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| **Tel**: Tennison Road 020-8289-4701  **Tel:** Alverston Gardens020-8768-5501 | | | January – **March 2024** | |
| **Spring Term Assemblies**  Students enjoyed a number of assemblies centred around various important topics:   * Human Rights Day * Children’s Mental Health Week * National Careers Week * British Science Week * International Women’s Day   We had the pleasure of inviting local author Graham Whitlock to deliver an exciting, creative workshop for **World Book Day** and discuss how the local area inspired him to write his books.  A person sitting in front of a bookshelf  Description automatically generated  **English**  Congratulations to Our Poetry Superstars!  A huge round of applause to our incredible students who absolutely nailed the poetry competition! We are thrilled to announce that their outstanding work has earned them the amazing opportunity to get their poems published. Talk about talent! Keep shining, poets! Also, a huge well done to all our students for tackling their exams with determination and focus! Now, as we await the results, we're sending loads of luck your way.  **Maths**  As we reflect on this term, we are thrilled to share promising advancements in student performance. From unravelling complex formulas to embracing numerical patterns, our students have shown remarkable growth and dedication. Throughout the term, our teachers have developed an environment where curiosity thrives and problem-solving skills flourish. A remarkable number of students have undertaken their Functional Skills Level 1 and 2 examinations. Well done to all! | **SPRING TERM**  **NEWSLETTER** | | | |
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|  | **Headteachers Message**  Dear Parents/Carers, Students and Staff,  As we near the end of the Spring Term, I wanted to express my gratitude to all members of our school/college community. With the arrival of spring, let us welcome the opportunities it brings for growth, learning, and renewal. In this term, let us continue to nurture curiosity, creativity, and resilience in our students, enabling them to excel academically, socially, and emotionally.  As a college, we strive to provide a supportive environment for all our students where they feel valued and encouraged to reach their full potential. With collaboration and dedication, I am happy to say that we have had a successful and fulfilling term.  I would like to wish everyone a happy Easter break!  **Art**  **A colorful drawing of different faces  Description automatically generated with medium confidence**  One of our year 11 students has been looking at the work of the famous street artist Kenny Scharf as part of his Arts Award; this is his own work in the style of the artist. | | **Important Dates:**  Monday 15th April 2024 - **Academic Review Day, start of Summer Term**  Monday 6th May 2024 - **Bank Holiday**  Tuesday 7th May - **INSET Day**  Monday 13th May - **Start of Summer GCSE exams.**  Monday 27th - **Friday 31st May Half-term**  Wednesday 24th July - **Break-up 12.30pm for Summer Holidays.**  *If you have any questions*  *that you would like to ask the Head Teacher, please scan the QR code and fill in the form.*  A qr code with red squares  Description automatically generated  **Clubs / Enrichment**  **Table Tennis club:**  Table Tennis Club will start from Thursday 18th April 2024 every Thursday after school from 2.30pm-3.30pm. We are delighted to have external Table Tennis coaches coming in to train our students, giving them a great opportunity to develop their table tennis skills. If your child would like to participate, please ask them to let me know so that their names will be added to the list.  **Lego club:**  Technic Lego club will commence in the summer term. Please advise your tutor if you wish to join.  **Reading club:**  12.30 - 1pm. Come and enjoy a book and a bite to eat every Wednesday!  All places are limited and will be offered on a first come first served basis. |
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**Behaviour**

Beckmead College has experienced a remarkable transformation in student behaviour, attributable to a multifaceted approach towards fostering a positive learning environment.

The following students have gained the most bonus points from September to March:

1st place - Shayden Lewis with 871 points

2nd place - McKenzie Smith with 858 points

3rd place - Joel Nelson with 645 points

Well done boys!

**P4YE Mentoring Programme**

In a transformative stride towards empowering youth, the Partnership for Youth Empowerment (P4YE) has been making waves with their innovative mentoring programme. Aimed at guiding students towards brighter futures, this initiative has gathered significant attention for its profound impact on young lives. P4YE's mentoring program stands out for its holistic approach, pairing students with professionals who provide invaluable guidance and support. From the beginning, P4YE's mentoring programme has left a lasting mark on students, in particular Jose and Joshua both in year 10. Through weekly interactions with their mentors, they have gained crucial insight, acquired practical skills and are better able to manage their emotions. We are really proud of our students who have completed the programme with such a mature attitude.

**Reading at Beckmead**

One of our key priorities is to develop literacy across the curriculum. Students now have an ongoing opportunity to access the **Bedrock** online literacy programme. Bedrock learning targets and improves the elements of language that underpin reading comprehension and communication. Bedrock teaches Tier 2 vocabulary alongside ambitious Tier 3 subject-specific vocabulary and curriculum-aligned grammar content through a range of fiction and nonfiction texts. Look out for the code we will soon be sharing so that you can login to see the progress that your child is making.

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**Science Week**

To celebrate Science Week KS4 pupils benefitted from an intriguing showcase of Science in its capacity of Time and Space. They enjoyed an interactive workshop on the 13th March alongside an Exhibition of archives and various demonstrations on the theme of Space and Time.

The Royal Observatory in Greenwich provided a Live assembly on artefacts and students competed in our Water Clock experiment, guessing the 'time' taken for 100mls of water to pass through the Water Clock.  There were also other 'Time' based games which students and staff enjoyed.

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**Next Steps**

This term we had a visit from Chelsea Football Club, who have partnered with Stanmore College to deliver a two-year Football Education programme for post 16 students. Students gained an understanding of what they will be learning on the programme, the hours they would be training, what the training looks like, what leagues and competitions they could participate in and what football opportunities are available outside of the College. Students also participated in a football session which allowed them to experience the level of training offered on the programme. Next term, we are planning to take students to the Football College’s training facility in Crystal Palace, where they will participate in a full day of education and football training by Chelsea FC.

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**Careers Education, Information Advice & Guidance - CEIAG**

What a lovely kickstart to the Spring Term our career department has had with students from KS4 & KS5 visiting Sandown Racecourse – the LARGEST apprenticeship show in England and Wales.  There students enjoyed meaningful encounters with a whole host of different businesses and organisations offering a range of apprenticeships. Also, if that wasn’t enough, students were invited to the prestigious head offices of Wilmott Dixon, to spend a day in the life of an employee in one of the largest Construction companies in the UK.

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