



# Bentley Wood High School

Newsletter April 2022



## Othello Production: Students have an amazing experience performing Shakespeare's play

This year students at Bentley Wood joined the Coram Shakespeare Festival to deliver a production of the tragic story of Othello. The festival invites schools to produce plays from Shakespeare, which are then brought together at a professional theatre to be shared to participating schools and an audience. The Bentley Wood students were hard at work developing a performance to showcase the wonderful skills the girls possess. The performance was held at Watersmeet Theatre in Rickmansworth on 16th March 2022. Here are some of the student comments.

"Being part of the Othello Production was a wonderful experience, and while it wasn't a first time to some actors, we assume it was the first time for most of the cast. As the crew of the production, everyone worked with their utmost effort, aspiring to give their very best to the audience. We'd rehearse every Thursday after school from 3:30 to 5:00pm. These rehearsals were commitments we'd made; however, we know all of us saw this as a way of expressing ourselves in terms of drama. This performance allowed us to see beautiful personalities and unique talents, it was a wonder to socialise with these people. We were from Year 7, 8 and 9 and it was a great opportunity to interact with other year groups."

Manasika, Asla and Anna 8IRe

*The Tragedy of*  
**OTHELLO**  
*The Moor of Venice*  
By WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE



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## Message from the headteacher

Dear parents/carers

We have come to the end of another busy and fulfilling term. You will continue to see that the girls have been involved in many activities beyond the classroom. This is a very important part of their education. Please do encourage your daughter to attend one of the many clubs here in the school. There have been trips for year groups this academic year, which have been highly valued by students and staff. The lockdown has certainly made us appreciate visits and outings. If your daughter has not been on a trip yet, please do not worry, our aim is for every student to go on a trip before the end of the academic year. We will be having our Activity Days on the 19th and 21st July 2022, Sports Day is on 20th July. There will be trips during Activity Days.

We are pleased with how well the girls are learning across the curriculum. They have quickly caught up with any learning that they missed last year due to the lockdown. They also have a very positive attitude towards learning. The girls have excellent relationships with their teachers and support staff and show great respect. This respect is mutual and leads to a positive learning community.

Do enjoy reading the newsletter. Be very proud of your daughters. They are fantastic. We genuinely value our time together and really care about their individual development and achievement. I do hope you have noted down the dates of different events next term. It would be great to see every parent/carer during the summer term.

Enjoy this spring break. Please encourage years 11,12 & 13 to attend their revision/exam preparation meetings. The teachers have a lot to share from the exam boards about the exams.

As always, thank you for your continued great support.

My very best wishes to you all

Janice Howkins  
Dr Janice Howkins OBE





## Othello: Shakespeare Festival

As part of the production, specific characters were encouraged to attend extra, small rehearsals which consisted of discussing lines, discovering their meaning and the best possible ways to show the emotions of the characters when acting. I undertook the role of Emilia and so I attended short rehearsals throughout the week. I feel it helped boost my overall confidence and I was able to portray my character in the best way possible.

On Friday 21st January, a professional from Shakespeare's School came in to help out with our performance. We had many different exercises and we learnt how to use our bodies in ways to bring the background to life. For example, we had an exercise where we had to act as furniture in order to make the scenery. On the final performance day, we had a tech rehearsal, where we went through scenes with lighting and sound cues. We then had a dress rehearsal which was a full run through and a primary school also performing in the festival watched us. During the actual performance, it was so much fun and every single person in the cast was passionate and brought the play to life. We all hope we have another chance to do this again!

### **Manasika, Asla and Anna 8IR**

The experience before and during the show was so exciting. We got to do a professional technical rehearsal and a dress rehearsal in front of another school. When it was finally our turn to perform on stage the experience was amazing. Seeing all of the people who came to watch the Shakespeare School Festival was thrilling. Whilst performing we got to experience the excitement and adrenaline of being on stage. Also, we got to watch two other schools perform and their performances were amazing. The Shakespeare School festival was an impeccable experience and I am glad I got that opportunity. If I could do it again I definitely would. -

### **Maisie S 8IR**

Othello was an amazing experience which I will never forget. Bentley Wood High School performed Shakespeare's play Othello at Watersmeet Theatre on Wednesday the 16th of March 2022. The performance was a huge success, and everyone enjoyed themselves. Everyone put in a lot of effort and attended rehearsals every Thursday after school. I would like to say a special thanks to Mr Rankin and the teachers who organised it all.

Every week the ensemble would learn something new, whether it was physical theatre, cues, transitions or even reacting to what the characters were saying. During this play, we became familiar with the storyline, and learnt how to speak and understand Shakspearian language.

Being part of this play gave us lots of opportunities; for example, we attended a drama workshop on the 20th January. In this a professional actor came in and watched our play. He gave us some useful feedback which we used in our final performance. Each week we would add something to enhance the performance.

On Wednesday 16th of March 2022, we performed our play. Everyone was so excited. We did a technical rehearsal where we did the sound and lighting cues. After it finished, we had a dress rehearsal where we performed to another school. There were three other schools performing different Shakespeare plays: like Romeo & Juliet, A Midsummer's Nights dream and Taming of the Shrew. Later in the evening we performed the real performance of Othello. With the crowd settling down and the lights fading, the play had begun; all our hard work came down to this, we gave it our all. There was no need to worry because all the rehearsals paid off; the performance was amazing.

### **Jayna Patel 8JCT**

# Rewards and celebration

## Students have tea with the Headteacher to celebrate their achievement

Our most decorated students from Year 7 to Year 13 have had afternoon tea with the headteacher Dr Howkins. Cakes and tea were part of the celebration for students' achievements.

All of the students received headteacher certificates and a golden star. Well done to all, we are so proud of them.

**Mr Maric, Assistant Headteacher**





# Bentley Wood Students and Staff Plant Trees for the Jubilee



The Queen's Green Canopy (QGC) is a tree planting initiative created to mark Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee. Students and staff planted trees sent by The Woodland Trust on the school grounds as a contribution to the QGC. Students from Year 7 and Year 8 were chosen to take part in this event so that they can nurture and monitor the trees' growth over the next few years, as they themselves grow and progress through their secondary school life here at Bentley Wood.

This tied in nicely with the school's Headteacher collecting her OBE at Windsor Castle that same morning, resulting in a wonderful day of celebrations.

**Mrs Boyadjian**



# Year 9 Movie Night - Reward Evening

As a Reward Evening for Year 9 we held our usual half term movie night. This time it was the famous Encanto movie. Set among the mountains of Colombia, this sparky musical covers plenty of well-trodden terrain, including sibling rivalry and the crushing weight of family expectations.

What's interesting and unexpected is the film's subtle acknowledgement of culturally specific generational trauma and displacement. "We can't lose our home," repeats matriarch Abuela Alma, who recounts being forced from her house by "unknown forces" once before.

The Madrigal clan are a little unusual. The burly Luisa possesses superhuman strength, Isabela has the ability to make flowers burst into bloom, Pepa can control the weather with her mood. It's only bespectacled Mirabel who hasn't been blessed with magic. When the Madrigals' prized enchanted candle begins to dim (and with it, everyone's powers), cracks appear in the

foundation of the family casa. It's Mirabel who must figure out how to keep the flame alight. Amazing movie and well-liked by our Year 9 students.

**Mr Maric, Assistant Headteacher**



# An introduction to public speaking and performance

## Jack Petchey Speak Out Challenge

Over the course of 2 Wednesdays in March, sixty Year 10 students were chosen to take part in the Jack Petchey Speak Out workshops, where an external speaker from the Speakers Trust came in to introduce us to the art of public speaking along with Mr Nussbaum from the English department.

Participants were split into two groups of thirty and each group took part in an all-day workshop, where they were taught essential skills in three different sections during the day; delivery, content and structure. Taking part has enabled students to improve their presentation skills that will help them in the future, such as confidence, clarity and charisma.

Throughout the day participants had to do a number of impromptu speaking activities for each of the sections; finally, they prepared their own speech on a topic they feel passionately about, using the skills learnt over the course of the day.

Although it was quite nerve-wracking at first, especially when performing speeches to the group, the whole experience was extremely beneficial in building confidence and public speaking skills.

Six students have now been chosen to take part in the school's assembly finals, which will be held shortly - the speakers now face the unnerving prospect of looking into the eyes of two hundred of their peers!

From this, we will select our overall Finalist, to participate in the Harrow Borough Final in May. Congratulations to the school finalists, and everyone who took part!

**Mr Nussbaum**

## Jack Petchey's "SPEAK OUT" Challenge!







## The Globe Players educate and entertain students with classic theatrical productions

Bentley Wood welcomed the Globe Players back to the school in March for a day of theatrical productions supporting the GCSE English curriculum, though with adaptations to fit the health and safety requirements for visitors.

The group performed key scenes from both set GCSE texts *An Inspector Calls* by J B Priestley and *Macbeth* by William Shakespeare for Year 10, with interjections of lively narration giving context and insight into the key themes and questions.

They also performed their new theatrical adaptation of *Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde* for Year 11, embracing the challenge of performing it chapter by chapter, to reflect the novella's structure, and having to cope with the absence of one of their actors due to Covid.

The students thoroughly enjoyed these performances and we look forward to welcoming the Globe Players to Bentley Wood again soon.

**Mr Nussbaum**



# Student Rewards April 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

**Vanshi D 7ISA** - Quality of work produced is outstanding for Year 7

### English

**Maria B 7ISA** - For achieving above and beyond what is expected and constantly showing a true, genuine enthusiasm for the subject.

### Food

**Fatema S 7FER** - for her careful planning of dishes. She used a range of interesting ingredients to create dishes with excellent sensory features

### French

**Fatema S 7FER** - for producing beautiful class work and homework. It is such a pleasure to mark her book. TTS

### Maths

**Sohada T 7TSG and Sayyidah K 7EFM** - They are both consistently outstanding in lessons, always have their hands up and both are always reaching extension work, keen to be challenged. Sayyidah in particular is also keen to participate in extra-curricular Maths like the Count On Us Challenge. **Joanna S 7TC** - Absolutely outstanding dedication to her class work and homework. Regularly asks for extra homework and has completed HM Memri tasks in the past to strengthen and consolidate her learning from the week. Takes ownership of her own learning.

### Music

**Ayva P 7TSG** - for her outstanding contribution in music lessons, her enthusiasm, and her commitment to extra-curricular activities

### PE

**Leyla B 7HAS** - for her outstanding effort in PE lessons, helping others and brilliant sportsmanship

### Science

**Salma J 7ISA** - for asking so many brilliant questions and for always doing her very best. **Isla A 7FER** - for making such huge progress in understanding and in participating in lessons.

### Spanish

**Shanum C 7FER** - For her outstanding ability in Spanish and her 100% dedication to the subject.





# Spring into Reading !

## The Smoke in The Sun, Renee Adieh

The highly anticipated sequel to Flame in the Mist – an addictive, sumptuous finale that will leave readers breathless.

## All the Things that Could go Wrong, Stewart Foster

A moving and beautifully written story about what can happen when two completely different people are forced to put aside their differences, for fans of Wonder.

## The First to Die at the End, Adam Silvera

The long-awaited prequel to the hugely popular They Both Die at the End

## All That's Left of the World, Erik J Brown

What If It's Us meets Life as We Knew It, this is a postapocalyptic, queer YA adventure romance from debut author Erik J. Brown. Perfect for fans of Adam Silvera and Alex London.

## How I saved the world in a week, Polly Ho-Yen

Blending science-fiction dystopia with sympathetic and vividly realised real-world characters, this timely novel pits a junior survivalist against the global threat of a deadly and terrifying virus.

## The Balloon Thief, Aneesa Marufu

A thrilling and beautifully uplifting fantasy adventure, The Balloon Thief follows Khadija and Jacob's battle for friendship in a society plagued by racism and misogyny. For Khadija, the only escape from her father's arranged betrothal is the sky.

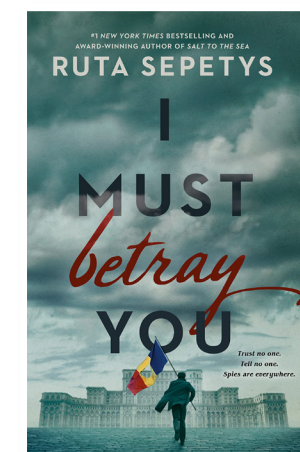
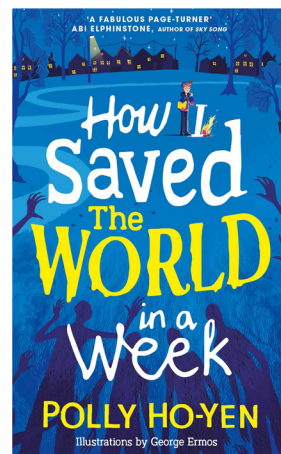
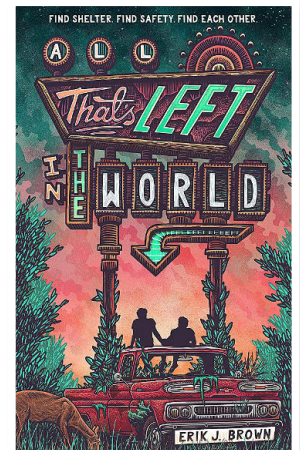
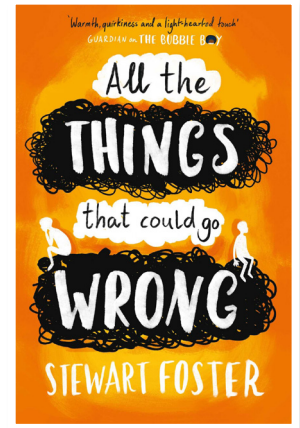
## Mirror Girls, Kelly McWilliams

Historical Fantasy with Gothic Horror elements that beautifully weaves an amazing tale the sisterhood between biracial teens who are separated at birth.

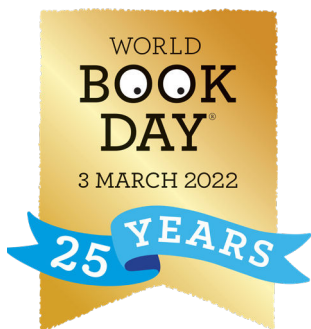
## I Must Betray You, Ruta Sepetys

Cristian risks everything to unmask the truth behind the communist regime, give voice to fellow Romanians, and expose to the world what is happening in his country.

He eagerly joins the revolution to fight for change when the time arrives. But what is the cost of freedom?



# World Book Day celebrations



## Bentley Wood have celebrated another fantastic World Book Day!

This year is the 25th anniversary of the global event, and our staff and students joined others across the world in dressing up as book characters. Year 7 and 8 students made a fantastic effort with their costumes – we had an array of characters from various genres. Staff also had one of

their best years yet! The Science department dressed up as the characters from Peter Pan, while English magically portrayed Lord of the Rings, and Social Sciences were chimney sweeps from Mary Poppins.

Students also dropped everything to read for the first two minutes of every lesson, where they were read an instalment of a classic Roald Dahl short story.

Other activities included Blind Date with a Book, where library books were gift-wrapped with key words written on them, so the students selected the books for the themes and not the covers. Our Golden Ticket challenge was very popular, and will be continuing into next week!

**Activities that took place on the day to celebrate books included:**

### Blind Date with a Book –

Books will be gift wrapped and on display with 3 key words and an age guide, so students don't judge a book by its cover

### £1 Free Book Tokens

'Guess Who's Reading' ( English Dept.) – students guess which member of staff is hiding behind a book

Golden Ticket Challenge – Golden Tickets are hidden in selected library books and if a student finds one and reviews the book they are awarded 5 achievement points

D.E.A.R – short story instalment at the start of every lesson

Book Character costumes – Year 7 and Year 8 students are invited to dress up as their favourite book character

Ms Mortimer



**Teachers and support staff - take up the challenge and dress up as their favourite book character**







Year 7 and Year 8 - Dress up as their favourite book character





# School reunion

## Parent Voice, Bentley Wood's PTA with a difference

We would like to introduce ourselves as the Parent Voice group at Bentley Wood. We are a friendly proactive group who support the school. We meet once every half-term, approximately six times a year with Dr Howkins and Ms Ferrer. We have agreed that we will represent parents/families and we will raise funds for the school. This will benefit all of our daughters. To raise funds we sell refreshments at school events, for example concerts and drama productions.

The group is open to all parents. If you wish to join please contact Ms Howkins the Headteacher

**Email:** [JHowkins@bentleywood.harrow.sch.uk](mailto:JHowkins@bentleywood.harrow.sch.uk)

**Phone:** 0208 954 3623

## Parent Carers. We need your help

Please join our Parent Voice meeting in school on

**Thursday 28th April at 7pm.**

We will be planning a Bentley Wood High School reunion for former staff and students on

**Saturday 2nd July**



*Heriots Wood Grammar School / Bentley Wood High School*

**Former student and staff reunion  
to celebrate the 66th Year of our school**

*1956 - 2016: all former students and staff are invited*

*Saturday 2nd July 2022 12pm - 4pm*

RSVP to our school office by  
email: [66thReunion@bentleywood.harrow.sch.uk](mailto:66thReunion@bentleywood.harrow.sch.uk) or telephone: 020 8954 3623  
Details are also on our website at [www.bentleywood.harrow.sch.uk](http://www.bentleywood.harrow.sch.uk)





# Student Rewards April 2022

## Year 8



### English

**Asla S 8IR** - For her enthusiastic attitude in English and great efforts in classwork and homework, she is always striving for the best.

### Food

**Abi M 8MGR** - Always trying her best and excellent engagement in all lessons, a pleasure to have in the class!

### French

**Izis D S 8EV** - for having improved a lot in French in terms of participation and confidence. LSB

### German

**Zahara T 8JCT** - for working so positively in German Enrichment club.

### Maths

**Jaimisha P 8MGR** - She works really hard and is always eager to contribute to the class. She consistently produces outstanding work and consistently asks for more challenge and extension.

### Music

**Anna C 8IR** - for her outstanding contribution in lessons, the help she gives to others, her talent and her commitment to extra-curricular activities

### PE

**Kalpana M 8SAS** - for her excellent commitment to PE enrichment activities and outstanding attitude to learning in PE lessons

### Science

**Shuraifa M 8SAS** - for having such an interest in science and for always participating to the fullest extent. **Autumn A 8ALG** - for overcoming challenges and ensuring that she tries her best in every science lesson to participate and understand concepts

### Spanish

**Isabelle M 8EV** - For her commitment to Spanish and high quality of her work.



# Students take part in netball and football tournaments this term

## Year 9 and Year 10 opened their football season

The first game against Nower Hill school was played with lots of heart and determination. Bentley Wood High School girls have played their first game of the season.

Mr Jack Curtis their manager was proud in how hard they played on the field. The next game is against Pinner High School.

Our students love playing football and testing their skills against other teams.

**Mr Maric**



## Year 7 Netball

The Year 7 Netball team competed in their first borough tournament at Nower Hill. After a couple of tough matches in the beginning we began to find out stride and played some fantastic netball!

Every member of their team played their part and the subs were cheering so loudly from the sidelines. Well done to all of you!

**Miss Chandler**







## Congratulations to the Year 9 Netball Team Borough Champions!

### Year 8 Netball

On Friday 18th March, the Year 8 Netball team headed to Nower Hill for their borough tournament. In total, the team played 7 matches and scored several goals by Precious and Aliya M. T

he whole team played amazingly throughout and showed excellent sportsmanship. You represented Bentley Wood so well and I'm so proud of all your individual performances! Well done Year 8

Miss Chandler



# Student Rewards

## April 2022

### Year 9



#### Biology

**Jaishree R 9AWS** - has improved this half term and has consistently maintained a high level of effort, participation and is producing brilliant work. She is a role model to others in the class.

#### Business studies

**Mithra R 9LG** - for Outstanding contribution to class discussion and consistent excellent work in class.

#### Chemistry

**Nia A 9AWS** - For putting so much effort into her classwork and homework

#### English

**Sabah H 9BME** - For making excellent progress over the course of this term.

#### Food

**Sahar S 9LG** - Consistent effort in practical and theory lessons. She goes the extra mile when writing up practical outcomes and looks for ways to add extra skills when making food products.

#### Geography

**Huda H 9AWS** - Improvement in achievement

#### German

**Omrya Q 9BME** - for her wonderful enthusiasm and excellent contribution.

#### H&S

**Honey M 9AWS** - for her improved confidence in lessons and resilience towards her studies and **Hanna F 9VBR** - for her consistent hard work and passion in all lessons which is also reflected in her homework too!

#### Latin

**Sumaya M 9LG** - for improving her attainment this term and for being such a charming and enthusiastic helper at GCSE options evening

#### Maths

**Diana H 9VBR and Raniyah K 9VBR** - They both work exceptionally hard in class and are eager to perform well

in tests. They always have homework done early and to a really high standard. They always have their hands up, ready to contribute and they are always asking for more work. Exemplary students all round. **Rawda M 9PSH** - Has made a massive improvement in Maths this year. A great energy in the classroom, is fully committed to her class work and homework and this is evidenced in her results this year. Always eager for extra practice and to improve her results each half term.

#### Music

**Georgia M 9AWS** - for her hard work in performance, composition and listening. Georgia helps others in the class and also plays in orchestra.

#### PE

**Tiba A 9LG** - for her excellent commitment to Year 9 netball training and for an outstanding performance at the Year 9 Borough Netball Tournament

#### Physics

**Zahra D 9CBB** - for consistently working extremely hard, helping others and putting in outstanding effort for classwork and homework.

#### Psychology

**Huda H 9AWS** - Huda has been consistently producing work of the highest quality and puts 100% effort into every task she has been set.

#### Science

**Hamida Omer 9HJG** - for always doing her best work and making maximum effort.

#### Spanish

**Luna S 9AWS** - for always working really hard in both classwork and homework and for doing every extension task.

#### Textiles

**Diya P 9LG** - for a beautiful block printing sample and her great effort and care taken over her work



# Student Rewards

## April 2022

### Year 10



#### Biology

**Hafsah Y 10SZ** - has improved this half term and has been consistently producing outstanding pieces of work

#### Business studies

**Salma E 10SCH** - for your Demonstrating excellent dedication to Business studies and promoting the subject at options evening.

#### English

**Nasra F 10SZ** - For maintaining her excellent progress and achieving highly as she continues her GCSE studies.

#### Food

**Jasmina S 10SCH** - For a beautifully presented fruit tart and really applying herself in lessons, well done!

#### French

**Fatima I 10SZ** - for her exceptional contributions in class, lovely ideas and creativity.

#### Geography

**Maryam J 10 SEO** - Excellent quality of work.

#### German

**Husna N 10RGR** - for outstanding results in tests and academic excellence in class.

#### H&S

**Zahra S 10MCO** - for consistently working hard and giving 100%

#### Maths

**Sahar J 10MCO** - for her amazing resilience and commitment to improving her understanding of Maths. Keep up the good work Sahar!

#### Music

**Riana K 10LBA** - for her commitment to the Music department. She is always ready to help and has worked so hard on her solo performance and composition this year. Well done Riana

#### PE

**Sanika V 10CCH** - for contributing so much of her time to the PE department. Coaching the Year 7 netball team and working extremely hard to achieve highly in GCSE PE lessons

#### Philosophy

**Marjan A 10LBA** - For excellent engagement and showing excellent passion for the subject.

#### Physics

**Fatima I 10SZ** - for her brilliant questions in class and fantastic work ethic.

#### Psychology

**Madina T 10MCO** - Madina always puts 100% effort into her work and tries so hard in Psychology. She is always willing to help support in the subject and is an excellent role model to her peers.

#### Science

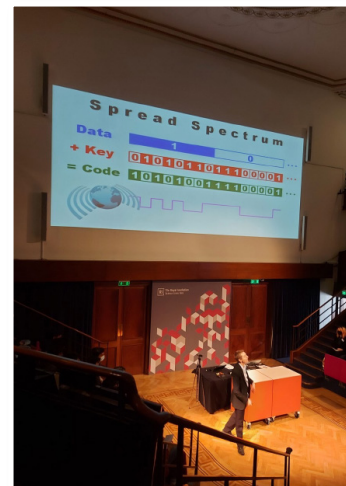
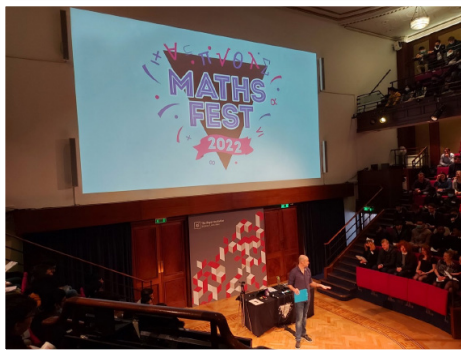
**Zainab A 10LBA** - for consistently working extremely hard, showing that she wants to be the very best she can be in chemistry. She never fails to impress me. **Nilofer S 10SCH** - for making such a big improvement in behaviour and in participation in lessons.

#### Spanish

**Nasra F 10SZ** - For putting in so much effort and achieving a very good grade in her assessment, despite the fact she was a complete beginner to the subject in September.



# Students engage with maths festivals and maths challenges



## Sixth Form students get inspired by mathematics at Maths Fest 2022

Maths Fest was an all-day extravaganza for Sixth-Form students to celebrate and be inspired by mathematics. Maths Fest 2022 featured some of the best maths speakers in the world talking about their favourite bits of maths, and celebrated maths as an exciting, useful and rewarding subject. Maths Fest was deliberately designed to reinforce normal school lessons. It was a fantastic day out for mathematics students, certain to leave them motivated and excited to learn more maths! There was a section of the day dedicated towards revision and exam technique. Every student was given a free Maths Fest booklet with information about the speakers and talks, along with puzzles and exercises.

**After a hugely successful Maths Fest 2022, which our Sixth formers together with some Yr11 girls enjoyed, here is some students' feedback:**

*'I found Maths Fest to be a really fun experience. I learnt about how maths can be applied to different careers. As I took part in the Maths Slam I was able to improve my public speaking and I felt that it was a really beneficial opportunity. I learnt about a topic in maths that I was not aware of before and I enjoyed being able to share what I learnt with others. I would definitely recommend Maths Fest to anyone interested in maths or stem subjects.'*

**Malaykah**

*'My experience at Maths Fest absolutely brilliant. As someone who is very interested in the applications of maths in the real world it was very exciting to hear about the different ways in which maths is being used in our world today, that too in some pretty cool ways! The highlight of my experience I must say was the talk featuring statistical distributions regarding vaccination schemes by a statistician in the clinical science industry! All the talks were really fun and engaging and I wish I could go again!'*

**Laiba S 13 DFL**

*'I enjoyed going to the Maths Fest because of the fact to face interaction with the speakers who were really inspiring, I enjoyed learning about the applicability of maths to so many jobs and how far it can take you. I would love to go again!'*

**Zohal Tokhy**

*'Taking part in the Maths Slam has really helped me build my confidence and improve my mathematical communication skills.'*

*'The best part of the day was seeing mathematicians talk with passion about non-syllabus topics.'*





**United Kingdom  
Mathematics Trust**

# Student achievement in the UKMT Maths Challenge

We were extremely pleased to be able to enter students from Years 9 to 10 into the United Kingdom Mathematics Trust Intermediate Maths Challenge last month. This Challenge is aimed at Years 9 - 10 but there were several able, bright and enthusiastic students in the younger year groups who also benefitted from the opportunity.

Congratulations to the following students who achieved Bronze, Silver and Gold certificates in this National competition.

Ms Vagi

## 24 Challenge Maths Tournament

The 24 game is an excellent math game that challenges students to develop accuracy and quick thinking. The students who took part in the 1-week tournament really enjoyed this game.

The girls not only practiced basic mathematics facts, also become adept at mental math, communicating mathematically, validating their thinking, and recognizing multiple ways to solve problems.

The added benefit of the tournament is that all this thinking and problem solving is disguised as a game!

Ms Vagi



Fatiha	SilverBIS
Diema	Silver
Mithra	Silver
Zara	Bronze
Niva	Bronze
Mariah	Bronze
Parisa	Bronze
Tiba	Bronze
Farheen	Bronze
Arthika	Bronze
Hirah	Bronze
Marwa	Bronze
Meena	Bronze
Habibah	Bronze
Maya	Bronze
Tahira	Bronze
Fariha	Bronze
Georgia	Bronze

Maryam	Silver
Sara	Silver
Israa	Silver
Ayah	Silver
Sana	Silver
Sarah	Silver
Zaina	Silver
Hafsa	Bronze
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Ayah	Bronze
Alexia	Bronze
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Georgia	Bronze
Afia	Bronze
Fajr	Bronze
Zahra	Bronze
Furya	Bronze
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Lenah	Bronze
Lanah	Bronze
Inaayah	Bronze
Abigail	Bronze
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Safa	Bronze
Sahar	Bronze
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# International Maths Day

**On Friday March 18th Bentley Wood celebrated Pi Day & International Maths Day !!!**

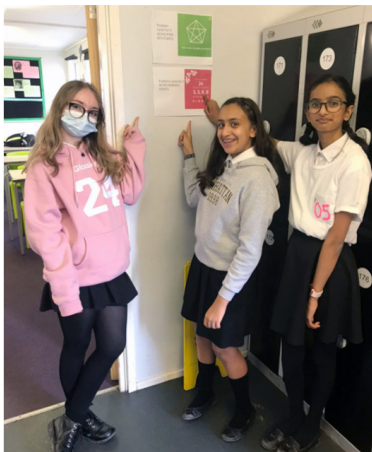
Days with MATHS celebrations have been dedicated to spread the enjoyment for Maths!

We want everyone to believe they can 'do' maths. That's why we're actively advocating the power of maths and working to ensure everyone can engage with the subject and what it can do.

Number Uniform day



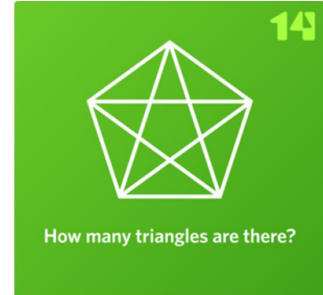
Students came to school with a maths or number themed top.



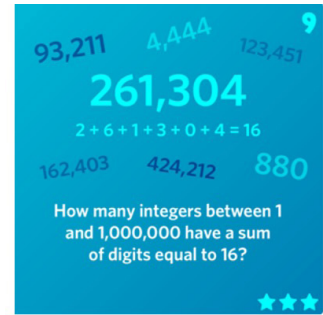
There were Problems and Puzzles Around the school !!!

A selection of our favourite mathematical puzzles and problems were displayed around the Maths dept. Most of them were simple to understand, but the solutions required clever and unconventional thinking. Well done to the girls for solving these puzzles and collecting achievement points.

Problem Cards for 5 ACHIEVEMENTS POINTS



Problem Card for 5 ACHIEVEMENTS POINTS



Girls had to complete Sports themed comprehension tasks. These tasks have been designed for them to practice their numeracy & literacy skills.

**Pearson Year 7 Term 4 Sport**

### Red Rum's third Grand National win

**Red Rum** (7 May 1965 – 18 October 1995) was a champion Thoroughbred steeplechaser. He achieved an unmatched historic treble when he won the Grand National in 1973, 1974 and 1977, and also came second in the two intervening years, 1972 and 1976. The Grand National is a notoriously difficult race that has been described as 'the ultimate test of a horse's courage'. He was also renowned for his jumping ability, having not fallen in 1001 races.

The 1973 race in which Red Rum secured his comeback victory from 30 lengths behind to often considered one of the greatest Grand Nationals in history. In a 2007 poll, Red Rum's historic third triumph in the Grand National was voted the 24th greatest sporting moment of all time.[5]

The **Grand National** is a National Hunt horse race held annually at Aintree Racecourse in Liverpool, England. First run in 1839, it is a handicap steeplechase over an official distance of about 4 miles and 2½ furlongs (4 miles 5¼ yards (6,907 m)), with horses jumping 20 fences over two laps. It is the most valuable jump race in Europe, with a prize fund of £1 million in 2021. It is one of the four premier events in British flat racing, and is popular amongst many people who do not normally watch or bet on horse racing at other times of the year.

An estimated 500 to 600 million people watch the Grand National in over 140 countries. The race has also been broadcast on radio since 1927.

**Questions:**

1. Roughly how old was Red Rum when he died?
2. He achieved an historic treble? What does this mean?
3. Why is it so impressive that he hadn't fallen in 1001 races? (look at the jump!)!
4. In 1973 he 'came back from 30 lengths behind'. What does this mean? (What is a length in this context?)
5. Which city is Aintree Racecourse in? Do you know anything else about this city?
6. The Grand National started in 1839. How many years ago was this?
7. How long is a furlong? What fraction of a mile?
8. How much money does the winner get? Write this out in numbers and words.
9. People bet on horse races based on the probability of a horse winning—what is this area of Maths called?

**Pearson Year 8 Term 4 Sport**

### The 2003 Rugby World Cup

The **2003 Rugby World Cup** was the fifth Rugby World Cup and was won by England. Originally planned to be co-hosted by Australia and New Zealand, all games were shifted to Australia following a contractual dispute over ground ownership rights between the New Zealand Rugby Union and Rugby World Cup Limited.

The tournament began with host nation Australia defeating Argentina 24–8 at Stadium Australia in Sydney. Australia went on to defeat New Zealand 20–10 in the semi-final, to play England in the final. Along with a try by Jonny Wilkinson, Jerry Wilkinson kicked four penalties and then a drop goal in extra time to win the game 20–17 for England, who became the first northern hemisphere team to win the Webb Ellis Cup.

The overall stadium capacity was 82,311 across 11 venues. This was a reduction from the 1999 Rugby World Cup in Wales (with games also held in England, France, Ireland, Northern Ireland and Scotland) which had a total capacity of 84,677 across 15 venues.

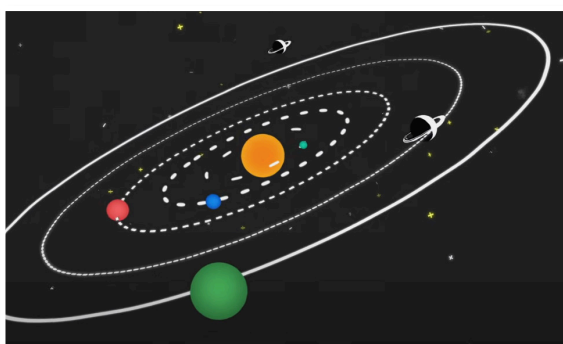
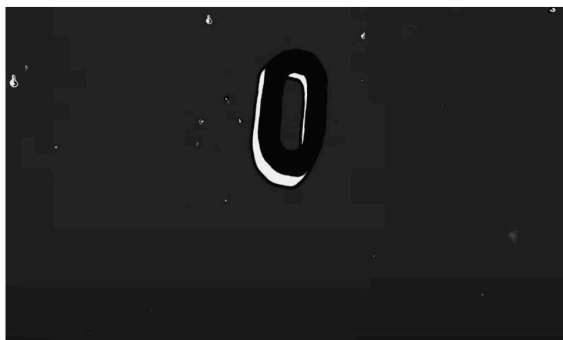
Twenty teams qualified for the 2003 Rugby World Cup. Of the 20 teams, eight of those places were automatically filled by the teams that reached the quarter-final stages in 1999, including hosts and world champions Australia and did not have to play any qualification matches. A record 81 nations from five continents were involved in the qualification process designed to fill the remaining 12 spots, which began on 23 September 2000.

**Questions:**

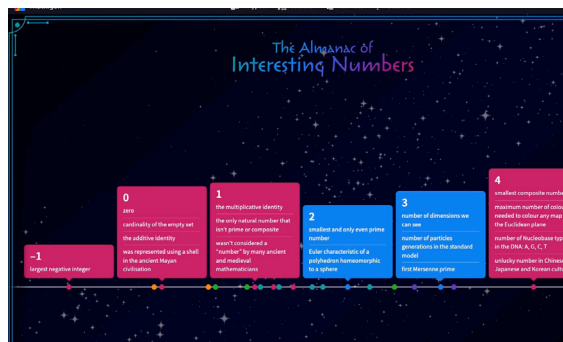
1. How long ago was 2003?
2. Who won the 2003 Rugby world cup?
3. Which country hosted the tournament?
4. How many teams qualified for the world cup?
5. How many countries took part in this?
6. How many teams make it to the quarter finals?
7. How many teams make it to the semi-finals?
8. Who scored the drop goal in extra time that won the game?
9. Who scored the drop goal in extra time that won the game?
10. England were the first northern hemisphere



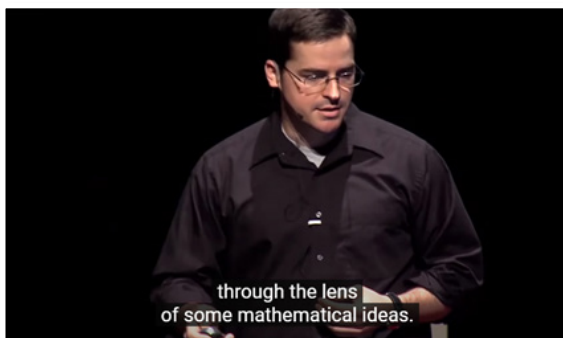
**Hannah Fry** – a best-selling British author, award-winning presenter, and Professor in the Mathematics of Cities at the UCL Centre for Advanced Spatial Analysis – helped attendees to understand the power of Zero.



Students explored hundreds of interesting curious properties and facts of numbers.  
<https://mathigon.org/almanac>

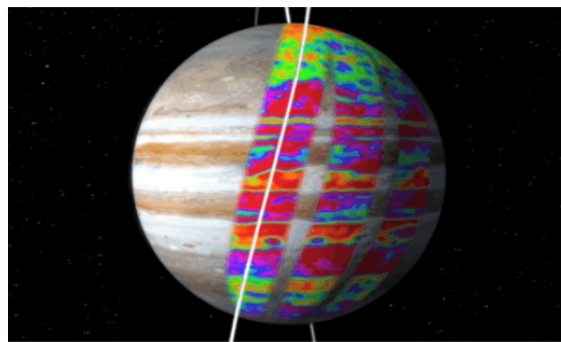


They've watched **The Beauty and Power of Mathematics | William Tavernetti** | This talk was given to inspire the girls, show them by choosing to study maths, you are choosing to live in a world of never ending beauty... even in chaos there is maths



### Pi Day

Girls explored the concept of pi ! Pi helps explain some of the most basic but important principles in the universe. They've watched about NASA & PI. NASA regularly uses Pi to calculate trajectories of spacecraft.



Above is a visible documentation of a technique called a "pi transfer" used by the Cassini spacecraft to complete a maneuver to fly by Saturn's moon Titan flyby.

NASA's Cassini spacecraft spent 13 years orbiting Saturn, discovering seas and jets of water ice on its moons, and observing its majestic rings. Twice during the mission, engineers used a technique called a pi transfer to alter the spacecraft's orbit. With a precisely steered flyby of Saturn's largest moon, Titan, Cassini's orbit was flipped 180 degrees to the opposite side of the planet. (In radians, 180 degrees is equal to pi, hence the name pi transfer.) With the lighting conditions also flipped 180 degrees, from Cassini's perspective, the spacecraft was able to see Saturn and Titan in a whole new light.

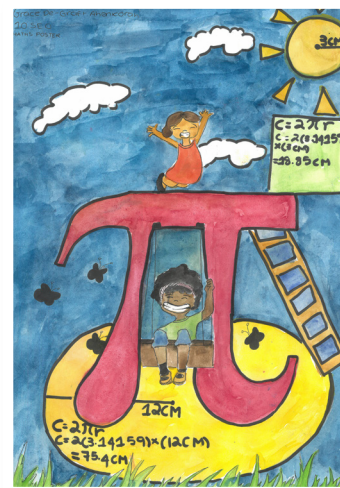
### But How The Number Took Over The World??

You need pi to calculate circumference and area of a circle, but you also need pi for things like the [cosmological constant](#), [Einstein's field equation of general relativity](#), [Coulomb's law for the electric force](#), and the period of a [pendulum](#). Without pi, we never would have built complex infrastructure, advanced our knowledge of mathematics, or visited other planets. This is why every

March 14, we celebrate pi with its very own day.

**Students also created Posters to show how Pi made our life better!!!**

**Pi Competition winners**



Winning Poster  
 Grace D 10SEOF

# Students enjoy cultural language celebrations and theatre

## Francophonie is celebrated by Year 8 students

Here are some comments from Year 8

'In our Francophonie French lesson (La Francophonie is celebrated each year on the 20th March), we had a booklet in where we had a bunch of questions about French speaking countries. I loved this lesson as I learned about different cultures and countries.'

**Afiya A 8SAS**

'The lesson was super amazing and fun as we got to learn many different facts about various French speaking countries.'

**Vibha P 8SAS**

'There are many French speaking countries and it is truly fascinating to discover that French has made its way around the world.'

**Bailee S A 8ANF**

'I found out that there are 29 French speaking countries and each and every one is special and unique in its own way.'

**Ariqa M 8SAS**



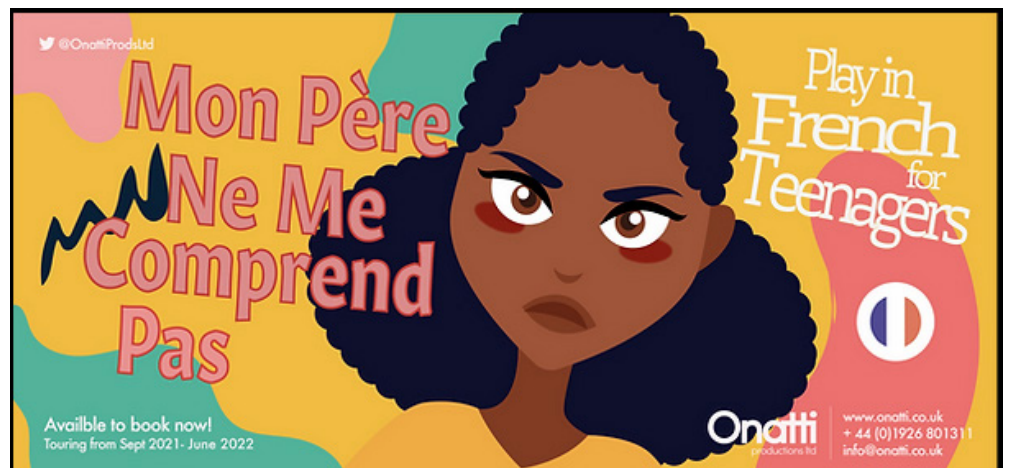
## Theatre Production in French coming soon to Bentley Wood!

Book your ticket via parent pay to guarantee a place on Thursday 14th July 2022 at 9:30 in the Hall

Mon père ne me comprend pas is an absolute gem of a play.

When Hélène doesn't get what she wants for her birthday she wishes for better presents, better family, in fact better everything! When her wishes start to come true she regrets being so greedy and misses normality.

**Mrs Ortega**





# Year 13 Spanish A Level Trip to see 'La Casa de Bernarda Alba' at Cervantes Theatre

As part of our study of a Spanish language literary work during our A Level Spanish course, Year 13 students, Mrs Ortega and Miss García attended a production in Spanish at the Cervantes Theatre in London of *La Casa de Bernarda Alba*. We also enjoyed a lovely walk around Borough Market, Southwark Cathedral and the South Bank towards London Bridge and admired the wonderful architecture and history of this part of London, with its charismatic mix of ancient and modern buildings.

## The Play

The production we saw at the Cervantes Theatre is directed by Jorge de Juan, a renowned Spanish producer, director, and actor. He is a co-founder of the Spanish Theatre Company (London) and Artistic Director of The Cervantes Theatre.

The play was written in 1936 just before the Spanish civil war broke out, but the play was first performed in Buenos Aires, Argentina in 1945. During the censorship of the Franco dictatorship, the play was banned in Spain until 1963, partly because of its political implications and partly because the behaviour and language of the characters was regarded as immoral. A small theatre club was allowed to put on a single performance in 1950, but the regime tried to ensure that it would be given no publicity.

The *House of Bernarda Alba* explores themes of repression, passion and conformity through the depiction of a matriarch's domination of her five daughters. Described by the author as "a drama of women in the villages of Spain", the deliberate exclusion of any male character from the action helps build the high level of sexual tension that is present throughout this masterpiece.

**Federico García Lorca (1898-1936)**, poet and dramatist, was one of the greatest Spanish writers of the 20th century. He was killed by nationalist troops at the age of thirty-eight at the beginning of the Spanish Civil War and two months after completing *The House of Bernarda Alba*. The third piece of Lorca's Rural Trilogy after *Bodas de Sangre* (*Blood Wedding*) and *Yerma*.

Mrs Ortega





# Science Week

## Egg drop challenge

During Science week we got students to complete the egg drop challenge. Our year 7 students had great fun trying to get the egg into the plastic cup without breaking it. The students had fun trying to understand the why the egg did not break and linked it to Newton's first law.

Ms Patel



## Ecology Walk in Bentley Priory

As part of British Science Week 2022, Year 7-9 students took part in a Bentley Wood Ecology Walk in Bentley Priory for a lunchtime.

This activity was an excellent opportunity to refine some of the key ecology skills learnt as part of the science curriculum as well as enjoying the beautiful grounds of Bentley Priory! Well done to all those who took part - watch this space for more Ecology walks in the near future!

Ms Robson



**BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK**  
**GROWTH**

Bentley Priory Walk as part of British Science Week 2022. This is to celebrate all things Biology/Ecology!

Thanks for joining us for our walk to Bentley Priory! In this sheet are several different activities you can complete as part of our afternoon walk.

**Task 1!**  
**Leaf Identification & Adaptation!**

Tick the different types of leaf you identify on the walk and consider the following questions at the bottom about the function on leaves.

Tree Identification Sheet			
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ginkgo	gum	sweet chestnut	oak
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**Questions:**

1. What is the function of a leaf?
2. What is the difference between the length of leaves grown in shade and grown in light?
3. What is the difference between the width of leaves grown in shade and grown in light?
4. What is the difference between the area of leaves grown in shade and grown in light?

**Task 2!**

**Scavenger Hunt**

This scavenger hunt has a general list of some of things you might see on your walk today!

Give yourself 2 points for each item you find and see how many points you can score. Good luck!

Item	Bentley Priory	Points	Item	Bentley Priory	Points
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ant	<input type="checkbox"/>		rock	<input type="checkbox"/>	
spiderweb	<input type="checkbox"/>		water	<input type="checkbox"/>	
sunglasses on a tree	<input type="checkbox"/>		lizard	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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# Activities during Science week

Climb to 9 club have worked incredibly hard this term on different aspects of STEM. As part of Science Week, they took part in an Engineering Challenge focused on introducing basic design concepts and engineering principles used in construction. Here they worked collaboratively in small groups to design and build the tallest tower out of dried spaghetti and marshmallows!

They also created and delivered outstanding presentations on a scientist who inspires them and who had pioneered advancements in their field as well as the progress of women in science. Well done to the Climb to 9 Club for their enthusiasm and hard work this term!

**Ms Robson**



# Disrupted Science

During Science Week lessons were disrupted by a mad scientist showing various experiments you can do with dry ice (a solid form of carbon dioxide).

Dry ice sublimates at 194.7 K (-78.5 °C; -109.2 °F) at Earth atmospheric pressure. This extreme cold makes the solid dangerous to handle without protection. These were cool experiments.

**Mr Koyejo**



# Student Rewards April 2022

## Year 11



### Art

**Nazaneen H 11RB** - Development of skills in Year 11 have been brilliant

### Business studies

Ananthiga V 11LSB - for continued improvement in the subject and demonstrating reliance in business studies.

### English

**Fatima I 11AHU** - For her academic excellence, consistently outstanding standards of homework, and her critical engagement with literature

### Food

**Sanjana T 11CSN** - always exceedingly well prepared for her lessons and going above and beyond for her practical exam

### French

**Arththe R 11YTF** - for her resilience and having learnt a lot of complex vocabulary for her French GCSE mock oral exam. LSB

### German

**Cayanne P 11MW** - for her incredible hard work and dedication to this subject.

### H&S

**Fatema A 11CSN** - for consistently working hard and asking for support when needed.

### Latin

**Taqwa E 11EJ** - for her fantastic effort and attainment

### Maths

**Farah N 11LSB** - for a consistent and continual dedication to improving her maths.

### PE

**Nkechi A 11YT and Naomi O 11LSB** - for being a brilliant PE prefects. Meeting Ms Jones regularly with ideas to improve the PE provision at Bentley Wood, organising equipment, officiating in lessons and being outstanding role models to younger students. All whilst working hard to achieve their very best in GCSE PE.

### Physics

**Ananthiga V 11LSB** - for consistently working hard in class and for putting exceptional effort into every task.

### Psychology

**Fatima H 11GCP** - for really trying hard in Psychology and following feedback and guidance so well.

### Science

**Zahra B 11MW** - for dedication and attention to detail. She's not happy unless she understands the work inside out!

### Spanish

**Miya P 11YT** - for her resilience and positive attitude in her Spanish GCSE mock oral exam.





# Student Rewards April 2022

## Year 12



### Art

**Antonia L 12AJ** - Outstanding work ethic

### Biology

**Usha B 12MKE** - for consistently working hard and pushing herself - she puts a lot of effort in and although she is quiet it doesn't go unnoticed!

### Business studies

**Tasha B 12MKE** - for your outstanding work and wonderful attitude to learning.

### Classical Civilisation

**Antonia L 12AJ** - for her passion for Classics and her excellent attainment

### Economics

**Eesha P 12AJ** - wonderful effort in class and the improvement in your key knowledge with understanding of complex diagrams and theories

### English

**Wynona L 12MKE** - For acting on feedback carefully and making good progress as she approaches her AS examinations

### H&S

**Palwasha S 12MKE** - for achieving a distinction in her Unit 2 Exam. and **Hannan A 12AV** - for achieving a distinction in her Unit 2 Exam.

### Maths

**Hafsa S 12SNU** - for her amazing ability to overcomplicate the simplest thing and her methodical approach to problem solving.

### PE

**Nilofar F 12SNU** - for being an excellent role model to the younger year groups in PE. Being an excellent coach and showing brilliant commitment to the Sixth Form netball team

### Physics

**Sadeen A 12AJ** - for her fantastic approach to problem solving and her self-motivation.

### Psychology

**Noureen T 12MKE** - for working really hard to boost her Psychology grade. Noureen has been attending revision sessions, completing extra work and even attending extra lessons - this is such a big improvement!

### Sociology

**Aleema K 12AJ** - for consistently participating really well in class and giving excellent, well thought out answers - helping everyone to understand more!

### Spanish

**Isma M 12LFO** - Brilliant preparation and revision for her mock exam Listening, Reading and Writing paper and the Speaking paper practice.

### Politics

**Paray S 12SNU** - for the excellent progress you have been making in Politics and being proactive with your revision.



# Sixth Form Enrichment

## Sixth Form Walking Club

Sixth Formers at Bentley Wood have a love for all sports, including walking. We purchased some welly boots to save the white trainers and took them on a muddy walk on Friday 11th March at lunchtime to Bentley Priory.

We had enough time to find the oldest oak tree in Middlesex - The Master!

Students in the Sixth Form really understand how much fresh air and nature can support their wellbeing, especially during mock exams!

**Ms Lomax, Head of Sixth Form**



## Cultural Crafts Club

The Sixth Form Cultural Crafts Club continues to be a popular enrichment opportunity for Year 12 and Year 13 students. The club enables 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 created wooden bookmarks for World Book Day, made scratch art Peruvian llamas and had fun making earth pom poms in preparation for Earth Day.

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 12.30 to 1.20 in 208 and all sixth formers are welcome. See you there!

**Mrs Keller**





# Ethics Cup Debate Competition

On 24th February, 6 students from Year 12 in Bentley Wood Sixth Form attended Kings College London for a debating competition as part of an extra-curricular activity.

Students practised the cases with Miss Jones and Miss Crosbie every week in preparation for the event. Cases include various controversial topics such as the banning of plastic straws and male circumcision. Last year this event occurred online, due to the pandemic, however this year it resumed in person at Bush House campus.

## What is the purpose of the Ethics Cup?

The Ethics Cup was introduced by the University of St Andrews and is a highly prestigious civil debating competition, with the winning team receiving a silver trophy.

The debate encourages critical thinking skills and is beneficial in confidence development and public speaking skills, which are useful for future interactions. The debate also encourages insightfulness as students respond carefully to judges' comments in the 10-minute segment when judges can ask anything, as professional experts in the subject area. Students are encouraged to use precise knowledge, which may include case studies or statistics.

## How was the day?

The day consisted of three rounds of debating competitions between two schools in each round, competing for a place in the final, which is held online. Students debated in a room full of members of competing teams and were required to present their arguments in the given time limit.

Many students from Bentley Wood were privileged to attend this highly prestigious competition. One of our team members, Claudia Iacob, stated that "it definitely was an enjoyable experience, as it was great to hear the different views on topical issues".

Isma M 12LFO



# Sixth Formers: volunteering at Harrow Community Kitchen

Students in the Sixth Form have been volunteering at Harrow Community Kitchen for around 3 months now. They work on a rota system and 10 students go each week to package food parcels for the food bank.

The community kitchen are so impressed with their work and every week they work to speed up and beat the number of food parcels they have packed from the previous week.

They have been asked to come and support with children's cookery lessons over the Easter break and they also require help with gardening in April. Our Sixth Formers have so many opportunities to really get stuck in and give something back to the local community.

Ms Lomax, Head of Sixth Form





# Sociology and Anthropology students look at political and human history

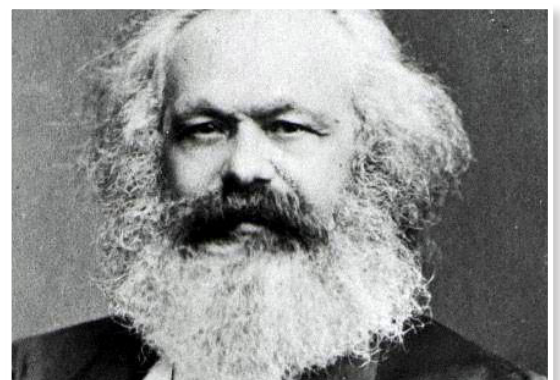
## Year 13 Sociology students visit East Highgate Cemetery

Visitors flock from all around the world to see the grave of Karl Marx, whose political philosophy has had such impact on the modern world. Karl Marx was a German philosopher, critic of political economy, economist, historian, sociologist, political theorist, journalist and socialist revolutionary.

His best-known titles are the 1848 pamphlet *The Communist Manifesto* and the three-volume *Das Kapital*.

Our Year 13 sociology students are mini experts in Marxism and his theory. It was only appropriate to go and pay respect to this great philosopher.

**Mr Maric, Assistant Headteacher**



Karl Marx



# Anthropology Society goes to Natural History Museum

Members of Anthropology Society Year 9 and Year 12 students have been to another exciting educational visit to the Natural History Museum. The Natural History Museum in London is a museum that exhibits a vast range of specimens from various segments of natural history.

As a part of the Anthropology Society, we explored the new evolution section of this museum. Students embarked on a seven-million-year journey, from the first hominins to the last surviving human species: us. Students investigated what defines a hominin and how much we modern humans have in common with other human species, as well as what sets us apart. Along the way we explored the changes in physical characteristics, diet, lifestyles and environments that have shaped modern humans.

This visit was continuation of many great debates that the Anthropology Society explores every Tuesday lunch time.

**Mr Maric, Assistant Headteacher**





# Year 12 students gain experience in a career path in Medicine or Law

## Year 12 students get help for applying to Medical School

Medology are a small company who work with Year 12 students to support their medical applications. Getting into medical school is a challenge and is incredibly competitive therefore we are keen to support our students with their applications in a variety of ways.

We invited students from other schools in the Harrow collegiate and had approximately 40 students in the hall on Saturday 19th March for a session on How to Apply to Medical School.

The session was full of energy and information that will successfully guides applicants to success. The feedback from the students was incredibly positive and we'll subsequently be inviting them back in for supporting with the interview process once applications have been submitted.

**Ms Lomax**







## Success for Bentley Wood Sixth Form at Bar Mock Trial Competition

After a 2-year hiatus, the Young Citizens organisation were once again able to run their Bar Mock Trial competition around the country. Schools put together a team to take the different roles involved in a Crown Court trial: barristers, witnesses, clerk, usher, and jury members. The trials are run by a real life barrister taking the role of the judge, who also score the participants in their various roles.

Bentley Wood's team was all from Year 12 and we were given 2 cases to put together - both the Prosecution and the Defence. In the first case, a young adult was accused of witness intimidation after going to see a neighbour who had accused their best friend of a burglary. Was this with knowledge of the impending trial and an attempt to threaten them? Or a simple misunderstanding being overblown by a paranoid victim? In the second, a post-lockdown drinks celebration turned ugly when strangers with a mutual friend were involved in an altercation and one ended up in hospital. Did the accused act in self-defence, and can it be proved that they caused the various injuries to the plaintiff?

After regular after-school sessions with Mr Nussbaum putting together trial strategy, examining witness statements carefully and learning the procedure of a criminal trial, there was disappointing news in January that rather than the proposed trip to Snaresbrook Crown Court for the Outer London heat, the competition would need to be held online via Zoom. Things took another turn on the week of the event when several schools had to drop out due to unforeseen circumstances. The students reacted superbly to this challenge by supplying an unscored team, meaning that rather than argue in 3 trials over the course of

the day, they were arguing 5! It also meant having our teams split over 2 partial 'courtrooms' equipped with laptops, webcams and mic, with a silent jury team witnessing the same trial on the other side of the room!

Some excellent performances on the day saw Bentley Wood triumph and win the heat - despite having to evacuate our courtroom in the final trial due to a fire alarm, which certainly surprised the presiding judge and opposition school, who were tuning in from their respective locations.

Our barristers Sumayyah F, Hadees S, Eesha P and Tabasum M argued their cases persuasively and, in particular, used cross-examination to point out weaknesses and holes in the other side's argument. Sumaya was particularly praised for the quality of her closing argument as a Prosecutor. Nouha B, Hibaq H, Nilofar F and Nkiah B inhabited their roles as the various witnesses - plaintiff, defendant, friend, police officer - very well and had to stand up to the pressure and scrutiny of the opposition barristers. Laylah Mistry performed the crucial presiding role of the Court Clerk efficiently and confidently. We were also assisted by and Naaimah F in the role of Usher and a number of Sixth Formers turning up on the day to be jury members and consider and deliver their verdict - in addition to the victory in the points tally, Bentley Wood also returned 4 out of 5 verdicts in our various cases.

The team has represented the school extremely well and can be extremely proud of their success. Hopefully this is the start of some very promising legal careers in our Sixth Form!

**Mr Nussbaum**

# Student achievement in Bentley Wood Sixth Form

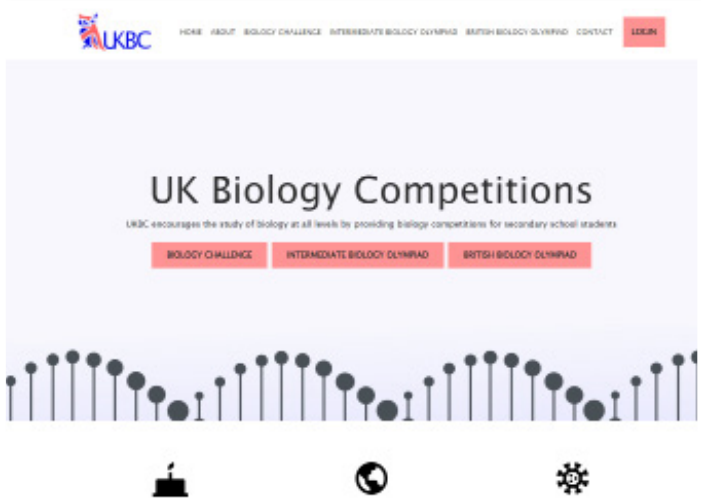
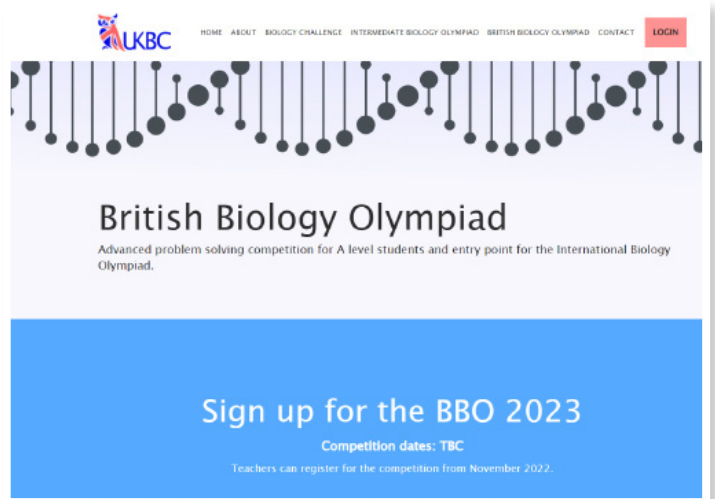
## Congratulations to Year 12 students on their Biology Olympiad results

I am so proud of these students who completed the Biology Olympiad. This is a national competition where over 10,000 students from more than 700 schools worldwide took part in this year's competition.

Congratulations goes to Hafsa S from Year 12 who gained highly commended ( Highest mark from all our Year 12 who took part ) Also our Year 13 students Farah A 13EB and Ridwana R 13SBA who recieved a Bronze certificate.

Extremely well done!

Ms Patel







## High Achieving Year 11 students are welcomed into the Sixth Form!

To showcase the fantastic Sixth Form at Bentley Wood High School, many students in Year 11 were invited to a special Sixth Form afternoon on March 10th.

The event aimed to provide the students and their parents with the best advice about their education pathway; in short, to join us in the Sixth Form at Bentley Wood High School!

The afternoon was aimed at students with the highest projected grades in Year 11. We provided students and parents with an overview of the outstanding provision Bentley Wood 6th Form offers high-achieving students aiming for the best Universities.

This included presentations from:

- **Ms. Manzi (Head of Year 11)**, who highlighted the brilliant pastoral support offered at Bentley Wood High School that continues into the Sixth Form.
- **Mr O'Sullivan (Assistant Head Teacher)**, who gave an overview about the many supra-curricular activities that make the sixth form at Bentley Wood so unique.
- **Ms Lomax (Head of Sixth Form)**, who spoke about how the sixth form develops the students' independence and resilience (as well as their academic ability) through volunteering and extra-curricular clubs

- **Ms Jones (Deputy Head of Sixth Form)**, who spoke about the dedicated Oxbridge programme offered in the sixth form
- **Anna Scantlebury (Head Girl)**, provided an insight into the life of a sixth former at Bentley Wood.

Bentley Wood Sixth Form teachers have a particularly developed expertise in teaching the most able students. Students are challenged in lessons and are given the opportunity to develop their talents.

Our Sixth Form offers visits by experts from different careers and university interview-training. It involves university visits and study trips covering a variety of cultural experiences in both academic and creative fields.

High-attaining students are given the opportunity to develop leadership, decision-making, and organisational skills through House Activities and more.

We are extremely proud of our Sixth Form and hope that your daughters in Year 11 decides to stay with us for the next stage of their journey.

**Ms Jones**

# Student Rewards April 2022

## Year 13



### Art

**Mayuri M 13JT** - Excellent work ethic - brilliant portfolio being developed.

### Business studies

**Iqra M 13EB** - for your hard work and excellent attitude in Business this term. Well done with your 20 markers. Good luck in your exams!

### Classical Civilisation

**Leah M 13SBA** - for her amazing presentation on Agrippina

### Economics

**Maryam R 13EB** - for the wonderful work ethic and always willing to show an improved answer.

### Graphics

**Rabia A 13JT** - Beginning to turn a corner

### H&S

**Chloe K 13SBA** - for producing an excellent Unit 8 Assignment all about Covid. and **Arizona V 13JT** -for producing an excellent Unit 8 assignment all about Covid.

### Maths

**Verney S 13TRA** - turned things around with confidence in Maths. Has become more positive in her mindset.





# Student Rewards April 2022

## Year 13



### PE

**Yasmine J 13JT** - for excellent commitment to the Sixth Form netball team, supporting with KS3 Badminton Club and being a good sporting role model to other students in the Sixth Form and younger year groups

### Physics

**Anjani V 13JT** - for her fantastic attitude and work ethic. She has come on leaps and bounds this year.

### Psychology

**Keely K 13TRA** - for completing extra work in preparation for the mock exams and for working hard to improve her knowledge of the subject.

### Sociology

**Manal A 13TRA** - for producing excellent practice 30 markers and supporting other students.

### Spanish

**Kiya A 13DFL** - For her preparation and excellent practice presentation for her Independent Research Project on Federico García Lorca

### Politics

**Anna S. 13SBA** - for your excellent consistency with Politics studies.



# Information and advice for students and parents

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



Mrs Boyadjian

The poster features a green background with a white recycling symbol at the top left. In the top right corner is the Bentley Wood High School for Girls logo, which includes a tree icon. The title 'Uniform Recycling Scheme' is written in large white letters. Below the title, a block of white text explains the scheme. At the bottom right, there is another green recycling symbol. The date 'JUNE 2021' is printed in white at the bottom center.

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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

**Childline:** Call 0800 1111 (24 hours 7 days a week)

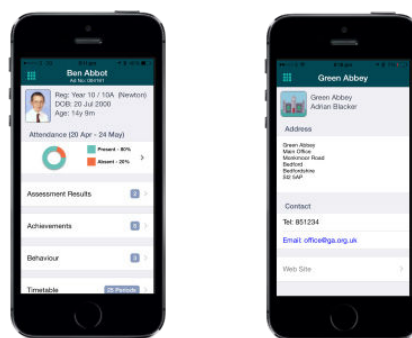
More information on registering can be found at <http://parents.groupcall.com/setup/account-registration/>

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](http://www.nspcc.org.uk)
- Staying safe online in the summer holidays – advice for parents and carers: [www.saferinternet.org.uk](http://www.saferinternet.org.uk)
- How to recognise the signs of bullying and sexual exploitation: [www.harrowlscb.co.uk](http://www.harrowlscb.co.uk)
- Mental Health: [www.youngminds.org](http://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](http://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

## 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



## Tunnocks Teacake Challenge

The Challenge for 2022 is to present a Tunnock's Teacake to the theme of 'The Natural World'.

**Judging criteria are:**

- presenting a stunning dish using creativity and a variety of skills
- your idea should embrace diversity, sustainability and healthy eating.

**To enter you need to include a photograph of your plated design and the following information.**

- Age
- Name

**Category entered for (Up to 14 years of age/ 14 + years of age/ Most novel)**

- Description of entry - Describe the skills that you have used to make it
- Details of how this dish meets the challenge criteria

**Entries to Miss. Burnyeat  
no later than 22nd April 2022.**





## 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

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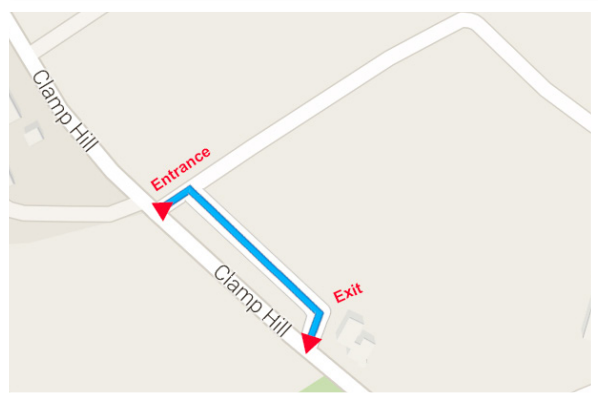
## Dropping off and collecting your daughter from school

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](mailto: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.

## Dates for your Diary

### Key Events and Parents Evenings

**Friday 1st April** - Last day of term Students finish at 3:10 and 3:25 as usual.

**Tuesday 19th April** - All students return to school. Late start, students return at 11.30am

**Thursday 21st April** - Year 8/9/10 HPV Vaccinations. For students who missed the February appointment.

**Thursday 28th April** - Year 12 Anthropology Trip to Brunel University 8.30am to 3.15pm

**Monday 2nd May** - Bank Holiday School Closed

**Tuesday 3rd May** - Year 8 Safety First Day

**Monday 9th May** - Year 9 DTP/MEN Vaccinations

**Monday 16th May** - GCSE examinations start, AS examinations start

**Friday 27th May** - Year 7 Windsor Castle trip 8.45am to 3.30pm

**Friday 27th May** - Last day of half term Normal school finish

**Wednesday 29th June** - Summer Concert

**Friday 1st July** - Bank Holiday Queens Platinum Jubilee

**Monday 11th to 15th July** - Year 10 work experience

**Wednesday 20th July** - Sports Day

**Tuesday 19th - Thursday 21st** - Activity Days

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

[www.bentleywood.harrow.sch.uk](http://www.bentleywood.harrow.sch.uk)