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Welcome to Becky Highlights. Autumn Term 2024-2025



Welcome to another action-packed Becky Highlights.

Inside, you'll find a vibrant collection of photos capturing the many moments that have made this half term truly memorable. From engaging classroom activities to community events, sports achievements to performing triumphs, it's been a half-term full of hard work, enthusiasm, and above all, joy.



This edition is a testament to the incredible effort and dedication of our students, the inspiring leadership of our teachers, and the unwavering support of our families. We hope as you flip through these pages, you'll feel proud of all we've accomplished together.



Thank you to everyone who has made this term so special.

#TeamBHS





We are so proud of how much our students achieve both inside and outside of school. If your child has achieved something remarkable, please email us via achievement@beaconsfieldhigh.school.

Emelia, 7BHU - for placing 1st and qualifying at the Regional Finals in the Nationwide Medalist of the Year competition in Blackpool

Pavan, 7BLK - for taking part in 'Shrek in 24' at Dembe Theatre in Tring

Dhanvi VEMPATI - for achieving distinction in her LAMDA Grade 5 assessment

Yasmin, 7BHU - for achieving distinction in her LAMDA Grade 1 assessment

Florence, 7HML - for taking part in Cinderella at Slough Ice Rink

Avleen, 7BHU - for performing at the Young Performance Variety show at the O2

Sudiksha, 8BHU - for earning her Red Belt in Karate

Ela, 7BHU - for finishing 20th out of 36 in her first ever cross-country race for WSEH Athletics Club

Rania, 8HML - for winning a Badminton tournament for Beaconsfield Badminton Club

Congratulations to all of our Duke of Edinburgh Award winners. Mr Manners presented 100 Bronze awards, 32 Silver awards and 16 Gold awards to students who have successfully completed their level.



We have now received copies of the professional photographs taken of Keira and Anaya in Yr13 for their contribution to the Jeremy Lemmon project at The Globe in October in association with Harrow School. The performance was incredibly professional, engaging, and truly showed how Shakespeare can be brought to life for an audience. We are incredibly proud of both students - such an asset to the school. The project took great dedication and they had to pass a tough audition to make it to the cast. Both of them looked truly at home on a professional West End stage (one of the most famous in the world) which these photographs clearly prove!



Thank you from FoBHS

Our first full term as the new FoBHS committee has been a busy one!

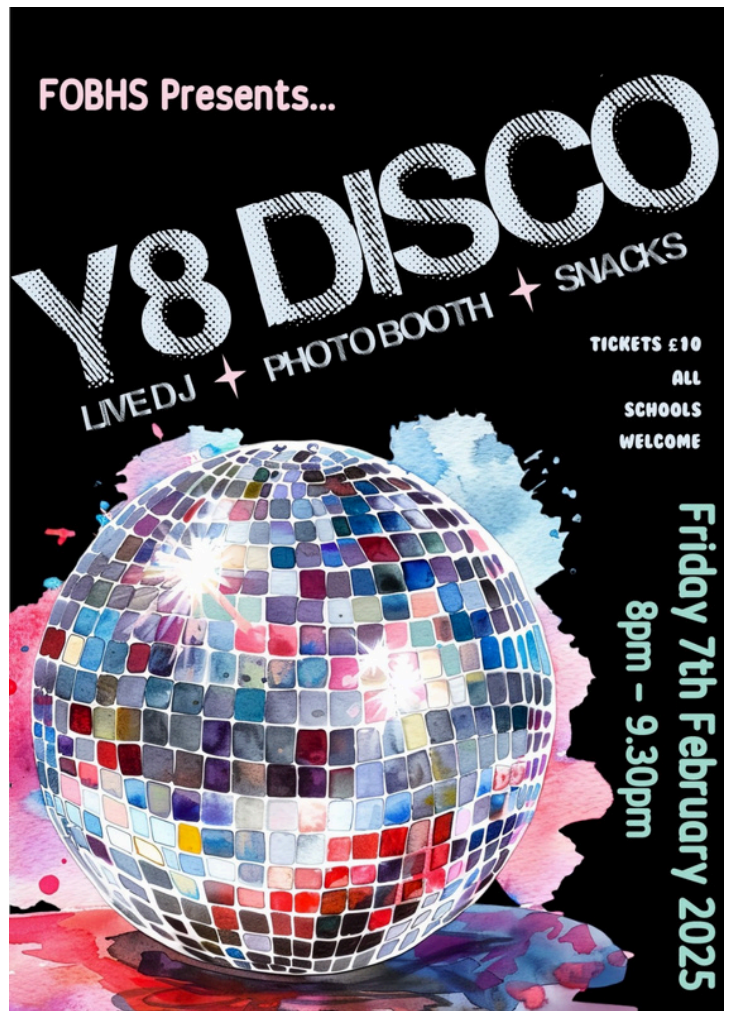
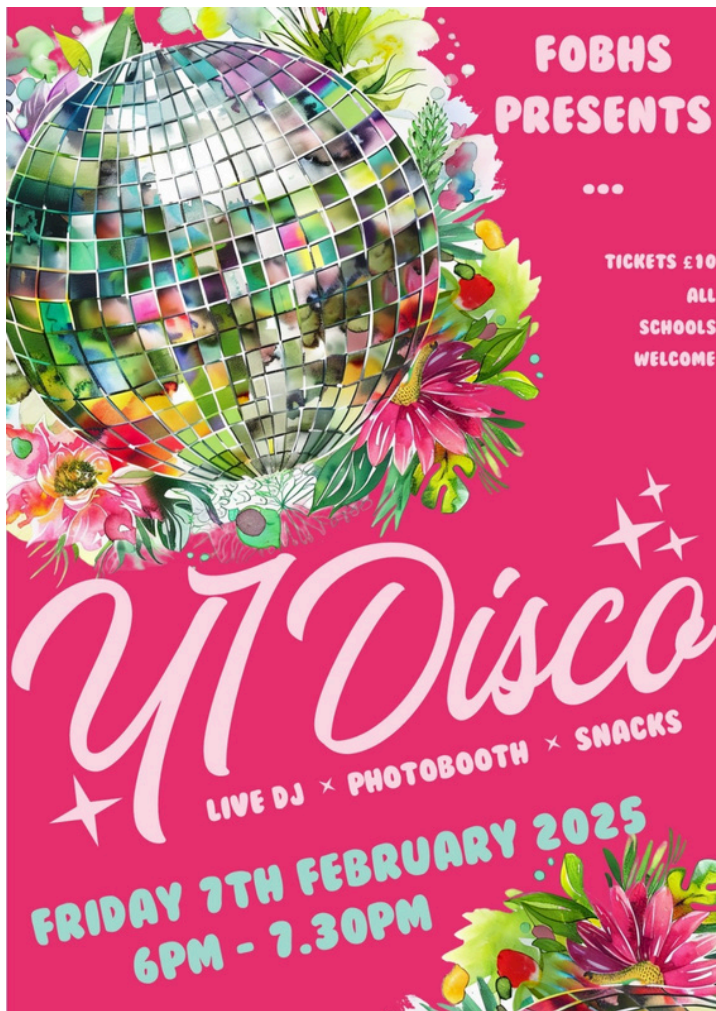
Thank you so much to everyone who contributed to one of our donation days, to those that came to the many events we held and a special thanks to all of the volunteers who worked with us to bring everything together - it feels like we have achieved so much since September!

Since the start of term, our Quiz night, Year 7 and Year 8 discos and 'A Very Becky Christmas Fair' have raised over £17,500 - every penny of which will be used to support our school in the coming months.

Next term we are very pleased to be holding a second round of Year 7 and Year 8 discos!

As always, volunteers to support FoBHS events are welcome to sign up to receive requests to help where they can. Here's a link to join the read-only volunteer group: [Volunteer with FoBHS](#)

Wishing our wonderful community a very Merry Christmas,
Hannah, Gemma and Khristina



A Very Becky Christmas Fair



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Mary Poppins



Our Musical for this year was Mary Poppins. With two different casts, 4 performances and lots of singing and dancing, it was a high quality production. Some of the cast shared what they thought about being part of it all.

I had an amazing time doing Mary Poppins. It gave me a lot more confidence when I'm on the stage. Everyone was so nice, and I'm really sad that it's over! I can't wait until next year. - Alice

I loved being a part of our school production of Mary Poppins this year. It was such a great opportunity to meet new people, working together and working towards the finished performance. One of my favourite memories was definitely when we tried on our costumes for the first time. - Sacha

I absolutely loved playing George Banks in Mary Poppins this year. All the rehearsals were so fun, but we still got work done! I met so many more people and I learnt so much. Being a part of the production was an amazing experience, and I cannot wait for what we do next! The most iconic thing was Mrs Grantham's 'Jammie Dodger' awards, it is such a memorable event during all the stress of show week! I made many cross-year friendships amongst the cast which were amazing. I learnt so many skills which I had never tried before, like learning about set design, and formations during dances on a very crowded stage. I loved every minute of it and can't wait for next year's production. - Swara

My experience with Mary Poppins was one of the most amazing, unique experiences. It was so fun doing a musical from a different era and it really helped me develop my drama skills massively. The support from all the staff and cast was great and I personally felt that the whole cast worked amazingly together as a team. My favourite part of the show was supercalifragilisticexpialidocious. It had the whole cast take part and the dance was amazing! - Freya

Mary Poppins

Performing Arts

The Performing Arts Department has been super busy with lots of concerts. Our Winter Concert, Carol Service and House Dance have been fantastic. Thank you for your support of the students.



Performing Arts



[Click here to see Chorale and Bel Canto singing.](#)



Christmas Jumper Day



BHS Sport

On Sunday 1st December, the U13, U16 and U19 teams competed in the Southern Regional Milano gymnastics competition held at Beaconsfield High School.

All gymnasts had to complete a group routine, an individual floor routine and two vaults.

In the U13 team was Alice, Meghan and Katy, all in Year 7. They competed first on vault and then floor. Having only been together for 3 months, these girls performed amazingly and we are so proud of them for achieving 3rd place. We are excited to see these gymnasts progress over the years at BHS.

The U16 team was Elsie, Carys and Freya and the U19 team was Jodie, Tiana and Lauryn. They all performed beautifully and their talent showed in their stunning routines. The U16 team came 1st and the U19 team 2nd, and both have now qualified for a place in the National Finals in Stoke on Trent in March.

We are extremely proud of all the gymnasts who took part and for their work ethic and determination leading up to the competition. Well done girls!!

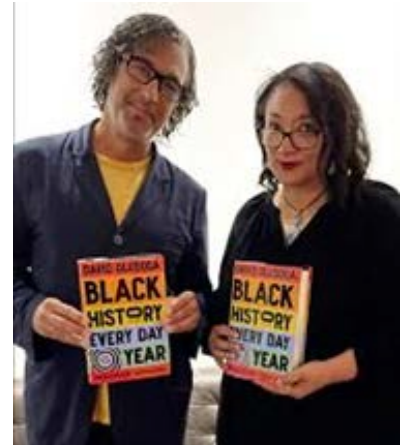


EDI



We held Diwali assemblies lead by our EDI prefects Ananya and Lorna, and Year 8 students Prisha, Reiya, and Jiya. The students so aptly narrated what Diwali symbolises, the spiritual victory of Dharma over Adharma, light over darkness, good over evil, and knowledge over ignorance.

On Sunday the 3rd of November, Mrs Anukem was privileged to attend an event in Henley. This was a conversation with David Adetayo Olusoga OBE. David is a British historian, writer and broadcaster and Professor of Public History at the University of Manchester. Mrs Anukem came back with a signed copy of his book co-authored with two of his siblings, Yinka and Kemi Olusoga.



During the month of November, we raised awareness of Islamophobia. We held special recorded assemblies, and Mrs Anukem had the pleasure of working with Hajar, Year 9, to put the assembly together.

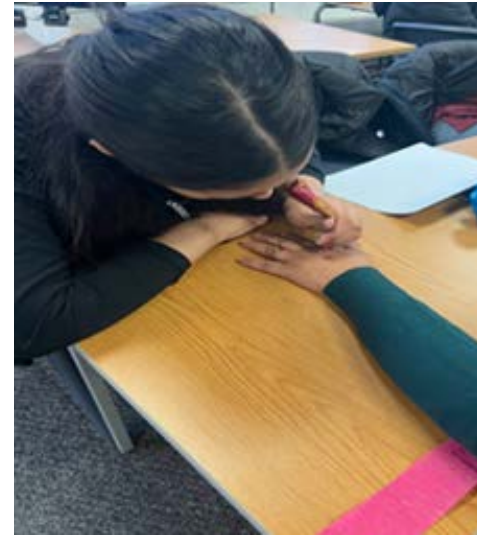


On the 21st of November, we hosted a 'Walk in my Hijab' event which was well attended and very informative.



EDI

On the 8th of November we celebrated a special event run by our Bandi Chhor Divas and Sikh society. Thanks to Mrs Dhanjal who contributed some delicious food. Also, Maskeen, Year 12, and Ajooni, 7HML, for their creations.



Our EDI Champions:

It gives me the greatest pleasure to introduce our EDI champions. As champions they support and contribute to EDI initiatives in our school community.

Faith, 11BHU
Sisa, 8HML
Zahra, 6C
Haleema, 6B
Karissa, 6A
Kav, 6M

Prisha, 8BHU
Jiya, 8HML
Reiyaa Shree, 8PAR
Hajar, 9BHU
Maskeen, 6G
Keerit, 10HML

EDI champions created informative posters



EDI

Dates for your diary:



Exciting Announcement: BHS Women of Influence Series returns for 2025!

Throughout this empowering month, 15th January to 15th February, we will cast a light on extraordinary women who have significantly shaped the world around them.

As one of the last events our Year 13 EDI prefects will organise, it's going to be a great experience.

Here's how you can actively engage in this celebration: All students, parents, carers, and staff are warmly encouraged to nominate the women who have profoundly influenced and inspired them. We would like to encourage you to nominate and share stories about the remarkable women who have left a lasting impression on your life! Express your admiration through a poem, a write-up, or any creative expression that conveys why this exceptional woman deserves the title of a Woman of Influence. Email your entries to anukem-c@beaconsfieldhigh.school.

Entries will be displayed on a 'Wall of Fame'. Six nominations will be selected by the panel of judges consisting of Stephanie Okerefor, Film producer founder of LEAP, Mrs Saba Hussain Head of EDI London Ambulance, Caroline Frankum, Multi award-winning CEO of Kantar, and Mrs Hope Dieobi, CEO EDGE consultancy. These final selections will be awarded the 2025 BHS Woman of Influence Award.

Women's History Month - March

8th March 2025 International Women's Day

EDI Conference - 6pm, 26th March 2025

A Celebration of Diversity and Inclusion, Showcasing EDI Excellence at Beaconsfield High School

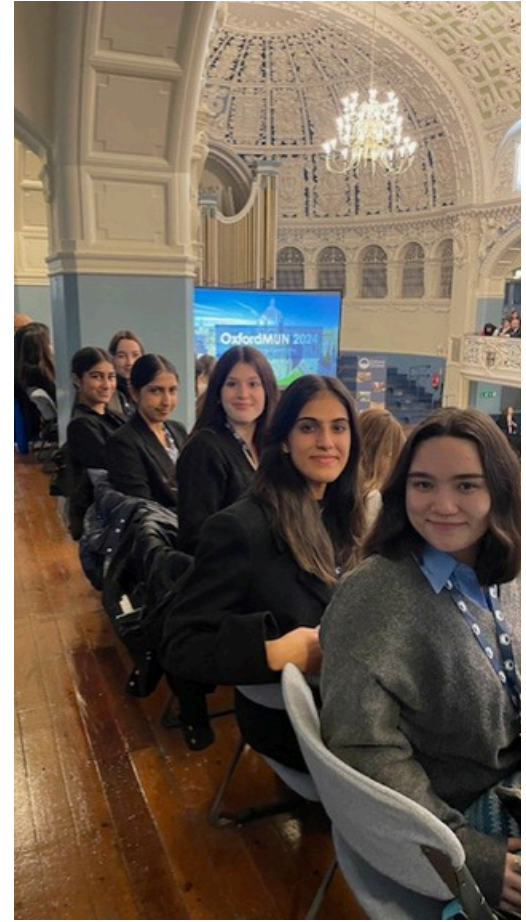
Trips

At the beginning of October, fifteen Year 12 and Year 13 students attended the Oxford Model United Nations Conference in Oxford, accompanied by Mrs Packer and Mrs Morrison. With over 800 delegates from all over the world, this truly was a global event! Students spent three days debating issues from combatting tax evasion to the equitable development of new technologies. Apart from making new friends, students developed their skills of collaboration, debate and negotiation in drafting and voting through resolutions.

“It was an enlightening experience that enhanced my skillset and an inspiring insight into the debating world.”

“I would strongly recommend this experience to everyone, as I have learnt lots of new skills which will help me in the future, beyond school.”

“The best part about the conference was meeting people from all over the world.”

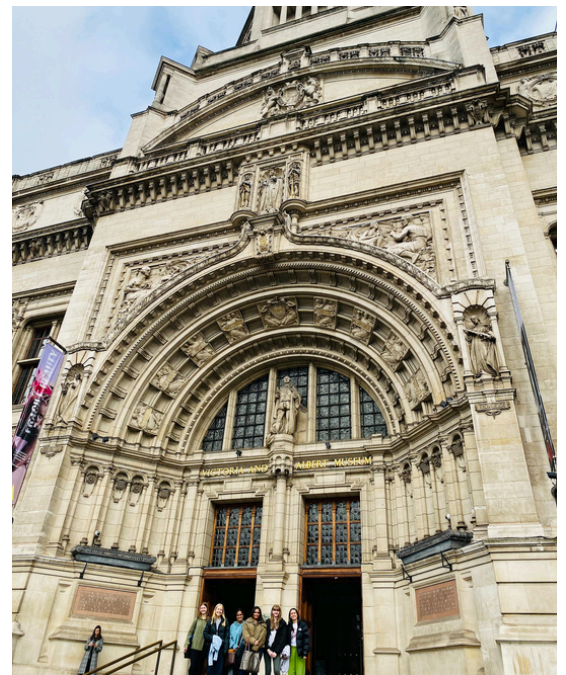


Some students, as part of Learning Support, went to Aylesbury Waterside Theatre to watch a relaxed performance of 'The Further Adventures of Peter Pan'.

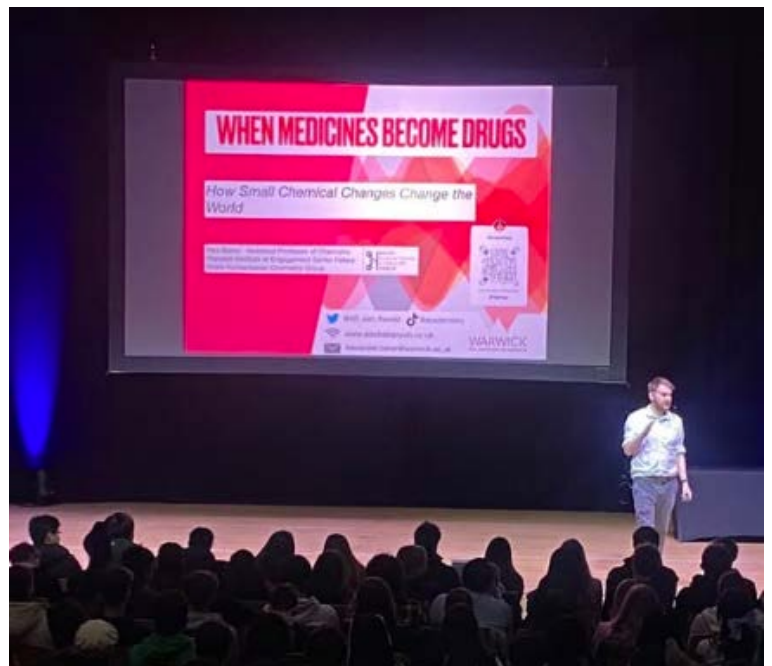


Trips

There have been lots of trips to the Theatre including Cabaret for Year 10, The Duchess of Malfi for Year 12 and Year 13, An Inspector Calls for Year 10 and Year 11, Equus for Year 12 and War Horse for Year 8 and Year 12. Theatre shows support our curriculum in both English and Drama and are a wonderful opportunity for students to see their texts brought to life.



Year 13 Politics students went to a conference on US politics.



Year 12 Chemists visited University of Warwick for their 'Chemistry in Action' conference

At BHS



Year 9 students heard from speakers in Humanities professions.



Students took part in a mock US election



Year 7, 8 and 9 students took part in the nationwide 'Hour of Code'



Year 12 Drama students created sets



Our new Year 12 Guardian Angels at training

At BHS

On Tuesday 10th December, A-Level Drama Students took part in a workshop called 'Monkey Move' led by Fourth Monkey Practitioner and Actor James Scarr. Inspired by the work of Complicité, John Wright and Jacques Lecoq, the students found freedom and impulse through movement to enhance their performance skills and support with the devising component of their Drama A-Level.

[Home](#) | [Fourth Monkey](#) | [Actor Training](#) | [Drama School](#) | [Finsbury Park](#)



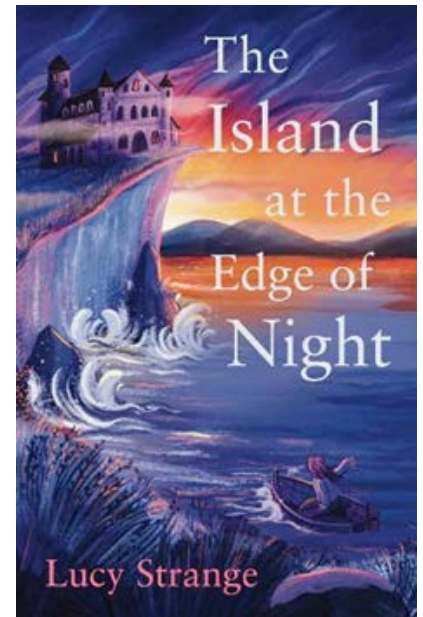
📖 📖 New Books, Autumn term 2 📖 📖

We have updated our collection this month with some exciting new reads!
Browse the list [here](#). These are a selection of the most popular so far....



Book of the month:

The new ❄️BOOK OF THE MONTH❄️ for December/January is ❄️The Island at the Edge of Night by Lucy Strange❄️



Poetry Competition 2025

All Year Groups: Poetry Competition 2025

Theme: Journeys

Chiltern Arts are inviting writers of all ages to create a poem inspired by the theme 'journeys'. Your writing could be about a personal journey, a physical journey, or an imaginary journey: whatever the word means to you!

- All poems must relate to the theme of 'journeys'
- Poems should be a maximum of 40 lines in length
- Poems may be in any form
- One entry per person
- Poems must be the original work of the entrant
- Poems must be unpublished
- The judges' decision regarding winning and shortlisted poems is final

Winning and shortlisted poems will be published in our 2025 Poetry Collection.

Winners also receive a high street shopping voucher. Time to get writing!

<https://chilternarts.com/poetry-competition-2025/>



POETRY BY HEART

Choose a poem,
Learn it by heart,
Perform it out loud!

POETRY BY HEART 2025 launched on National Poetry Day! PBH is a national poetry speaking competition with a chance to perform at Shakespeare's Globe, London. There will be an opportunity for all year groups to take part in a school competition and we will then select students to take part in the national competition.

Students from Beaconsfield High have taken part in the National Competition since 2014 and many have gone through to the final round and even won the competition! We look forward to students taking part in 2025!

What else has been happening in the Library....

★ In Year 7 Library lessons this term, students have been allocated 'Book Club' groups and given a book to read and discuss. In the last Library lesson of the term Year 7 shared their opinions on what they liked or disliked about the book they had read. The results were impressive and lead to some interesting and thoughtful discussions, inspiring everyone to read different books and genres.

★ Year 7 Book Club is held every Tuesday Week A in the Library. Year 12 Duke of Edinburgh volunteers put together and delivered a highly entertaining literary book quiz this term for the group.

★ Year 8 and above Book Club is held every Tuesday Week B in the Library. Book Club have chosen to read Songlight by Moira Buffini. We are all looking forward to the discussions!

Returning Library Books

Reminders have been sent to students about returning outstanding Library books. Students can borrow books for up to 3 weeks.

Book Donations – Young Adult Fiction

If you are clearing out your bookshelves over half term we are always very happy to receive donations of children's and Young Adult fiction. Whilst we have many of the popular titles, the more copies available to our students the better.

In the Library



Dare to be remarkable