



Beamont Collegiate
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Dear Parents and Carers

As we approach the end of term I'd like to summarise some of the exciting things that have been happening and also remind you of some key points in advance of the new term.

Opportunities and Experiences

The Autumn term is often a busy one for schools and this one has been no different. One of the values that informs our work here at BCA is that learning, personal growth and development does not just take place in our classrooms. We place a great emphasis on providing opportunities for students to supplement their learning with a range of experience and opportunities. This term has been rich with these opportunities. Since October BCA students have performed at the Parr Hall as part of the TCAT Live concert, visited the homes of both Manchester United and Manchester City Football Clubs, performed Romeo and Juliet as part of the Shakespeare Schools Festival at Manchester University, worked with undergraduates from Oxford University on science and modern foreign languages projects, visited laboratories in Daresbury to learn about cyber security, worked with engineers from United Utilities and met with a team of researchers from Nottingham University. As you can see it's been a busy few weeks for large numbers of our students. We look forward to continuing to provide such a range of extra-curricular educational activities in the new year.

Nottingham University School of Education Research Project

In November the school was asked to participate in a research project being undertaken by researchers from Nottingham University. The project is aiming to gain understanding of how a school like BCA that has good academic outcomes approaches inclusion and supports our vulnerable students. BCA was selected from a group of ten schools nationally to participate in the research and in recognition of the excellent outcomes our students achieve. The school will feature in the final report which has the potential to influence inclusion practice across the country. I will share the findings of the report when it is published in the Spring of 2023.

2022 Performance Measures

In October the Department for Education validated the school's 2022 examination performance. The school's performance in comparison to other Warrington schools and schools nationally can be viewed here:

<https://www.find-school-performance-data.service.gov.uk/school/139196/beamont-collegiate-academy/secondary>



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The validated information from the Department for Education confirms that outcomes for BCA students compare favourably when compared with schools locally and nationally including for overall progress, overall attainment, GCSE English and GCSE Maths, and the suite of Ebacc subjects (English, maths, science, languages, history and geography). These validated outcomes are a further reflection of the hard work of both students and staff.

End of Autumn Term and Start of Spring Term

The Autumn term will end on Friday 16th December **with students being dismissed at 12:30pm**. Students who are entitled to free school meals will be provided with a packed lunch before they leave. On the Friday 16th students and staff are invited to wear a Christmas accessory, for example, a Christmas jumper, hair accessory, hat. Students who choose to wear a Christmas accessory are invited to make a charitable donation that will go to local charities supporting young people in Warrington.

The Spring Term will start at **8:30am on Tuesday 3rd January 2023**.

Toilet Protocols at BCA from January 2023.

Earlier this month I wrote to all families informing you of a change to our protocol on visiting toilets during lesson time. The letter makes it clear that lessons are the most essential ingredient of the school day and students should not miss any part of a lesson to visit the toilet unless unwell. Students will only be provided with a toilet pass when a GP or other medical professional has advised the school it is necessary. My original letter regarding this issue can be read here: <http://bca.warrington.ac.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/006-All-parents-carers.-Toilet-protocol.pdf>

Finally, I'd like to wish you a merry Christmas and happy a new year. I look forward to working in partnership with all families throughout 2023.

Yours faithfully



Mr G Harris
Principal



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