

## AUTUMN TERM NEWSLETTER



### Maths

This term has been extremely busy with students taking their maths mock exams and Functional Skills exams. Students behaved in an exemplary fashion, and we are expecting some promising exam results early next year.

**James Mensah**

### Music / Media

Some great work this term, in particular we have a first in that Sultan has introduced a podcast called "Tuesday Talks" based around football, sport and general knowledge. These will be airing in the new term accessed through the college website! He has shown great maturity to get ahead in terms of the level 2 coursework for both music and film.

**James McKinley**

### Citizenship

Year 11 students approached their mock exams with great maturity. We have been able to use the results to great effect reflecting on areas for development. Well done to all of year 11 for your hard work this term.

**Ainsley Beckford**

### PSHE

This term year 12 have been looking at "financial choices" and are learning key information which will be relevant as a young adult. Congratulations to Joshua for 100% attendance and completion of the module!

Year 13 have been working on the drugs and alcohol unit and have been very mature and engaged in their learning.

**Elisha Desportes**

### Message from our Headteacher

As we come to the end of a very busy term we reflect on just how well the Beckmead community pulled together to undertake their mock exams with a great maturity and 'can do' attitude. We have enjoyed many successes with students completing work experience in the local community.

We hope that the break will give students and staff an opportunity to rest and return in good health. May I take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support and I wish you a peaceful break with loved ones.

We look forward to welcoming students back on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

**Michael Nelson-Langaigne**

### Art

Well done to all for some spectacular work completed this term. Curtis and Sultan are both working towards a GCSE, and are currently working on a personal project under the Theme : Past, Present and /or Future.

They have both chosen imaginative and exciting ideas to work on; Curtis is making a suit based on the 1950's styled movie Grease, and in particular using the motif of the Red and White Grease car as his inspiration for the suit.

The Art department has invested in a new sewing machine to help him put together his creation. He intends to make the suit from scratch including dyeing the material himself. Sultan has chosen to create his own comic book, where he is creating his own characters and original story. He is storyboarding the whole comic and will complete 2-3 full colour final pages. I could tell you more ...but I don't want to give too much of the story away!

Oliver, Kymani and Louis are working towards an Arts Award. They are currently working on 3-D projects. Kymani has been making a well out of clay and wood and has painted it. Oliver is making a landscape diorama with model making. Louis has started making a 'model' Japanese sword in wood. Previously they have been working on drawing using pencil and charcoal.

**Rachel Russell**



### P.E / Health and Fitness

Forget the world cup, this term students took on the *Beckmead Table Tennis Tournament* with quarter finals currently underway! Finals will take place in January, well done to all who participated and a special mention to those who got through to the quarter finals: Daniel, Gerrell, Jamie, Adem, Kai, Tyla, Mohamed and Jack.

The P.E department has made the decision to select a new vocational qualification for our students which we feel will be more appropriate for our students in terms of being more practical and less theory to complete during the course. This will be the Cambridge National Certificate in Sports Studies (Level 1 and Level 2). Current year 10 students will be working towards this qualification.

**Janio Cruz**



### Catering and Hospitality

Students have worked incredibly well preparing and cooking food for 70 staff and students! They have also been serving staff and students, demonstrating that they have the ability to work in a fast -paced environment that demands excellent customer care. I would like to thank all year 11 and 12 students for all their hard work and dedication this term. Have a happy and festive break!

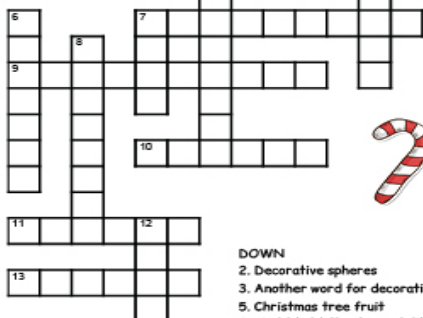
**Anthony Crookendale**

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## Christmas Decorating

### ACROSS

1. Used to wrap a present
4. Decoration for a banister
7. Striped and sweet
9. Used to open a walnut
10. Door decoration
11. Many times these are strung together
13. Glitter for the tree



### DOWN

2. Decorative spheres
3. Another word for decorations
5. Christmas tree fruit
6. Might light the dinner table
7. Place where greetings are found
8. Hung by the chimney
12. Might be cedar, fir or pine

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## Science

For the first time, the science department entered four year 10s for the GCSE Biology Mock Exam! The challenge was relished by the year 10s as they gained valuable first-hand experience of the conditions and expectations required for exams. The year 11s also took on the challenge of their mocks as they were fully in exam mode. The boys did themselves proud as they were able to manage throughout the exam period completing both papers 1 and 2. The duration of the combined papers was 3 hours and 30 minutes, boys we commend you on your excellent performance. We now need you to remain focused, with a few months to prepare for GCSE and those taking entry level to continue completing the assignments and tests in class. From the Science Team have a wonderful Christmas break and see you all next year rested and ready to finish what has been started.

Lloyd Burke

## Student Council

The PlayStation that was voted for and agreed on last term has been going down a treat keeping students occupied at break time especially during this snowy, icy weather with FIFA tournaments underway at both sites! If your child would like to be part of the school council they too can help to shape our school community, speak to Dawn Fortt about being part of this.

Steve Cobbett



# STUDENT COUNCIL

## Careers Related Learning

This term, students have enjoyed rich careers related learning opportunities. They have engaged with Further & Higher Education providers, organisations and employers to hear first-hand about the different routes and options available in them.

The team from the Department for Work & Pensions have been delivering exciting workshops that have focussed on employability, digital footprints, Curriculum Vitae writing and interview skills.

Students have also had Employer encounters from the Metropolitan Police Recruitment team who came in and shared their career journeys and experience working within the Met.

We hosted an Army Careers Day that consisted of fun team building activities, testimonials from soldiers who shared their personal career journeys and the many different career prospects available within the army.

Students attended the National, Schools & College Leaver show at Ascot Racecourse and the Careers Opportunity Fair at Selhurst football ground. These types of events deepen our students' understanding of different career pathways and routes available which enables them to make informed decisions about their next steps and further career choices.

Gina Higgins



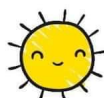
## Vocational areas (VOC)

The vocational areas have been as busy as ever. Learners have been encouraged to participate in the improvement of areas, this has resulted in some fantastic work from making shelves and hanging them to preparing walls for work. In carpentry a new sign was made and fixed to the wall above the door to the workshop, what a great job they did! We wish all staff and learners a very happy holiday and look forward to seeing everyone refreshed and ready to start a new year.

Brian Jones and team

## Self-Care & Mental Health for Kids

Share your own feelings to encourage self-awareness.



Find social groups that help them feel like they belong.



Set aside time for low-stress or solo activities.



Focus on articulating feelings.

Encourage journaling and diaries.

Practice self-care for yourself to set the standard.

"I am angry," "I am sad."

Encourage your child to focus on the moment.



Establish a self-care routine.

Recognize toxic stress events.

Blessing Manifesting

Cultivate interests and hobbies.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing support and wish you all peace and joy at this time of year. We hope it gives students and staff the opportunity to rest and enjoy precious time with friends and family. Please note the students' first day back is **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2023**.