

30 January 2017

### **Education Visits and Events 2016-2017**

Please [click on the link](#) here for the list of education visits and events.

#### **Dates for Your Diary**

<b>2017</b>	
<b>Friday 3 February</b>	Music Competition Concert - MH 1830
<b>Tuesday 7 February</b>	Y8 Parents Evening - MH & LRC 1630
<b>Friday 3 March</b>	Y7 & Y8 Disco – <b>revised date</b>
<b>Friday 17 March</b>	Friend's Quiz Night
<b>For the on-line school calendar, <a href="#">access link here</a></b>	

Dear Parents



I have lots of great news this week, as usual. As you are all aware, we have an ongoing fundraising scheme called Inspiring Science to help support the completion of the three superb laboratories for our students now and into the future. This development within the school was only possible because of the judicious use of the parental funding donated by many generous parents and others. As part of our 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebrations, we wanted our new reception and the new laboratories to be opened by someone remarkable who is intrinsically linked to the school. I am delighted to announce that Her Royal Highness, The Duchess of Kent, has graciously agreed to open both spaces. The Duchess came and opened the school 50 years ago and I am told she is delighted to visit us again to see how the school has changed. In particular, she has also asked to hear the girls sing as she had been told of the great achievement at the Marlow Music Festival.

We will be contacting all of those that have given as part of the fundraising scheme to see if they can come to the opening ceremony. There will be much to plan and more details will be shared closer to the date. However, if anyone wishes to be part of this and wishes to engage with the Inspiring Science fundraising then do [click on this link](#) here. I hope that it will be, not only a wonderful opportunity for the school, but also a super publicity opportunity for all those businesses and people who wish or may wish to be part of this celebration.

Additionally, we already have one company who has agreed to sponsor a laboratory and have the space named after their company. This reflects the company's interests in furthering the cause for women and science and their belief in what our school does to promote excellence in science (amongst other subjects). We are talking to a number of other companies who may want to do the same for the labs or for other subjects that we deliver. If anyone is interested in this sponsorship, then do contact me directly and I can let you know what is involved.

In addition, this week our Under 19 Netballers managed to play so incredibly well that they reached the National Finals. Our Under 14s team also played very well but didn't quite manage to reach the finals. I am sure you agree with me that the sport in this school is outstanding and thank the staff for all that they do to help support the girls achieve so highly.



We have a new slot that, each week, will feature a fact or two about our 6th Form. The students have asked that they learn more about the 6<sup>th</sup> form. We have a 6th Form Working Party that is keen to share the opportunities and experiences that we offer as they believe it is not clear enough to students who are considering staying at BHS to study their A levels. As we take student voice very seriously, we have begun this feature. Do look below.

Following a very successful Burns Night at the Beaconsfield Golf Club, we tentatively hope to have raised in excess of £8,000. I would like to extend thanks to those involved and Sarah Kucera for overseeing the event.

We have also featured in the press several times this week. Do click here to read the releases that celebrate all that the girls have achieved.

- [Bucks Free Press Article](#)
- <http://www.getbucks.co.uk/sport/other-sport/youth-sport/triple-sporting-success-beaconsfield-high-12499070>

After the news of the week and the Roll of Honour, there is also a notice about parking in the local area from Belinda Avery. She is offering you the chance to be part of a survey.

Finally, I would like to finish by sending huge congratulation to our County championship swimmer, Rachel Cornford for her 6 podium positions in the Junior Championships this weekend and for our very own Miss McGonigle whose team won the National Premier League Indoor Hockey at Wembley and qualified for a place in Europe.

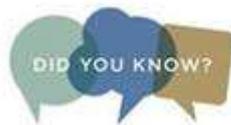
Have a lovely week.

Rachel Smith  
Headteacher

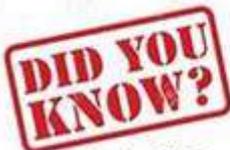
#### 6<sup>th</sup> form information

# DID YOU KNOW?

To offer Year 10 students, parents and others who might be interested further insight into our Sixth Form, they will now receive weekly emails informing them of something that they may not already know....below are the first two emails:



*... in the 6<sup>th</sup> Form at Beaconsfield High you have the opportunity to do Outreach work with local primary schools?*



*...In the 6<sup>th</sup> Form at Beaconsfield High we have clubs and societies such as MUN (Model United Nations), Medsoc and Debating!*



## PRESS RELEASE | JANUARY 2017

### The Sports Successes Continue for Beaconsfield High School



Students and staff at Beaconsfield High School continue to dominate in their sports of choice, with remarkable achievements in the pool and on the netball and indoor hockey courts this weekend.

The school's Under 19 Netball team competed at the National Schools Regional Rounds on Saturday, beating stiff competition to qualify for the final, played on Saturday 28 January. The school's Under 14 team also successfully made it to the Regional Rounds although were unfortunately knocked out. In last year's competition, the U19 team made it to second position nationally, and the U14 team were seventh nationally.

**Rachel Cornford, middle, with other successful club members**

In the pool, Year 9 student Rachel Cornford has walked away from the Berks and South Bucks County

Championships with 11 podium positions over two meets, winning two gold, two silver and 11 bronze medals. Rachel, 13, competes in the Junior category for Wycombe District Swimming Club, swimming against girls who are aged up to 15 years old.

Rachel won golds in the 100m Individual Medley and the 100m Freestyle, for which she set a Junior Championship record for the county and received an impressive trophy. Rachel's fantastic times in the competition mean that she has also qualified for the South East Regional Championships later in the year.



Mrs Collins, Learning Support Assistant at the school, also recently represented the Wycombe District Swimming Club, winning six gold medals and one bronze in the South East Regional Masters Championships in Crawley, held earlier in the month. Mrs Collins competed in the 55-59 age group for the first time, and also achieved a Championship meet record in the 50m Butterfly.



### **Netball Squad**

The U19 team were exceptional and won every single of their matches in their qualifying round and finished in first place in their group. They performed exceptionally well in the semi-final winning the match convincingly 16-6 which secured their place in the National Final on Saturday 18 March. The team finished the day off with a win in the final making them the winners of the Southern Region. The team consisted of Natalya Short, Katarina Short, Katie Bowen, Anya Wood, Amber Bains, Sadie Thomas, Bea Overturf, Lauren Thomas, Josie Kucera, Alex Taal, Millie Patrick.

The Under 14 – also played exceptionally well throughout the day and fought hard in their group. They were in an extremely tough group, they won two and lost three of their matches and finished 5<sup>th</sup> in their group. The team consisted of Alyssa Merry, Freya Ingham, Sophia Martin, Sophie Saunders, Anna Hearne, Sana Anwar, Elizabeth Morecroft Walker, Flora Lockley, Jess Edmunds, Ella Bradshaw, Lizzie Tucker, Ella Marsh.

### **Year 9 Rachel Cornford is a huge success!**

Rachel's swimming at the final weekend of County Championships proved her to be remarkable in another storming weekend for her. Rachel is 13 currently but competing in the Junior Championships which are for those swimmers who are 15 and under. Consequently she is swimming in finals against girls a good 18 months older.

Over this weekend she achieved 6 podium positions in the Junior Championships:

1. 100m Individual Medley 1st
2. 200m Individual Medley 2nd
3. 200m freestyle 2nd
4. 50m breaststroke 3rd
5. 50m freestyle 3rd
6. 200m backstroke 3rd

Over the two weekends of County Championships (Berks and South Bucks), Rachel has achieved 11 podium positions in the Junior Championships: 2 golds, 2 silvers and 11 bronze.

We are very proud of her achievements and look forward to seeing her continue to excel in the pool.

### **Mufti Day raises funds**

Friday 27 January was Mufti Day, in support of the charity '28 Too Many', which works to end the practice of FGM. The founder and director, Anne-Marie Wilson, is a former Beaconsfield High student and visited on Friday to speak to Years 7, 8 and 9 during assembly. There was also a presentation and discussion forum at lunchtime for Years 10 - 13, and staff were also welcomed to listen and learn. Thank you to Mrs Colin who arranged the visit and to all of the students who gave on the day to help further a cause close to the heart of many schools at this time.

### **Sainsbury's vouchers - we're collecting them!**

Last year we put our Active Kids vouchers to very good use for the PE and D&T Departments, supplementing and replacing old and tired equipment. Please support us again this year by ensuring your vouchers are handed into the LRC or Reception. The collection of Sainsbury's vouchers is run as a House Competition, so please mark them with your daughter's house.

Active Kids vouchers are available to collect from all Sainsbury's stores, petrol stations and when ordering online, between **Wednesday 25th January** and **Wednesday 3rd May 2017**



Each week we invite parents to inform us of their daughters achievements **outside of school** via our [achievement@beaconsfieldhigh.bucks.sch.uk](mailto:achievement@beaconsfieldhigh.bucks.sch.uk) email address.

Achievements received this week:

- **Elizabeth Abbott (8MBM)** has attained a distinction in her grade 5 ballet exam
- **Amelia Tack (7CMC)** has passed with Distinction her IDTA grade3 Ballet examination. Amelia has also passed with Highly Commended her IDTA Bronze Jazz examination
- **Grace Clark-Pratt (8AMS)** achieved a High Merit in her LAMDA (*London Academy of Music & Dramatic Art*) acting Grade 3 - Solo

### **ACHIEVEMENTS – Celebrate success!**

We invite parents/carers to notify us of special achievements (**outside of school** e.g. music, sport, citizenship) your daughter has achieved so that they can be recorded on her school record and shared accordingly with her Tutor/Head of Learning/colleagues. Please use this email address: [achievement@beaconsfieldhigh.bucks.sch.uk](mailto:achievement@beaconsfieldhigh.bucks.sch.uk) for notification. Your daughter will receive recognition for her achievement via a praise on a postcard or a meeting with her Tutor/Head of Year. The achievement will appear in our weekly **ROLL OF HONOUR** list in our parent update.

All students are aware of our '**Behaviour for Learning Achievement Chart**'. In addition to Smile & Strive stickers and postcards being issued by staff we also issue '**Tutor Commendation Cards**' and '**Headteacher Commendation Cards/letters**'. Postcards and commendations carry valuable house points:

- Achievement email – **5 house points**

- Praise on a postcard – **50 house points**
- Tutor commendation card – **25 house points**
- Headteacher commendation card/letter – **100 house points**

**Bucks CC Consultation on parking in Beaconsfield** – this from local resident Belinda Avery



This is your opportunity to comment, by **6th February**, on matters of traffic and parking in Beaconsfield .

It will take 5 minutes to comment by clicking on the link below.

Full details can be viewed on <https://democracy.buckscc.gov.uk/mgConsultationDisplay.aspx?ID=3228>

If you wish to support BCP by asking Bucks CC to impose a "no parking between 11 am and noon" restriction in Burkes Road, in order to deter commuter parking in the cycle path which Bucks installed and which is rendered unusable at times by parked cars, please click on the survey below and request an 11 am to noon restriction.

You may of course wish to comment on parking in other areas of the town"

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/L2VR3JP>

**Publicity:**

**Sticky Fingers Cookery School: 14 & 15 February (half term dates)**



Rosie Archer (Head of Design & Technology) is running cookery classes for 9-14 year old boys and girls at Beaconsfield High School. Classes are available to book a one or two day course from 10-4pm. Prices are £45 per day. Rosie is passionate about sharing her expertise and equipping children with the skills and techniques they need to become confident cooks. See testimonial below and for more information please visit [www.stickyfingerscookery.co.uk](http://www.stickyfingerscookery.co.uk) or email [stickyfingerscookery@btinternet.com](mailto:stickyfingerscookery@btinternet.com).

**Testimonial:**

Phoebe loved her day with you so much and is very keen to join you again. The meal was delicious and the chocolate log

was devoured very quickly indeed! She said she learnt a lot and it was so much fun too. We are thrilled she enjoyed it as much as she did and would love her to come regularly in the holidays - Caroline (Phoebe's Mother).

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**Community:**

**Message sent by**

Antonia Bairstow (Police, Communications Officer, Thames Valley)

Earlier this week, the latest Thames Valley Police Chief's Review was published in which Chief Constable Francis Habgood updated on the work the Force is doing to keep pace with the changing policing landscape. Over the last year we have reviewed the way we respond to and investigate incidents and crime in our communities to see if our structure and processes effectively manage the demand from and the needs of the public. In response to this we will, during the summer, be making changes to the way we are structured working within three key areas: investigation, response and neighbourhood. Our aim is to create a more effective and efficient police service which will ensure that we can provide the best service to you when you need us.

We have mapped out where our demand for service is, ensuring that resources are targeted at the areas of greatest need, at times of greatest need and to the most vulnerable in our communities. This will mean that in some areas and at certain times we will have more or less police officers available. I would like to reassure you now that this is not about withdrawing our resources from our communities it is about providing a better service. We are committed to delivering an improved service: one which ensures we have the right number of officers on duty to respond quickly to a call for service if needed; one which supports our communities with dedicated officers working with you to solve local problems and one which sadly, if you are a victim of crime, ensures the right people are there to get you justice. Over the coming months, we will talk more to you about the changes ahead. Rest assured our officers, staff and volunteers will continue to work tirelessly in partnership to make our communities safer.

Assistant Chief Constable Nikki Ross

Watch the Chief's Review <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XSdvwwDipYY>