



BEAL HIGH SCHOOL ASSEMBLY PROGRAMME 2026 - 27

Timetable week	W/B	Whole School: Responsible Participation in the Wider World	Text	Year Team: Awe and Wonder in the Wider Curriculum	Text
	31-Aug	Start of term - Assembly cycle to begin on 14/09/26			
1	07-Sep				
2	14-Sep	Deliberate Practice Beats Natural Talent - <i>Iterative improvement, artistic process, mastery through refinement</i>	Art and Fear - David Bales and Ted Orland	New term - welcome - motivation and messages for the new academic year	N/A
1	21-Sep	Artistic skill grows through practice, not fixed ability e.g. Da Vinci sketches, Monet waterlilies			
2	28-Sep	Safeguarding/Prevent - Resilience and perseverance (KCSIE)	KCSIE	Your Brain Can be Trained to Focus - <i>Neuroplasticity, attention loops, habit stacking</i>	The Power of Habit - Charles Duhigg
1	05-Oct			Self control is scientific not moralistic	
2	12-Oct	Discipline Creates Freedom: <i>How do habits shape our future selves?</i>	Atomic Habits - James Clear	Environment Shapes Behaviour More than Willpower - <i>Designing spaces, tools and systems for better habits</i> Engineer better choices	Atomic Habits - James Clear
1	19-Oct	Routines that reduce stress and increase control over time			
	27-Oct				
2	02-Nov	Character is What You Do When No-one is Watching: <i>Who are we when external rewards and consequences disappear?</i>	The Road to Character - David Brooks	Power Reveals Character - <i>Leaders under pressure - unusual and complex examples from history</i> Character examined through real-world complexity and nuance	Leadership in Turbulent Times - Doris K Goodwin
1	09-Nov	Honest choices in low-accountability moments e.g. work ethic			
2	16-Nov	Small Choices Shape Who You Can Become: <i>How is character shaped over time?</i>	The Slight Edge - Jeff Olson	Stories Shape Moral Identity - <i>Literature as moral exploration (genre of tragedy)</i> Stories we tell ourselves that shape our identity	The Stories We Live By - Ben Okri
1	23-Nov	Treat everyday actions as identity building e.g. punctuality			
2	30-Nov	Values Only Matter if they are Consistent: <i>What does it mean to live with integrity?</i>	Start with Why - Simon Sinek	Integrity is Consistency between Belief and Action - <i>Ethical frameworks, virtue, duty, consequence</i> Character as a philosophical idea rather than a set of behaviours	What's the Right Thing to Do? - Michael Sandel
1	07-Dec	Aligning actions with stated values e.g. respect and true listening			
2	14-Dec	Achievement Assemblies - delivered by HOY	N/A	Achievement Assemblies - delivered by HOY	N/A
	22-Dec				
	29-Dec				
1	04-Jan	New Year - welcome, new starts, re-focus on key expectations - delivered by HOY	N/A	New Year - welcome, new starts, re-focus on key expectations - delivered by HOY	N/A
2	11-Jan	Your Perception is not Always Your Reality: <i>How can we know when we might be wrong?</i>	Talking to Strangers - Malcolm Gladwell	Data Can Mislead as Easily as it Informs - <i>Stats, graphs, manipulation of data</i> Students develop scepticism and analytical thinking	How to Lie With Statistics - Darrell Huff
1	18-Jan	Check assumptions before forming conclusions; seek evidence			
2	25-Jan	Fast Thinking is Easy; Careful Thinking is Powerful: <i>What makes good judgement?</i>	Think Again - Adam Grant	Great Ideas Often Challenge What People Believe - <i>Paradigm shifts e.g. Copernicus</i> Scientific discoveries that disrupt accepted truths take courage	The Structure of Scientific Revolutions - Thomas Kuhn
1	01-Feb	Slow down, question assumptions and reflect before reacting			

2	08-Feb	Curiosity Requires Effort, Not Just Interest: <i>How do we move from information to understanding?</i> Asking follow up questions, go beyond the minimum expectation	Range - David Epstein	Creativity Thrives Within Constraints - <i>Elite performers focus on standards, discipline and continuous improvement</i> Using pressure, limitations and setbacks to adapt, innovate and improve performance	Relentless - Tim S Grover
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2	01-Mar	Listening is More Powerful Than Speaking: <i>What does it mean to truly understand another person?</i>	You're Not Listening - Kate Murphy	Communication is More than Words - <i>Body language, tone, performance</i> Meaning is shaped by delivery and interpretation	What Every BODY is Saying - Joe Navarro
1	08-Mar	Let others finish, summarise what they say before responding			
2	15-Mar	You can Disagree without Disrespect: <i>How should we handle disagreement?</i>	How to Have Impossible Conversations - Peter Boghossian	Language shapes how we see others - <i>Translation, cultural nuance, untranslatable concepts</i> Deepen respect through linguistic awareness	Through the Language Glass - Guy Deutscher
1	22-Mar	Use calm language, focus on ideas not individuals			
	29-Mar				
	05-Apr				
2	12-Apr	Everyone Sees the World Differently: <i>How do perspective and experience shape understanding?</i>	Outliers - Malcolm Gladwell	Societies function through shared norms and trust - <i>Social rules, identity, group behaviour</i> How communities maintain cohesion	The Tipping Point - Malcolm Gladwell
1	19-Apr	Pause to consider others' context before reacting or judging			
2	26-Apr	Courage is doing what is right when it is difficult <i>Why do people act courageously?</i>	Courage is Calling - Ryan Holiday	Innovation Requires Risk-Taking - <i>Tech pioneers, iteration, debugging, learning through failure</i> Courage is reframed as experimentation	The Innovators - Walter Isaacson
1	03-May	Speak up, persist or take responsibility, despite discomfort			
2	10-May	You are responsible for your actions not your excuses: <i>What does personal responsibility require?</i>	Extreme Ownership - Jocko Willink and Leif Babin	Speaking up has changed history - <i>Civil rights movements and activism</i> Moral courage is grounded in real impact	I am Malala - Malala Yousafzai
1	17-May	Admit mistakes quickly; focus on solutions rather than blame			
2	24-May	Leadership is Action not position: <i>How can anyone exercise leadership?</i> Step forward without waiting to be asked	Leaders Eat Last - Simon Sinek	Performance Requires Stepping into Discomfort - <i>Live performance, practice versus performance gap</i> Courage is visible and experiential	The Inner Game of Music - Barry Green and Timothy Gallwey
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2	14-Jun	Your Life is Shaped by what you Contribute: <i>What do we owe to other people?</i>	Give and Take - Adam Grant	Systems improve when individuals take responsibility - <i>Sustainability, environmental responsibility</i> Personal contribution connected to planetary impact	There is no Planet B - Mike Berners Lee
1	21-Jun	Actively support peers, school and community			
2	28-Jun	Meaning comes from Responsibility: <i>Where does meaning come from?</i>	Drive - Daniel Pink	Economies depend on contribution, not just consumption - <i>Value creation, entrepreneurship</i> Being contributors, not just participants	The Start-Up of You - Reid Hoffman and Ben Casnocha
1	05-Jul	Volunteer, take ownership, follow through			
2	12-Jul	Achievement Assemblies - delivered by HOY	N/A	Achievement Assemblies - delivered by HOY	N/A