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September - December 2023



Important dates for the diary!

Thursday 22nd December 2023:
School closes at 12:30pm

Monday 8th January 2023:
Teachers INSET day.

Tuesday 9th January 2024:
Academic Review Day (Parents Evening).

Wednesday 10th January 2024:
KS4 & KS5 start of Spring term.



Careers Department

This has been a really exciting term for Beckmead College's Careers Related Learning Programme. Over 15 of our students have received an offer for regular Work Experience. KS4 & KS5 students have taken part in some amazing Apprenticeship & Traineeship workshops facilitated by the Department of Work and Pensions, The Education Development Trust, and The Ministry of Defence.

In addition, this term students visited the London Learning Consortium's new training centre and took part in a new state of the Art 2D & 3D Gaming Design lesson.

AUTUMN TERM NEWSLETTER 2023

Season's greetings to parents, carers and professionals.

What a term, where do I start?

I am pleased to report that the number of students on roll has increased, and attendance levels have increased.

Students attended several workshops around knife crime awareness through the Ben Kinsella Trust, which they enjoyed and found informative.

Beckmead Staff was fortunate enough to play a staff football match against Evelyn Grace Academy which we lost 6 – 4, however well done to staff for their team spirit!

Overall, it has been a great term with many positives. Most importantly, I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Best Wishes from Michael Nelson.

Huge congratulations to these students who achieved the following awards:

SLT Excellent Effort:

Kahlil, Kelly, Logan, Joel, Levi, Monica, Zakiyah, Mathew, Zen, Stephen, Kyrell, Ryan, Joshua, Malachi & Abdulahi.

100% Attendance:

Owen & Kyrell.

90% Attendance:

Joshua, Jack, Kymani, Kelly, Stephen, Isaiah, Ryan, Josh, Zacharia, Jose, Mathew, Zen, Jahmari, Daniel, Dejanae, Sean, Malachi & Jamie.

Art

This term the year 10 students have been designing and printing their T-shirts and the year 11s have been making Pop Art style self-portraits.

Year 12 students have embarked upon their AS level course and are working on the theme of 'Comic Book Heroes and Villains'. Our A Level student has chosen the theme of 'Memento Mori' for their Personal Investigation. Have a great Christmas all.



Exams/Exit Routes

Year 11 students considered their exit routes for when they leave Beckmead next Summer and college applications were completed for the desired colleges and courses.

Parents and carers please look out for important communication from colleges as your children will be called to visit and interview before they receive a conditional or unconditional place.

Well done to all for your hard work this term. Enjoy your Christmas break. See you in the Spring term.



P4YE

Project 4 Youth Empowerment (P4YE) is a Community Interest Company working with young people who are involved in, (or on the verge of) criminality, unemployed, or not in education or training. They offer dedicated tailored programmes for young people in schools.

P4YE is currently working at Beckmead College assisting young people by offering a range of support such as group and 1:1 mentoring.

<https://www.p4ye.co.uk/>

The Diana Trust

The charity has run an in-house 12-week mentoring programme with our year 11 students. Congratulations to all who completed the course. <https://diana-award.org.uk/>



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Maths

As we conclude this term, it brings us great pleasure to reflect on the remarkable achievements of our students. The transition of the new Year 10 cohort has been exceptionally smooth, and their dedication to excellence is evident. We are delighted to announce that Owen and Kahlil have excelled in both the Entry 3 exams and Functional Skills level 1 and Level 2 maths mock exams. Additionally, Alfie has demonstrated commendable proficiency by also passing his Functional Skills exam. As we look ahead to the upcoming year, the maths department is optimistic about setting new records and achieving even greater milestones. Our commitment to fostering a conducive learning environment remains unwavering, and we anticipate continued success from our students. Wishing everyone a joyous Christmas and an early Happy New Year. May the festive season be filled with warmth, happiness, and the spirit of accomplishment.

PSD

Year 10's worked hard this term completing Healthy Living and Managing Social Relationships units. Year 11's completed the Managing Money unit with Joel and Alfie visiting Sainsbury's and successfully purchasing items using the self-checkout. Well done guys and Merry Christmas everyone.

Science:

The Science department completed component 3 of the curriculum which is chemistry. Students completed assessments and practicals for both GCSE and Entry level. We carried out experiments such as burning magnesium oxide and oxygen which gives off a bright white light. We also explored chromatography and created crime scenes to analyse how forensic scientists use chromatography for evidence. This gave a valuable insight into careers in science. A special mention to Tommy for his excellent practical work and effort levels during this term as he built amazing rockets and a boxing bag to show the transfer of energy.

English

During the Autumn term we have been developing Reading skills - congratulations to Matthew, Zen, Stephen, Joshua, Rayen and Joel who have all passed their reading assessments and to Zac for passing both reading and writing assessments. We have also been working on transactional writing: formal letters, explanations, articles, instructions and emails.

Some students took their Level 1 and Level 2 mocks and live exams at the beginning of December and the English department is delighted with how all students conducted themselves. A specific well done to Owen and Kahlil in year 10 who both took their functional skills exams early. We are looking forward to some cracking results!

During the cost of living crisis, please note that the following places are running different offers during the festive period:



moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free

MORRISONS

Spend £4.49 and get one free kids meal all day, every day.

BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

ASDA

Kids eat for £1 All Day, Every Day at Asda cafes, with no adult spend required.

SIZZLING PUBS

Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm, kids' mains are £1 with every adult meal.

THE REAL GREEK

Free Kids Meal for every £10 spent by an adult from Friday 22nd December 2023 until Sunday 7th January 2024.

TRAVELODGE & PREMIER INN

Buy 1 Adult Breakfast from just £8.99 & up to two kids eat breakfast for free

TGI FRIDAYS

Kids Eat Free When 'Stripes Rewards Members' buy any adult meal (Via App)

HUNGRY HORSE

Kids eat for £1 on Mondays

IKEA

Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

SAINSBURYS CAFES

Kids eat for £1 with the purchase of an adult hot main. From 11:30am every day.

GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS

Kids under 8 eat FREE all day, every day at selected Gordon Ramsay restaurants

BELLA ITALIA

Children eat for £1 with any adult main. The offer is valid 4-6pm Mon to Thurs.

WHITBREAD INNS

Two kids under 16 eat for FREE with every adult breakfast purchased

PRETO

Kids up to age 10 eat free all day on weekends and from 4pm weekdays with paying adults at Preto in Half Terms

PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM

Kids get 1 mini main, 2 snacks & a drink FREE with every £4 spend after 3pm

TABLE TABLE

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

FUTURE INNS

Under 5s eat for free with any adult meal.

NOT ANNOUNCED...

M&S, Tesco, YO! Sushi & Bills

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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 students and staff have the opportunity to rest and enjoy precious time with friends and family.