDI team



Becky High's Fashion Show!

Our Global Fashion Show was an unforgettable celebration of style, sustainability, wellbeing, and student creativity. The show displayed artistry, culture, and storytelling through fashion, beautifully showcasing the talent, pride, and confidence of our students and staff.

The show featured three dynamic segments, each highlighting a unique theme:

- Global Cultural Dress Collection
- Sustainable Fashion and Vintage Collection
- Wellbeing and Sportswear Segment – Sponsored by Sweaty Betty

Global Cultural Dress Collection

Students proudly walked the runway in traditional garments representing cultures from across the world. This segment honoured identity, heritage, and the beauty of global fashion traditions.



Becky High's Fashion Show!

A Sustainable Fashion and Vintage Collection

This powerful segment highlighted the importance of conscious fashion. Students modelled vintage pieces and upcycled garments proving that style can be both striking and sustainable. With stunning sequins, retro classics, and beautifully preserved pieces.



Wellbeing and Sportswear Segment – Sponsored by Sweaty Betty

A major highlight of the show was our Wellbeing and Sportswear showcase, proudly sponsored by Sweaty Betty.

Students presented bold, modern, gym-ready and leisure looks' that reminds us of the importance of movement, health, and everyday confidence. Vibrant colours, and practical designs brought contemporary energy to the runway. We are incredibly grateful to Sweaty Betty for supporting our students and helping bring this segment to life.



Becky High's Fashion Show!



A show-stopping dance performance!

The show was concluded with an extraordinary Bollywood fusion dance performed by Tanvi and Havisha. Bollywood dance is an energetic and vibrant style blending traditional Indian folk and classical movements with Western influences such as hip-hop and jazz. Their performance lit up the hall it was a wonderful expression of rhythm, colour, and joy and was a perfect way to end their show.

Well done guys!

We'd also like to finish off by saying a huge thank you to everyone who helped behind the scenes, as well as those who took part in the runway. It was wonderful seeing everyone so active in our school community! Coming to watch the show is an act of participation too, so please continue to contribute to our school community. We look forward to seeing you next year!



Becky High's Fashion Show!



**“THREADS OF THE WORLD”
WE ARE THE THREADS OF THE
WORLD
WOVEN IN COLOUR,
STITCHED IN STORY,
HEMMED WITH HISTORY.
WHAT WE WEAR IS MORE THAN
FASHION
IT’S IDENTITY,
IT’S PRIDE,
IT’S THE ECHO OF THOSE WHO
CAME BEFORE US.
EVERY FABRIC HOLDS A JOURNEY,
EVERY PATTERN, A PLACE.
WE WALK NOT JUST THE RUNWAY,
BUT THE ROAD OF OUR ROOTS.
YET BEAUTY SHOULD NEVER COST
THE EARTH.
WE REWORK, RESTITCH, AND
RENEW –
TURNING WASTE INTO WONDER,
STYLE INTO SUSTAINABILITY.
AND AS WE MOVE
STRONG, GROUNDED, AND FREE
WE REMEMBER THAT WELLBEING IS
PART OF THE WEAVE.
TODAY, WE WALK WITH PURPOSE,
IN COLLABORATION, IN COURAGE,
IN COLOUR
WITH SWEATY BETTY, WITH THE
WORLD.
BECAUSE THESE THREADS DON’T
JUST CLOTHE US
THEY CONNECT US.**



Human Rights Month



What Human Rights Month Is & Why It Matters

Women & Human Rights: Progress and Challenges

Human Rights Month is a time to recognise the basic rights and freedoms that every person is entitled to, simply because they are human. It began after World War II, when world leaders created the Universal Declaration of Human Rights to protect people from injustice, discrimination, and abuse. Today, it reminds us that these rights still need defending.

Although progress has been made, many people especially women and girls still face barriers to their rights. In some countries, women lack equal access to education, healthcare, or the ability to participate fully in society. Violence against women remains a global issue, affecting safety, wellbeing, and opportunity.



There are also challenges around economic inequality, where women often earn less or have limited job security. Young women activists continue to push for change, but many still experience discrimination based on gender, ethnicity, disability, or social background.

Human rights protect dignity, fairness, and equality for everyone. . Organisations and activists worldwide are campaigning for equal rights, better laws, and safer communities for women and girls. Students can help by learning about human rights, speaking out against unfairness, supporting campaigns, and celebrating the stories of inspiring women something we champion through our Women of Influence series.

Elimination of Violence Against Women

The International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women, as with all awareness day it is a perfect moment to us all to pause, reflect and recommit to building a world where every woman and girl can live free from fear, harm or discrimination.

Violence against women and girls is not just a global issue it is an issue that exists in our communities, our schools and our homes.

Today is also about hope. Hope in the power of education. Hope in allyship. Hope in young people who choose respect over silence, courage over comfort, and kindness over cruelty.

As a school community, we continue to stand for dignity, equality and safety for all. Every time we have a conversation, every time we challenge harmful behaviour, and every act of support we offer helps in the process of creating a safer and more inclusive world.

I would like us all to see today as reminder that we all have a role to play. Listen. Support. Speak up. Above all, choose respect.

Mrs Anukem



The Democratic Republic of Congo



The Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), located in central Africa, is facing one of the world's worst humanitarian crises. Ongoing conflict, political instability, and competition for natural resources has put millions of civilians at risk. This crisis matters because it highlights urgent human rights issues and our global responsibility to protect vulnerable populations.

Fighting in the DRC has worsened over the years, causing instability, displacing millions, and endangering civilians. According to *UNHCR*, over 6.9 million people are internally displaced, many without access to food, water, or healthcare. Reports from *Human Rights Watch* highlight ongoing violations of international humanitarian law, such as attacks on civilians, recruitment of children, and targeting of medical facilities. Women and children are especially vulnerable, facing gender-based violence and serious obstacles to safe shelter, education, and healthcare.

UNICEF and WFP assessments also reflect these challenges. These issues connect to key UN Sustainable Development Goals, including SDG 3 (Good Health), SDG 4 (Quality Education), SDG 5 (Gender Equality), and SDG 16 (Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions). The DRC crisis reminds us that human rights are universal. When conflict strips away safety, education, and opportunities, global inequality increases.

Understanding this crisis encourages people to think critically about global citizenship and our shared duty to protect human life and promote peace.

How to Help

Organisations like the UN, UNICEF, and the International Committee of the Red Cross offer emergency aid, medical support and protection for civilians. People can help by raising awareness such as donating to charities. These actions help create a fairer and more peaceful world.

By Shambhavi Singh



Upcoming Events @Becky High!



EDI Podcast!



The Senior EDI Prefects are excited to announce that they will soon begin filming a new podcast focused on equity, diversity, and inclusion. We look forward to sharing these conversations with the community! If you would like to take part or share your ideas, please email Mrs. Anukem. Your voice could help shape meaningful discussions and inspire change.

Women of Influence overview!

In January we will launch our third women of Influence series, The Women of Influence model celebrates the unseen impact of women within our school and community inspiring students to recognise, celebrate, and amplify the voices of others. Through recognition, oracy, and storytelling, this initiative strengthens belonging, gratitude, and intergenerational relationships. Amplify Her Voice Women of Influence 2026: Celebrating recognition, confidence, and community through storytelling. BHS will feature at the GDST Educating Girls Symposium (Nov 2026).

Women of influence panel!

Our Women of Influence Panel returns this year with an inspiring line-up of remarkable women sharing their journeys, challenges and triumphs, this panel offers real stories, real insight and real motivation to help shape your next steps.





EDI Christmas Message



Christmas, a time of joy, hope, and reflection, holds different significance for people of the Christian faith. At its core, it marks the birth of the infant King, Baby Jesus, whose arrival brought forth a message of love, peace, and salvation. Christians celebrate this birth as spur of hope and assurance of God's love even in the darkest of times.



As we embrace the diversity of these customs, let us not forget the true meaning of Christmas. It is a time to remember the humble birth of a child who would change the world, and to extend compassion and kindness to all.

Let us reach out to those who are lonely, those who are struggling, and those who are less fortunate. Let us share our blessings and spread joy, ensuring that no one feels forgotten during this time.

In Europe, the season is marked by cosy traditions like decorating Christmas trees, attending church services, and sharing festive meals with loved ones.

In Africa, Christmas celebrations often blend with local customs, with joyful singing, dancing, and the sharing of heartfelt gifts, the traditional European turkey is often replaced with goat meat

Across Asia, families gather to honour ancestors, light candles, and exchange blessings.

In the Americas, Christmas is a time for family reunions, gift-giving, and the joyous anticipation of Santa Claus's arrival.

whilst in Australia, where summer embraces the festive season, families gather for barbecues, beach picnics, and unique Christmas traditions like the "Christmas in July" celebration.



EDI Christmas Message



**WISHING YOU A MERRY XMAS IN
YOUR LANGUAGE!**

Spanish – ¡Feliz Navidad!

French – Joyeux Noël!

German – Frohe Weihnachten!

Italian – Buon Natale!

Portuguese – Feliz Natal!

Romanian – Crăciun Fericit!

**Russian – Счастливого
Рождества! (Schastlivogo
Rozhdestva!)**

Swedish – God Jul

Polish - Wesółych Świąt

**Afrikaans (South Africa,
Namibia) – Geseënde Kersfees**



**Ashanti/Asante/Asante Twi
(Ghana) – afehyia pa
Chewa (Zambia, Malawi,
Mozambique, Zimbabwe) –
Moni Wa Chikondweleru Cha
Kristmasi**

Edo (Nigeria) – Iselogbe

**Ewe (Ghana, Togo) – Blunya
na wo**

**Fula/Fulani (Niger, Nigeria,
Benin, Cameroon, Chad,
Sudan, Togo, Guinea, Sierra
Leone) – Jabbama be salla
Kirismati**

**Hausa (Niger, Nigeria,
Ghana, Benin, Cameroon,
Ivory Coast, Togo) – barka
dà Kirsimati**

**Igbo/Igo (Nigeria, Equatorial
Guinea) – E keresimesi Oma
Kinyarwanda (Rwanda,
Uganda, DR Congo) – Noheli
nziza**

Christmas lunch 2025!



A day of festive cheer:

This year's Christmas Lunch was a joyful and inclusive event, The canteen and main hall filled with warmth, laughter and festive spirit. The canteen was full of excitement as students enjoyed a delicious seasonal meal, (the festive chocolate cake was a big hit) Our wonderful staff volunteered their time to serve, set up, and clear up embodying our values of teamwork and community.

Students on packed lunches did not miss out on the celebration either. The main hall was beautifully decorated, transformed actually..... our talented year 13 students DJs kept the atmosphere lively with a playlist of much-loved Christmas tunes. It was truly a whole-school celebration full of conversation, fun and party vibes.



More Upcoming Events!



BHS Community Iftar

Our first ever Community Iftar on Tuesday 4th March 2026, bringing together students, families and staff to mark Ramadan with unity, reflection and shared community spirit.

Rangoli Art Display

A vibrant showcase of creativity, culture and student artistry across the school. Winners would have already been presented with their prizes.



Key Dates

Women of influence - 4th February
Women of Influence Panel -
Women of Influence award ceremony - 20th March 2026
Becky High's Iftar - 4th March
Rangoli Art Display - TBC



Global Food and Music Festival!



Our Global Food & Music Festival was a vibrant celebration of the rich diversity that makes BHS such a special community. The atmosphere was electric as DJ's Sisa and Viva filled the hall with sounds from across the globe, creating the perfect atmosphere. Students and staff enjoyed a feast of flavours from around the world, sampling homemade dishes, swapping recipes, and sharing the stories behind their favourite meals. It was a wonderful connecting through food, music, and meaningful conversation.

This event beautifully reflected our BHS Cultural Pillars:

- Choose Respect:** We honoured one another's traditions.
- Be Open to the New:** From exploring new tastes to discovering new genres of music, everyone embraced the opportunity to experience something different.
- Back Yourself:** Students confidently shared their heritage through food.



Historic Moment for Women, this year!



Avery Colvert

14YO receives TIME100 Impact Award!

In 2025, Avery Colvert – just 14 years old – founded Altadena Girls: a recovery fund and support initiative for teenage victims of the wildfires in Altadena, Los Angeles.

Thanks to her leadership (collecting clothing, beauty products and other essentials, and organising community support), she became the youngest-ever recipient of the TIME100 Impact Award.

Symbol of the struggle against sexual violence

The remarkable Gisèle Pelicot has become a symbol of the struggle against sexual violence. She changed society forever when she decided the horrific mass rape trial of her ex-husband and 50 other men would be held in public because “it's not for us to have shame – it's for them”.



Gisele Pelicot

Historic Moment for Women, this year!



Imane Khelif

First Algerian Woman to secure Olympic Boxing Gold

25-year-old Algerian boxer – won gold in the women’s 66 kg (welterweight) division at the 2024 Paris Olympics, becoming the first Algerian woman ever to secure Olympic boxing gold.

Her achievement was especially remarkable because she overcame a high-profile gender-eligibility controversy – being previously disqualified by the former boxing governing body.

22-year-old from Manchester wins Olympic Gold

Moments after Keely Hodgkinson crossed the line in Paris to win Olympic gold in the summer, she was passed a crown by a member of the crowd. Coupled with the 800m medal hanging proudly around her neck, it represented Hodgkinson’s rise to becoming the nation’s next sporting icon.



Keely Hodgkinson



EDI QUIZ!



1. Black History Month in the UK 2025 celebrates which theme?

- A) Together We Rise
- B) Standing Firm in Power and Pride
- C) Courage, Culture and Change
- D) Strength Through Heritage

2. Who were the panellists at the BHS Black History Month Panel?

- A) Maryanne Akinyemi, Vee Obeng, and Faith Sykes
- B) Chimamanda Adichie, Malala Yousafzai, and Greta Thunberg
- C) Marcus Rashford, Mary Greene, and Naomi Campbell
- D) Michelle Obama, Maya Angelou, and Viola Davis

3. Rosh Hashanah marks which special event in the Jewish calendar?

- A) Festival of Lights
- B) The Jewish New Year
- C) Day of Atonement
- D) The Harvest Festival

4. What brand did we partner with for Becky High's fashion show?

- A) Nike
- B) Puma
- C) Sweaty Betty
- D) Adidas

5. Diwali is known as the Festival of...

- A) Reflection
- B) Colours
- C) Lights
- D) Hope

6. Which BHS competition celebrates Diwali through creativity and colour?

- A) The Cultural Showcase
- B) The Rangoli Design Competition
- C) The Festival of Fashion
- D) The Light & Sound Parade

7. World Mental Health Day is marked in October to remind us that:

- A) Mental health should be kept private
- B) Mental health is as important as physical health
- C) Only adults experience stress
- D) Meditation replaces support networks

8. What month is our Women of Influence awards ceremony in?

- A) February
- B) June
- C) March
- D) January

9. Dyslexia Awareness Week helps us understand that dyslexia mainly affects:

- A) A person's intelligence
- B) The way people read and process information
- C) A person's hearing
- D) Motivation to learn



EDI Wordsearch!



Try our wordsearch and earn 1 point for every word you find. Good luck and have fun!

EDI wordsearch

H	Y	Y	H	I	T	W	U	D	C	H	H	G	A
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ADHD
MENTAL HEALTH
CANTERBURY
INCLUSION
DYSLEXIA
WOMEN
EQUITY
PODCAST
CULTURE
DIWALI
MOVEMBER
DIVERSITY
RANGOLI
ROSH HASHANAH



Closing Remarks from your EDI Team!

As we wrap up this half term, we just want to say a huge thank you for being part of everything we've been doing around equity, diversity, and inclusion. From cultural showcases to open discussions, your support and energy made every event meaningful. We hope you've enjoyed it as much as we have!

Looking ahead, there's still so much to come, and we can't wait for the next half term – it's going to be even better!

As part of our legacy as EDI Senior Prefects, we're thrilled to announce the launch of a brand new EDI School-based podcast in collaboration with Mrs. Anukem! It will be a space to share voices, stories, and conversations that matter.

Want to get involved? We'd love to hear from you! Just drop an email to Mrs. Anukem or reach out to us directly.

Let's keep building a community where everyone feels seen, heard, and valued.

With high appreciation,
Your Senior EDI Prefects
Kav, Karissa, Rujuta



Equity, Diversity and Inclusion at BHS



Thank you so much for reading!

We hope you enjoyed our newsletter! Many more events to come, we look forward to seeing you there!

If you'd like to take part in events or share ideas, please email Miss Anukem or any of the Senior EDI prefects. Our emails are listed below.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

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