



Beamont Collegiate  
Academy



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13<sup>th</sup> December 2017

Dear Parent/Carer

Primarily, I am writing to you to inform you of the arrangements for the end of term and the return to school in January but I also wanted to take this opportunity to update parents on important news and life at the academy this term.

### **New building & sports facilities**

All building work is now finished and we have settled in to our new school building nicely; it has been fantastic to take possession of all of our new sports facilities this term which are truly superb. We are really pleased with our new school environment and feel extremely lucky to have such amazing facilities to work in every day.

### **Ofsted**

As you know we received a very strong Ofsted report in June 2017 which commended the school for its work. Following on from this report we have been selected by Ofsted, as one of only a handful of schools across the whole country, to be a case study of good practice within their annual report. It is always heartening to have the great work of our staff and students recognised and we are really proud of this achievement. As a consequence of this the BBC News North West team came to film a piece about the school for the regional news which was aired on 13<sup>th</sup> December.

### **Admissions**

Student admissions for 2018-19 are now in and we have more parents than ever choosing BCA to provide their sons' and daughters' secondary education. For the fourth year running, we are hugely over-subscribed in terms of applications to join us in Year 7 which makes us the high school of choice in the local area. This is a positive position to be in and a sign of our strong reputation across the town.

### **Term 1 events**

It has been a really busy first term so far and alongside our daily menu of lessons, RESPECT programme and enrichment activities, our students have been involved in a rich array of diverse and exciting experiences; I have provided a flavour of these below:

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- The majority of our 184 Year 7 students started the year with a successful residential trip to North Yorkshire, in which they developed their skills of teamwork, resilience and determination through a range of outdoor activities
- A group of 24 of our performing arts students won a national competition to perform in front of thousands of visitors at the Disneyland resort, Paris
- A talented group of drama students performed a version of Twelfth Night at The Contact Theatre, Manchester as part of the Shakespeare in Schools Festival
- Our very own Year 8 Progress Leader, Mr McLoughlin was honoured by Warrington Wolves with a lifetime achievement award for his services to rugby league in the community
- As a consequence of Mr McLoughlin's coaching programme within our BCA rugby league academy, both of our Year 7 & 8 teams got to the Warrington town rugby finals
- Outside of school Grace Barnett & Joel Eccleston both won gold medals and national honours at national Karate competitions and are now both representing England at the WUKF World Karate Championships
- We ran events for both Inter-faith week & European day of languages which involved many of our own students and children from the local primary schools
- Our Year 11 students showed great maturity and focus during their recent, gruelling programme of pre-public examinations and the outcomes of these examinations will be discussed with parents at the parents' evening on 18<sup>th</sup> January
- We held a very successful careers fair visited by all students involving over 30 employers, uniformed services, apprenticeship providers and further & higher education institutions
- In October, we were selected to host the 2017 World DojoCon. This was a huge honour as we welcomed over 500 delegates and young people from around the world and from as far away as Australia through our doors to meet, discuss and engage in practical sessions around a huge range of cutting-edge technologies including robotics, drone programming, coding, 3D printing and engineering technologies.

We love to celebrate the successes of our young people and we are always delighted when students or parents inform us of achievements outside of school. If you would like us to know something positive about your son or daughter, please contact us at [celebrate@bca.warrington.ac.uk](mailto:celebrate@bca.warrington.ac.uk)

### **The Challenge Academy Trust (TCAT)**

The TCAT group is now up and running and as well as lots of collaboration and training for teachers, several exciting activities have already taken place across the multi-academy trust for our young people. Most notably, a young engineers' programme sponsored by United Utilities is off to a flying start and a representative



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group of our student parliaments visited the houses of parliament in London and even managed a momentary meeting with Her Majesty the Queen.

### **End of term arrangements**

The students will finish for the Christmas holiday on **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December** at 12:50pm. Students who wish to stay for lunch will be able to purchase food or collect a free school meal if they order in advance.

**Please remember that this is a school day which counts towards your child's overall school attendance and all students are expected to attend.**

### **Return to school:**

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January is an INSET day for staff only, therefore students are required to return to school on **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January** at the normal time of 8:30am.

### **BCA readiness**

We are very keen to promote the concept of BCA readiness with all of our students to ensure they are well prepared and get the most out of their school experiences with us. We regularly emphasise the importance of positive attitudes to learning, study skills, home learning and physical & mental health and well-being. We rely on your support in helping us to develop these skills in your sons and daughters. To this end, in January, we would ask you to focus with them on the importance of good attendance, punctuality and smart uniform requirements. Students should be in school by 8:25 at the latest every day having slept well and eaten a good breakfast and we would appreciate your support in making sure this is the case.

Finally, I would like to wish you all a merry Christmas and a healthy and happy new year.

Best wishes



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