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Dear Parent/Carer,

We have reached the end of a productive and successful half-term. The students were engaged with their learning and continued to focus on making good progress in all their lessons.

The aim of this KS4 newsletter is to keep you up to date with 'KS4 life at Beal' and to celebrate the achievements of our students. Please do not hesitate to send us any good news or special achievements that your child has achieved outside of school, and we will make sure we include this in future newsletters.

As we head into the second half of the Autumn term, we are now continuing to place a strong focus on punctuality to lessons. Please help us reinforce these good habits by talking to your child about the importance of being on time – they miss out on significant learning by being even a few minutes late to a lesson.

The last few weeks have been rich with exciting events. Please see some of the highlights below.

A reminder that the school will be shut on Friday 27th November and Monday 30th November to all students. We look forward to seeing all students back on Tuesday 1st December.

Beal Sixth Form Taster Day

On Tuesday 20th October we held our annual Beal Sixth Form Taster Day. The aim of the day was to give the opportunity to Year 11 students to experience Sixth Form lessons. We asked students to dress smartly for the occasion and they did not disappoint us!

Thank you to all parents who attended the Beal Sixth Form Open Evening. We hope you found the evening useful and that it answered most of your questions about joining the Sixth Form. If you have further questions, please look at our BSF website in the first instance. [Beal Sixth Form – One Sixth Form – Two Campuses – Three Pillars – Four Pathways](#)





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"I really liked the subjects and the way the teachers presented the lessons. It has made me confident in the subject choices I have made" - Esha Imran (11A)

"It was nice to see what the Sixth Form is like and I experienced the lessons I want to do in the future. I really liked Beal Sixth Form" - Mohammad Mirani (11A)

"Taster day is an amazing event where you choose any desired A-level subject in order to gain more knowledge and further background of the subject that you were previously unsure of. This is a great way for students at Beal to experiment with these subjects and to ensure they pick the right pathway for them." - Rosedeep Gill (11F)



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"The taster day was an eye-opening experience that introduced us, as Year 11 students, to some of the A-level options available for Year 12. The prefects and teachers were very supportive and gave us an insight into what life in Sixth Form could look like, from the assembly and Q&A session to the tour of the Sixth Form building and its study areas. During some of our taster lessons, we had the opportunity to attempt A-level-style questions and familiarise ourselves with concepts that build upon our GCSE knowledge. The day allowed me to immerse myself in the subjects I am interested in and will help shape my final decision about the options I choose to study post-16.

The BSF Open Evening was a valuable opportunity to learn more about the A-level and BTEC courses on offer and speak with both Sixth Form students and teachers. The school also highlighted the opportunities available for students to develop not only academically but also personally, becoming more confident individuals. Through the evening, I was able to explore a range of courses and potential career pathways, giving me a clearer understanding of the options available and helping me make more informed decisions about my post-16 choices" - Gursimrat Kaur (11F)

BAKE SALE - 15th of October

Well done to our Year 11 prefects for running the first bake sale of the year, raising over £200 for their Prom! The Halloween cakes were extremely popular with staff and students alike! A reminder to bring a bank card if you wish to purchase goods, as we no longer allow students to pay with their phone.



GAMING INSIGHT DAY

We held our first ever Gaming workshop with Mr Udenze on Monday 19th October – the Insight Day. Gaming for all was a chance for our pupils at Beal to interact with experts from the gaming industry. Pupils were introduced to the different careers in the gaming industry, as well as qualifications needed to get into the different career paths and how to succeed in the industry. Pupils had a chance to ask questions, work in small breakout session groups, and hear from experts in the industry about their personal journeys and experiences within the industry. In total, 15 Year 10 students took part in the event. Here is what the students had to say:



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'In today's workshop I learnt new gaming ideas and the big creativity used to create new games. I learnt how they program and design new ideas to make games more advanced and fun to play. An example of the game ideas would be when you respawn as a ghost and go to find your body'. Rifaa Azharuddin (10K)

'In today's workshop I learnt about new gaming ideas and the creativity used to make new games from young pupils around the same age as us. I learnt how they design games to their own craving not only for them, but also for others who like to play the same type of games'. Amira Kahar (10K)

'In today's workshop, I have learnt about new gaming ideas and the creativity everyone puts forward into naming their title. Furthermore, young people our age have a lot of intelligence and can make a wonderful game by coding and programming. At the end of this workshop, I have learnt to achieve that. I can now make my own game by using the right techniques and codes. Thank you!' Kristi Chowdhury (10E)



Year 11 Maths workshop

On October 21st our Year 11 top set Maths participated in a problem-solving workshop delivered by London Maths Outreach (LMO). The students spent the one-hour session tackling four problems counting things like the number of ways to stack coloured cups and the number of paths through a grid. Without spoiling the punchline, all four problems came together in the end by looking at them all from different *perspectives* (do ask your children what this entailed!) and at this point in the workshop there was a collective sigh of wonder from the students as all their hard work came together in one elegant solution.

With lots of the students having attended A Level Maths and further Maths on the previous day, it was a chance to try out problem solving and being creative with Maths: two skills which are vital for pursuing Maths related careers and which are very reminiscent of the first two pillars, innovation and critical thinking, of our very own BSF Maths School. The workshop leaders consisted of PhD students from UCL and Imperial, joined by the workshop's co-founder who was visiting from UNSW, Australia, and so it was an honour that they were so complimentary of our students afterwards.

We are very grateful to LMO for giving up their time and resources to have come on this visit Beal High school. All of the students who took part found this opportunity an amazing experience, and many left



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buzzing about the problems they had solved. We are delighted with the success of the event and look forward to welcoming LMO back to Beal soon.



Beal Student Forum

Congratulations to our newly elected Beal Student Forum 2026-27



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Taaha Sharif, 10E



Fathima Shilmy, 10I



Humaira Ahmed-Razzak, 10L



Haajra Nayer, 10C



Judi Ibrahim, 11K



Gursimrat Kaur, 11F



Rayyan Ahmad, 11J



Deen Wasil, 11L

Student forum trip to City Hall free ride on the cable cars at the Royal Docks

On Tuesday 20th October our Beal High School student forum took a trip to City Hall and over the river Thames on the IFS Cloud Cable Car. Our students had a chance to learn about the workings of the Greater London Assembly and the Mayor of London as well as having an opportunity to watch members of the London Assembly questioning experts on the accuracy of TFL's forecasting. It was a great day!



'We found the trip very entertaining: there was lots to see and we learnt a lot about how things work in City Hall. We especially found the cable car very fun and the view was breathtaking' - Haajra Nayer (10C) and Fathima Shilmy (10I)

Year 10 prefects



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Congratulations to the following students for being appointed to the very top of the Year 10 prefect team! The other prefects' names and roles and responsibilities will be confirmed later this week.

Head Girl – Sharan Sidhu (10K)

Deputy Head Girl – Serena Sanghera (10K)

Head Boy – Zachariyah Hussain (10K)

Deputy Head Boy – Taran Kalsi (10J)



INTERVENTIONS

There are lots of interventions taking place across the school. Where these are compulsory, parents have been emailed the details. These provide tailored support to help the students prepare for exams – leaving it until after mocks is too late! Please see below some of the interventions taking place, and who should attend.



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Year 11 Interventions – Autumn 2026

Weekly overview of subject intervention and support sessions

● Lunchtime ● After school

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Geography 15:15–16:15 Rooms 53 & 56 Ms George-Francis & Ms Arulseelan	French 13:30–14:00 Room 116 Mr Suf	German 13:30–14:00 Room 113 Ms Atwal	Sociology 13:30–14:00 Room 12 Mr Dale	Media 13:30–14:00 Room 1 Ms Jaber
Computing 15:20–16:20 Rooms 86 & 78 Ms Fatima & Mr Jackson	Spanish 13:30–14:00 Room 115 Ms Dudley-Hart	Media 13:30–14:00 Room 1 Ms Jaber	Religious Studies 13:40–14:00 Room 111 Mr Ahmed	
History 15:10–16:10 Room 64 Ms Ahmed	Computing 13:30–14:00 Room 78 Mr Jackson	Computing 15:20–16:20 Room 98 Mr Masood	Food & Textiles 15:15–16:00 Room 86 (lower site) Ms D'Silva & Ms Fairweather	
		Economics 15:10–16:10 Room SF4 Ms Patel, Ms Sultana, Mr Payton & Mr Abdirizak		
		Food & Textiles 15:15–16:00 Room 86 (lower site) Ms D'Silva & Ms Fairweather		

Year 11 Interventions: who and what

Target students and session focus by day

Day	Subject	Time	Room	Staff	Target students	Focus
Monday	Geography	15:15–16:15	Rooms 53 & 56	Ms George-Francis & Ms Arulseelan	Underachieving by 3+ grades / at risk of not achieving a grade 4	Paper 1 until mocks, then Papers 2 and 3
	Computing	15:20–16:20	Rooms 86 & 78	Ms Fatima & Mr Jackson	GCSE Computer Science and CamNat IT	Exam practice, all specification topics
	History	15:10–16:10	Room 64	Ms Ahmed	All students	All History topics
Tuesday	French	13:30–14:00	Room 116	Mr Suf	–	–
	Spanish	13:30–14:00	Room 115	Ms Dudley-Hart	–	–
	Computing	13:30–14:00	Room 78	Mr Jackson	K54 and K55 programming	Programming
Wednesday	German	13:30–14:00	Room 113	Ms Atwal	–	–
	Media	13:30–14:00	Room 1	Ms Jaber	Grade 3/4	Revision for Component 1
	Computing	15:20–16:20	Room 98	Mr Masood	GCSE Computer Science / A Level	Exam practice, all specification topics
	Economics	15:10–16:10	Room SF4	Ms Patel, Ms Sultana, Mr Payton & Mr Abdirizak (rotation)	Grade 3 and below	Short questions and knowledge retrieval
	Food & Textiles	15:15–16:00	Room 86 (lower site)	Ms D'Silva & Ms Fairweather	GCSE Food students who miss lessons or are behind with the NEA	NEA: Food Science Investigation to Christmas; Food Preparation assessment to Easter
Thursday	Sociology	13:30–14:00	Room 12	Mr Dale	3+ grades from target (named list submitted)	Exam paper practice, content and key skills
	Religious Studies	13:40–14:00	Room 111	Mr Ahmed	All welcome; mainly grade 3 and below, plus teacher referrals	Exam focus and key terms/concepts
	Food & Textiles	15:15–16:00	Room 86 (lower site)	Ms D'Silva & Ms Fairweather	As Wednesday	As Wednesday
Friday	Media	13:30–14:00	Room 1	Ms Jaber	Grade 3 and below	Revision for Component 1

Sporting news
Football



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Congratulations to Zion Olusoto in 11A for being selected to represent Essex County Schools versus Independent Schools Association. If you see Zion around, please wish him all the best. We are rooting for him!



Taekwondo

Judi Ibrahim competed in a national Taekwondo competition on the 2nd of October. Although she didn't win gold, she did extremely well, performing at her best and managing to secure a bronze medal. In one of her matches, Judi fought a competitor who is used to international fights, so this was a fantastic achievement for her.



Year 11 football

The Year 11 team had their first game of the academic year on September 28th and they kicked off with a win against Trinity! The boys displayed a great show of togetherness, resilience and perseverance which led them to this deserved win. Mr Masasu, the team's coach, wanted to highlight Areez, Gareth and King for showing



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great prowess and determination throughout the match. We are excited to see what more the boys have in store for us this year!



Year 10 football

There have been two games so far in Year 10: one against Oaks Park, where Beal won, and one against Trinity where we drew.

The player of the match for the Trinity game was Zander and the player of the match in our 4-2 win against Oaks Park was Ebenizer.



Ebenizer Theophilus, 10D



Zander Howdle-Rowe, 10A

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

Week 14th September – 18th September

Year 10

1st – Rahim Sarkar (10L)

Year 11

1st – Zacharia Saeed (11B)



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2nd – Yousuf Choudhury (10J)

2nd – Anya Jhalli (11F)

3rd – Lewis Naing (10L)

3rd – Alessandro Mosti (11L)

Week 21st September – 25th September

Year 10

1st – Aun Muhammad (10G)

2nd – Ela Su Yilmaz (10D)

3rd – Raiyaan Bhuta (10L)

Year 11

1st – Zeeshan Ahmed (11C)

2nd – Hassan Zaman (11L)

3rd – Aadam Vawda (11F)

Week 28th September – 2nd October

Year 10

1st – Adam Abdul-Ghaffar (10I)

2nd – Angie Ip (10B)

3rd – Sharan Sidhu (10K)

Year 11

1st – Tahlil Raafie (11E)

2nd – Iliya Agyeman (11A)

3rd – Adam Bhuta (11E)

Week 5th October – 9th October

Year 10

1st – Lara Joshi (10J)

2nd – Mursal Hassanzadeh (10L)

3rd – Rozaliya Kovacheva (10J)

Year 11

1st – Krish Sivakumar (11F)

2nd – Tahmed Ahmed (11G)

3rd – Milap Patel (11G)

Coming up...

Mock exams

Mock exams will be taking place week beginning December 1st. Further details will be shared right after the holiday including arrangements for practical mock examinations.

Enrichment days

A reminder that all students will be off timetable on November 10th to take part in a range of exciting enrichment visits and activities. For more details, please see [KS4-BealEnrichmentDaysLetter2.10.26 \(1\).pdf](#)



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WHY ARE WE DOING THIS?

Because a great education goes beyond the classroom.

London is on our doorstep: world-class museums, universities, employers and open spaces. We want every one of you to make the most of it.

Guaranteed for every student

Across our Trust, every young person gets experiences in five areas:


Civic engagement


Arts & culture


The outdoors


Sport


Life & future skills

So that you build...

Confidence

Trying new things and new places

Curiosity

Asking questions about the world

Cultural capital

Knowledge and experiences that open doors



Open to everyone: no one misses out because of cost.

Reminders...

Sixth Form references

If a student is applying to a Sixth Form or college, they should give the following contact for Beal High School: year11references@bealhighschool.co.uk. All references will be written by the Year 11 team via this email.

Communication

I want to highlight the important role parental involvement plays in our shared mission. Parents and carers are key partners in a child's development and parental trust in our school is crucial. The only way schools can be effective is through open and honest 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.

Attendance

At Beal High School we are highly focused on excellent attendance and punctuality. Every day your child is absent is a lost opportunity at school. Therefore, we expect all our students to attend school every day, on time and ready to learn. For a child to reach their full educational potential, a high level of school attendance is essential.

It is your responsibility as parents and carers to ensure your child attends every day, on time. If your child is absent, you must remember to email or phone the school to inform us of your child's absence each day. If you don't contact the school with an explanation, this will be recorded as an unauthorised absence. Please avoid making non-urgent medical/dental appointments for your child during school hours. If you do, please bring them in before or after their appointment.

I am sure you are all aware that the Department for Education (DfE) has put in place statutory guidance with regard to school attendance. I'm taking this opportunity to remind you that holidays will not be authorised during term time and you may face a fixed penalty notice (PN). PNs have risen from £60 to £80,



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if paid within 21 days. The PNs are issued to each parent for each child that was absent, e.g. if three siblings are absent for term time leave, this would result in each parent receiving three separate fines.

Calendar 27-28

Please see below the calendar for next academic year: [BMAT-SCHOOL-TERM-AND-HOLIDAY-DATES-2027-28.pdf](#)

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

Kind regards

Cecilia Chantaduc
Vice Principal & Head of Upper School

Nimi Matharu
Assistant Principal KS4

Harry Williamson
Assistant Principal KS4

Jamal Salem, Head of Year 10

Andrew Round, Head of Year 11