



KS4 NEWSLETTER 5

Dear KS4 Parent/Carer,

We have been incredibly busy over the last few weeks and we hope you enjoy reading the highlights in this newsletter.

On Wednesday 29th January we held our second Beal Student Forum meeting of the year. It was wonderful to hear feedback and ideas from representatives in all year groups. We shared the work already going on within the school to show our commitment to working sustainably for a better future for students, staff and the local community. The students shared some wonderful ideas as to how we could continue this commitment to sustainability and climate change.

Our Forum reps have now been handed out turquoise badges so that they can easily be identified around the school. Please tell your child to speak to them if they have any interesting ideas to share or items they want to be brought up in our next meeting.

Year 11 mocks

We were very proud of how seriously the students approached their mock exams, displaying commendable levels of focus and responsibility. It is clear that our students are committed to doing their best to prepare for their upcoming GCSEs.

As we move closer to the Summer exams, I would like to take this opportunity to remind students of a few key guidelines to ensure they are fully prepared for exam day:

1. **Arrive on time:** It is crucial to be at the exam hall at least 10 minutes before the start of the exam. Late arrivals may not be allowed to enter.
2. **Follow all instructions:** Students should listen carefully to all instructions given by the exam invigilators and ensure they understand the rules before starting the exam.
3. **No mobile phones or electronic devices (ear pods, smart watches):** These should not be brought into the exam hall under any circumstances.

Thank you for reminding your child of these important key points and your continued support in helping them stay on track. We will be sharing these vital exam regulations with students in the coming weeks.

Year 11 Important notices

Beal Sixth Form applications continue to be open for internal applicants. The official deadline for applications is the 21st of March 2025, however we will begin processing applications and making conditional offers of places in the Sixth Form this term. It is therefore important that all students complete their application as soon as possible if they haven't already done so.

If your child is planning to apply to other schools or colleges, they will need a reference. Please ask them to use the email address contact year11references@bealhighschool.co.uk.

There will be a 'mock results afternoon' on Monday 10th February when students will be given their mock exam results. This will give them an idea of what getting their results' envelope will feel like in the summer.

New predicted grades will be issued on February 11th alongside the exam results.

The Year 11 Parents' Evening will take place on Tuesday 11th February. This will be the opportunity for you to discuss your child's progress and attainment with subject teachers. We look forward to seeing you there from 3:30pm until 6:30pm.

Year 11 intervention timetable

Please see below our current intervention timetable for Year 11. These sessions are open to all students who are taking these subjects at GCSE

Monday After school	Tuesday Lunch time	Wednesday Lunch time	Thursday Lunch time	Friday Lunch time
Art 3:15- 4:15 Ms Todd 108	French 1:30- 2:00 Mr Gilbert 118	French 1:30- 2:00 Mr Gilbert 118	Spanish 1:30- 2:00 Mr Mendez 110 week 2	Music 1:40- 2:05 Mr Mendonca Practice rooms
Photography 3:15- 4:15 Ms Williams DT1	Computer Science 1:30- 2:00 Ms Jackson 78	Religious Studies 1:40- 2:05 Ms Khan/ Ms Trott 84	Computer Science 1:30- 2:00 Mr Jackson 78	
Computer Science 3:20- 4:20 With Class teacher in their room	Religious Studies 1:40- 2:05 Mr Cheney/ Ms Ubaid/ Mr Murshid 111	Wednesday After school	Thursday After school	Friday After school
Design and Technology 3:10- 4:30 Ms Hehir DT5		Food Preparation and Nutrition 3:15- 4:15 Ms D'Silva/ Ms Barnes 86/ 31	Food Preparation and Nutrition 3:15- 4:15 Ms D'Silva/ Ms Barnes 86/ 31	Ms Augustine Science 3:15- 4:30 Lab 5
Design and Technology 3:10- 4:30 Mr Ihozo DT4		PE 3:10- 4:10 Mr Bennett/ Ms Dalecka 120		
Geography 3:15- 4:15 Ms Taner/ Ms Arulseelan 51/53		PE 3:10- 4:10 Mr Panesar/ Mr Bennett 119		
Spanish 3:15- 3:55 Mr Garcia-Mendez 114		Design and Technology 3:10- 4:30 Ms Hehir DT5		
German 3:15- 3:55 Ms Atwal 112		Design and Technology 3:10- 4:30 Mr Vaghela DT1		
English 3:20- 4:20 Nail your nine!		Design and Technology 3:10- 4:30 Ms Kasperkowicz DT3		
		Drama 3:15- 4:15 Mr Chipp/ Ms Pryce KS3 Library- location may vary		
		English 3:20- 4:20 Support for grade 3/4/5		

There are other additional intervention sessions running, where staff have liaised directly with students and parents to request attendance. Please make the most of these opportunities!

Year 10 Engineering Workshop

A group of our Year 10 students recently participated in an exciting engineering workshop led by engineers from ARUP, a globally renowned firm. The students were asked with designing a recreational centre for young people. They demonstrated outstanding technical skills by conducting detailed calculations and developing innovative solutions while tackling real-world challenges like budget constraints and tight timelines. The workshop highlighted the importance of applying technical knowledge and problem-solving to complex projects.

The school is incredibly proud of the students' performance and teamwork, which were showcased during their final presentations to the panel of engineers. ARUP's ethos to inspire young people, particularly those from underrepresented backgrounds in the industry, resonated throughout the day, encouraging students to raise their aspirations. Students were also reminded of the importance of excelling in all school and extracurricular subjects to build a strong foundation for future careers in engineering. Thank you to ARUP for providing such an inspiring and enriching experience! A big thank you to Mr Ihozo for organising!



'I really enjoyed the engineering workshop! It was an incredible experience to dive into the practical applications of engineering concepts. The activities allowed me to understand the significant impact different engineers have had on the world. I appreciated the opportunity to collaborate with fellow participants and share ideas. The instructors were very knowledgeable and passionate, making the sessions both informative, engaging and inspiring. Overall, it was a fantastic way to deepen my understanding of engineering and explore new career options'. Vishnu Arun (10SF)

'The Arup workshop proved to be both enlightening and enjoyable. I believe that anyone pursuing a career in this field who would find the workshop exceptionally beneficial. The challenges presented were genuinely thrilling to engage in. I learnt so much! The representatives from Arup were all remarkably nice and approachable. I felt truly fortunate to have been a part of this workshop. If another opportunity were to come, I would certainly take it without hesitation'. Mahnoor Faisal (10NA)

Year 10 Trip to CGI 2024

On Monday 3rd February a group of 30 Year 10 students had the wonderful opportunity to go and visit to a London based company called **CGI**, who are market leaders within the IT and Business Consulting sector.

The visit was aimed at students interested in career pathways related to IT and Business Consulting; students met industry experts and engaged in a Q&A session with company employees. Students also received a tour of their office, based in Sky Garden.





'I was privileged enough to be invited into Sky Gardens and I got to experience all the work they do. I also got to learn about their apprenticeship programme. After you finish your A Levels, it is possible to do an apprenticeship at Sky Gardens where you go to university one day a week and work the other four days. The company will pay for your course and after you finish the course, if you don't want to stay there, you can leave the company and not worry about the debt. This is a great opportunity as you get to work and see what it's like to be in a professional environment, whilst still pursuing your studies. Overall this was a great experience and I really appreciate that I was chosen for this'. Alysha Patel (10BX)



Y10 Maths Challenge

On Wednesday 29th January, ten talented Year 10 mathematicians took part in the Intermediate Maths challenge, a reputed UK wide competition run by UKMT. We are looking forward to hearing the results. Well done to the following students for taking part: Muddurulu Kalyankumar (10KN), James Baker (10KX), Mahnoor Faisal (10NA), Manveer Kaura (10KN), Dean Kaisar (10SF), Sabrina Ahmed (10KN), Asviha Rajakumar (10NA), Tashrique Mahmud (10NA), Korina Poddoku (10KXC) and Vishnu Arun (10SF)

Y11 Economics

On Wednesday 4th February, our Y11 Economics and Business students were invited to attend a workshop where they received information about financial services in the UK and career opportunities at the Bank of England. The speaker, Anu, is a senior manager at the PRA, part of the Bank of England, where he works on the regulation of insurance companies. He is a Fellow of the Institute of Actuaries and joined the Bank in 2016 after 17 years in the insurance industry. Outside of work Anu is a non-executive director of NHS Resolution and a magistrate in the North London criminal court.



'I found the Economics event to be very insightful. It showed me what life having a job in banking could possibly be like for a student like me who is taking economics GCSEs and is considering it for A level as well. I would personally recommend it for future year 11 students who are taking Economics GCSE and it's a great opportunity to seek out information and details from someone who is very knowledgeable'. Aayan Suleman (11TTM)

'The Economics event was a very nice experience. It was highly beneficial to have an assembly presented by someone with such high experience in a career related to what I want to pursue in the future. It truly aided and cleared all the confusion I had about working in finance. Thank you very much for this opportunity'. Aariz Hussain (11TTM)

'On the 4th of February, we attended a talk by a senior manager from the Bank of England who shared some details about the bank. He explained that a central bank implements policies to achieve government targets for the economy, such as stable prices and low inflation, overseeing the monetary system. I found this experience very interesting because it involves the things we learn in class, put into real life'. Fatima Memon (11GT)

National Careers Week

On Wednesday 5th February one of our former students who now works for KPMG came into school to provide Careers education information, advice & guidance to our KS4 and 5 students. Over 20 Y11 students took up the opportunity to attend this interesting workshop, as they are interested in apprenticeships and legal careers.



'The experience we've had today was really awakening because it showed us how difficult the corporate field is. The speaker was very knowledgeable and gave us lots of useful tips in order to move forward in life. It's shown us how hard we need to work in order to achieve our goals'. Sophia Khan (10KI), Afra Aktar (10IO) and Mahnoor Usman (10IO)

Year 10 Spring Term Progress reports

Year 10 reports were sent home on January 31st. For these reports students were given a fine grade (i.e .3 or .8) in each subject. This grade reflects what the teacher thinks the student will achieve in this subject at the end of KS4. It is a prediction. The Progress Indicator colour coding system shows whether the grade entered means that a student is working above, on or below target based on their personal End of KS4 target grade. The Progress Indicator key explains the progress colour coding system. Red indicates that a student is working above track in a subject, grey that they are on track and blue that they are working below track.

If you have further questions, please look on the assessment section of the website.

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

Week 6th January – 10th January

Year 10

1st- Ryan Bains (10KN)

2nd – Mert Salim (10KX)

3rd – Kira Nathan (10NA)

Week 13th January – 17th January

Year 10

1st- Keerthan Satheesh (10OA)

2nd – Faizan Khan (10SF)

3rd – Leo Evangelou (10ZA)

Week 20th January – 23th January

Year 10

1st- Adil Fadhel (10BI)

2nd – Kiishaan Baskar (10BN)

3rd – Jakub Abdelmeguid (10BX)

Year 11

1st – Soha Mokal (11GT)

2nd – Usman Butt (11GT)

3rd – Iffah Hafeez (11GT)

Year 11 Students of the week: Angela Usiobaifo (11WA) sand Inayah Aslam (11HU)

Week 27th January – 31st January

Year 10

1st- Imaan Peerbaccus (10GW)

2nd – Shakhzoda Isroilova (10IO)

3rd – Ayaan Ahmed (10KI)

Year 11

Joint 1st – Yassine Kinany Alaoui (11AI) amd JJ Russell (11KK)

Joint 2nd – Rayan Ahmad (11WA), Nabil Lodi (11KK) and Aarib Mahmood (11WA)

Joint 3rd – Amani Mechti (11HU), Tafheem Raafie (11UN), Erica Yanzu (11TTM)

Year 11 Students of the week: Ayah Khan (11HA) and Eiliyah Hussain (11HA)

In other good news

Aidan Wan (10KN) spent two weekends in January competing in the Essex 2025 Age Group Championships. This was his first Swimming England Essex County competition. Aidan managed to walk away with finalist medals (top 10 in his age group) for 200m Breaststroke and 400m Individual

Medley. Aidan really enjoyed the experience of competing at County level. We look forward to seeing Aidan progress on his swimming journey!



Year Book cover

Well done to our talented Inayah Aslam (11HU) for designing not one, but four possible covers for our Year 11 book. Students are currently voting for the cover they want to see on the year book.



Reminders....

Year book quotes

The deadline for Year 11 to complete their year book quotes is March 31st. They must ensure the quotes are under 40 characters and appropriate!



7-A-Side tournament next week



Careers advice – Dop in service

Mr Bala, our careers advisor is running drop-in clinics for Year 11 students on Tuesdays at lunch time in the KS4 canteen. Pop along if you have any questions you'd like to ask! If you are in Year 10 and would like a careers appointment, please speak to your pastoral team who will book a formal appointment for you

Punctuality

Please remind your children that punctuality to school and in-between lessons is important. Being on time to lessons is something that is entirely in an individual's control and is also a mark of respect for the other learners in the class and the teacher. We ring 2 bells, with a 5-minute interval to allow travel time. If your son/daughter often receives late marks, please discuss this with them and raise the profile of punctuality as an important standard.

Unifrog Virtual Apprenticeship Fair – Wednesday 12th February

Some advance notice about the Unifrog virtual fair to learn all about the world of apprenticeships. Explore the latest apprenticeship opportunities, attend live sessions with top employers, and network one-on-one to get top tips on how to find and apply for your dream apprenticeship.



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

Kind Regards

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