



Friday 15 November 2019

Hong Kong Trip

During the week leading up to half term, Mrs Coakley, the school Registrar and Mrs Rowe visited Hong Kong. This annual trip gives the Hong Kong parents an opportunity to meet with the Head and catch up on their child's progress. As usual they visited many of our agents who place students in overseas schools and were delighted to be able to tell them about Beechwood's recently improved GCSE results, leavers' destinations to universities this year such as Bristol and Exeter and of course update them on the school's much improved facilities. They were very aware of the political tensions in Hong Kong, particularly as many of our agents are situated on Nathan Road, the centre of many of the protests and their hotel was next to Mong Kok underground and police station which have seen much of the action. The highlight of the visit was our alumnae Drinks Reception where we met up with ex pupils from as far back as 1984.



A Level History Conference

On Tuesday the Year 13 Historians travelled to London to listen to some of the most eminent living historians on Tudor History, these included Susan Doran and the amazing Dr David Starkey. They heard lectures on the reigns of Henry VII, Henry VIII and Mary Tudor, which included some original insights into these reigns based on the historians' most recent research. The day was enormously academically enriching and should benefit the students as they prepare for their mock examinations.



PARENTMAIL

- Junior Division - Journal
- Prep School - Mr Coakley Weekly Letter
- Year 9 - Parents' Consultation Evening
- Whole School - No Stationery Shop
- Early Years - Holiday Club
- R-Year 6 - Flu Immunisation
- Whole School - Schola Cantorum Performance
- Whole School - PA Meeting
- Year 9 - Trip National History Museum
- Year 10 & 12 - Geography Field Trip
- Year 11 = Media Trip
- Year 10 - Media Trip
- Year 12 - Media Trip
- Year 1 & 2 - Visit to Waitrose
- Prep School - Proposed Taekwondo Club
- Year 6 - Cycling Course

News

Remembrance Day

The whole school participated in an assembly led by Mrs Prodrick on Monday, to remember the sacrifices of the fallen soldiers. A two minute silence was observed by everyone.



FRIENDS OF BEECHWOOD

The next meeting is on Monday 2 December at 8.30am

Senior School Non-Uniform Day
Friday 22 November
Contribution of £2.

Odd Socks Day

To mark anti-bullying week we held an odd-socks day with students and staff wearing mismatched socks.



CULTURAL SHOWCASE

6.00pm EXHIBITION
an exhibition of Art, DT and Photography

6.30pm FASHION SHOW
a live exhibition created by our Textiles students

7.00pm PERFORMANCE
from our Music, Drama and Dance students

Bar and Canapés made and served throughout the evening by our Food Technology students

BOOK YOUR FREE TICKETS
secretary@beechwood.org.uk

THURS 28 NOVEMBER 2019 • AUDITORIUM

WEEK 9

SUN 17	
MON 18	4.00 A level Drama Rehearsal 6.00 Introduction Reception
TUES 19	All Day A level Drama Rehearsal 7.30 A level Drama Performance
WED 20	8.45 Year 1 & 2 visit to Waitrose#2.00 U13 Football v Battle Abbey (H) 2.30 U11 Football v Fosse Bank (A) 2.30 U10/11 Netball v Skippers Hill, Bricklehurst & Ashdown (A)
THUR 21	2.30 U9 Netball v Skippers Hill (H) 2.30 U9 Football v Fosse Bank (H) 3.30 U18 Football v Battle Abbey (H) 5.00 Year 9 Parents' Consultation Evening
FRI 22	Senior School Non-Uniform Day 8.15 Year 11 Media trip to British Film Institute 8.30 Year 13 Psychology & Biology Brain Day
SAT 23	12.00-4.00 High School Musical Rehearsal

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Thursday 28 November
Cultural Showcase

Wednesday 4 December
Pre-Prep Nativity
Sacred Heart Lunchtime Lecture

Thursday 5 December
Year 8 Geography & Science Trip
Prep Meet Father Christmas

Friday 6 December
Prep Beechwood Bop

Sunday 8 December
Eighth Weekend

Sport News

Football

On Tuesday afternoon our U15's travelled to Battle Abbey for a six-a-side triangular against Battle Abbey and Lewes Old Grammar School. Our normal squad split into two to play games against both of these schools. Overall we finished the day with four wins, a draw and a defeat. The boys conducted themselves in an excellent manner when they were playing and watching, demonstrating some excellent attacking play to create and finish chances. They benefited greatly from the smaller sided games and different oppositions throughout.

Our U11 team travelled to New Beacon on Wednesday for a triangular tournament with Hilden Grange. We played against New Beacon first and were put under pressure early on from a very quick pressing side. We struggled to adapt and were caught with the ball regularly. It was a close game with Beechwood defending well, but they could not prevent New Beacon opening the scoring. Both teams continued to have chances and it was looking as though Beechwood's undefeated season was coming to an end. However with five minutes to go we managed to produce a moment of quality with a fantastic cross and finish. The game ended 1-1. In the second match against Hilden Grange who looked a little less challenging than the previous opponents the team were not switched on during the opening five minutes and conceded an early goal. This did provoke a response and we clicked into top gear with some fantastic passing and attacking play which led to an onslaught of goals, leading to a 6-1 win. The boys won the triangular competition on goal differences. Well done to all involved.

Netball

The U8 girls got off to a good start in their match against Fosse Bank with the help of Rabia as Captain. They worked hard but were unable to prevent Fosse scoring two goals. The U8/9 game was very close throughout, and we were in the lead 2-1 in the first quarter. Fosse fought back and it was 3-3 at half time. In the last quarter they managed to edge ahead with the final score 3-5.

On Monday Beechwood U13 faced Kent College in a Netball match. Our team was a mix of Year 7/8 girls facing a strong Year 8 team. Kent College were dominant from the start as their GA plays for Kent which made it hard work for our defence. We played well and never gave up but the advantage that Kent College gained in the first quarter proved too much to overcome. Well done to Luna who was awarded player of the match.

On Thursday our U15 team faced Radnor House whose team were all Year 10 girls facing our mainly Year 9 squad. The score remained on an even keel throughout the match going into the last quarter ten all. The slippery conditions made passing and handling tricky for both teams and Radnor certainly had the height advantage. The ball was back and forth in the last quarter; Radnor House scored and then Beechwood scored shortly after. This continued for another four goals each. In the last few minutes of the game, Radnor managed to up their game and were one step ahead which helped take them in the lead. The final score was 14-19. Well played to all, especially Grace who was nominated Player of the Match. It was a tough game to lose but the girls fought until the end. Well done.

Hockey

In the U10/11 and U10 match against St Ronans the teams played two matches. The U10's won their first match 2-0 with Francesca scoring both goals. In the second match St Ronan's won 2-0. The U10/11's played really well in their first match but the opposition were quick in attack and scored three goals early on, which led to their 5-2 victory. In their second game Sophia and Olive scored three goals between them giving Beechwood a 3-0 win.

On Wednesday our U13 team played Battle Abbey in a hockey match which was their first on the new MUGA. The first quarter was very even with both teams struggling to find good attacking positions. It was Battle who were able to take the lead though and unfortunately they held onto it. Savannah demonstrated some excellent goal keeping skills, supported by our defenders, but we struggled to find good attacking positions. The girls know the areas they need to work on for next time. Flossie was voted player of the match.