

# Beechwood Newsletter

## **Rome & Naples Trip**

Just before half-term twenty Geography and Classics students from Years 10-12 travelled to Rome. The trip was designed to complement their GCSE and A level courses as well as providing cultural enrichment. The first two days were spent in Rome where the students visited all the major sites including the Colosseum, the Forum, the Augustan Quarter and the Pantheon. On the third day they travelled by coach to Naples and visited the ancient site of Pompeii. For many, this was the highlight of the whole trip. In the evening they drove to Sorrento and spent one night in a beautiful hotel that overlooked the bay of Naples. Their final day was spent at Vesuvius and Naples. Unfortunately they were not able to reach the summit due to a recent landslide but with the unplanned extra time the driver took them into the centre of Naples to look around. This was a fantastic trip and the students did Beechwood proud with their impeccable behaviour.



Life -Cycles Reception pupils have been learning about changes and life-cycles. We had great fun doing penguin paintings and recalling some facts about them.



#### Friday 2 November 2018

#### Sea Life Centre

The Pre-Prep recently visited the Sea Life Centre in Hastings where they saw all the different fish and had a special treat watching the Stingrays being fed. The highlight was seeing the Angel Shark jump up from under the sand to eat a fish for its lunch. The weather was warm and sunny so they were able to have their lunch on the beach. Everyone had a super day!



## PARENTMAIL

Sixth Form - EPQ Presentation Day Year 11 - Revision Sessions Whole School - Friends of Beechwood Meeting Prep School - Art Club Year 1-5 - Parents' Consultation Evening Year 2 - Speech & Drama Year 6 - Senior School Applications Year 13 - A Level History Conference Year 13 - Media Studies Trip Year 3-13 - Family Music Day Year 11 - Media Studies Trip Reception-Year 5 - Nasal Flu Programme Senior School - 'DNA' Tickets

# News

#### **Lunchtime Recital Series**

Thursday 18 October saw the Music Department host the first concert in our Lunchtime Recital Series this new academic year. The event took place in The Chapel and showcased exam students and scholars performing a wide variety of repertoire. We had some wonderful vocal performances of songs from Mamma Mia, Les Miserables and Fame performed by Nina Whitfield, Kristian Back and Tabby Betts as well as a song by Lily Allen sung by Grace Lamb accompanied by Mrs Kershaw. The programme also had a stunning vocal duet from Daisy Hawker and Lucie Stanley, as well as some excellent instrumental solos from Gessica Garcia, Jerry Yang and Miranda Buser. All the performers were very professional and the audience were highly appreciative of the outstanding concert. Thank you to all those who attended .

# WEEK 9

SUN 4	3.00 Concert at the Assembly Halls
MON 5	4.15 Senior School Play Rehearsal
TUES 6	9.00 GCSE Mathematics Examination 11.00 Senior Mathematics Challenge 3.45 U14 6-aside Hockey v Battle Abbey (H) 4.00 Year 1-5 Parents' Consultation Evening
WED 7	<ul> <li>2.30 U11 Football v Bricklehurst (H)</li> <li>2.30 U11/U10 Netbball v Fosse Bank H</li> <li>4.30 Girls Senior Indoor Hockey (A)</li> <li>4.15 Senior School Play Rehearsal</li> <li>6.00 Cologne Christmas Markets</li> <li>Information Evening</li> </ul>
THUR 8	9.00 GCSE Mathematics Examination 2.30 U15 Football v Sackville tbc 3.15 U14 Netball v Radnor House (A)
FRI 9	8.40 Whole School Remembrance Service on Fountain Lawn
SAT 10	9.00 11+ Entrance & Scholarship Day

### FRIENDS OF BEECHWOOD

#### Fireworks Night Friday 2 November 6.00pm

Thanks to everyone who has offered to help at the Fireworks.

Prep School Christmas Bop Friday 7 December

Please save the date and more information to follow shortly.

Ice Skating in Calverley Park Thursday 13 December 3.00-4.00pm £10 per person More information to follow shortly

#### **ECO Club News**

The fledgling Eco Committee and Eco Club have been busy this term at school, reviewing what we are already doing to help the environment and how we could do it better. We are currently putting our action plan together and focusing on making the school more sustainable and less wasteful. We have a lot of good ideas, such as reducing the plastic we use, using less energy and recycling more, and we will let you know about these very soon. We have been given a space in the school grounds to make an environmentally friendly garden. In this regard, we ask parents and guardians of pupils to look in their garden sheds to find any old or unwanted garden tools and implements in good working order to donate to us. Any items should be brought in and handed in at the Senior School Staffroom. With thanks from the Eco Committee and Eco Club pupils.

#### **Budding Artists!**

Year 10 GCSE artists visited the Castle Gallery on Tuesday to see the many varied pieces of art work from artists such as Bob Dylan, Ronnie Wood and Stan Lee. The idea behind the visit was for the pupils to select an artist as an inspiration in response to their mini project 'An interview with the sitter' as part of their GCSE course.

# **Sport News**

#### Netball

On 15 October the U13 girls played an extremely tough game against Kent College. Our opponents scored three goals in quick succession, but we held our nerve allowing Grace to score a brilliant opener to restore confidence within the team. Throughout the first half of the game and into the third quarter we kept in touch with the game. Laura and Savanna worked hard in defence against two very tall, physical shooters and we started using the space in the centre third to move the ball through to the D. Unfortunately, we began to tire during the last quarter and our opponents were able to capitalise on this to take them to victory. The girls played well showing resilience throughout the game.

#### Football

On Wednesday the U13s travelled to Sackville to compete in an entertaining match. The game started scrappily but we took the lead through Marcus scoring two goals to go ahead at half time. Marcus began the second half as he did first, scoring his third and fourth goals of the afternoon. Sackville scored two more to set up a tense end to the game, but Max netted and Isabella finished the scoring with the last kick of the match to give Beechwood a 6-3 victory.



CHRIS POTTER

#### All Hallows' Eve

After dark on Wednesday Mater Square was filled with the sounds of excited and anxious Boarders waiting to celebrate All Hallows' Eve. They began with a scavenger hunt around the school followed by trying to eat donuts from swinging strings, throwing neon glowstick hooplas and making edible sparklers. The whole evening culminated in the teams dressing up in newspaper to depict how their inspirational Saint met their gruesome end.

#### Reminder Remembrance Service

You are all welcome to attend our outside Remembrance Service on Friday 9 November at 8.35am. We would be grateful if you could let us know if you will be coming so we have an idea of numbers.

#### **Christmas Cards**

The deadline for Christmas Card orders from the Prep School in Wednesday 7 November. Please put orders in the PA box.

### **ADVERTS**

An exclusive offer for Beechwood parents and staff. 15% off luxury clothing and footwear brands including Dubarry,, Le Chameau & Schoffel at Chris Potter Country Sports in Tunbridge Wells, just off Camden Road until 31 December.

<b>WEEK 10</b>	
SUN 11	
MON 12	9.00 GCSE Mathematics Examinations
TUES 13	
WED 14	9.00 A Level Science Live in London 2.30 U13 Football v Battle Abbey (A) 3.45 U13 Hockey v SKA tbc
THUR 15	8.30 U10 Maths in Action Day 2.30 U9 Football v Fosse Bank (H)
FRI 16	Prep Maths Day 9.00 Year 10 & 11 Food Tech trip to London 9.00 Year 13 Media Trip
SAT 17	