

Beckmead College

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Visit to Wembley University and Stadium

Key Stage 4 and 5 students enjoyed an exciting trip to Wembley University and Stadium. The day began with an engaging tour of the university where students explored the campus, learned about various courses and gained valuable insights into higher education opportunities.

In the afternoon, students had the chance to step into the iconic Wembley Stadium. They toured behind-the-scenes areas, including the changing rooms and the press conference suite, they even walked through the tunnel onto the pitch! It was an unforgettable experience and served to highlight how hard work and determination is key to achieving goals, whether academic or sports. Thank you to all for making this trip such a success!



Academic review day

Our academic review day is **Monday 6th January 2025** where you will get the opportunity to discuss your child's progress and collect your Autumn Term report. We hope to meet you all then!



Headteacher's reflection

As we reach the end of this term, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on what has been a truly remarkable few months at Beckmead College.

It has been a privilege to step up into the role as your new headteacher. I've been very impressed by the dedication, enthusiasm and resilience demonstrated by our students. They have shown a commitment to their learning that is inspiring and their kindness and respect for one another have been pleasing to see. This dedication was never more evident than in the Year 11 Mock Exams and Functional Skills windows, where all students applied themselves fully. Hopefully, there will be some pleasing results.

I would like to extend my gratitude to you for your support to your children and our school. Whether it's attending school events, helping with homework, or encouraging positive attitudes at home, your contributions make a significant difference.

As we head into the break, I encourage everyone to take time to rest and recharge. I wish you all a peaceful and enjoyable break. Mark Allen



Author visit

This term we gave a warm Beckmead welcome to Imran Ahmed, author of "The Perfect Gentlemen - A Muslim boy meets the West". He delivered an engaging and humorous narrative to the whole school and talked about his journey to become a published author. All students were captivated by his storytelling where he shared some of his personal experiences and the challenges that he faced. Many students have asked to read the book, and we now have signed copies for our students to enjoy.

Vocational Skills

Students have been working on a Construction Units for the Workplace unit (towards their City and Guilds qualification) in carpentry.

In electrics students learned how to test wires to make sure that there is a flow of continuity and to make sure everything is working correctly.

KS5 have worked hard this term working towards the City and Guilds Level 1 Certificate in Bricklaying. KS4 have also been getting on with project work and are on track to complete and gain the City and Guilds Entry Level 3 award.

In home cooking pupils have worked well this term. They have made some delicious dishes such as: chicken tray bake, bread rolls and brownies. Students have learnt lots of new skills which we hope they will now be able to put into practice at home.

Art

In AS level Art, students have been creating digital artwork based on the comic book characters they have developed. This is Zak's character 'Vulcanisation'; he was inspired by the artistic styles of the famous comic book artists, Todd McFarlane and David Mazzuchelli.



New Sports Enrichments Kick Off This Term!

Football Club Wednesday (2:30 PM - 3:30 PM)

Table Tennis Club Thursdays (2:30 PM - 3:30 PM)

Basketball Club Fridays Period 6 (1:45 PM - 2:30 PM)

We encourage everyone to get involved, stay active, and try something new. Come and give them a try!



Behaviour

The College has seen significant levels of effort across all year groups, with many students demonstrating commitment, respect, and excellence.

Students with the most achievement points

Luke C – Year 10 - 427 points

Stephen A – Year 13 - 404 points

Ryan H – Year 13 - 380 - points

Class with the highest collective achievement points

11A has earned 2041 collective points this term.

Year group attendance stars

Year 11: Owen E - 98.28%

Year 10: Zephaniah GB - 96.55%

Year 13: Stephen A - 96.4%

Year 12: Tyshaun A - 96.26%



Special mention

Xavier of 12A has been particularly successful in carpentry and bricklaying and has now started completing extension work due to his great focus, attitude and attendance. Well done to you!

Thank you for setting such a high standard for your peers. Keep striving for excellence and demonstrating positive behaviour both in and out of the classroom.



Maths & English Exams

Students have settled and engaged well this term. They have built confidence and resilience for Maths and English which has enabled them to sit both mock and qualification exams.

Well done to all!