



Friday 5 April 2019

Cultural Showcase

Last Friday was the annual Cultural Showcase with students exhibiting Artwork, Photography and Design Technology. The Food Technology students created tasty canapes which were served during the evening. In the Fashion Show the student's showed twenty seven pieces of GCSE and A level coursework and exam pieces, with models from all year groups. The students had designed and created the final pieces making their own paper patterns. Products ranged from reporter's bags made from unwanted fabric to evening wear amazing enough to be worn at the Oscars!



The concert showcased the exceptional talent of pupils in the Senior School, from Year 7 to Year 13. It started with our newly formed Year 7 Rock Band, and this was followed by instrumental solos such as the harp, piano, flute and ensemble performances of works from 'A Star is Born' and 'The Greatest Showman'. The programme also included Pop sensations from the Red Hot Chilli Peppers, Tracy Chapman and No Doubt. Huge congratulations to students who performed for the first time, including Diana Vandeverre and Year 13 Dave Kim, who sang 'Your Song' by Elton John. There were also exceptional performances from Miranda Buser and Tabby Betts, whose commitment and hard work continuously inspire the younger students. The programme demonstrated the vast variety of musical talent across the school, and was an excellent event!

Dior Exhibition at V&A Museum

On 26 March, textile students in Year 10 and 12 visited the Christian Dior exhibition. It displayed the work of the house of Dior through seven decades, from its creator, to the current creative director, Maria Grazia Chiuri. All the work was extremely fascinating and extraordinary, the students were amazed by the variety of the original work and the inspirations of the designs; they ranged from childhood memories, to travelling experiences, while some referencing back to historical periods.



PARENTMAIL

- Senior School - Non-Uniform Day
- Senior School - Cultural Showcase
- Year 7 - Trip
- Whole School - Christmas Fair
- Year 7 & 8 - Wintershall
- Prep School - Mr Coakley Weekly Letter
- Year 6 - JCA Kit
- Year 5 - PGL Kit
- Year 7-11 - PSHE & Study Skills
- Year 7 - Revision Guide
- Year 8, 9, 10,11 - Exams & Revision Guide
- Senior School - Forthcoming Exams
- Year 9 - Options
- Junior Division - Journal
- Year 11 - A-Level Options for Year 12
- Prep School - Blue Polo Shirts
- Prep School - Breakfast Club Form

News

Update on the Eco Garden

At last we have found a suitable patch of land on which to start our Eco Garden. Mr Simpson is going to help us dig up the turf in the walled area near the Early Years site in the Easter Holidays and one of the parents is designing the area for us. The Eco Club members are excited about the opportunity of digging over the soil and cultivating a variety of vegetables, herbs and fruits in the available space. They hope that some of the Prep children will come along and see what they are doing and, possibly, get involved in the less heavy tasks. We will keep you posted on how things are coming along next term. In the meantime, if parents have any spare gardening tools they no longer need at home, we would be very grateful to receive them. Please bring any unwanted tools to the Senior School entrance and hand them in at Reception.

Waste Week

On the last two Wednesdays, the Eco Club encouraged pupils throughout Beechwood to think about what they put on their plates to eat at lunchtime. The aim was to create as little food waste as possible, as producing food and then cooking it demands a lot of energy. Pupils had to put their uneaten food into food recycling bins, and, at the end of lunchtime, the Eco Club members weighed the waste. The first Wednesday it was "American Day" and the food included hot dogs and doughnuts which were very popular and so only 12.8kg of waste was produced; the following Wednesday 18.7kg of food was wasted. Pupils and staff are encouraged to continue reducing the amount of food that they leave on their plates.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Mamma Mia Night

Saturday 4 May at 7.00pm

Please book your tickets for this fundraiser event for the school. £12 per ticket.

FRIENDS OF BEECHWOOD

The Friends of Beechwood are holding a raffle on Beechwood Day again this year. We are delighted to already have some prizes offered including tickets to Tom Kerridge's Pub in the Park. If you are able to donate any other prizes, bottles or toys/teddies for the tombolas please leave in the Front Office.

Chocolatier Event

Phillip Stas entertained students and parents with a wonderful evening all about chocolate. We each decorated our own egg using piping bags and sweets. We were taught how to make perfectly round Florentines which we decorated. We were then offered twelve different chocolates which we had to award a mark and then Phillip explained what the brand was and its cocoa content. We were each given two eggs to take home along with our Florentines.

WEEK 1

SUN 21	Easter Sunday
MON 22	Easter Monday
TUES 23	Staff inset 2.00-4.00 Boarders Return
WED 24	8.30 Term Begins 2.30 U18 Basketball v Farringtons (A)
THUR 25	All Day U12 & U13 Netball Tournament 11.00 Year 12 UCAS High Education Fair 2.30 U9/U8 Boys Cricket Coaching with Hilden Oaks (A) 2.30 U9/U8 Girls Cricket Coaching with Hilden Grange (H)
FRI 26	
SAT 27	

Sport News

Netball

Our annual Beechwood Invitation Netball Tournament took place at Hilden Grange this year as we have no netball courts for the time being whilst our MUGA is being constructed. Five teams took part and we did a round robin style tournament. It was a fun filled afternoon full of great quality netball performed by all the schools involved. Beechwood got off to a fantastic start winning 11-5 against Hilden Grange's U10 team. Unfortunately, Sophie injured herself throughout this game and was unable to continue for the remainder of the tournament. Thankfully, we had Lilith who is able to play well in any position so she continued as our GD. We went straight on to play Bricklehurst and won 10-2. We then had a short break with a positive team talk and watched the other teams play. We knew the next two games would be tough but we never gave up hope. Our third game was against Skippers Hill and it was so intense. We managed to secure a 4-3 win just before the final whistle though. So it all came down to the last game against Hilden Grange's U11 team. The pressure was on, tiredness and emotions were kicking in but we gave it everything we had and more! The girls did themselves proud and walked away with their heads held high, knowing they did their very best. An amazing total of 27 goals were scored by Beechwood during the afternoon. Our players of the match were Lilith, Savannah, Katie-May and Holly. Sadly, we didn't win overall but we were the runners up. The results were as follows: Hilden Grange U11's - 1st, Beechwood - 2nd, Skippers Hill - 3rd, Hilden Grange U10's - 4th and Bricklehurst - 5th.

Last Thursday a combined team of U15s and U14s played Battle Abbey's U16s. Our opponents had a significant height advantage which caused a few early nerves. Despite this we soon settled into our rhythm and were able to use our pace to feed the ball through to Grace and Eva in the D. The score at the end of the first quarter was 4-3 to Battle Abbey. Zoe, Maria and Emma battled relentlessly to maintain the pressure during the second quarter and the score going into half time was 8-8. Despite some superb defending by Edie, Jess and Hanah, our opponents gained a slim advantage in the third. Both teams were tiring, but we held our nerve, tying the score going into the final minutes. One final break and Eva took us into the lead and with tremendous relief the final whistle went. An outstanding final match and 20 - 19 victory. Well done to all the team and to Eva, voted player of the match by our opponents.

Girls Football

On Wednesday the U14 Girls Football Team played their first match against Radnor House. With limited training and some nerves we started tentatively. Radnor managed to get onto the score board quickly. The girls quickly settled and some great defending kept Radnor out of our goal. Just before half time we had a corner and with a great pass from Izzy and pressure on their defence Radnor conceded an own goal. We dominated possession in the second half and some great team play between Jess, Izzy and Maria created opportunities for Beechwood that we just couldn't convert into goals. About 5 minutes from full time Izzy found the top corner of the net with a strike even Beckham would have been proud of. A nervy last few minutes where Radnor piled on the pressure ensued, but our defence held firm despite a flurry of Radnor corners. The final score was 2-1 to Beechwood. Well done to all girls and Izzy for getting player of the match. Lets hope this is the first of many Girls Football matches to come.

WEEK 2

SUN 28	
MON 29	
TUES 30	8.15 & 3.15 Second Hand Uniform Shop Open 8.30 Friends of Beechwood Meeting 9.30 Year 3 & 4 Pizza Express Trip 2.30 U18 Basketball v Sackville (A)
WED 1	2.30 U11/U10 Girls Cricket v Claremont (A) 2.30 U11/U10 Boys Cricket v The Mead (A) at The Nevill
THUR 2	2.30- U16 Cricket v Sackville (A) 4.30 Prep Music Concert
FRI 3	
SAT 4	All Day LAMDA Examinations Year 11-13 10-12 School Reunion Visit 7.00 Mamma Mia Fundraising Evening