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Dear Parent/Carer

Christmas 2017 Newsletter

I am very pleased to write to all parents/carers at the end of a very successful first term at Beacon Academy. The year 2017 was a very significant year for our academy; we managed the conversion to Beacon Academy under the sponsorship of the very highly regarded Wellspring Academy Trust, whilst never being distracted from ensuring the students exceeded their full potential. I am delighted that we improved upon our successful 2016 outcomes, demonstrating sustained positive outcomes for all our children. I am very proud of the students at the academy and must also thank the fantastic staff who delivered a progress 8 outcome which places us as one of the top performing schools in North East Lincolnshire and in the top quarter of all schools nationally. We will continue to build upon our unique offer; these are exciting times for the academy.

Annual Presentation Evening

On 23 November 2017 the academy welcomed Olympic Swimmer Joe Roebuck to our annual presentation evening. Joe commented "It was an honour to be at Beacon Academy this evening. It's clearly a great school and it was a pleasure to meet so many students who have achieved so much in the last academic year, I look forward to returning to the academy to work with the students in the future". Joe (pictured below, far left) is pictured with some of the award winners.



Performing Arts

Many thanks to Mrs Fordham and the performing arts students for the fantastic Christmas performance of 'The Broken Kingdom of Oz' both evening performances and the matinee played out to packed audiences. Well done to all who contributed to a great show.



Young Writers

Huge congratulations to the talented young writers in Year 9 who recently had their work published in the book 'Welcome to Wonderland'. Special thanks to Mrs Aston-Otley.



Sports Results

The Beacon Academy Girls Table Tennis team achieved 2nd place in the regional competition defeating Toll Bar Academy and Healing Science Academy. The girls have qualified for the County Finals – well done girls!

Huge congratulations to the Year 7 Girls Curling squad who achieved a fantastic 1st place at the regional finals!

The PE/Sports Studies department at the academy has its own twitter page. Full sports results and achievements are shared on [@BeaconAcadPE](https://twitter.com/BeaconAcadPE)

Year 11 Intervention: Intervention for all students in year 11 continues as normal from Wednesday 3 January 2018.

- Tuesday 15:10-16:00:- Science, Miss Doughty, Mrs LeBon S8
- Wednesday 15:10-16:00:- Mathematics, Mrs Davies/Mr Ezebala, S1/S2
- Thursday 15:10-16:00:- English, Miss Greenfield/Mrs Aston-Otley, L1/L3

Headteacher's Drop-In: Headteacher's drop-in is open to all parents every Thursday between 3:30-4:30, no appointment is required.

Homework Club: Homework Club is held after school every Wednesday until 4:15. A permission slip (signed by parents) is required, if you would like to complete a permission slip please contact Mrs Farr on 01472 328888. Parents are encouraged to monitor student's homework via the '[Show My Homework](#)' link on the academy website.

Extra-Curricular offer (after-school until 4:30pm)

Day	Provision/Room	Target Audience	Teacher
Tuesday	GCSE Science revision (S8)	All Year 11 students	Miss Doughty
Wednesday	GCSE Maths revision (S1)	All Year 11 students	Mrs Davies/Mr Ezebala
Wednesday	Homework Club (DR2)	Y7-Y10 students	Mrs Thurley
Wednesday	Art Club (S13)	Y7-Y10 students	Miss Pickles
Thursday	GCSE English (L1)	All Y11 students	Miss Greenfield/Mrs Aston-Otley
Tues-Thurs (as directed by Mrs Fordham)	BTEC Performing Arts/Global Rock (Hall)	Y11 students/All students	Mrs Fordham
Mon-Thurs	Engineering/STEM (C5)	All students	Mr Felton
Thursday	Chess Club (Harbour)	All students	Miss Brown

Key dates for the diary

Monday 18 December 2017	Christmas Dinner for all students. Please note: students who prefer not to have a Christmas meal must bring a packed lunch.
Tuesday 19 December 2017	Key stage 3 Reward Trip (am) – the chosen film is 'Ferdinand' – <i>students who have met the criteria for this trip have already received separate letters.</i>
Wednesday 20 December 2017	Non-uniform/Christmas Jumper day for all students. Key stage 4 reward trip (am) – the chosen film is 'Jumanji' - <i>students who have met the criteria for this trip have already received separate letters.</i> Christmas Disco (pm) all students (<i>Film Club is available as an alternative for students who would prefer not to attend the disco.</i>) Term finishes at 3:10
Thursday 21 December 2017 - Tuesday 2 January 2018	Academy Closed for Christmas Holiday
Tuesday 2 January 2018	Staff Training Day

	<i>Please note the academy is open to all year 11 students from 12:45 until 3:10 for essential intervention.</i>
Wednesday 3 January 2018	Spring term starts for all students at 08:40
Friday 5 January 2018	Termly reports to parents
Monday 8 January – Friday 19 January 2018	Year 11 Mock examinations (Year 11 parents have already received a separate letter with details – please check the academy website, www.beaconacademy.co.uk)
Monday 12 – Friday 16 February 2018	Half Term Holiday – (please note the academy will be open to all year 11 students for revision, details to follow)

Staffing Update

On 1 January 2018 we welcome the following new staff to the academy:


- **Staffing news:** The academy is delighted to announce the appointment of the following new staff; Mrs A Le Bon to the post of Teacher of Science. Mrs Le Bon is an additional teacher joining the academy to add further capacity in Science. Mrs Le Bon will join us on 1 January 2018.
- Mr L Baird has been appointed to the post of Teacher of Geography/Religious Education. Mr Baird replaces Miss Butler who has accepted an opportunity to return to the special education sector. She has secured the post of Head of Humanities at Cambridge Park Special School.
- Mr P Mortimer has been appointed to the post of Teacher of Maths. Mr Mortimer brings vast experience and capacity to the role. He replaces Mr Lake who is considering other career options.
- Ms Olivia Sakseide who is joining the academy in January 2018 to the newly created post of Reception/Administration Assistant.

I would like to thank Miss Butler and Mr Lake for their contribution to the academy and wish them well in their future careers.

Following the meeting of the Full Governing Body on Thursday 7 December, the Full Governing Body on behalf of The Wellspring Academy Trust confirmed the appointment of myself as Permanent Headteacher of Beacon Academy, effective from 1 December 2017. I was happy to accept the post.

Finally, I would like to thank all parents/carers for your continued support of our academy. I hope you all have a great Christmas and wish you a happy 2018. I look forward to welcoming all the students back to the academy following the festive season.

Merry Christmas



Mr J Thurley
Headteacher