

Dear Parent/Carer

### **October Newsletter**

I am pleased to report to parents/carers the extremely positive start we have made to the 2019/2020 academic year. Already there have been a number of trips to careers events, in addition to a large number of sports trips and tournaments.

Our Year 6 Open Evening was packed, with large numbers of prospective parents looking to send their child to Beacon in September 2020. The Local Authority have advised us that Beacon will again be over-subscribed for September 2020.

### **Great GCSE results**

We are delighted to celebrate a strong set of GCSE results this summer. Our 2019 outcomes showed significant improvement across all areas as our academy continues to move to the next level. I am particularly delighted with the number of students who achieved the highest possible 7-9 grades across the full range of GCSE subjects. Indeed, over 40% of Beacon students celebrated achieving at least one 7-9 grade across their subjects.

Branwen Jeffries the Education Editor for BBC National News tweeted about the success of Beacon Academy on results day in August, whilst our Head Boy Bailey Greetham-Clark was on the front page of The Times national newspaper celebrating his fantastic results.

### **Summer site developments**

We have invested over £130,000 into our site during the summer as follows:

- New windows in maths, English, art, physical education and the main academy hall.
- New planters and signage for both student entrances.
- New carpets and painting in Project 2 classroom.

I am very pleased to announce to parents that the academy has secured a grant of £240,000 for additional site developments during the next academic year. This will represent another significant investment/upgrade into our facilities.

### **ICT Investment**

We have invested £115,000 in new computer hardware including: brand new laptops for all students, new projectors and speakers for all staff. All Beacon students now benefit from state-of-the-art computer equipment to enhance their learning.

I am sure you will agree it was a very busy and purposeful summer taking our site and computer hardware to the next level.

## New Website

The new academy website is live, parents can assess 'Show My Homework' and 'Maths Watch' via the website. If you have any queries please contact Miss Sakseide or Mrs Palmer on 01472 328888. The main academy e-mail is [office@beaconacademy.co.uk](mailto:office@beaconacademy.co.uk)

## End of term reward trips

As part of our reward system, there will be end of term reward trips to the cinema taking place during the week commencing Monday 16 December. Please note that the criteria for the reward trips is 95% or better attendance. Term-time holidays can have a significant impact on attendance.

## Planners

'Show my Homework' will continue to be the method that homework is set and recorded. All students have been provided with a free Academic Student Planner for 2019/2020. Replacement planners are available at a cost of £3.

## After school extra-curricular Activities

Extra-Curricular Club	Day	Staff and Location
Health & Wellbeing Club	Monday (for Year 10 & Year 11 students)	Mrs Kinnaird The Base
Eco (Environment) Club	Tuesday	Miss Wilson Science 2
Computer/ICT Club	Tuesday	Mr Mitchell Computer Suite 3
Homework Club*	Wednesday	Mrs Pickles Computer Suite 1
Art & Design Club	Wednesday	Miss Pickles Art 1
Games/Lego Club	Thursday	Mrs Brown The Harbour
Model Railway Club	Friday	Mr Brown The Base

*\*Please note that a separate maths homework club also runs every Tuesday lunchtime in the maths department.*

The physical education extra-curricular timetable for next half-term will be sent to parents and will also be posted on the academy website and twitter.

## Student Leadership Team

Following a rigorous process involving application and interview I am delighted to confirm the student leadership team below:

<b>Head Girl</b>	Jessica Smith
<b>Head Boy</b>	Ben Sarbutt
<b>Deputy Head Girl</b>	Phoebe Holmes
<b>Deputy Head Boy</b>	Joseph Marshall
<b>Senior Prefects</b>	Hermione Brown, Sophie Croft, Summer Mroczkowska, Nicolas Goodwin, Niall Stocks, Hollie Witney

## Beacon Academy Twitter

Twitter is our chosen form of social media. Parents/carers can follow the academy on twitter without needing an account. Just google 'Beacon Academy Cleethorpes twitter' and you can access information, follow news/events taking place. Parents/carers with accounts are welcome to join the 550 people who follow us on twitter. Our account is @beaconacademycl.

## 2019-2020 Important Dates

*Please note the academy term-dates are available on our website.*

Friday 18 October 2019	The academy closes for half-term at 2:50
Monday 28 October 2019	The academy re-opens for students at 8:30
Wednesday 6 November 2019	Year 10 Parents evening (Hall)
Thursday 21 November 2019	Annual Awards Evening
Monday 18 November 2019	Year 11 Mock Examinations (1) begin
Friday 20 December 2019	The academy closes for summer holiday at 2:50
Tuesday 7 January 2020	The academy re-opens for students at 8:30
Wednesday 8 January 2020	Year 11 Mock Examinations (2) begin
Friday 7 February 2020	<i>Please note the academy will be closed to students on this day – this is a trust wide inset day.</i>
Friday 14 February 2020	The academy closes for students at 2:50
Monday 24 February 2020	The academy re-opens for students at 8:30
Tuesday 25 February 2020	Years 8 –10 School photographs.

## Rugby Football Union

Beacon Academy is one of a just a few schools in the area who are affiliated with the Rugby Football Union (RFU) to promote both boys and girls rugby. Our students who attend the after-school rugby club are now benefitting from specialist coaching and significant investment in facilities/equipment. Our students have designed our new rugby kit with the official England Rugby kit designer.

## Headteacher's Drop-In

'Headteacher's Drop-In' is every Thursday between 3:30 – 5:00pm for any parents who have any feedback, queries or concerns however big or small. If you have time, please let give Mrs Farr/Miss Sakseide a quick call on 01472 328888 to let me know you're planning to attend. Sometimes my drop-in sessions are attended by prospective parents from other schools who want to move their children into Beacon. Beacon parents always come first and always have priority in the drop-in sessions.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact us on 01472 328888 or via the following e-mail [office@beaconacademy.co.uk](mailto:office@beaconacademy.co.uk).

Finally may I take this opportunity to thank all parents and carers for your on-going support of Beacon Academy.

Yours sincerely



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