



KS4 NEWSLETTER 2

Dear KS4 Parent/Carer,

It has been a busy few weeks here at Beal High School with students and staff really getting into the swing of the curriculum and hard work being demonstrated across the school. Students have continued to take more ownership of their own learning and progress, which was very pleasing to see.

This week's assemblies were around leadership opportunities and students being confident individuals and responsible citizens by investing in their future, taking on more responsibilities and getting involved in extra-curricular activities.

Thank you for all your support with our uniform drive. The students are looking incredibly smart and this has had a positive impact on engagement and attitudes to learning across the campus. Our uniform expectations will continue after half-term.

A reminder that the school will be closed for all students on Friday 25th October, and we return from half-term on Monday 4th November at the usual time. We hope you have a lovely October half-term.

Queen Mary Law Talk



On Tuesday 22nd October, some KS4 students grabbed the opportunity to learn about university life, the role of a lawyer and ask any questions that they may have about studying Law at University.

'We were visited by Professor Alan Dignam and Professor Frances Ridout from the School of Law at Queen Mary University of London. It was an exciting opportunity and a great chance to learn more about possible future career pathways into law. During the session, we discussed the preferred A-levels to take for a law degree, what a personal statement should include, possible apprenticeships and the traditional university route to achieving lawyer status. We were told about what being a lawyer entails and the different types of lawyers there are. I found the session really interesting and it answered a lot of my questions. I got to discover what it's like to work in the legal profession and

undertake a Law Degree at University. It was a great opportunity to ask experienced lawyers any questions I had and learn more about university life and the role of a lawyer'. Zaina Zamurrud (11JW)

'I attended the law talk where I got to find out about how it's like for a student taking on a law degree at Queen Mary. It was very interesting to learn about what goes on at the university and opportunities that are available for students'. Jasleen Sheemar (10SF)

'Although I am only in year 10, I found this talk very informative. It gave me an insight into what university life is like and the professors gave some useful advice and encouragement. I felt inspired and motivated to study law further in life. I really like how they talked about the Queen Mary legal advice centre. I thought it was very interesting. I am glad they recommended the ReImagine Law podcast, it's really nice to listen to. I would recommend attending this talk to others. It is definitely a good starting point if you are interested in law'. Simrah Hussain (10SF)

'The law convention really motivated me to commit to law as that's always been a dream of mine. The Queen Mary university of London has really impacted me positively to organise my law career. Professor Alan Dignam and Professor Frances Rideout taught me that a law degree will always open to many job opportunities. The two professors really helped me a lot and gave me the best idea of how Law is as an adult'. Arsalan Rehman (11JW)

Year 11 Autumn Progress Reports

On Friday 11th October you received a report which gave you information about your child's predicted grade for the end of KS4. To find out more information about what the report means and how we measure progress at Beal High School, please refer to our 'Assessment and Reporting section' on the school website. You will also find helpful information about how you can support your child with assessment and links to useful revision resources.

Y10 GCSE option changes

A small minority of students have requested to change one GCSE option within our 'Changing Options' window frame. All changes have now been actioned. Changes were granted on a first come first served basis. As shared in assembly and at our Y10 Partnership Evening, we now no longer accept requests to change options.

Thank you to Ms Burrard-Lucas for all her hard work meeting with students to discuss the changes and actioning them. It is now time for students to concentrate on the subjects they have chosen and continue to make the progress we know they are capable of.

Leadership opportunities

Year 11 prefect team

Last week we shared our plan to reshuffle the prefect team, with additional posts created. Some of the new positions will be 'Climate change prefects' and the 'Big Beal Brothers and Sisters'. If you would like to be considered for a prefect role, please submit a statement of interest of no more than 200 words to Ms Hehir by Tuesday 5th November outlining why you would like the opportunity and what skills you would bring to the role.

If you would like any further information, please see Miss Hehir in advance of the deadline.

Any current prefects are welcome to express their interests to continue in their role, which will be reviewed based on commitment, uniform, punctuality, attendance and overall ability to be a role model to others.

Year 10 prefect team

Well done to all the students who applied for the position. We will share the list of all appointed prefects in our first assembly after half-term.

Beal Student Forum

We are recruiting for 3 delegates per year group for 2024-25!



Beal Student Forum 2024-25

- Looking for a leadership opportunity?
- Want your voice heard?
- Keen to build networks with peers from other year groups?
- Believe in the power of democracy?
- Looking to develop your skills and build confidence?

We are looking for students in each year group at Beal to sit on the Student Forum for 2024-25

Speak to your tutor and head of year to find out more.

We need three forum delegates per year group.

The Student Forum exists to build community cohesion across BHS and ensure every student has a voice and plays an important part in driving school improvement.

The forum gives the opportunity for students to discuss ideas, emerging issues and creative solutions with each other in a safe and supportive environment, where they can work collaboratively and creatively across year groups to feed into the decision-making processes in the school.

The forum aims to ensure excellent relations and unity across their year groups, whilst ensuring high expectations and aspirations for all are maintained.

The Forum will meet five times per year, once per half term, for one hour on a mutually agreeable date and time.

If you are interested, please speak to your Form tutor or your Head of Year in the first instance. We will look to appoint straight after the half-term.

GCSE Practical exam performance

On October 15th some Year 11 students completed their first practical exam for Drama. All students worked very hard and gave a wonderful performance to parents and friends.

A huge well done to: Kasper Borgeaud, Aaiyshah Bukhari, Isabela Falamas, Louisa Florea, Eborah Maharjan, Tate Norman, Vidhun Parathan, Krishi Patel, Mila Ramster, Polina Rocko, Sahib Sambhi, Theo Stamp, Angela Usiobaifo, Sariyah Webster and Minha Zeeshan.



Black History month

This week we have started celebrating Black History month with our usual 'Natural hair week'. More events will take place after the half-term.



Lunch time equipment loan!

If you want to let some steam off at lunch time, you can borrow sports equipment for the field. We have frisbees, footballs, hula hoops, ball catchers, tennis balls, skipping ropes, beach paddle sets etc. If students want to borrow something to play with at lunch time, they simply need to come to the field, at the back of student services, to sign for it.

Lunchtime Equipment Loan

- To borrow sports equipment at lunchtime, just show us your **lanyard with your id card**
- In return, we'll loan you the equipment

- **Please note** take care of the equipment and ensure that it is returned at the end of lunch



Top achievers of the week – students with the most achievement points in their year group

Week 23rd September – 27nd September

Year 10

1st- James Pope (10KN)

2nd – Makeda Tshibuyi (10KX)

3rd – Jayden Rodgers (10NA)

Year 11

1st- Anusha Bhatti (11KZ)

Joint 2nd - Muhammad Sadiq (11WA), Kyran Sanghera (11KZ) and Akshay Suseelan (11KK)

Joint 3rd - Rahma Khan (11HU), Kaiser Miah (11TTM), Soha Mokal (11GT), Saarah Motara (11UN), Polina Rocko (11HU), Dean Shaheed (11HA) and Dhiraj Singh (11UA)

Year 11 Student of the week : Simran Bansal (11TTM)

Week 30th September – 4th October

Year 10

1st- Ty'Reque Grant (10OA)

2nd – Simrah Hussain (10ZF)

3rd – Sabrina Selmoun (10ZA)

Year 11

1st- Shaan Sharma (11JW)

Joint 2nd- Ayaan Hussain (11WA), Zakaria Messaoudi (11HA), Mayah O'Sullivan (11UA)

Joint 3rd - Akifah Al-Huda (11KK), Usman Butt (11NO), Mohammed Hamdan (11TTM), Mabishan Kerathan (11KK)

Year 11 Student of the week : Fatima El-Kharous (11GT)

Week 7th October – 11th October

Year 10

1st- Ehaan Wardag (10BI)

2nd – Anton Demetriou (10BN)

3rd – Madeeha Rafiq (10BX)

Year 11

1st - Mac Olaiya (11KK)

Joint 2nd - Anusha Bhatti (11KZ) and Usman Butt (11NO)

Joint 3rd - Sabekson Vijayaraj (11UN), Sancha Sasikaran (11KZ), Liyana Jhingoor (11TTM) and Priyana Babla (11WA)

Year 11 Students of the week: Abishek Parthipan (11GT) and Harris Ip (11TTM)

Week 14th October – 18th October

Year 10

1st- Vanessa Patel (10GW)

2nd – Ayza Hussain (10IO)

3rd – Hafsa Mohammed (10KI)

Year 11

Joint 1st - Priyana Babla (11WA) and Kyran Sanghera (11KZ)

Joint 2nd - Ayaan Hussain (11WA), Rahma Khan (11HU), Soha Mokal (11GT), Dean Shaheed (11HA) and Dhiraj Singh (11UA)

Joint 3rd - Polina Rocko (11HU), Mayah O'Sullivan (11UA), Liyana Jhingoor (11TTM), Kaiser Miah (11TTM) and Anusha Bhatti (11KZ)

In other good news

Swimming

On Sunday 29th September Aidan Wan (10KN) took part in a swimming gala in Basildon Sporting Village. Aidan won 2 gold medals (200m Breaststroke, 400 Individual Medley) and 1 silver medal (100m Backstroke) for his age group and also qualifying for Essex County.

Aidan is part of the London Borough Of Redbridge Swimming Club and he has been training really hard and demonstrating great resilience throughout his time representing his club.



Judo

Mert & Aylin Salim had a fantastic day at the English closed. Aylin managed to secure a silver medal in her category and came second in England for her age and weight group.

Mert once again outperformed himself and has now been invited to join the England development squad and was profiled for the junior Olympics squad on the 19th of October. He has also been called up to fight for England in the Harnes International which will be held in November in France, where 30 nations will be in attendance. This will be his first cadet fight internationally.



Coming up

Year 11 Progression Conference – straight after half-term

On Tuesday 5th November Year 11 students will participate in the Year 11 progression conference 2025. This will provide them with support for preparing for their GCSE exams and making decisions for their post-16 education. Students should arrive to school at 08:25, in full school uniform and go to registration as usual. In registration they will be given a personalised timetable for the conference. This conference will take place during Periods 1-3. Students will then continue with their usual lessons Periods 4 and 5. We have booked in experts from different fields to come in for this and we are looking forward to the Year 11 students receiving high quality information, advice, and guidance. We have organised:

- A careers fair with exhibitors including colleges, universities and apprenticeship providers
- A study skills workshop that supports students with revision and exam techniques
- A resilience workshop that supports students in coping with the pressures of exams
- A Unifrog session that supports students in tracking their progress



**YEAR 11 PROGRESSION CONFERENCE
TUESDAY 5TH NOVEMBER 2024**



LEARN TO ACE YOUR EXAMS

MEET COLLEGES, UNIVERSITIES & EMPLOYERS



Beal Sixth Form Open Evening - Save the date!

Tuesday 10th December will be our Post 16 Taster day. The Beal Sixth Form open evening portion of the day will run from 3.30-6.30 with two talks at set intervals for all Year 11 parents. More detail will follow after the half-term.

Reminders....

Lateness to school

At Beal High School, we are highly focused on the pursuit of excellent student attendance and punctuality. If your child is late for school, they must sign in at reception and get a red slip prior to going to their lesson.

Lateness to lessons

We are embarking on a year 11 punctuality drive on a lesson to lesson basis, ensuring that students are aware of how important it is to be ready to learn.

For example, arriving 5 mins late to a Maths lesson four times a week from now until the GCSE exams would result in losing out on nearly 10% of the course in Year 11.

Communication

Please do ensure you keep in contact with the school, via your child's Form Tutor in the first instance or your child's Head of Year. Should you have any concerns related to a specific subject, please contact your child's subject teacher or the Head of Department. The best way to do so is to email the admin mailbox adminmailbox@bealhighschool.co.uk

Thank you for your continued support and we hope you have a great weekend.

Kind Regards

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