



Bentley Wood High School



Newsletter February 2022

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Spring Concert

Wednesday 2nd March 2022
6.30-9.15pm

Tickets on sale via ParentPay

Adults £3.50
Children under 5's/pupil/Concession (over 60's) £2
Family ticket (2 adults 2 children) £9



Don't forget to check our website for regular news updates:

www.bentleywood.harrow.sch.uk



Message from the headteacher

Dear parent/ carers

We are very pleased that school has been fully open throughout this half term. There have been some students and staff who have encountered Covid, but fortunately our numbers have been low. We are still taking care to keep ourselves safe. The girls continue to be excellent with sanitising and wiping tables.

Year 11, 12 and 13 are all working very hard in preparation for their examinations in the Summer term. There are lots of revision classes for them during half term. We are supporting students with their general wellbeing to ensure they feel positive about their exams.

Year 7 are half way through their first year at Bentley Wood. They continue to feedback positively about their experiences. During recent focus groups they all told us they feel very safe in school. They also said they highly valued their relationships with staff. Overall Year 7 are happy in school.

Year 8 are considering their Year 9 options choices. There is an important evening on March 24th 2022 for Year 8 students and their families. This will help them with their decisions.

Year 9 are working very hard and also enjoying activities beyond the classroom. You will see in this newsletter the wide range of enrichment and a high number of student rewards. Congratulations to them all.

Our Year of Reading goes from strength to strength. We recommend all of the girls reading every day. We particularly hope they immerse in a good book during half term.

We do hope you have a relaxing week. As always, we value our partnership with you.

Very Best wishes

Dr Janice Howkins

The Tragedy of
OTHELLO
The Moor of Venice
 By WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE



Othello Production

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The Bentley Wood Stars (BWS) are hard at work at present, developing a performance that will hopefully showcase the wonderful skills the girls possess. Tickets will be on general sale and also via ParentPay so do express an interest to Mr Rankin.

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Mr Rankin



Starting music clubs on a new note

Extra-Curricular activities

Monday

Lunch 2 - Year 10 Listening support

Tuesday

Lunch 1 - KS3 Orchestra - Dance studio (12.45 - 1.15pm)
(anyone who plays an instrument of any standard in or out of school)

Lunch 1 - Year 7/8 practice. Room 113

Lunch 2 - KS4 Orchestra - Dance studio (1.45 - 2.15pm)

Wednesday

Lunch 1 - Year 9 Choir - Dance studio (12.15 - 12.45)

Lunch 1 - Year 7/8 practice. Room 113. Week A

Lunch 2 - KS4/5 choir - Dance studio (1pm - 1.30pm)

Thursday

Lunch 1 - Year 8 practice. Room 113

Lunch 2 - Year 11 listening support

Friday

Lunch 1 - Year 7/8 Choir - Music room (12.45 - 1.15pm)

Lunch 1 - KS3 Drum Group - Dance studio (12.45 - 1.15pm)

Lunch 2 - KS4 drum group - Dance studio (1.45 - 2.15pm)

After School - Rock Band

After School - Year 7/8 music practice. Room 113



A return to music activities helps student wellbeing

This year we have started to have face to face music clubs while following Covid rules implemented by the Government. This has allowed students to expand their extra-curricular clubs even further.

Music is a way for me to escape and express my mind that I may not do in my life. I am involved in many clubs such as Senior Choir and also take instrumental lessons. Music is an outlet to reduce stress which is great for the mental health of our students.

We strive for both physical and mental well-being of the students so we try to offer a wide range of clubs. The skills developed in these clubs can help them in their daily lives such as communication with people of all age groups and teamwork, a key skill that they will need.

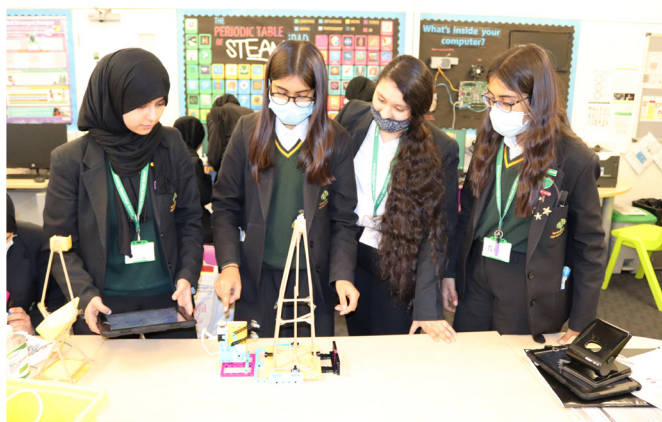
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Amira G 13DFL



Students take part in computer science and engineering challenges



Digital leaders and Lego Robotics

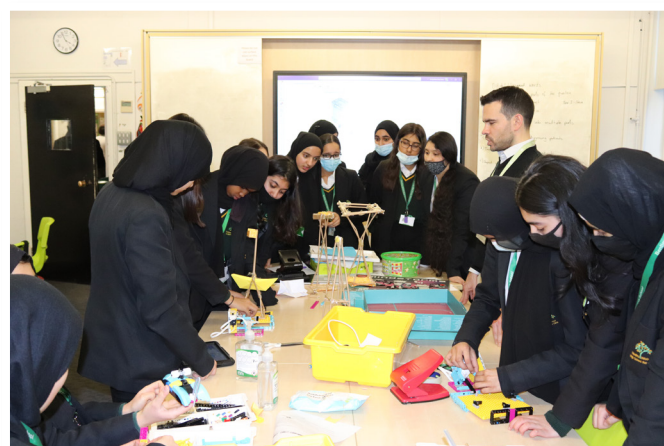
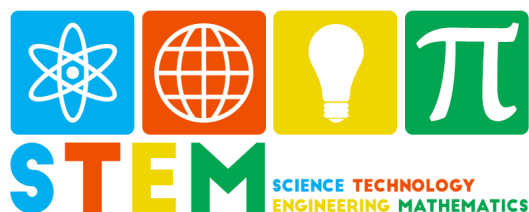
This term Year 9 Digital Leaders have been using Lego Spike Prime sets to build, code and test earthquake simulators. Students used the Lego Spike Prime kits to first build the earthquake simulators using a motorised arm to shake the platform. They then had to code the Spike Prime 'brain' to simulate earthquakes of varying different intensities by making the motor move at different frequencies.

Once the simulator was built and coded, students had to build structures using straws and Sellotape to investigate how to create the most resilient structures using the smallest number of straws. This gave students an insight into the efficiency and strength of building structures.

Over the course of the Spring term students will be building

and coding a variety of different robots using Lego in preparation for the EEP Robotics challenge competition which takes place on April 27th. Look out for updates in future newsletters!

Mr Burnaby





Year 8 students reach the finals of CyberFirst Girls Competition

On Saturday 5th February Ms Terraza and Mr Burnaby took 4 students who reached the London finals of the CyberFirst Girls Competition to Amazon's very impressive headquarters near Liverpool street where they were pitted against 10 other leading teams from London schools in a range of problem solving and cyber security challenges.

The students did magnificently well and were up against some very tough competition. The eventual winners of the competition were from The Tiffin Girls' School however all of our girls thoroughly enjoyed their experience and have gained a great deal from being part of this competition.

Students were presented with their certificate by Sophie Lindon, the Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime.

The students involved were:

Mursal Gafouri, Bailee Angel, Ayfar Iqbal and Krisha Prema, from 8ANF.

Mr Burnaby



Library news and literacy events

World Book Day

On Thursday the 3rd of March, Bentley Wood will be joining others around the globe in celebrating World Book Day! In fact, it is the 25th anniversary of the event.

As part of the fun, teachers and members of staff will be dressing up as book characters! We are also inviting students in year 7 and 8 to dress up as a book character of their choice. Get thinking about your costume over the next couple of weeks; you might want to get creative and make your costume over the holidays!



Author of the Week

Don't forget to check out the digital display boards around the school for our featured 'Author of the Week'. It's a great place to discover new authors and read about different books while you walk through the school!

Golden Tickets

We're just about to launch our new Golden Ticket challenge in the Library! Aimed at lower years, this incentive aims to introduce students to books they may not have picked up otherwise. Golden tickets will be hidden inside books in the library. Students will have to figure out which books the tickets are in by solving clues.

Once students have read the book and explained the story to Miss Mortimer or a teacher, they will be rewarded with achievement points. You must read the book for the golden ticket to become valuable...

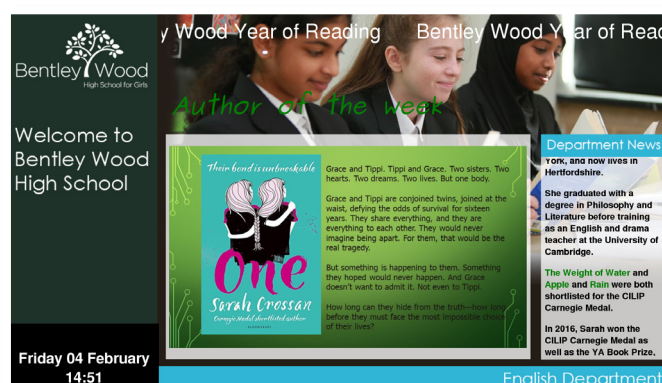
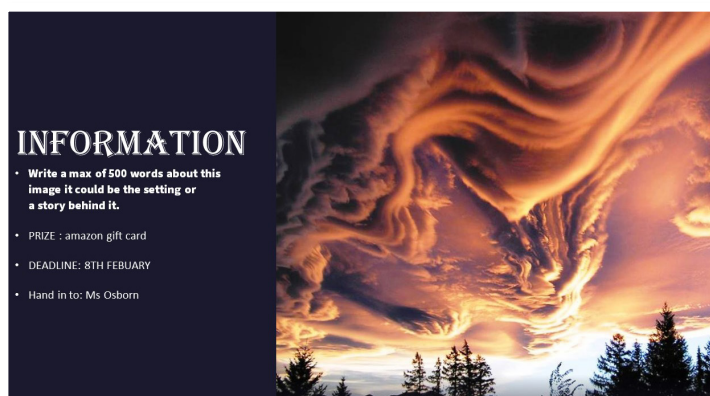


Year 8 literacy challenge

Year 8 are launching a half termly literacy challenge. Our Reading ambassadors are going to be setting a challenge every half term with amazing prizes to be won!

Short Story competition By Sayida and Rawaan

Write a max of 500 words about the image below it could be the setting or a story behind it. **PRIZE:** Amazon gift card. Hand into: Ms Osborn **Deadline:** Tuesday 22nd Feb.



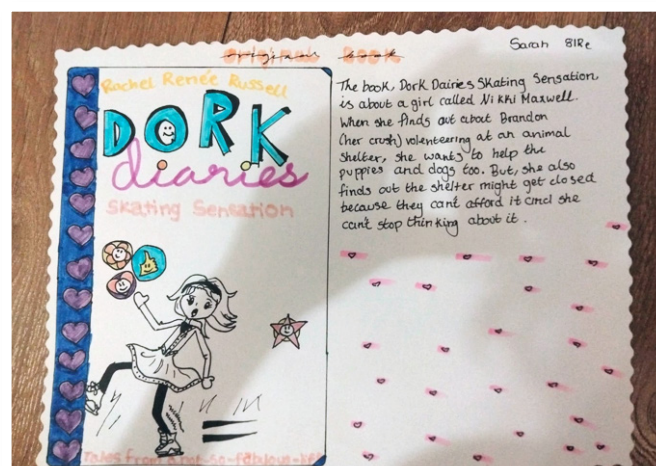
Author of the Week' Digital Display

Year 8 Literacy competition January

In January the Year 8 Literacy competition was to read a book (any book, even comics or manga) and create a sequel. Instead of writing out a sequel, students needed to think of an idea and create a cover for the sequel and include a small summary of the sequel and give the name of the book that they read.

Here is the winning book cover and sequel

Sarah 8IRE



Student Rewards February 2022

Year 7

Students worked really hard at Bentley Wood and we are really delighted at how well our students have achieved this term and we want to celebrate some of their successes.



Art

Shehnaz A 7TSG - Always challenges herself to try harder tasks. Excellent attitude towards her work.

Computer science

Leyla A 7HAS - Excellent effort and contributions to all lessons. An excellent attitude to learning

Drama

Zahra S 7GI - for her continued hard work and total commitment to everything we do in our Drama lessons. It has not gone unnoticed. **Sophie S 7TSG** - for consistently engaging in the subject with a positive attitude and showing a real passion and enthusiasm for the subject - even constantly asking for more drama homework because she loves it so much!

Food

Meadow H 7GIa and Dorothea H 7GIa - for enthusiasm and an independent approach in food practical lessons

French

Maria B 7ISA - for always engaging positively in lessons, for completing extensions and going the extra mile. MCO

Geography

Shanum C 7FER - For her continued hard work, dedication towards challenging herself and beautiful homework.

Graphics

Sam Nikpour V 7HAS - and **Ameera H 7CJG** - for working hard and for completing excellent homework!

Maths

Khadija R 7TC -for being such a hard-working student, she actively engages and participates in every lesson.

Music

Rahaf A 7HAS and Jovina C 7HAS - who have both shown the determination to improve and excel in music through their commitment to practising, participating whole-heartedly in lessons and attending our Music Practice sessions consistently. **Selina Y 7FER** - is an exceptionally talented musician whose knowledge of the Baroque Era astounded both myself and Mr Hau! She has really come to life in her Music lessons and it is a joy to see her enthusiasm to learn and also to see her share her knowledge as a pupil teacher.

Philosophy

Fatema S 7FER - for her excellent work on Ancient Egypt.

Science

Lilee-Ana 7TSG - for her enthusiasm, creativity and process in science.

Spanish

Fatima A 7TSB - for her dedication and effort in Spanish at all times.

Textiles

Selina Y 7FER - Great work so far and confidence using textile mediums well done



Bentley Wood Year of Reading

How to log into online Libraries

A reminder that while the library is closed for loans over half-term, we still have our two eLibraries.

The log in details are:

<https://bentleywood.eplatform.co/>

This is the website but you can also download the 'ePlatform' app onto your phones and tablets and select our school.

Everyone has a personal account.

Your username will be your 4 digit admissions number (the one you use to log on to computers) and everyone's password will be Library1 until you change it in settings.

Our second website is

<http://www.vlebooks.com/vleweb?ID=BentleyWoo> where you can log in using Office365! You can also request new books for this site by emailing Miss Mortimer

Miss Mortimer

Holiday Reads

Defy the Night, Brigid Kemmerer

In a kingdom where sickness stalks the streets and only the richest can afford a cure, King Harristan and his brother Prince Corrick are forced to rule with an iron fist.

Tessa Cade is a masked outlaw marked for death, but she likes it that way. Together with the mysterious, handsome Weston, she robs from the rich to help the poor, distributing food and medicine to those who need it most. As it becomes clear that the only way to save her people is to assassinate the King, Tessa must face a deadly mission that will take her to the dark heart of the kingdom ... and force her to work with the very people she intended to destroy.

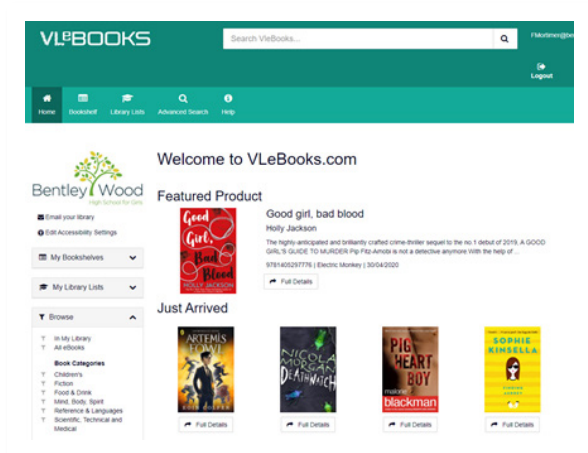
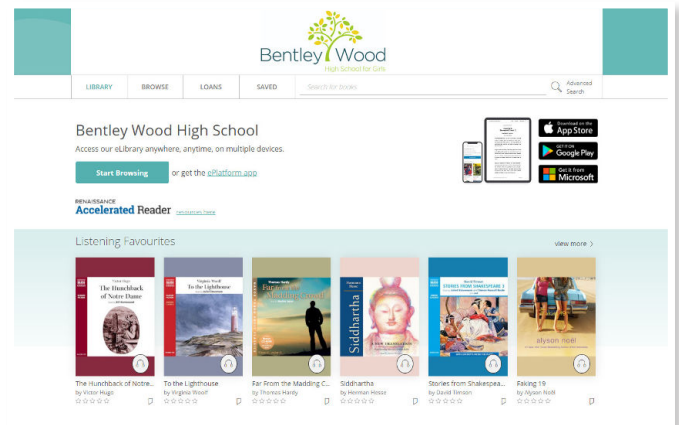
Fir, Sharon Gosling

Cut off from civilization by the harsh winter of northern Sweden, the Stromberg family shelter in their old plantation house. There are figures lurking in the ancient pine forests and they're closing in. With nothing but four walls between the Strombergs and the evil that's outside, they watch and wait for the snows to melt.

But in the face of signs that there's an even greater danger waiting to strike, it becomes increasingly difficult to distinguish reality from illusion. All they've got to do is stay sane and survive the winter...

The Soup Movement, Ben Davis

To aid his recovery from a life-threatening illness, Jordan and his family move out of the city for a healthy new start.



Jordan's getting enough funny looks as the new boy at school as it is, without his Mum giving him homemade soup every day for lunch! But when Ethan meets a homeless man called Harry, and gives him the soup, it is the start of an unlikely friendship.

This Poison Heart, Kalynn Bayron

Ever since she can remember, Briseis has had power over plants. Flowers bloom in her footsteps and leaves turn to face her as though she were the sun. It's a power she and her adoptive mothers have spent her whole life trying to hide. And then Briseis inherits an old house from her birth mother and suddenly finds herself with the space and privacy to test her powers for the first time. But as Briseis starts to bring the house's rambling garden back to life, she finds she has also inherited generations of secrets.

The Ocean at the End of the Lane, Neil Gaiman

This is what he remembers, as he sits by the ocean at the end of the lane:

A dead man on the back seat of the car, and warm milk at the farmhouse.

An ancient little girl, and an old woman who saw the moon being made.

A beautiful housekeeper with a monstrous smile.

And dark forces woken that were best left undisturbed.

They are memories hard to believe, waiting at the edge of things. The recollections of a man who thought he was lost but is now, perhaps, remembering a time when he was saved...

The Shack, WM Paul Young

Mack's youngest daughter, Missy, was abducted during a family vacation and evidence that she may have been brutally murdered is found in an abandoned shack deep in the Oregon wilderness.

Four years later, still trapped in his great sadness, Mack receives a suspicious note, apparently from God, inviting him back to that shack.

Against his better judgement Mack arrives at the shack on a wintry afternoon. What he finds there will change his life forever.

The Turnaway Girls, Hayley Chewins

On the strange, stormy island of Blightsend, twelve-year-old Delphernia Undersea has spent her whole life in the cloister of turnaway girls, hidden from sea and sky by a dome of stone and the laws of the island. Outside, the Masters play their music. Inside, the turnaway girls silently make that music into gold. Making shimmer, Mother Nine calls it.

But Delphernia can't make shimmer. She would rather sing than stay silent. When a Master who doesn't act like a Master comes to the skydoor, it's a chance for Delphernia to leave the cloister. Outside the stone dome, the sea breathes like a wild beast, the sky watches with stars like eyes, and even the gardens have claws.

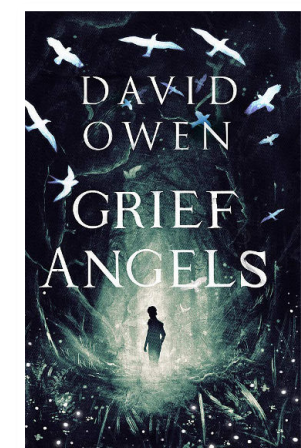
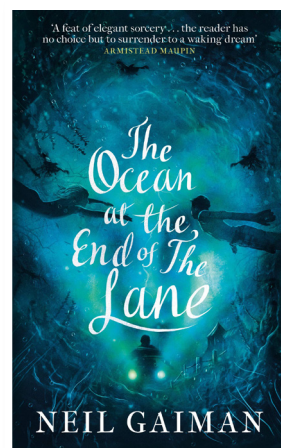
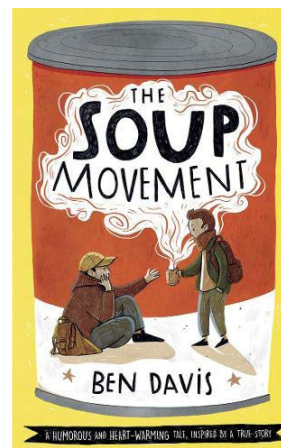
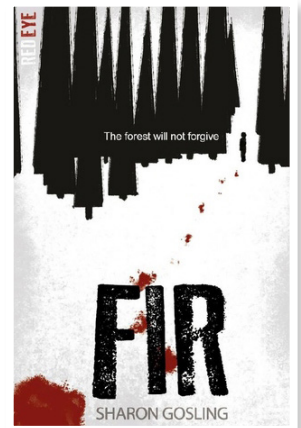
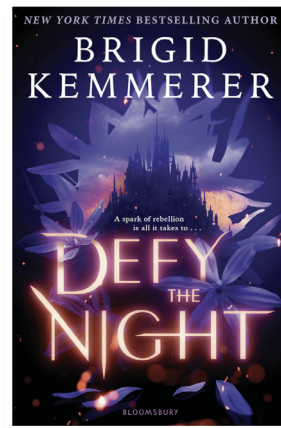
Outside, secrets fall silent in halls without sound. And outside, Delphernia is caught — between the island's sinister Custodian and its mysterious Childer-Queen. Between a poem-speaking prince and a girl who feels like freedom. And in a debut that glimmers with hope and beauty, freedom — to sing, to change, to live — is precisely what's at stake.

Grief Angels, David Owen

15-year-old Owen Marlow is experiencing a great, disorienting loss after his father suddenly passed away and his mother moved them to a new town. None of his old friends knew how to confront his grief, so he's given up on trying to make new ones.

There is one guy at school who might prove to be different if he gives him a chance but lately, Owen has been overwhelmed by his sadness. He's started to have strange, powerful hallucinations of skeletal birds circling above him. Owen tells himself that these visions are just his brain's way of trying to cope - until one night, the birds descend and take him to an otherworldly forest.

There, he is asked to go on a dangerous journey that promises to bring him the understanding he so desperately seeks - if he can survive it.



Charity and tradition

Students enter letter writing competition for charity

As part of the house system this term a raffle was organised by the English department and a letter writing competition took place. All the money raised will be donated to the local charities each of the four houses are affiliated with.

The Sixth Form House Captains sold raffle tickets over a one week period, by visiting their house forms and encouraging sales.

Prizes were donated by students from all year groups, and we had some fantastic donations such as bath bombs, a Lego kit and even a hand-drawn canvas picture! Thank you to everyone who bought a raffle ticket and donated a prize – we couldn't have done it without you!

To enter the letter writing competition, students had to write a formal letter persuading a local business such as Nando's or Vue cinema to donate a prize to our raffle. The entries were judged by the Year 11 English Prefects. Congratulations to the winner Sayyidah in 7EFM with Manasika in 8IR and the 8MGR team as the runners-up! Well done to everyone who entered.

We are pleased to announce that the raffle raised £117 for our House Charities! It is gratifying that we have done numerous house charity events and it is nice knowing the positive impact that we have on those on the receiving end.

Mariamsarah 12AJ

READY FOR A RAFFLE?

LETTER WRITING COMPETITION

ALL ENTRANTS WILL RECEIVE HOUSE POINTS. THE WINNER WILL RECEIVE A BOOK ABOUT WRITING!
This year Bentley Wood is holding a raffle to raise money for each of our linked House Charities. We need you to write to a local business, persuading them to donate a prize to our raffle. In return, we will give them a special mention in our newsletter.

Your task is:

Write a letter, persuading the business of your choice to provide a prize for our charity raffle, and that, as thanks, they will receive a mention in our newsletter.

Your letter must be (1) formal, (2) three paragraphs and (3) no longer than one side of A4.

BUSINESS BANK:

1. Nando's
2. The Works
3. Vue cinema

*Submit your letters (typed) by Friday 21st to Miss Bairstow: rbairstow@bentleywood.harrow.sch.uk
Judged by the Year 11 English Enrichment Prefects!*



Students in French lessons learn about La Chandeleur, Pankcake Day

'Today in French we learnt about LA CHANDELEUR or Pancake Day. It's celebrated on the 2nd February - 40 days after Christmas. It originated from the pagans and later on it turned into a religious tradition.'

Mursal G 8ANF

'Today we learnt about Candlemas, also known as 'La Chandeleur' in French. We did many fun activities and learnt a lot. There is a tradition where you hold a gold coin in your left hand and flip the pancakes with your right hand. Today's lesson was super fun.'

Afiya A 8SAS



Student Rewards February 2022

Year 8



Art

Alesha K 8EV - Amazing skills and very mature work - keep going **Ciara H R 8JCT** for consistent hard work and for challenging herself in Art

Computer science

Saajida A 8ANF - For excellent work on the microbits unit and helping others when they get stuck

Drama

Zahra A 8IR - for fantastic performance work in Commedia Dell'arte, really putting effort in to keep character shape and posture.

Rozera H 8SHA - for recent progress and very amusing work created in Commedia Dell'arte."

Food

Shannoz W 8SHA - for focus and independent working in food practical lessons

French

Asla S 8IR - for outstanding classwork, homework and extensions completed during French. LSB

Geography

Xaria K 8EV - For her continued hard work, dedication and improvement within her geographical skillset.

German

Faza K 8JCT - for good attendance and great enthusiasm in the German Enrichment Club.

Graphics

Jalmisha P 8MGR, Thamiisha M 8MGR, Amara S 8IRe, Sarah B 8SHA - for engaging well in the project.

History

Isabelle M 8EV - for always doing her very best in

History leading to her excellent results!

Maths

Grace G 8JCT - for showing high resilience and working hard to improve her engagement in lessons.

Music

Suvathika T 8JCT - for being such a hardworking student. She has had the courage recently to step up and show her talent in music not only to improve her own performance work but to help others in her class too. **Isabelle M 8EV** and **Isobel M 8EV** also deserve a mention for their continued commitment to improving on their previous targets. As a result of their hard-work they were able to demonstrate in front of the whole class how to sing the tune and harmony together.

Philosophy

Mariam Y 8ALG - for her incredible deep-thinking during RS lessons!

Science

Mariam Y 8ALG - for acting like a true scientist and not taking things as the truth. Instead, she thinks beyond what we learn in class and applies her knowledge to situations in the real world.

Spanish

Moshina K 8IR - For settling so well in the school and always trying her best in Spanish.

Textiles

Lizzie H 8SHA - superstar catching up following absence and smashing using the sewing machines! well done Afiya A 8SAS -for enthusiasm and commitment.



Student enrichment

Year 7 Mindfulness

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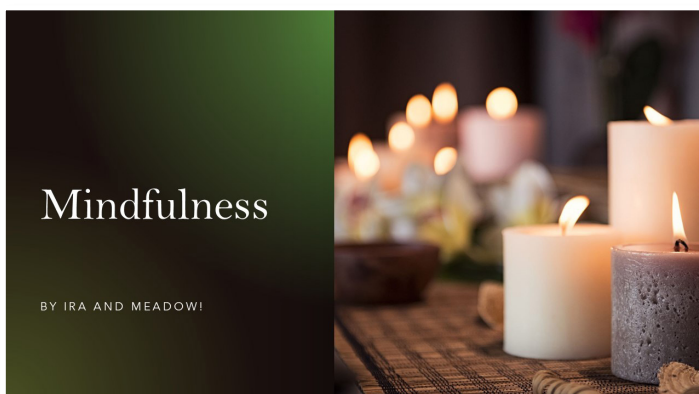
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There will be different exercises per week, so, don't go for a week thinking you will just recap everything, there will be something new to explore per week.

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By Ira Year 7



What do we do in meditation club?

As mentioned in the previous slide, there will be different, unique exercises every week so, it will intrigue you even further.

If there is any equipment needed, it will only be basic so that you can do it at home as well.

We look at different things we do daily, and then introduce new topics to help boost the

When and Where IS the club?

The club is every Thursday.

It is in U3/U4; remember to check both rooms.

Who runs this club?

MISS JONES RUNS IT.
SHE IS REALLY NICE SO D
TO COME ALONG!

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You can eat your lunch there, so you will not have to wait to eat it.



MIND FULL, OR MINDFUL?

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Year 9



Art

Sheza M H 9NMA - for consistently working hard in Art, in class and at home. **Sophie M 9NMA** - for effort in Art in class and for attending clubs to further develop her work. **Nusayba M 9VBR** - consistent effort and resilience in Art

Biology

Hanna F 9VBR - for consistently challenging herself and answering high level questions during our biology lessons

Chemistry

Arthika P 9LG and **Tahira N 9NMA** - for the hard work and resilience they have both demonstrated in Chemistry this term. Amazing progress, keep it up!

Computer science

Sarah M 9AWS - For outstanding effort in Computer Science and working hard to build on your programming skills.

Drama

Zayna I 9BME - for outstanding effort and commitment to all work practical and theory. **Reem M 9HJG** - for outstanding effort and enthusiasm. **Suhaila A 9NMA** for outstanding effort and commitment to all work practical and theory.

Food

Naomi A 9ME for her attention to detail and accuracy in food practical's

French

Mithra R 9LGe - for being absolutely fabulous at completing extra work, extra booklets and started to practise papers from the revision guide. MCO

Geography

Niva 9HJG - for great effort in class, allowing for excellent results, as well as lots of contributions

German

Hanaan T 9BME - for being a "silent hero". She works consistently well and shows great dedication.

Graphics

Zahraa F 9CBB - Work always completed with the highest level of skill."

Latin

Parisa 9HJG - for her continued effort and for maintaining a high level of attainment

Maths

Shenay K 9PS - for being the most hard-working student in her maths class and the one who is on top of everything . She participates every lesson , and always pushes herself further.

Music

Sayuri S 9PS - for her outstanding commitment to practice. This year she has joined the orchestra on her second study instrument, the violin and attended many extra-curricular activities including trips. Sayuri always works to the best of her ability in class and we are inspired by her musical knowledge

Philosophy

Heba K 9 HJG - for her amazing Trinity presentation

Physics

Farheen S 9VBR - always on task and focussed, her participation is fantastic and she helps other students as well.

Spanish

Raniyah K 9VB - for excellent effort in Spanish.

Textiles

Hiba S 9CBB - for her engagement and participation in Textiles.

Creative craft in enrichment clubs



Classics Club

Last term in Classics Club, Year 8 students explored Greek mythology. This term, we have explored Roman life, making Roman chariots and looking at chariot racing; students have also begun to learn about how Latin grammar works, looking at the nominative (subject) and accusative (object) cases.

Ms Illingworth



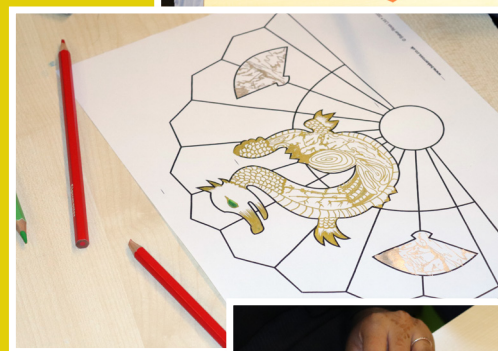
Cultural Crafts Club

The Sixth Form Cultural Crafts Club continues to be a great enrichment for students to get creative and learn about different cultures around the world. The club runs once a fortnight and in each session the students create something from around the world.

Recently we have done Aboriginal dot painting, Chinese New Year fans and scratch art Peruvian llamas. The girls who come to the club find that it is a great opportunity to be creative and learn about a wide range of cultures and traditions.

Cultural Crafts Club runs Fridays week B from 12.30 to 1.20 in 208 and all Sixth Formers are welcome.

See you there!
Mrs Keller



Chess club

Chess Club has been an amazing experience and I am enjoying it throughout. Chess makes you think about the practical challenges in life.

For example, if you do something what will someone's next move be. I have learned a lot with the teachers: Mrs. Patel and Mr. Shah.

We have learned how to start a chess game, the different tactics you can achieve like forking and a discovered attack. We have also learned how to end a match by winning.

I am enjoying Chess Club because it helps me clear my mind and stop stressing from anything that has happened. Chess is everything: art science and a sport.

Faiza S 8MGR



Art History Club

During this term, some sixth formers have enjoyed the opportunity to study Art History during their Monday lunchtime. Our students have enjoyed delving into the world of the Renaissance painters, musing over the Romantic period and also understanding the ancient Greek origins of sculpture.

We have focused mainly on art from mainland Europe and discussed their value and how they have shaped Western civilisation. So far we have travelled to Paris, Florence, Rome and Spain and brought pieces such as Goya's 'Saturn devouring his son', Michelangelo's 'David' and the Notre Dame back to our classroom at Bentley Wood.

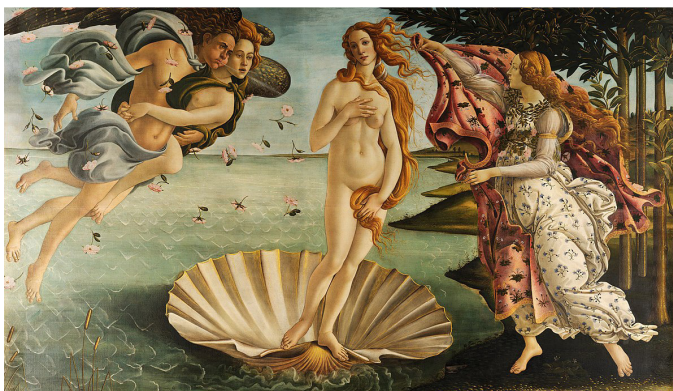
Our students have the Pre Raphaelites, Surrealism, Art Nouveau and Pop Art to look forward to after half term.

Ms Hussain

"All art is at once surface and symbol. Those who go beneath the surface do so at their peril."

Oscar Wilde

Some incredible pieces of art we have studied:



Botticelli's 'Birth of Venus'



Turner's 'Fighting Temeraire'

Maths enrichment and competitions



Parallel Maths leaderboard

Parallel competition is an opportunity for our students to broaden their mathematical horizons and stretch their brains via a series of weekly web-based maths sheets.

Students every Thursday at 3pm, have access to a new set of online mathematical challenges – each set of challenges is called a Parallelogram. This an open competition for all year groups!



The Alan Turing Cryptography Competition



Who was Alan Turing?

In his relatively short life, Alan Turing code-breaker, mathematician and founding father of computer science made a unique impact on the history of computing, computer science, artificial intelligence, developmental biology, and the mathematical theory of computability.

Why is cryptography important?

Cryptographical techniques are used everywhere in modern everyday life. For example, Whatsapp and many similar programmes use encryption to prevent eavesdropping, many websites use encryption to process credit card payments securely, and banks use it so that people can safely do their internet banking at home.

LEADERBOARD			
YEAR 7	Ira Inamdar		
YEAR 8	Haadiyah Makda	Saaliha Kanani	Nishka Thakkar
YEAR 9	Khadeeja Rifan	Zahra Nawabi	Kowcer Noori
YEAR 10	Hafsa Rehman	Husna Noory	Zainab Admani
Year 11	Asha Price	Niyathi Thommandru	

Students showed a big interest in finding solutions to cryptographic quizzes!!!

Examples:

"Finally," said Ellie. "I wonder what took Mike so long."

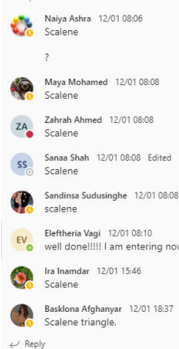
I have the answer, but I'm not going to let you know what it is until you solve my little puzzle. Oh, the answer is a little odd.

M

"Probably hasn't really got the answer," mumbled Ellie. "Let's see what ridiculous puzzle he's sent then."



Above is the puzzle that Mike sent to Ellie. When decoded, it is also a question. You must find the one word answer to the question and type it into the box below.



February Maths competition 2

This month, we have been challenging our students to draw a mandala. Mandalas are rich in mathematics (circle geometry, reflective and rotational symmetry), and provide useful practice with geometry tools including rulers, compasses and protractors. The word 'mandala' means 'circle' in Sanskrit, and mandalas have a deep spiritual or cosmic meaning in many cultures and traditions. For our #Maydala purposes, a mandala is any circular design exhibiting pattern and symmetry.

Mandala making is accessible to all. The repetitive nature of these designs means that drawing them can be a wonderfully absorbing and meditative process, and it's a process that results in stunning geometrical patterns - bonus!



The Winner: Nusayba M Year 9 Congratulations!!!



How to draw a Mandala

https://youtu.be/_cbTUQ9iS5U

Step by Step Guide

1. Mark the center of your paper with a small dot, and then using a compass draw a circle.
2. Draw several other circles with the same center point, this in math is called, Concentric Circles.
3. Take the ruler and draw a horizontal line across the center.
4. Take the protractor and place it along the horizontal line. Draw a mark every 30 degrees: at 30, 60, 90, 120, and 150. This will give us 12 sections.
5. Take the ruler again and draw a line between the centre and every degree mark, across the whole paper.
6. OK, you will now have 12 sections or pieces of a pie. You need to fill each section with some kind of repetitive pattern. What can be easy to repeat?
7. Replicate the element until you fill the whole circle. Be slow and thoughtful—there's no hurry!

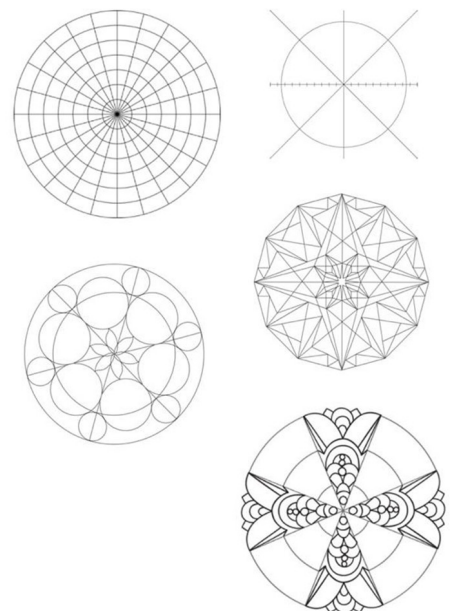
Focus on what you're drawing at the moment.

8. Draw light until you know it's right!

9. Once you have your mandala filled in, darken it or "ink" it by going over the lines with a marker.

10. fill in the open spaces with watercolour, colored pencils, or markers to add bright colors.

11. Set back and look at your masterpiece. Beautiful!



Student Rewards February 2022

Year 10



Art

Ayesha A 10SZ - working really hard to stay on top of workload despite absence - attending club also and really improving skills - well done. **Amelie W 10SEO** - for consistently working hard in Art

Biology

Lenah A 10SZ - for not only asking and answering high level questions during our science lessons, but taking her questions beyond this and thinking 'outside the box'

Computer science

Ruqayyah N 10MCO - For outstanding effort and contribution to lessons

Drama

Aqsa Q 10RGR - for massive developments in her confidence and performances this year so far. **Mahi P 10SZ** - for continued hard work and excellent progress in Drama. **Issra S 10SZ** - for continued hard work and excellent progress in Drama.

French

Sana K 10LBA - for her amazing participation during the French lessons and for challenging herself with demanding tasks. LSB

Geography

Aisha B 10RGR - For amazing effort in Geography recently, it has not gone unnoticed

German

Jamelia C 10RGR - for a great end of unit test result and always contributing enthusiastically in class.

Graphics

Imaan H 10SCH - Excellent marks for unit 1

Latin

Sedra R 10SCH - for her consistent determination to succeed and her curiosity about Latin.

Maths

Grant S 10RGR - for always asking questions in class and for not giving up when tackling challenging questions. Keep it up Savannah!

Music

Alexi D 10SZ - for her marked all round improvement in music this year. Alexi's composition is of a good standard and she has worked hard on developing it. Alexi has also worked hard in her vocal performance and is improving in her listening skills. Keep up the good work!

Philosophy

Romina M 10SZ - for giving an excellent presentation on a Buddha rupa.

Science

Ayan S 10JBH - for consistently thinking beyond the curriculum and asking thought-provoking questions about what we are learning, applying her knowledge to everyday life.

Spanish

Kavya J 10SZ - for her resilience and commitment after joining us in Year 10 with no prior Spanish knowledge.

Textiles

Zuha S 10CCH and **Sama Hashmi 10JBH** - for her enthusiasm and participation in the project.



Student Rewards February 2022

Year 11



Art

Astrid C 11YT - Producing quality outcomes

Chemistry

Meghana D 11CSN - for showing such resilience with her learning and making a conscientious effort to challenge herself in her classwork. **Naomi O 11LSB** - for her excellent contributions in lessons, enthusiasm and making so much progress this term with her chemical learning."

Computer science

Nkechi A 11YT - For a huge improvement in effort, work rate and for attending ALL after school revision classes. **Maryam U11GCP** - For a huge improvement in work rate and for attending ALL after school revision classes

Drama

Asia K 11RB - for being focussed and calm which is helping her to make good progress this year. **Britney O 11EJ** - for working really hard and putting in extra time to develop work with others."

French

Aryam A 11LSB - for improving considerably in French (in particular the writing skills, pronunciation and participation). Bravo! LSB

Geography

Palisha S 11AHU - for commitment to Geography inside and outside of lessons. Palisha is always asking questions and shows a true passion for Geography

German

Ferhaddiba A 11MW - for trying really hard in both class work and homework. She always aims to complete all work.

Graphics

Neha Patel 11GCP - for consistently working hard on her own work and for supporting others

H&S

Asha Price 11GCP - for doing excellent revision for her Health and Social Exam

Latin

Taqwa E 11EJ - for doing brilliantly in mock 1 and always doing her best.

Maths

Fatima A 11YT - for working extremely hard to improve her understanding. She is putting in extra effort in the lesson and comes to see me after-school as well to seek support. She is always willing to help others out and makes great contributions in the lesson. Keep it up Fatima!

Music

Chamathka S 11CSN and **Sandinsa S 11AHU** - have worked tirelessly on their compositions. I regularly have to ask them to go home at 5.15 as they are still there working on them! Both students have developed their sensitivity on the violin to an outstandingly high standard. They are always supportive of the music department. Girls you will go far in life!

Philosophy

Sowmiya T 11RB - For attending revision sessions and trying hard.

Spanish

Fatima I 11AHU for taking part in the Trinity College Cambridge Love Languages Enrichment course

Textiles

Naomi P 11MW - for her engagement in the project.



Students improve their academic progress with STEM activities



Climb to 9 Club

Climb to 9 is a new club for Year 9 this academic year which is aimed at promoting wider thinking and academic progress to compliment learning.

Our vision is to make progress towards the top grades at GCSE (grade 9s) by working collaboratively and developing problem solving skills.

The club is passionate about striving in all aspects of learning but with a particular focus on STEM based subjects. This is achieved by performing advanced practical work, research based projects, presentations as well as studying A-Level content! In the photos shown, our students are conducting chemical analysis work by performing a chromatography practical where they analysed different ink samples and identified unknown substances within these mixtures. Our focus next term will be on presentation and leaderships skills in STEM work.

Ms E Robson



Students are conducting chemical analysis work by performing a chromatography practical

Science Club

Science club is a weekly experience where you sign up and take part in various interactive experiments. We can make or build things like rockets or lip- balm.

We can do dissections, of hearts, lungs kidneys or eyes. We can experiment with acids and carbonates to make a rainbow of colours in neutralisation reactions. We learned how to bend water using a force and this wasn't a Jedi mind trick.

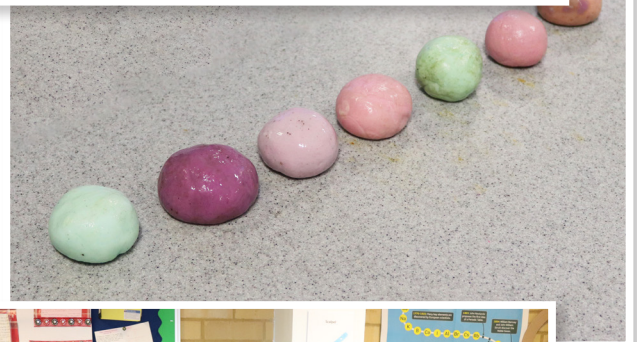
We have also held fire in our hands... without getting burnt. Science Club runs every Friday and is free to join each week. Just sign up!

Please view the list of upcoming activities.

Mr Koyejo and the science team



14-Jan - Students made Bouncing Balls



Science Club rota

18-Feb Half- Term

25-Feb Making Lip balm

04-Mar Building an electromagnet

11-Mar Building an electric motor

18-Mar Growing Microbes

25-Mar Testing antibiotics / soaps/ detergents

01-Apr Possible 1/2 day

08-Apr Easter break

15-Apr Easter break

22-Apr Testing Vitamin C in boiled micro and fresh veg

29-Apr Static Electricity Van der Graff machine

06-May Micro chemistry Precipitations

13-May Building fruit batteries

20-May Nature run capture and identifying bugs

27-May Testing catalyst Elephants toothpaste

03-Jun Half- term

10-Jun Agar plates- swab testing ?

17-Jun Paper tower Challenge

24-Jun Spagetti Marshmellow Challenge

01-Jul Ooblecc. Walking on non-newtonian fluid



21-Jan - Splitting water, electrolysis



PE Clubs and outdoor activities

Football Club engages Sixth Formers

One of the PE department's main aims this year was to increase Sixth Form participation in Sports. The introduction of Football Club, run by Miss Howes, has been extremely successful in fulfilling this aim.

Attending Football Club has been a great opportunity to meet new people whilst participating in a sport that I enjoy playing.

The exclusivity of the football sessions aims to attract students of all abilities within the Sixth Form; being able to experience this not only enhances our football skills but our ability to work as a team whilst emulating positive aspects of sportsmanship.

Despite the damp conditions, we have been able to practice various drills and have even played small games which have been extremely exciting to partake in.

Such activities have been really enriching, emulating the positive attributes of healthy competition whilst working in

a team during the football sessions.

Tinhinan S 13SBAe



Students enjoy playing in new Rugby Club

In September we started up a brand-new rugby club, run by Miss Halladey, with regular attendees who have never played rugby before!

Rugby is a sport that welcomes everyone of all ages, sizes and abilities and is a great way to keep fit, have fun and learn lots of transferable skills. Over the past few months we have learnt the fundamental skills and rules of rugby as well as playing some tag rugby too. Sometimes it can be a little muddy but that's the fun of it!

If this sounds like something you'd enjoy then rugby club returns after half term, open to all year groups!

Miss Halladey



Sixth Form Netball

Our sixth form netball team meet every Friday from 3.30-4.30pm in the Sports Hall. The sessions consist of a warm-up and drills run by the sixth formers, and then half an hour of match play led by Mrs Jones. We have a friendly match against Whitmore High School to look forward to after half term too!

If you would like to join us for some fitness and fun please do come along after half term. We are always happy to have new members training with us and are a very friendly bunch.

Ms Jones



Duke of Edinburgh Award

This half term, Year 10 students have begun preparations for their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze award. Ranging in three stages (Bronze, Silver and Gold), the DofE allows young people to build life-long belief in themselves by supporting them to take on their own challenges. Completing the DofE award is a great achievement and requires a lot of effort, time and dedication.

To begin with we have started planning what to do for our four categories: skills, volunteering, physical and the expedition. For the skills section we must choose a task we would like to improve on, such as: learning a new language or sewing. In volunteering we help out the community, for example, students may volunteer at a charity shop or help in Woody's at Breakfast Club. Physical is how we gradually prepare for the expedition in the summer by keeping our bodies fit and strengthening our endurance. We attend sessions every other week to prepare and train for the actual expedition - which will consist of a two-day journey in the Chilterns, testing our map skills, compass reading and team work.

This is a little bit about our DofE journey and we look forward to what is to come.

Baveena S 10SZ



Student Rewards February 2022

Year 12

Art

Nouhaa B 12SNU - Excellent development of skills

Chemistry

Shafiqah K 12SNU - always brings her A-game to each lesson. So, impressed by focus and motivation to succeed.

Classical Civilisation

Manahil W 12AV - for her excellent note taking and improvement in class contributions.

Computer science

Heena R 12LFO - For excellent contributions to lessons, always doing her best. And making amazing cupcakes for the class

Geography

Laylah M 12AV - for exceptional sustained focus. Well done for your recent mock grade

Maths:

Spozmai A 12AV - for amazing work ethic, always asking questions and contributing to lessons. Her perseverance and hard work are paying off. Well done Afghan. FM:
Tokhy, Zohal 12SN - for consistently outstanding engagement on the course. Great participation in lessons and has shown resilience when coming across difficult mathematics.

Music

Faith M 12AJ - has attended choir every week since the beginning of term. Carry on setting that great example!

Philosophy

Sireen B 12LFO - For working very hard and her efforts paying off
Lubnah A 12LFO - For being on fire in lessons and always asking and answering excellent questions. Keep it up!

Sociology

Nadia I 12AV - for excellent contributions to class discussions

Spanish

Nadia I 12AV - for demonstrating resilience in her studies of A Level Spanish.

Politics

Fatimah S 12AV - for her incredible determination in studying Politics! Her enthusiasm shines through every lesson.



Student Rewards February 2022

Year 13



Art

Safiyyah M 13JT - Quality of Skill

Biology

Safa Z 13SBA - For being so organised and completing all her core practical work

Chemistry

Maria H 13EB Great improvement in confidence! Consistent in her efforts and progress is increasing rapidly **Baano R 13TRA** - a great improvement in her approach to Chemistry, asks for help more often and is working hard to reach her goal.

Classical Civilisation

Farah A 13EBW - for her willingness to achieve her absolute best

Computer science

Alla K 13DFL - For excellent effort in lessons, always willing to contribute to class discussions with intelligent thoughts

Drama

Negeen M 13DFL - for fantastic work as a tutor to drama students working beyond the expected time throughout the week offering help and support to students. She has also devoted lots of time to improving the Drama studio and resources for myself and all students. Thank You!

Geography

Elaina R 13EB - for amazing continued effort in Geography!

Graphics

Aasia Y 13JT - sustained quality

H&S

Tabasom G 13EB - for taking excellent notes in class and working really hard on her coursework

Music

Amira G 13DFL - has become the music departments PA. She helps organise activities and leads some. We appreciate everything you do thank you! **Arya G 13SBA** - for helping to run the year 8 practice sessions when we have had up to 40 students and lots of equipment out. Thank you so much for your support!

Philosophy

Ridwana R 13SBA - for her insightful comments and questions throughout Philosophy lessons.

Sociology

Fiza A 13JT - for contributing a lot to class discussions and gaining confidence in her sociology ability

Spanish

Hannah C 12EB - for sharing films, videos and interesting cultural posts about Spanish culture and society in our Spanish Year 13 Team.

Politics

Aisha H 13EB - for always giving 101% in her Politics studies and evidently reading around the subject weekly!



A lesson in history through Holocaust play and visit to Parliament

Sixth Form students watch play 'Kindness' close to Holocaust Memorial Day

On 26th January 2022, close to Holocaust Memorial Day, we went on a trip to watch a play based on the life of Susan Pollack OBE at Harrow Arts Centre.

The play 'Kindness' was largely a verbatim play. (Verbatim theatre is a form of documentary theatre which is based on the spoken words of real people. Strictly, verbatim theatre-makers use real people's words exclusively, and take this testimony from recorded interviews)

Based on the testimony of Hungarian survivor Susan Pollack MBE, aged only 13 when she was sent to the notorious Auschwitz-Birkenau in the summer of 1944.

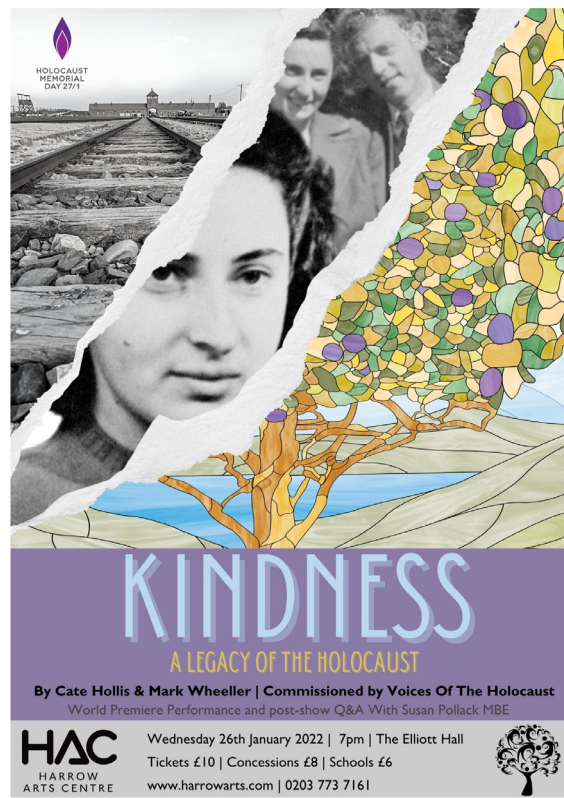
Interwoven were a number of complementary narratives, including that of Mala Zimetbaum and Edek Galinski whose stunning love story and spiritual resistance is painted across a backdrop of one of the darkest periods in human history. Kindness has been described as "beautiful and empowering" and "compelling and emotive".

We watched the play with great anticipation and the emotions displayed throughout the play were almost visceral. It was well executed and emphasised the importance of history and why we should never forget what has happened.

These events are things we look back on and learn from and we were really grateful to have the opportunity to experience this cultural event outside of the classroom.

Aleema and Ayman

Year 12 History students



Sixth Form trip to Parliament and the Supreme Court

On Monday 7th February 2022, our Politics students had the opportunity to apply their Political knowledge to the real world.

As we entered the House of Lords our students were amazed by the interior of the chamber.

Our guide shared fascinating stories, including that of Lord John Bird, a Life Peer who was homeless at an earlier stage of his life and who later became the Founder of 'The Big Issue' magazine.

This has highlighted the importance of the House of Lords as it quickly became apparent that Life Peers come from all walks of life and are able to represent many sections of our society.

Our students also had the opportunity to view the House of Commons and later the UK Supreme Court, finally able to see for themselves where MPs debate and where our Supreme Court Justices make incredibly important decisions which directly impact our laws.

After an incredibly fascinating day, now we cannot wait for our annual visit from Bob Blackman later in the year!

Mrs Nye



Sixth Formers have been active with community work this term

LOVE
FOOD
hate waste



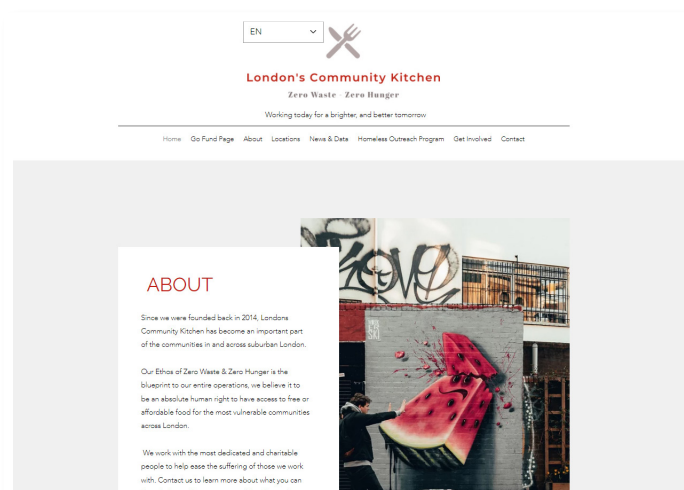
Students help out in Harrow Community Kitchen

Since it was founded back in 2014, London's Community Kitchen has become an important part of the communities in and across suburban London.

Their ethos of Zero Waste & Zero Hunger is the blueprint to their entire operations. They believe it to be an absolute human right to have access to free or affordable food for the most vulnerable communities across London. They work with the most dedicated and charitable people to help ease the suffering of those we work with. Our Sixth Form students are very dedicated to helping the food bank with students going to pack food packages every Tuesday.

We have built a great relationship with the food bank and all students love going to volunteer and support their cause.

Fatema J 13EBW



Bentley Priory Nature reserve clean up!!

Sixth Form students have been active in their community work this term. They have taken part in a range of community projects, the first one was a big clean up. We went to Bentley Priory Nature Reserve and collected all discarded rubbish. We chose Bentley Priory as it is our neighbourhood and it is a nature reserve too.

We want to keep our neighbourhood clean for everyone as well as for other species. Harrow Council provided us with all necessary tools and bags to do this clean up.

We are happy to add our little contribution to keep our environment clean. This project continues and we will be doing clean ups once a half term.

Mr Maric, Assistant Head



Courses and Summer Schools give students a taste of University



Year 12 Sutton Trust Summer Schools

Every year we run a series of Summer Schools in partnership with the Sutton Trust. We have a wide range of subjects to choose from, designed to give students a taste of studying at University.

This year, UCL Sutton Trust Summer Schools will be delivered both online and in person during July and August 2022. We'll use the Sutton Trust Online Platform to deliver an exciting mix of online sessions over the first two days of the Summer Schools. Then, we will welcome you to UCL the following week for a range of sessions with UCL staff and students. Expect to learn more about your subject, take part in social activities, and stay overnight in university accommodation!

By attending the Summer School, you will have the chance to gain vital skills such as time management, organisation, and teamwork. You'll also meet students from across the country and our friendly Student Leaders (current UCL students) will be on hand to answer any questions about your work, living in London, studying at UCL, or university life in general.

At UCL, we have more than 400 undergraduate degrees to pick from! So it's important that our Summer School reflects this and has a wide range of subjects to pick from:

For more information follow this link

[Year 12 Sutton Trust Summer Schools](#)

What can I study on the Summer School?

Subject	Online	Residential
Languages and Cultures, Laws, Maths and Computer Science, Psychology and Education	20 and 21 July	26 - 28 July
Archaeology, Architecture, Biosciences, Geography, Physics	3 and 4 August	9 - 11th August
Chemical Engineering, Economics, Fine Art, History, Natural Sciences	16 and 17 August	23 - 25 August

UCL Study Prep

UCL Study Prep is a free online course for students in Year 13 who are preparing to study at university.

UCL's Access and Widening Participation Office has launched UCL Study Prep to help students in Year 13 prepare for university at this uncertain time.

This course is free and open to all students in Year 13 regardless of where you go to school/college or which universities you have applied to study at. It is recommended that you take 4-5 hours to complete UCL Study Prep but this does not have to be done all at once.

The course may also provide helpful information for students in Year 12 who are currently thinking about making an application to study at university.

How to complete UCL Study Prep

Create an account for UCLeXtend.

Once enrolled you can come and go as you please, just log into extend.ucl.ac.uk and the UCL Study Prep module will be there.

For more information follow this link

[UCL Study Prep](#)



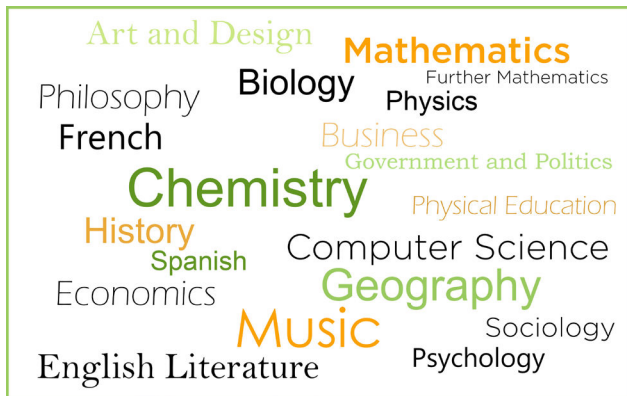
University of Cambridge Undergraduate Study

The Subject Matters Webinar

The Subject Matters offers guidance to Year 10 and Year 11 students (or equivalent) who are considering university and want advice on which subjects to study at sixth form or college.

The post-16 subject choices that students make can have a major impact on their course and university options.

Selective universities such as the University of Cambridge often consider not only the individual subjects, but also the combination of subjects because they prepare students more effectively for those courses.



The Subject Matters Webinar

Thursday, 24 February 2022 (17:00 – 18:15)

- For students in Year 10 and 11 (or equivalent) and their parents/supporters
- Session will cover subject advice, careers and super-curricular suggestions
- Opportunity to ask current Cambridge students and admissions staff questions
- recording available afterwards

For more information follow this link

[The Subject Matters](#)



Target Oxbridge Year 10

Target Oxbridge Year 10 is back and open for applications, working to provide Black African and Caribbean Year 10 students with an insight into life at Cambridge.

The programme is open to Black students in Year 10 who are predicted (or have the potential to achieve) at least three GCSEs at grade 7 (or equivalent). It will take place online. Students who take part in the programme will hear from Black Cambridge students and graduates, and will receive advice on A Level and university subject choices, how to develop subject interest and what studying at Cambridge is really like.

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- **Session 1** - April 2022 - What is Oxbridge really like?
- **Session 2** - May 2022 - How can I work towards Oxbridge?
- **Session 3** - June 2022 - What degree subject will help me get a good career?
- **Session 4** - July 2022 - What is it like to be taught by an Oxbridge tutor?

Deadline to sign up: Saturday 20th of February,

For more information follow this link

[Target Oxbridge Year 10](#)



Fitzwilliam Essay Competitions

The University of Cambridge seeks out students with a passion for their subject and who have investigated it outside the classroom. Our essay competitions provide students with an opportunity to engage with their interests in this way, allowing them to demonstrate their enthusiasm for their subject.

2022 Competitions

We are delighted to announce the 2022 competitions. This year we will be running essay competitions in Ancient World and Classics, Archaeology, History, Land Economy, and Medieval World. We will additionally be running an Architecture design competition.

Further particulars and this year's questions can be found at the link below. Please read the competition rules and submission guidelines carefully before entering a competition.

Architecture – students wishing to enter the Architecture Design Competition may find this plan of Fitzwilliam College and information on the history of Fitzwilliam's buildings useful

The deadline for all competitions is 6pm on Tuesday 1st March.

For more information follow this link

[Fitzwilliam Essay Competitions](#)

Lectures led by industry experts

Workshops in science, tech and finance

An excellent opportunity for 15-19 year old students at Bentley Wood High School who are considering careers in science, tech or finance. A series of exclusive workshops led by industry experts to help students advance their career. The section below gives information for students on the upcoming workshops and how to find out more and book a place.

The small-group online workshops are 3.5 hours long and cover everything from the basics of AI, coding, or blockchain for example, to the unique job opportunities in each sector. Students will also get a chance to try a hands-on practical exercise, and put questions to a panel of industry experts. Students at Bentley Wood High School may be interested in learning more about the latest tech and digital skills to enhance their career prospects,

For further information and to register for any of the events, please visit www.skillsgap.tech



AI for Scientists

Saturday, 26 Feb 2022

Genome sequencing, protein-folding, quantum computers... AI is transforming every area of science. Our online workshop, taught by a science expert, introduces you to AI in different scientific fields and valuable tech skills for science professionals. You'll also get practical experience training a machine learning model to predict the trajectory of the Covid-19 pandemic – a great addition to your CV.

www.skillsgap.tech/workshops/ai-for-scientists



AI in Astrophysics

Sat, 5 March 2022

The workshop is specifically designed for students aged 15 to 19 who have an interest in astrophysics or AI, and who want an insight into the skills needed for academic study in the area, roles in the industry and the different career paths available.

It aims to give you a head start before you begin university or take any other route into the sector.

www.skillsgap.tech/workshops/ai-in-astronomy

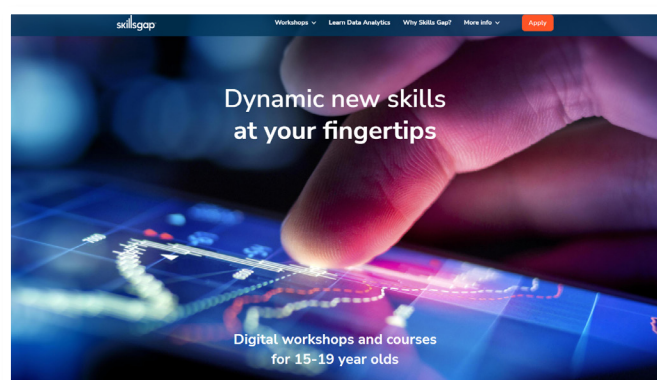


Blockchain & Cryptocurrencies

Saturday, 5 Mar 2022

Blockchain is revolutionary. It powers the cryptocurrencies that are changing the face of finance and offers safer ways to store sensitive data, but what's next? Our online workshop, delivered by a blockchain expert, provides a fascinating insight into the world of cryptocurrencies, how they are analysed and traded, and blockchain's ongoing potential. During the workshop you will get first-hand experience of making a Uniswap transaction of ERC20 tokens on Ethereum.

www.skillsgap.tech/workshops/blockchain-and-cryptocurrencies



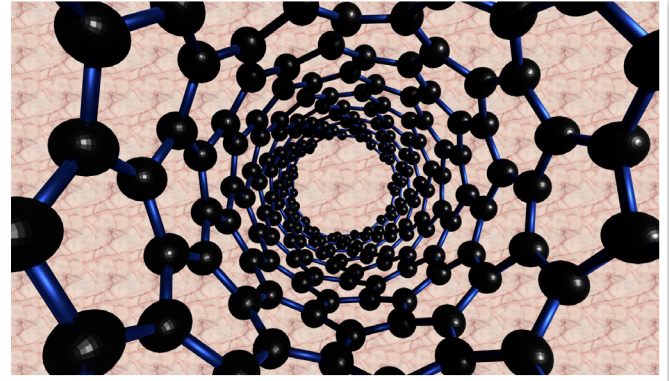


AI In green engineering

Sat, 12 March 2022

The workshop is specifically designed for students aged 15 to 19 who are looking for a career in green engineering and want to understand more about how AI is influencing the industry and the specific tech skills required for different roles. It aims to give you a head start before you begin university or take any other route into the sector.

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Careers in nanotechnology

Sat, 19 March 2022

The workshop is specifically designed for students aged 15 to 19 who are interested in discovering more about nanotechnology, and want an insight into the skills needed for roles in the industry and the different career paths available. It aims to give you a head start before you begin university or take any other route into the sector.

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Subject talks to help with study at university

We are beginning to support Year 12s with their University preparation.

At Bentley Wood, we are keen to encourage students to study subjects that they are passionate about to ensure that they enjoy their degree and gain maximum fulfilment.

We are offering subject specific sessions to guide students about what they would study in this field at University.

Ms Lomax



Subject specific sessions

Politics and International Relations	Monday Lunch (12:30)	U1	21st Feb 2022
History	Monday Lunch (12:30)	U1	28th Feb 202
Business Studies	Monday Lunch (12:30)	U1	7th March 2022
Classics	Monday Lunch (12:30)	U1	14th March 2022
Theology and Philosophy	Monday Lunch (12:30)	U1	21st March 2022
Computer Science	Monday Lunch (12:30)	U1	28th March 2022
Geography	Monday Lunch (12:30)	U1	16th May 2022

Information and advice for students and parents

Uniform recycling scheme

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We would like to encourage parent and students to donate any uniform that has been outgrown and is no longer worn.

We will then wash and re-sell these to families within the community at very low prices. Get involved and recycle now

Ms Boyadjian



The poster has a dark green background. At the top left is a white recycling symbol. At the top right is the Bentley Wood High School for Girls logo, which features a stylized tree. The title 'Uniform Recycling Scheme' is written in large, bold, white letters. Below the title, a block of white text explains the scheme. At the bottom right is another white recycling symbol. The date 'JUNE 2021' is printed in small white letters at the very bottom.

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JUNE 2021

Summer 2022 Exams

The government have confirmed exams are expected to go ahead as normal in Summer 2022. Year 11 (GCSE), Year 12 (AS) and Year 13 (A2) exams will run between Mon 16 May and Tue 28 June 2022, with Wed 29 June 2022 allocated as a contingency day.

Due to the coronavirus (Covid-19) pandemic disrupting the education of students sitting exams in summer 2022, a number of adaptations will be in place.

These include the following:

Advance Information

To make exams in 2022 less daunting, students will be told in advance some of the topic areas that will be included on the exam papers, helping them to manage their exam preparation.

This information will be issued in the spring term to help students to focus their revision time. Each awarding organisation will provide advance information on the

focus of the content of summer 2022 exams in the majority of subjects at GCSE, AS and A2.

Optionality

Optionality provides a choice of topics in GCSE English Literature, GCSE History and choice of content in GCSE Geography, and therefore reduces the volume of subject coverage that is required to be taught or assessed for summer 2022.

Exam Support Materials

In some GCSE subjects, students normally have to memorise key information and recall it when they need to use it to answer a question in the exam.

Exam support is the provision of additional material which learners can access during the exam, instead of memorising this information.

This will apply to GCSE Maths, GCSE Physics and GCSE Combined Science.

Parent to School App

View your child's information on your mobile phone! An exciting new service is now available for parents to ensure communication between the school and yourselves is easier and more effective. The app is completely free of charge to you and can be installed on your mobile phone or tablet. It currently supports both Apple iOS and Android devices (with Windows mobile to follow) and you'll be able to see information for your children.

What do I need to do now? Please ensure we have your correct mobile number and email address on our school database to ensure you can use the new app as soon as it is available. Forms are available from the school office to check and update your details or simply email them to the school. You'll need to make sure you keep these details up to date in future to maintain access to the service.

What happens next? Download The Xpressions app onto your phone. The app will go through a step by step registration with you. You will be asked to enter your email address and your mobile number. You must ensure the details you enter at registration are the same as the information we hold on the school database. When you have entered details correctly you will receive a text message to your mobile phone containing a 6 digit code. Enter the code and login.

Staying safe

Some safety tips for students:

- Always tell someone where you are going and what time you will return.
- Talk to a trusted adult if anyone says or does anything that worries or frightens you. A trusted adult might be a family member or please contact the school – someone will be there to support you.
- Don't put up with abusive texts, photos or video. Show them to an adult and report them.
- Don't lend your mobile phone to anyone unless it is an emergency.
- Don't let anyone online trick you into doing something or sending pictures against your wishes.
- Never give personal information to any person you don't know.

Supportive Websites:

Childline: 0800 1111

NSPCC:

Samaritans: Call 116 123 (24 hours 7 days a week)

Papyrus: Call 0800 068 41 41 – 9am to midnight every day
Text 07860 039967

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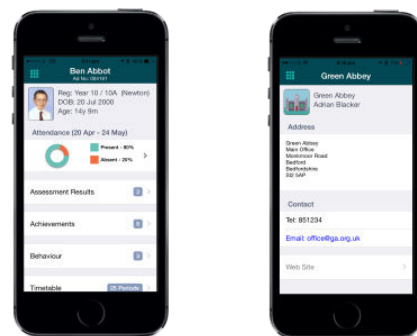
More information on registering can be found at <http://parents.groupcall.com/setup/account-registration/>

Once installed and set up you will be able to see some or all of the following information.

- Attendance records and absences.
- Achievement records.
- Behaviour incidents – eg Lack of homework.

If you have any problems with registering it will be likely the details we have on our school database do not match to the details you are entering. You would need to inform the school immediately of these changes.

Please let the school know your up to date: email address, Mobile Phone number



The Mix: Call 0808 808 4994 (3pm to 12am)

Useful contacts:

NSPCC report abuse line: 0808 800 5000

Harrow's Golden Number: 020 8901 2690

Harrow's Out of Hours Emergency Team: 020 8424 0999
Emergency Services: 999

Advice for Parent/Carers:

- Online Safety: www.nspcc.org.uk
- Staying safe online in the summer holidays – advice for parents and carers: www.saferinternet.org.uk
- How to recognise the signs of bullying and sexual exploitation: www.harrowlscb.co.uk
- Mental Health: www.youngminds.org and Mental Health Support Services in Harrow

Other Useful Contacts:

- Harrow Children's Services and Harrow Local Safeguarding Board www.harrowlscb.co.uk
- In an emergency you must always call 999.
- To report a non-emergency crime to the police call 101.

Information and advice for students and parents

Parents Evening Guidance

We have introduced a new and easy online appointment booking system for Parents Evening

This allows you to choose your own appointment times with teachers of your daughter. Appointments may be made by clicking the following link

<https://bw2020.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

A short guide on how to add appointments and access the video appointments is on our website.

[Parents Evening Guidance](#)

Guidance

Parents Evening

Dear Year 8 Parents and Carers

Due to the current national COVID situation we are implementing a remote online Parents Evening Thursday 2nd December. The system will allow you to choose your own appointment times with teachers of your daughter. Appointments may be made by clicking the following link <https://bw2020.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

Below are two video guides on how to add appointments and access the video appointments. Also attached here is a paper based guide.

Please be aware that the software only works on the following browsers:

- Google Chrome
- Firefox
- Edge



Parent Ambassadors

Parent Ambassadors at Bentley Wood High School help parents and carers in many ways to ease communication between themselves and school. We can translate information about the school and their daughter's progress in Arabic, Pashto, French and Urdu.

Our role consists of helping to assist with induction and admission of new students and to help fill out forms. We support by helping parents and carers understand parent consultations, meetings and assemblies.

We translate at meetings, act as interpreters and translate English into parent/carers native language. We like to involve parents in their daughter's education by inviting parents to coffee mornings, end of term meetings and parties.

Ms Halpin speaker of Arabic and French
Ms Usman speaker of Urdu
(We can arrange translation for Pashto speakers)

Please contact us:

Email: SchoolOffice@bentleywood.harrow.sch.uk

Phone: 0208 954 3623



Free School Meals eligibility

Children are entitled to receive free school meals if they or their parents or guardians receive any of the benefits below.

- Universal Credit, provided they have an annual net earned income not exceeding £7,400 (£616.67 per month)
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit, provided they are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190, as assessed by HMRC
- Working Tax Credit run-on – paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

I don't currently claim free school meals – what does this mean for me?

If you think you might be eligible for free school meals, please see instructions here on how to check and apply.

I am currently claiming free school meals – what does this mean for me? Most people won't be affected by the new criteria. If you're currently claiming free school meals, but do not meet the new criteria, your child will continue to receive free school meals until the end of the Universal Credit rollout period.

This will apply even if your earnings rise above the new threshold or if you stop being entitled to Universal Credit. The rollout period is currently scheduled to end on 31st March 2022. Once Universal Credit is fully rolled out, your child will keep their free school meal until the end of their current phase of education, i.e. primary or secondary.

Where can I get more information?

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

If you need any further information, please speak to a member of school staff in the Data Office or the local authority. You can also visit the free school meal website:



Keeping in touch - ensuring we have your accurate information

It is vital to check that we hold your most current and accurate data.

Please ensure that you inform the School Office/Data Office of any changes such as student name/address/contact details/mobile number & email address.

These must be kept up to date otherwise you may not be able to receive important information.

When informing us of an address change, please provide proof of address such as Council Tax or Tenancy Agreement.

Ms Ramsay, Data Manager



School News

Information and advice for parents and students

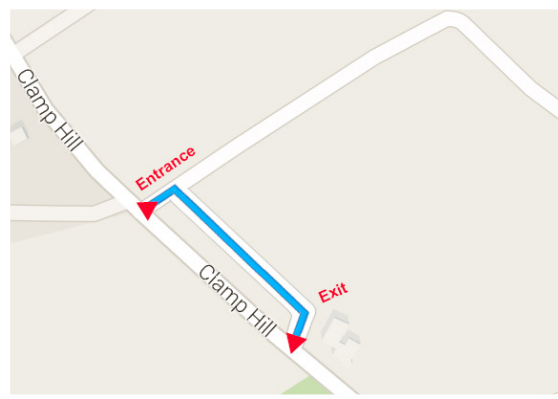
Dropping off and collecting your daughter from school

For student safety only use the Clamp Hill entrance to drop off and pick up your daughter from school. We would like to remind you that our Bridges Road gate is no longer in use for dropping off or collecting students from school by car.

We wish for all parents/carers to use the Clamp Hill entrance and the designated safe road/drop off point.

Please note if the drop off point is full, parents should drive through the drop off area and park on Clamp Hill Road, on the left hand side facing Brockhurst Corner/Uxbridge Road.

For any parents who are unsure where the drop off is please use postcode HA7 3JW. Details can also be found on the school website under the 'Contact Us' section.



Please can parents/carers email the school office at schooloffice@bentleywood.harrow.sch.uk with their up to date contact details including mobile numbers and email addresses to be sure that they are receiving all the information being sent to parents from the school with regards to the current situation.

Dates for your Diary Key Events and Parents Evenings

Thursday 24th February - E-Safety Evening for all parents/carers. 5.00pm - 7.00pm

Monday 21st February - All students return to school. Normal school timings

Thursday 24th February - Year 12 Ethics Cup at Kings College London

Friday 25th February - Maths Festival at The Royal Institute. 8.50am - 5.00pm

Wednesday 9th March - Speak Out Challenge at Bentley Wood

Monday 14th March - Year 13 Spanish trip to Cervantes Theatre. 12.30pm - 6.00pm

Wednesday 16th March - Drama trip to Watersmeet Theatre. 8.00am - 13.20pm

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Thursday 17th March - Year 7 Parents Evening. School finishes at: Years 7/8/9/12/13 - 2.20pm. Years 10/11 - 1.30pm

Thursday 24th March - Year 8 Options Evening. 5pm - 7.00pm

Friday 25th March - Assessment Day

Friday 1st April - Last day of term

Don't forget to check our website for regular news updates:

www.bentleywood.harrow.sch.uk