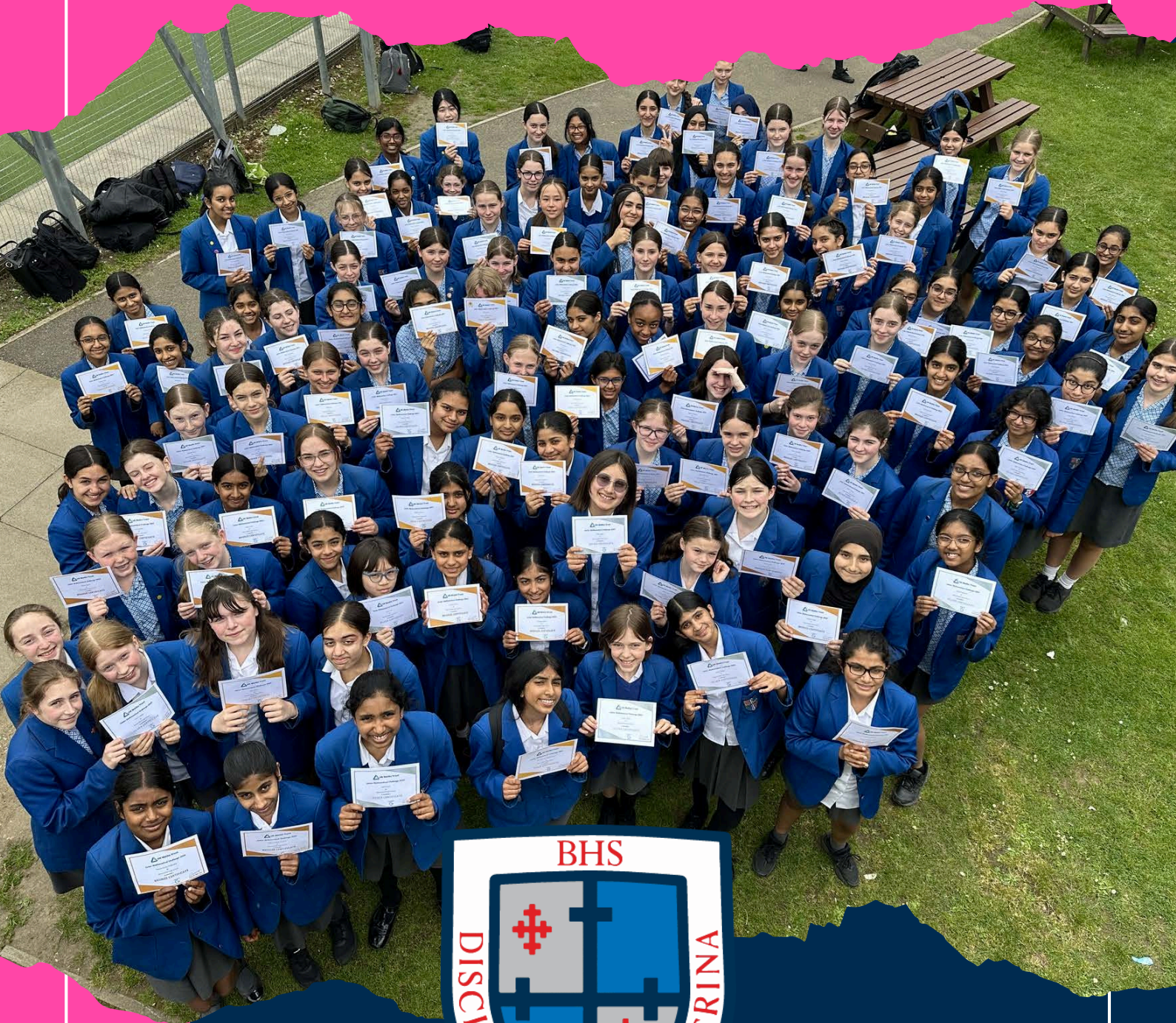


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HIGHLIGHTS



Welcome to Becky Highlights. Summer Term 2023-2024



We are so proud of this school community and the work we are doing to provide an excellent educational experience for our students. This year we ranked 7th in The Times' best secondary and grammar schools in the southeast, and 37th nationally. It is a privilege to do this work, in collaboration with parents and carers.



Research tells us that graduates from girls' schools, compared to their peers in co-ed environments, feel empowered to be bold leaders, have more confidence, feel better supported by staff and peers, and do better in their exams. This is not just about exam results, but about the holistic experience of school, to prepare young people for life beyond Year 13.

We believe that much of these benefits come through the co-curricular opportunities at Becky High. A vast array of clubs, societies and school trips allow students to build relationships with their peers, and with students in other year groups too. Enjoy this second edition!

The sport awards are fast approaching, and we have a fantastic evening planned celebrating all the wonderful achievements of our remarkable students. We have over 30 awards to hand out and a special talk from our guest speaker Pamela Cookey.

Pamela Cookey was England Netball Captain, a Commonwealth Games medallist and a Seven time Super League champion. She is now a pundit and commentator for Super League Netball and an ambassador for Apex Netball. Watch the video [here](#) to hear how excited Pamela is to be our special guest.

Tickets are selling fast so remember to book yours via SCOPAY before 7th June.



Beaconsfield High School's

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AWARDS

D I N N E R

FRIDAY 21ST JUNE 2024
19:30 - 23:00

The Old Town Hall

WYCOMBE SWAN THEATRE
HP11 1BB



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Congratulations

Megan, 8BLK - for passing her Grade 6 Cornet exam and Grade 6 Piano exam, both with distinction

Maya, 6JLM - for achieving distinction in her Grade 8 Musical Theatre LCM Singing exam

Tiana, 8BHU - for passing her drumming exam with merit

Leyla, 10HOL - for being awarded her Grade 5 piano certificate

Phoebe, 7PAR - for achieving merit in her Grade 1 singing exam

Tanvi, 7PAR - for achieving merit in the Rock School electronic keyboard exam

Deeyan, 9BHU - for passing her Grade 5 piano exam

Lea, 9BHU - for achieving merit in her Grade 5 piano exam

Isla, 7HOL - for achieving distinction in her Grade 1 singing exam

Ishini, 9BLK - for passing her Grade 4 singing exam

Anshika, 7BHU - for achieving merit in her Grade 1 flute exam

Oliva, 8BHU - for achieving merit in her Grade 5 singing exam

Rhea, 7HOL - for achieving distinction in her Grade 1 clarinet exam

Esme, 8BHU - for passing her Grade 4 flute exam

Alexa, 8HOL - for achieving merit in her Grade 3 singing exam

Heidi, 6CJM - for passing her Grade 5 piano and achieving merit in her Grade 8 singing exam

Elizabeth, 8PAR - for passing her Grade 4 singing exam

Alannah, 7HML - for passing her Grade 1 singing exam

Sophia, 10BHU - for passing her Grade 4 singing exam

Audrey, 7HML - for achieving merit in her Grade 2 singing exam

Rahima, 9RAM - for achieving merit in her Grade 3 singing exam

Lizzie, 10BLK - for achieving merit in her Grade 1 violin exam

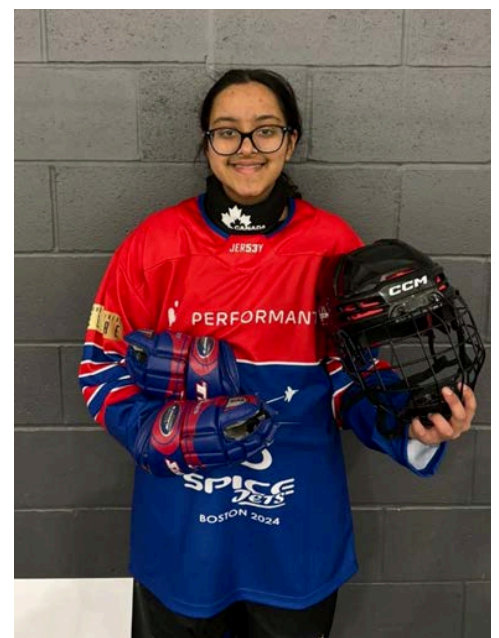
Bethan, 8PAR - for achieving merit in her Grade 5 clarinet exam

Nalia, 6IPW - for passing her Grade 6 french horn exam

Mihira, 9RAM - for achieving merit in her Grade 4 singing exam

Lucie, 8RAM - for passing her Grade 1 singing exam

Congratulations to Aanya who took part in a Special Ice Hockey Tournament in Boston.





Congratulations

Oshmi, 7BHU - for being chosen by the Young Writers' Association for her creative writing

Dhanvi, 7HOL - for achieving Stage 5 swimming

Amelia, 7RAM - for achieving high merit in her tap, modern and ballet exams

Lavanya, 7RAM - for receiving 'Star Bowler' trophy for her cricket club

Apiraamy, 8HML - for obtaining distinction in her Grade 5 LAMDA exam, speaking verse and prose

Prisha, 7BHU - for completing the TCS London Mini Marathon

Yukta, 10HOL - for being awarded a Scouts Gold award

Abi, 9BHU - for winning Silver medal in the Genesis Kickboxing Interclub competition, winning 4 out of her 5 matches.

Deeyan started volunteering for her DofE. 7 months later she is still volunteering and enjoying it. She says, "When I started volunteering at a cat rescue for my Bronze DofE, I was only planning on doing it for the required 3 months. However, seeing how much of a difference I was making to the lives of the cats and the charity, and how cute they were(!) I didn't want to stop. I am still doing my weekly volunteering 7 months on which the charity appreciates. I have gained so much independence, responsibility and experience and look forward to seeing different cats every week. I absolutely love it!"



We are delighted to share amazing news of achievement for Jelena (10RAM) & her sister Arianna (7BHU).



The girls were selected to be part of the National Team representing England to compete at the ICU World Championships for Cheerleading. This is the biggest competition for the sport in the World - held annually in Florida, USA with around 40 countries & 11,000 athletes taking part in various categories.

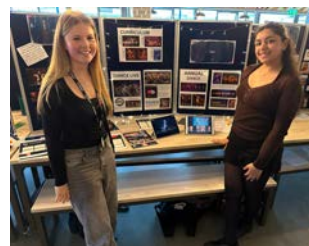
Jelena & Arianna were part of the Team England 'Youth All Girl Advanced' (athletes ranging from ages 11-15). The Team managed to secure 1st Place even beating USA.

They are now World Champion Gold Medallists!

They put a lot of hard work, blood, sweat and tears into training extra hours each week practising their stunts; this is on top of their usual club training with Chiltern Cheetahs and the official Team England training, both in the UK leading up to the trip and in Florida.

Year 7 and 8 Families Open Event

Thank you to all our families who attended in the final week of the half term. It was great to welcome you, and we hope it was a beneficial insight into your child's school experience.



Year 11 Leavers

A big thank you to everyone involved in our Year 11 Leavers' Assembly. We wished everyone good luck in their GCSEs and we are looking forward to seeing everyone again in September.



Young Enterprise

Yesterday afternoon our Young Enterprise team. @rootsyoungent, took part in the Regional Finals at Akeley Wood School in Buckingham, having progressed to this round by winning the local finals in March against a number of schools from Buckinghamshire. The students, from Year 12, have worked tirelessly throughout this academic year to bring their amazing product to life and were interviewed by a panel of judges, created an impressive report and accounts, and gave an awesome presentation to a packed audience. After a nerve wracking 45 minutes waiting for the final verdict, the judges declared Roots to be the overall winner. The team will now progress to the National Finals on June 6th where they will compete against teams from all over the United Kingdom. Huge congratulations to our remarkable @youngenterpriseuk team!!



Year 13 Leavers

Our Year 13 Leavers enjoyed a week of fancy dress, in various themes, including Fairytales, uniform from Year 7, Wear Pink, 'When I grow up' and a profession the same as your first initial. Even some of the staff got involved as well. At the end of the week, they were treated to their assembly and BBQ, which was a great success despite the rain! Make sure to check out our social media for more photos of the week.



Year 13 Leavers



Year 13 Leavers



This term in Learning Support

This half term, the Learning Support team has been busy working through student reviews and also supporting students in their exams preparation. There are some very useful guides on Exams Access Arrangements [here](#) for families that may want to know more about the system and guidance.

We wish all of the students lots of luck and all the best for their external and internal exams and tests.

We continue to make the Learning Support classroom a safe and available space to students before school and at break and lunch time. Within the break and lunch sessions it is social time with various games and activities, should students like to participate; we have some fierce Uno players! Now that the weather has been nicer, we have used the opportunity to sit outside in the Resilience Garden. We are hoping for our much-anticipated replacement bench and table. Other lunch times it's Cinema time and students select a movie to watch together. We do have a number of arts and crafts materials as well as Lego. There are several excellent knitters and crocheters who use some of this time to get creative. If you feel that your child would benefit from accessing a quieter space at break or lunch, please let us know.

The Learning Support department also run targeted support. Mrs Whitefield, Senior LSA Dyslexia lead, has been continuing to support students with dyslexia in small groups; Mr Alcock, Learning Mentor, has been leading Maths interventions, and each morning Mrs Teeuwen, Senior LSA and the LSA team run sessions for touch typing, handwriting, organisation and mentoring.



This term in Learning Support

Our newest team members, Mrs Adnan and Miss Slamani, are nicely settled in and have been getting to know us all at BHS. Some quotes from them below on their first half term. Each year we work with Universities to support undergraduates in their year in industry. We have had Psychology students as Placement LSAs from University of Leicester, Kingston University and Bournemouth University. At the end of the summer term Miss Cham and Miss Rawal will be leaving us after an excellent year on placement as they return to the final year of their courses. I'm delighted to say that Miss Jarvis and Miss Mitchell will join us to take up their placement years joining us from University of Sussex and University of Reading.

"In my first term at Becky High, I have experienced an abundance of kindness and support. Not just the LS team, but the entire staff has made me feel very welcome and helped me get started here. This, of course, gave my first impression of the school a very positive one, giving me the self-assurance and comprehension I need for my position here. Being a part of such a talented team makes me incredibly appreciative, and I'm thrilled to see what the year ahead has in store!"

"I've really enjoyed my first month at Becky High –everyone, from the staff to the students, has been incredibly welcoming and supportive, loving being part of BHS team."



These are some flapjacks that the Learning Support department made

Careers

Mrs Wray, our Careers Lead, updates her blog regularly with lots of information on events and opportunities. Below is her update for April and May. There are more updates on the website, click [here](#) to find out more.

 <p>What goes on in space does not stay in space – space is governed by international law</p>	 	<p>Harwell in Oxfordshire and Space Park Leicester cluster a variety of space research companies and agencies.</p>  	  
<p>Travel to Space from the UK</p>  	<p>May Career Insight</p> <p>May the Fourth is Star Wars Day, so May's Careers Insight investigates careers in Space and Film.</p>		<p>A range of space technology companies are located in the UK</p> 
  <p>Royal Astronomical Society</p> <p>Perhaps you enjoy celestial objects more than technology. Check out the RAS for more information on astronomy</p>	<p>Passionate about telling stories through film? Check out these websites for information on careers in film.</p>       		  <p>Work for the UK or European Space Agency or why not check out these websites for more information about careers in space sector.</p>  

<p>The Treasury is the government department that sets tax policy. A high proportion of policy advisers would have a background in economics.</p>  <p>HM Treasury</p>	 <p>HM Revenue & Customs</p> <p>HMRC collects taxes set by the government. It trains and employs tax experts, who then set and enforce UK tax law.</p>	<p>Companies that have shareholders are required to keep their investors informed about the financial health of their company. Companies often employ Investor Relations experts, people who understand finance, the investment community and are good at communicating, to ensure they the company's story is understood.</p>  	<p>Management accountants work for large companies, preparing accounts for internal use as well as for publication to investors. They also use their financial knowledge to analyze the performance of the business. Many companies recruit both apprentices in finance and graduates from finance and non finance degree course but provide accountancy training.</p>   
<p>Larger companies are required to have their accounts audited – essentially checked by an independent accountant. The Big 4 audit and consultancy companies work for the top companies in the UK, aiming to ensure the financial data published by big companies is accurate to provide confidence to investors. Become an auditor after graduating or by taking up an apprenticeship.</p>   		<p>The rather odd date of 6th April* is the start of a new tax year, so this month's Careers Insight takes a look at tax and financial reporting careers. Check out the Prospects website for information on a wide range of finance related jobs.</p> <p>*The reasons for this unusual date back to the Middle Ages, when the tax year began on 'Lady Day' (25 March), a religious festival. It was moved to 5 April in 1752 as part of the UK's switch from the Julian to the Gregorian calendar, then moved to 6 April in 1800 because of a mis-match over leap years in the new and old calendars.</p>	<p>A carbon accountant calculates an organisation's carbon footprint in accordance with global standards. You could work for a large company or for a consultancy.</p>    
 <p>Bank of England</p>		<p>The UK's central bank, the Bank of England is responsible for maintaining monetary and financial stability. It does this by lending, borrowing and setting interest rates. The Bank employs experts in finance and economics</p>	<p>Or perhaps you want to use your accounting skills to investigate financial crime either with the National Crime Agency or the Serious Fraud Office.</p>  

This half term, The EDI team has been buzzing with activity, promoting inclusion and celebrating diversity within our community. Here's a quick recap.

Inaugural EDI Conference (24th April): We were thrilled to host our first-ever EDI Conference. This successful event provided a platform for academics and EDI specialists to collaborate and share knowledge. We welcomed esteemed guests the Head of EDI for London Underground, Sanchia Alasia and the Assistant Headteacher for EDI and Wellbeing at Chesham Grammar School Marion Rasekh. Our panellists Mrs Khadija Maaref, Mpula Lawson, Justina Asafu-Adjaye, Reverend Malcolm Chalmers. Thought-provoking discussions and meaningful connections were made throughout the evening. The evening was started by a powerful performance by Zara Dieobi.

EDI



Belated Eid Celebration: To mark the spirit of Eid, we held a belated celebration on 15th May. This occasion allowed our community to come together and share in the festivities. We extend our sincere gratitude to the proprietor of Green Leaf Catering for their kind donation of delicious food.

Building Recognition for EDI Efforts: Further strengthening our commitment to EDI, our EDI Lead, Caroline Anukem, recently attended a Cultural Diversity Network Event at Brent. During the event, Caroline had an audience with the Chief Executive of the Council Kim Wright, who expressed deep admiration for the bold steps that BHS has taken in our EDI initiatives.

On a truly exciting note, we are incredibly proud to announce that Caroline Anukem has been nominated for the prestigious Inclusive Awards 2024 in the category of Heads of Diversity and Inclusion! This nomination is a testament to Caroline's dedication and leadership in driving positive change within our school. [Here](#) is a link to cast your vote

We are excited to continue building on this momentum and promoting a more inclusive and vibrant school community moving forward. Stay tuned for upcoming events and initiatives!

Matilda Junior

Our run of Matilda the Musical JR has been a resounding success. We were thrilled with three of the four performances being sold out and standing ovations. Congratulations to all the students who were involved both onstage and behind the scenes - we couldn't be more proud of you for your professionalism and total commitment. Our Musical for next year will be revealed soon with auditions before the summer holidays... Watch this space....



Matilda Junior



Matilda Junior



Congratulations to all involved!

BHS Sport

Athletics

Our Athletics teams have been competing in friendly leagues at Wycombe Abbey as well as Hillingdon Athletic tournament, where the team placed 5th overall after field and track event. A special well done to the relay team who finished 1st!

Rounders

Lots of Year 8s have returned to Rounders this year as well as many new Year 7s coming along to have a go. There will be lots of fixtures and tournaments after half term.

Tennis

It has been amazing to see how many students have attended tennis training so far, both for recreational and development. We are excited to see how the upcoming matches go.

Cricket

Our U13 Cricket team have had a very strong start to the season winning all of their matches, and having high attendance at training.

Triathlon

Congratulations to our junior Triathlon team who competed in the Bucks School games. They finished first with a total of 6388 points!



Trips

During the Easter Holidays, Year 11 Geographers visited Iceland



Year 10 theatre trip to 'Woman in Black'

On Tuesday 16th April Year 10 Drama students attended the Wycombe Swan Theatre to once again watch a performance of *The Woman in Black* in preparation for the Section B of their Component 3 written examination. Unlike the first time the students saw the play, this time the students were in the stalls... and not only that, in the front two rows! This definitely proved to be a more intense experience, especially when the *Woman in Black* herself brushed past students at the end of the row! A fantastic experience which gives the students lots to analyse and evaluate in their written paper. An great example of how effective theatre can be with simple set, props, clever design and two actors. We don't count the ghost of the *Woman in Black* as an 'actor' as she is the only role in all of theatre history that doesn't get a programme credit - as she's real... isn't she....?



Trips

Harry Potter Studios Trip

Our Year 10 and 12 Graphics students recently had an enchanting day at Harry Potter Studios where they delved into the magical world of graphic design and film production.

The adventure began with an exclusive workshop where students handled real props from the Harry Potter films. Seeing and touching these iconic items brought the magic to life in a tangible way. More importantly, they got a behind-the-scenes look at the crucial role graphic designers play in bringing such a huge production to life. This experience got them thinking about the exciting career opportunities in graphic design within the film industry and where their studies might take them in the future.

After the workshop, students toured the studios, walking through the actual sets used in the films. They saw how graphics fit into the broader context of film production, enhancing the immersive experience.

The day concluded with everyone feeling inspired and brimming with excitement. It was a fantastic opportunity for our students to see the real-world application of graphic design and to dream big. We are thrilled that the trip made such a positive impression on them and look forward to more magical learning experiences to come.



Year 10 visited Thorpe Park - by Olivia, 10PAR

On Monday 20th May many of Year 10 went on a celebratory school trip to Thorpe Park to celebrate completing our two weeks of mocks and end of year exams. The weather was definitely on our side on



Monday as it was bright blue skies and sun throughout the whole of the day. Luckily, we had gone on a Monday, and it was before the new ride Hyperia opened, meaning it was quiet and the queues were only about 10-15 minutes long at maximum. This meant that we were able to go on many of the rides multiple times whilst still having a relaxing time and enjoying each other's company. One of my personal highlights from this school trip was winning a giant chilli at one of the games, then having to carry it around the park all day after that and trying to fit it on the bus on the way back to school!

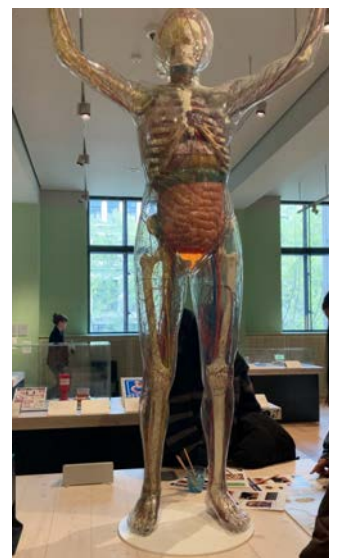
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Year 7 got very wet at Bushcraft



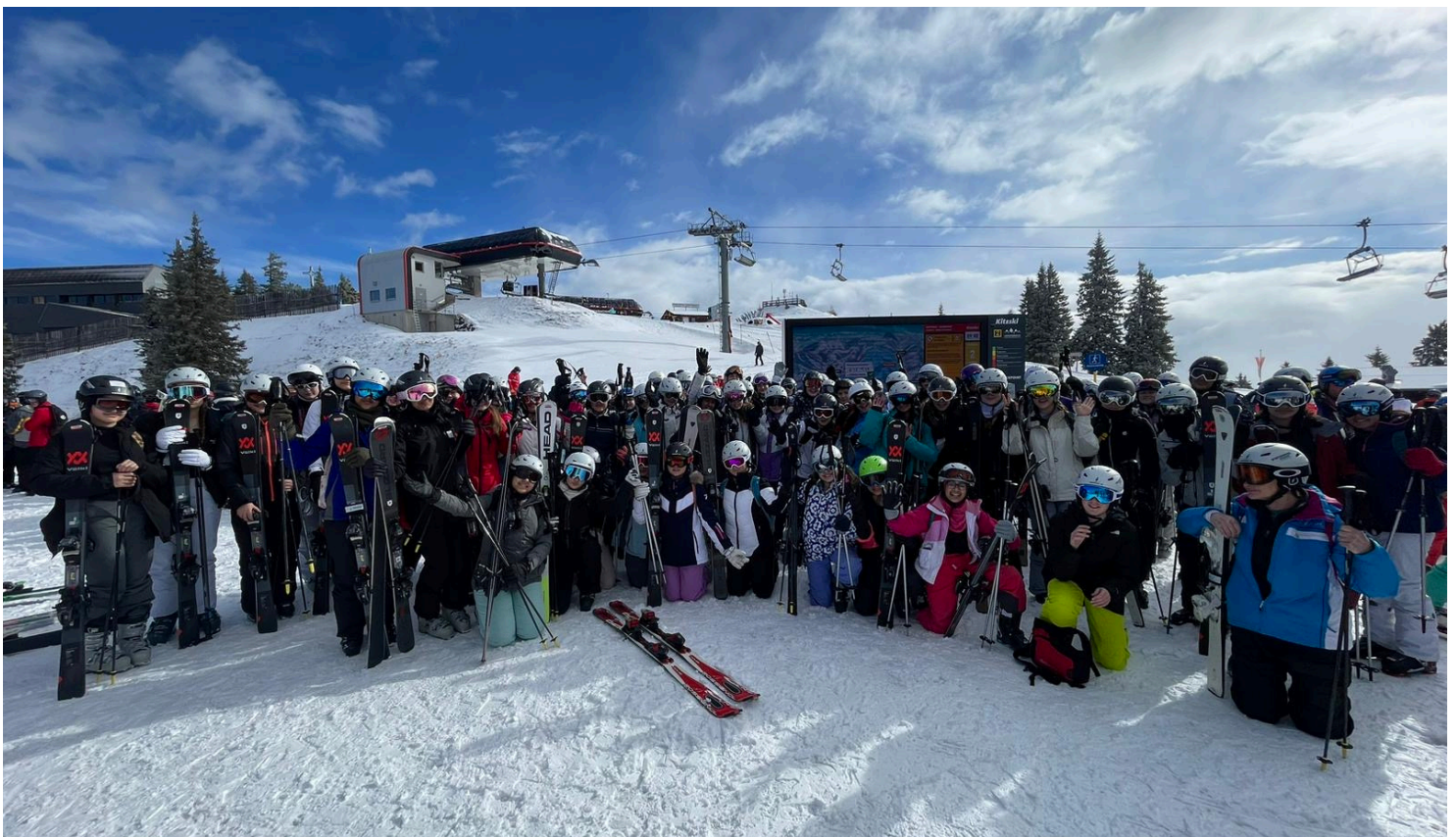
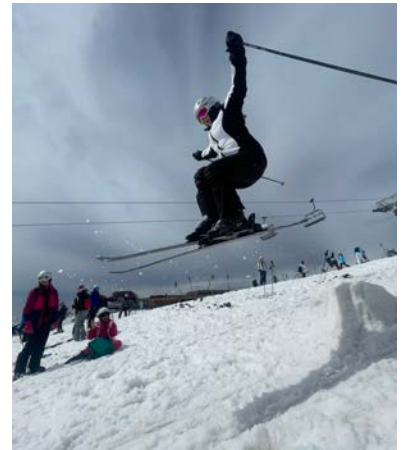
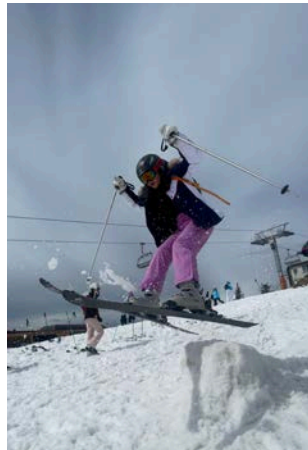
Year 12 visit the Francis Crick Institute

Year 12 Biologists travelled into London to visit the Wellcome collection and Crick Institute. At the Wellcome collection they explored a series of art exhibitions that asked powerful questions about what it means to be human, how we view each other and ourselves as well as the exploration of debilitating illnesses and how it changes our perspective. The students also had the opportunity to visit the Crick Institute, one of the biggest biomedical labs in Europe, and talk to the scientists about their careers in STEM, the cutting edge research they take part in, and what a future in STEM could hold for our Year 12s.



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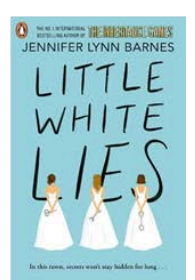
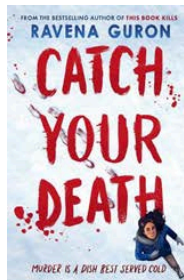
There was also a ski trip to Kitzbuhel during Easter



Year 7 Author visit, Tuesday 21st May – Kiran Millwood Hargrave

We were delighted to welcome the author, Kiran Millwood Hargrave, to Becky High on Tuesday 21st May. Kiran spoke to Y7 about life as a published author, her books – in particular, her new book 'In the Shadow of the Wolf Queen' and how she wanted to be a cat or an astronaut when she was younger!

Y7 had many questions to ask Kiran, both about books and her cats!



New Books, May 2024

We have updated our collection this month with some exciting new reads!
These are a selection of the most popular so far.....



Year 7 Library Lessons - Foyle Young Poets Competition

Year 7 have been introduced to the Foyle Young Poets Competition in their Library lessons this term. The competition, run by The Poetry Society, is once again looking for the best poems by young people aged 11-17. Poems can be on any theme and in any style but must be no longer than forty lines. Students can submit as many poems as they like.

KS3 English – Reading lists

A reminder that all our reading lists are now available on our new reading page on our school website. Please follow this [link](#) to have a look. In English we encourage students to read a book related in some way to the teaching in our English curriculum. The new reading page contains Year 7, 8 and 9 book list suggestions in line with our teaching topics. We also encourage our students to read non-fiction. Please support our learners by encouraging them to read newspaper articles and engage with non-fiction.

KS3 Martha Mills writing competition

The London Review Bookshop is proud to announce the second year of the Martha Mills Young Writers' Prize.

Inspired by the curiosity and imagination of Martha Mills, the prize

seeks to give young people a chance to explore new themes in their writing and to get their work published.

The prize is open to anyone between the ages of 11 and 14 living in the UK.

The closing date for entries is Monday 8th July. Click [here](#) to find out more.

Through Their Eyes Poetry Competition

Congratulations to the following students who entered the Through Their Eyes poetry competition. The following students have been selected for entry in "Through Their Eyes - Across the UK"

Oshmi 7BHU	Maya 7RAM
Saffah 7HOL	Avneet 8BLK
Ammara 7PAR	Aishni 9HOL



Chiltern Arts Poetry Competition 2024: Everyday Heroes

We are delighted to announce that the following students have all been successful in the 2024 Chiltern Arts Poetry Competition. Congratulations and well done!

The honorary judge for the poetry competition this year was Roger McGough, and he was thrilled to read the entries and select the winners and Highly Commended poems.

The winning entries are available to view [here](#).

A selection of entries will also be displayed as part of a collage celebrating the Everyday Heroes Competition at Aylesbury and Princes Risborough stations.

Aishni, 9HOL, was the winner in the Poetry U18s category. Congratulations also to Mahika, 8HOL, Danara 9PAR, Ivana 7HML, Saffah 7HOL, Pemma Y12 and Mariam 7RAM for being shortlisted.



Dare to be remarkable