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Dear Parent/Carer

## December 2021 Newsletter

### Covid-19

The academy Covid-19 risk assessment remains in place, with the following key adjustments:

- Students are expected to continue to use hand sanitiser on entry.
- To support social distancing, staff teach from a designated area at the front of the class, indicated by a yellow line. Students must not enter this area.
- Enhanced day-time cleaning continues.
- Split break and lunch with separate dining areas.
- Staggered entry/exit at the start and end of the academy day.

On-site testing will return to the academy in January following the Christmas break, information will be sent in a separate letter.

I would like to thank all students, parents and staff for working within these adjustments. At Beacon Academy, we have created a 'business-as-usual' learning experience for our young people. Beacon students have always followed their full normal timetable in their normal specialist teaching areas. This has been possible due to the support of our students, parents and staff, it has been a fantastic effort and I thank the entire Beacon community for their support of our staff team.

### Dates/Events

Date	Event
Monday 13 December	Cinema Trip Y10/Y11. Film: Ghostbusters Afterlife (12A)
Tuesday 14 December	Cinema Trip Y9. Film: Ghostbusters Afterlife (12A)
Wednesday 15 December	Cinema Trip Y8. Film: Encanto (PG)
Thursday 16 December	Cinema Trip Y7. Film: Encanto (PG)Christmas Dinner
Friday 17 December.	Christmas Disco (within year group bubbles). Academy closes for Christmas break at 2:50pm. Non-uniform day.
Tuesday 4 January 2022	Academy re-opens to all students at 08:30am.
Thursday 10 February 2022	Academy closes for half-term.
Friday 11 February 2022	Wellspring Academy Trust Training Day. The academy will be closed to all students on this date.
Monday 21 February 2022	Academy opens following half-term break.

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*Due to the latest covid-19 guidelines released by the government on 8 December 2021. We ask all students to wear a face covering at the cinema and disco. Thank you for your support.*

*Please note that activities in the sports hall and film/board games club will run alongside the disco.*

## **2021 National Schools Awards**

Beacon Academy was a finalist at last week's 2021 National Schools Awards held at the House of Lords in London. To be shortlisted as one of the final 4 schools in England was a huge achievement of which we can all be very proud. I would like to thank the staff team at the academy and indeed the whole Beacon community for this fantastic success.

I am also delighted to report that our sponsor the Wellspring Academy Trust was voted as Multi-Academy Trust of the Year. I am sure all our parents will recognise the fantastic contribution and support of the Wellspring Academy Trust to the success of Beacon Academy.

### **Year 6 update**

We have been informed by the Local Authority that Beacon Academy will again be heavily oversubscribed for September 2022 entry. The number of 1<sup>st</sup> choice preferences is significantly higher than the number of places at the academy. We have received in excess of 300 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> choice preferences to date.

### **Site update**

This term our students have been enjoying the £1.25 million summer investment in our academy. It was lovely to welcome so many parents to our parents' evenings in our newly refurbished £300,000 Beacon Block, which created five state-of-the-art classrooms, toilets, new windows and a replacement roof.

Our newly upgraded £100,000 sports hall complete with new roof, flooring and re-decoration provides a fantastic facility for our students.

Roof, ceiling and lighting replacements throughout our 'Inspire' Tower and 'L' block have taken our learning environments to the next level.

### **Extra-Curricular**

It has been a real pleasure to see so many extra-curricular clubs and activities take place this term with Eco and 3D Printing Club proving very popular. Last Thursday, a fantastic Christmas performance of 'Aladdin and the Magic Bucket' played to an audience of very proud parents.

Our student sports leaders were again selected to organize the 'Panathon' sporting event for both primary and secondary schools. The PE team have organized and delivered a significant number of clubs, trips and fixtures this term in a wide range of sports which have included specialist coaching.

I would like to congratulate the Year 9 boys' football team who have progressed to the semi-final of the North East Lincolnshire cup competition. The team will play Healing Science Academy in the new-year for a place in the final at Blundell Park.

Our offer of clubs and activities has been too numerous to mention within this letter. However parents/carers who follow the academy on twitter (@BeaconAcademyCL) or our Facebook page will see reports/images on events such as our recent ski-trip or the humanities 'bake-off' in addition to many other extra-curricular activities.

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Miss McEvoy, Leader of Physical Education and Sports Science/Studies will email the extra-curricular timetable for the spring half-term following the Christmas break.

## Staffing update

At the end of this term we say farewell to two members of our Beacon team:

Mrs Tarrant; after providing several years of fantastic service to our school community, Mrs Tarrant is relocating away from our region. I would like to thank Bernadette for her significant contribution to our academy and we wish her well in her next chapter.

Miss Dennis is returning to the adult education sector. I would like to thank Miss Dennis for her contribution to our academy this term.

I am pleased to welcome the following new staff to Team Beacon:

Mrs D.Collett to the post of Education Welfare Officer, Mrs Collett joined us from Humberston Academy on 28 November 2021.

Mrs Hall to the post of Teacher of English, Mrs Hall joins us from Toll Bar Academy on 4 January 2022.

## Thank you and Merry Christmas

May I take this opportunity to thank you for your on-going support of Beacon Academy. If you have any queries please contact the academy on 01472 328888 or [office@beaconacademy.co.uk](mailto:office@beaconacademy.co.uk)

Finally, I would like to wish all our students, parents and carers a very safe and happy Christmas and very wishes for 2022. I look forward to welcoming the students back to the academy on Tuesday 4 January 2022.

Yours sincerely



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