

MECHANICS

Students have worked really hard this year, working towards receiving their Diploma in Motor Vehicle Mechanics. We have had 2 students that have been offered a 2-Year Apprenticeship Programme with Kwik-Fit and the possibility of a career as Technicians. Our mechanics also enjoyed a trip to Mercedes Benz World. The students had the opportunity to take a look at the first Mercedes made as well as the latest models driven on the roads today, in addition to seeing the Formula F1 vehicles made.



I would like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to all Beckmead Staff for their support in my role as Staff Governor and for filling in the staff survey (which will give you all a voice in the next Governors meeting). It is nice to see that the majority of students have resumed to a routine of normality at Beckmead College (since the pandemic) thanks to the great work of staff and the student's resilience in wanting to achieve. Well done all!

MATHS

We at the maths department are very happy with the improvement the students have made, resulting in students in both year 10 and year 11 achieving qualifications in maths. We are happy to report that 50% of students have passed Functional skills level 1 and 33% of students have passed their Functional skills level 2. Preparation to GCSE's have gone really well with students staying in at break or after school to do extra studying. We can't wait to find out the results in August as we expect good results.

SUMMER TERM NEWSLETTER

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE!

This has been a challenging year for all. I am so proud of how students have conducted themselves, showing resilience, determination and creativity during such demanding circumstances, also sitting their exams with a resolute and unwavering maturity.

Beckmead College has been supporting local organisations within the community. Memorable moments have been performing Christmas carols for the Brookhurst Court Housing Residential home, and students and staff building a greenhouse and planting flowers for them to enjoy.

July saw our first sports day in 3 years at Norman Park which was a triumph, everyone enjoyed the event and there were some personal best times recorded! Lastly, I would like to thank you all for continuing to support our students, staff, parents and carers.

Michael Nelson-Langaine

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Beckmead College school council represents the voice of students. Our councillors (who were elected by their class) have done some great work this year. Their achievements include:

Participation in Croydon Youth Forum, which develops policies and projects for young people in Croydon with the local council.

Meeting with our premises manager to discuss some building issues.

Arranging a social trip for the Tennison Road site year 10 students.

We would like to thank our current councillors for their enthusiasm and the mature attitude they have shown!

YEAR 11 & 13 LEAVERS AWARDS

This year we were unable to hold a graduation but would like to say a massive goodbye to all our year 11 and year 13 leavers.

A special well done goes out to the following students who won an award voted for, by all members of the Beckmead College staff team, they are:

- **Isaiah Paul-Wolff** and **Jordon Lewis** for Academic Excellence
- **Abdulahi Adaw**, **Kayley Waters** & **Kaden Turay** for the Kindness Award
- **Cameron James-Nile** for the Spectacular Sportsman Award
- **Lewis King** for the Headteachers Award

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!

EXAMS 2022

Firstly, I would like to congratulate all students that took part in the GCSE and Functional Skills exams this year. The way that the students conducted themselves, staying fully focused and giving their all was excellent. The exams this year have not been easy for the majority of students as this is their first time sitting formal exams due to COVID.

A reminder for all students that sat GCSE's, you are able to collect your results on **Thursday 25th August between 10.30 - 11.30am** the college (Tennison Road site). Unfortunately, results cannot be posted home. They can be emailed to the student if an email is provided. If you would like this to happen please email: mallen10@beckmeadtrust.org before **Wednesday 24th August**.

Finally, I wish all students not returning next year good luck in



A special shoutout to Lewis King who was awarded our prestigious Headteachers award!

CAREERS

Two of our Beckmead students have now received paid job offers from their work experience - Hooray!

The British Army Career Outreach Event: We recently welcomed the recruiting team from the British Army to deliver some fantastic career workshops and team building activities to our year 10, 11, 12 & 13 students. A military police officer gave a talk on his career journey into the army and showed students some videos about the different training opportunities available to them.

Students then took part in activities led by non-commissioning officers from the Scots guard Infantry and Rifleman regiments.

University Visits: Raising students aspiration is at the heart of our careers programme. This year students visited both Kingston and Surrey University. Students were given guided tours around campus - visiting lecture rooms, living accommodations (dorms) and sporting facilities.

More and more Beckmead students are becoming work ready for a career in construction due to them achieving their Construction Skills Certification Scheme (CSCS) qualification. This undoubtedly provides students with greater opportunities to secure paid employment once they leave us, as most contractors and major builders within the UK require anyone working on building sites to hold a valid CSCS card.



VOCATIONAL

This academic year has been an exciting time for the vocational area, we have seen some amazing projects from our pupils who have given 100% effort, ensuring quality and style. Projects include making a bench from recycled material and refurbishing tables.

Staff embraced the opportunity to deliver standalone City and Guilds qualifications for year 12 and 13 students. The change in our delivery of subjects means that students can specialise in their chosen vocational area.

This term the vocational department reached out to the community with all year groups helping to build and restore a very tired summer house for our local residential care home (for the elderly). Residents and staff were amazed at the outcome of this project, in addition we restored a bench to keep the area looking fresh and inviting. As the Vocational manager I couldn't be prouder of the vocational staff stepping up and pushing to get the very best for every pupil.



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 the summer break.

Please note the students' first day back is **Wednesday 7th September 2022** with a target setting meeting for parents and carers on the **5th & 6th September 2022**.