



EDI Newsletter!

DIVERSITY
EQUITY
INCLUSION
BELONGING

Welcome back 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.

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 minds, which can empower student voices.”

-Kav Thangapandian

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 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



“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!

As we reach the close of another inspiring half-term, I am reminded of how far we have come as a school community, not just in the events we have held, but in the ways we have done things differently.

This term, our EDI calendar has become even more collaborative with contributions from students, staff, parents and carers. Through our Black History Month panel - **Maryanne Akinyemi, Vee Obeng, and Faith Sykes moderated by Rujuta Mutha** - our interactive Diwali assembly and the Rangoli Competition, we have created moments that celebrate identity, belonging, and voice.

This term we also held a Rosh Hashanah lunch time celebration, and we are grateful to Dr Millington, Amy Baddeley and her mother for their contributions

This November, we are excited to be celebrating our third Global Citizens Week a celebration of culture, community, and connection. The week invites our students and staff to challenge ourselves to engage with the richness of global perspectives through a series of exciting events, including our Global Food and Music Festival and Cultural Dress Day.

This year's celebration is especially meaningful as Beaconsfield High School has been awarded the Bronze Global School Award by the Global School Alliance recognising our commitment to nurturing globally minded, compassionate, and inclusive learners.

“UNITY IS NOT THE
ABSENCE OF DIFFERENCE
BUT RATHER A CHOICE TO
EMBRACE OTHERS INSPITE
OF OUR DIFFERENCES”

As we move forward, we do so with renewed commitment to listen, learn, and lead with compassion. Look out for our upcoming Student EDI Podcast Series, where students will share their reflections and conversations about diversity, belonging, inclusion, and lived experience at BHS.

It is not just my journey, nor is it their journey, it is **OUR** journey during which we continue to make inclusion not just something we talk about, but rather a verb, something we do and live every day.

Have a wonderful Half term break everyone!

School Events @ Becky High!

October Awareness Month!



At BHS, we believe that awareness is the first step toward empathy and empathy is where inclusion begins. This term, we have focused on raising awareness and building compassion through several important initiatives, including Breast Cancer Awareness, highlighting courage and community; Down Syndrome Awareness, celebrating individuality and inclusion; Global Diversity Awareness, valuing every story that shapes who we are; and ADHD, Lupus, and Menopause Awareness, recognising invisible challenges and advocating for greater understanding. Together, these efforts remind us of the strength found in awareness and the power of compassion to bring people together.

Black History Month!

A huge thank you to everyone involved in our Black History Month celebration under the theme “Standing Firm in Power and Pride.” We extend our heartfelt appreciation to our BHM Panel Speakers : Maryanne Akinyemi, Vee Obeng, and Faith Sykes and to our Moderator, Rujuta Mutha, for their thoughtful insights and inspiring contributions. Their participation in our Black History Month video helped amplify the importance of heritage, identity, and representation, reminding us that history has many faces and that every story contributes to the strength of our community.



School Events @ Becky High!

🕯️ Diwali and Rangoli Competition!

Celebrate the Festival of Lights by showcasing your creativity! Use paint or colouring pens to decorate your Rangoli template and submit your entry to Mrs. Anukem's office by 4 November. Let your designs reflect the beauty, joy, and spirit of Diwali.



🏠 Rosh Hashanah at BHS!

We also celebrated a Rosh Hashanah event, a time for reflection, renewal, and new beginnings. This celebration reminds us of the importance of unity, gratitude, and shared values across different cultures and faiths. It was wonderful seeing all age groups take part!



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.



ADHD Awareness Month!

ADHD awareness month is observed every October to educate the public about attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD), a neurodevelopmental condition affecting children and adults, and to reduce stigma surrounding it. The month provides an opportunity to share reliable information, discredit myths, and highlight the complexities and challenges faced by individuals with ADHD in various aspects of life.



Who does it affect? ADHD affects individuals of all ages, not just children, and can impact their home, school, workplace, and relationships.

Why is awareness important?

Many people with ADHD face stigma and understanding the condition is vital for supporting individuals and guaranteeing they have access to appropriate resources and treatment. Though awareness months provide a platform or springboard we always remain mindful that these issues are not confined to the awareness month.

Breast Cancer Awareness Month!

At BHS, we proudly support Breast Cancer Awareness Month, a time dedicated to honouring the courage, resilience, and strength of those affected by breast cancer. This month reminds us of the importance of early detection, regular screening, and education, as well as the value of community support for patients, survivors, and their families. By raising awareness, sharing resources, and encouraging conversations, we aim to build understanding, compassion, and solidarity throughout our school community.



Upcoming Events @Becky High!



Global Citizens Week!

A week dedicated to exploring our world, reflecting on shared values, and considering the positive impact we can have as responsible global citizens. Activities and discussions will encourage students to think critically about their role in a connected world.

Culture Day and Fashion Show!

Celebrate identity, creativity, and diversity! Students can showcase their cultural heritage and personal style in a vibrant fashion show, highlighting the richness of our community.



Women of Influence!

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).

More Upcoming Events!



Remembrance Day

A moment to honour courage, service, and unity. We come together to remember those who have served and sacrificed, reflecting on the lessons of history and the value of peace.

November

This month focuses on raising awareness for men's health and wellbeing, promoting conversations about physical and mental health, and encouraging the community to support positive change.



MOVEMBER

Key Dates

Remembrance Day - 11th
November
Global Citizens Week - w/c 10th
November
Culture Day and Fashion Show -
14th November



Historic Moment for Women, this year!



Dame Sarah Mullally

First Female Archbishop of Canterbury!

“Leadership knows no gender only vision, courage, and compassion.” This milestone is more than history; it is a celebration of progress, equality, and inclusion. The Church of England has welcomed its first female Archbishop of Canterbury, Dame Sarah Mullally, marking an inspiring step forward for leadership and representation.

Keynote at Trailblazing Women Event

Rebecca Achieng Ajulu-Bushell delivered the keynote at Private Equity News’s Trailblazing Women event, highlighting her success in providing 10,000 paid internships and inspiring young professionals to pursue meaningful career opportunities.



Rebecca Achieng Ajulu-Bushell

Historic Moment for Women, this year!



KATSEYE

Largest Crowd ever recorded for an early daytime set at Lollapalooza

KATSEYE has taken 2025 by storm, breaking the Lollapalooza daytime crowd record with 85,000 attendees and winning their first MTV VMA for Push Performance of the Year. Their Gap campaign went viral with over 576 million views, and they were named Pandora brand ambassadors. Members Megan Skiendiel and Lara Raj also came out, making a landmark moment for LGBTQ+ representation

First woman to win a formula-class world championship

Swedish powerboat racer Mathilda Wiberg made history in 2025 by becoming the first woman to win a Formula-class world championship in any form of motorsport. She claimed the 2025 UIM F2 World Championship after a dramatic season finale in Portugal.



Mathilda Wiberg

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 food is traditionally eaten at Rosh Hashanah to symbolise a sweet new year?

- A) Grapes dipped in chocolate
- B) Bread dipped in oil
- C) Apples dipped in honey
- D) Pomegranates in syrup

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 is one way we can support positive mental wellbeing at BHS?

- A) Compete more and rest less
- B) Keep feelings hidden
- C) Reach out, listen and support others
- D) Focus only on exams

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

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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



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.

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