

# B. E. S. T.

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*Dear students, parents and friends of BES,*

So we come to the end of a busy but very productive half term. I have been very impressed with the way in which staff and students have approached the start of the year, building on the great work that was started last year. Our new year 7 students seem to have settled in well, and the response to the year 7 parent survey suggests that the vast majority of parents are very happy with the transition into the school. Recruitment of our own students into year 12 this September has increased by over 20% which shows students increasing confidence in the school. Alongside our new students, our new staff have made a great start to the year and have quickly settled in and are having a real impact on students learning.

I have to announce that Mr Davies has left his post as a teacher at the school, with regret, following long term issues with his health. We are working hard to cover this absence in the long as well as the short term and I will email an update to those classes taught by Mr Davies in the new term. Mr Butler and the English team will continue to work hard to ensure that students in these classes are given as much support as possible, so that they continue to make good progress.

I hope you enjoy this bumper edition of BEST, which is normally two sides long, but there has been so much to celebrate that it is now a three page edition!

I hope you all manage to take a well deserved break over the next week to re-charge the batteries, ready for another half term of hard work. I look forward to seeing our students again at 8.40 on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November.

Yours faithfully,  
Mr P Loveday  
Headteacher

## The **BEST** of things

This is an opportunity to celebrate the many successes of our students over the last few months and a look at future events.

- Congratulations to our newly appointed School Councillors, Georgia Pratley, Ryan Bunn, George O'Brien, Ellie Timmins, Monica White, Rebekah Elston, Holly Tyrls, Ellen Litchfield, Neve Powell, Jake Thomas. This is an important role in the school and leads to the Chairs of the School Council, head boy Dom Wills and Head girl Jess Knowles, meeting with Mr Loveday to discuss the ideas and thoughts of the students every half term. They also decide on the BEST points prizes every term, which is a very important role.
- Well done to the BESI Committee for organising the BES MacMillan Coffee Morning. This year, £212.82 was raised- a fantastic total! JC Williamson, Otilie Childs, Abby Schofield, Jess Knowles, Imogen Edwards, Chloe Laight, Holly Lewis, Mary Spicer, Callum Van de Weyer, George Borns, Megan Harper, James Warrington, Ben Carvill, Ashton Wallis.
- Welcome back to two of our past pupils who have work experience in the Art department. Charlotte Dunn - presently working on her PhD. When Charlotte was at BES she achieved the highest point scores for her AQA A-level art in the country. She is now working with our current A-level students. Danielle Gardner, who left BES three years ago, is interested in becoming a teacher and is back in school two days a week working with a range of pupils in keys stage 3, 4 and 5 in both art and textiles.
- Congratulations to the following students, who have been selected to be BES Peer Mentors. Ellie McAdam (PAR) Alex Sharp (BGD) Megan Heath (DWP) Holly Tyrls (JMF) Molly Thomas (MDJ) Chelsie Hensaw (JSP) Leah Williams (LTR) Jessica Bayley (BGD) Patrick Smallman (LCC) Sian Williams (ASC) Anna Overton (NHI) Victoria Thompson (MCN) Lauren Preece (LAN) Ella Fitzpatrick (PAR) Meg Picken (NBZ) Beth Loveday (JCL) Ellia Harman (NHI) Steve Phillips (MCN). This is an important role in supporting students overcome barriers, both personal and academic.
- Taste of Tanzania, a social enterprise run by five sixth form students, has revelled in success over recent months. The business sells coffee in order to raise money for the education of children at our Tanzanian partner school, Umonga Secondary School. The ToT team attended Burwarton Show in August this year, and the day proved to be extremely successful as many products were sold and the business was promoted to many local people. Since Burwarton Show, ToT has gone on to be awarded "Business of the Month" by Lifestyle Businesses. The team look forward to using this fantastic opportunity to promote and develop their business, as they believe that it will raise further awareness for the enterprise. Taste of Tanzania will be attending Apley Farm Shop's Christmas Market on the 28<sup>th</sup> November so you can show your support by coming along to this enjoyable

event. The Tanzanian coffee products can be purchased at reception or online at [www.tasteoftanzania.co.uk](http://www.tasteoftanzania.co.uk).

- Year 10, Key Skills students, demonstrated their resourcefulness, creativity and tenacity this term when they launched (quite literally) their science project on paper planes. Mrs Summerhayes was particularly impressed with Sonnie Cornes, Izzy Davies and Jordan Jarvis who persevered through the design stage to produce planes worthy of their test on size versus accuracy.
- Dominic Wills and Jessica Knowles took part in the First World War Centenary Battlefields Tours Programme. 'Legacy 110' is an initiative which encourages students who engage in the Programme to deliver a community-based First World War project. The aim of 'Legacy 110' is for every participating student to create an enduring legacy by impacting upon at least 110 people within their local community. If we achieve this then the total number of people reached by 2019 will equal 888,246, which is equivalent to the number of British and Commonwealth soldiers who fell during the First World War. 'Legacy 110' reinforces the remembrance of these soldiers who were also so vividly commemorated in 2014 through the art installation of poppies at the Tower of London. They were a wonderful credit to the school and took a full and active part in the programme. Laying a Wreath at Tynecot and sculpting figures to be part of a permanent memorial. They also enjoyed an evening meal with Alison Rose the British ambassador to Belgium. The trip involved several schools and will result in a range of legacy activities that will enrich the school and local community.
- Amber Holland, Heather Ross, Jack Lunn, James McDowell, James Warrington, Will Pugh, Lily May Hussey, Josh Parnham, Lui Fensome (year 12) spent a day with Mr Pope in Carding Mill Valley doing rivers fieldwork. They collected various pieces of data at 4 sites along the river as preparation for their unit 2 paper in the summer. Mr Pope was very impressed with their excellent communication and teamwork, independence and shared responsibility. Well done
- BTEC Health and Social Care students Courtney Taylor, Otilie Childs, Philippa Tudor, have completed Heart Start training with Chris Phillips. Otilie has already used her training in an emergency situation! Health professionals, Sam Tilley the Head of Partnership & Planning from the Shropshire Clinical Commissioning Group; Carey Bloomer Nurse Manager specialising in Dementia; Nicky Jacques and Karen George from Shropshire Partners in Care; Jacky Phillips the Lead Diabetes Nurse and Sandra Sutton Bridgnorth Medical Practice Manager have visited school to support the learning of A level BTEC Health students. Siena Gibbs, Chloe Laight, Jake Faulkner and Allen Taylor have all benefitted from their experience and expertise.
- The Maths Department would like to say a massive thank you to the Maths Mentors who spend a tutor time a week supporting younger students with their progress in Maths. Thank you and well done to Emily Hill, Lauren Preece, Steve Phillips, Luke Waldram, Joseph Lister, Amy Clowes, Ellie Shotton, Ella Fitzpatrick, Max Evenett, Max Sherwood, Arlie Chetter, Becky Grubb, Zara Burton, Megan Heath, Max James, Dan Loveday, Elliott Reynolds, Izzy Wood, Beth Loveday, James Wilson, Ellie Harman, Naomi Berry, Chelsie Henshaw and Laura Guest. The Maths Department would also like to congratulate the following people for being nominated as this half term's Math's Stars by their teachers. They have all shown a fantastic attitude to learning and a real determination to achieve their best. Well done Grace Lister, Grace Byrne, Matthew Fox, Oliver Wedgbury, Jessy May Dowse, Oliver Carvell, Izabella Markall, Stacey Stoker, Demi Xiourouppa, Nikita Box, Giselle Jones, Tyler Cadwallader, Amy Henshaw, Drew Gwinnett, Harry Saunders, Sian Williams, Steve Phillips, Grace Rutter, Beth Cottam, Carly Nicholls and Natasha Ryalls Garbett. Finally, we would like to wish Nick Larsen, Dominic Wills, Emma Killey, Callum Van de Weyer, Laura Guest, Oliver Horton, Olivia Davis, Will Lewis, Meg Harper and Jake Evans the best of luck for the forthcoming UKMT Senior Maths Challenge
- The European day of languages was celebrated with students answering registers in different languages and a feast of different foods from different cultures in the library at lunchtime. Much fun was had by all. Thank you to Emily Hill, Will Grainger, Luke Wainwright, Jess Parker, Ellie Xiourouppa, Annie Rockett and Jack Pardoe for helping organise the lunchtime festival.
- Mrs Dillon took four students back to their primary school to lead an inspirational achievement assembly. Tilly Chase, Niall Price, Jordan Evans and Oliver Carvell went to St. Johns and talked about their personal achievements, both academic and sporting at county and national level. The pupils at St. Johns asked some fantastic questions such as "who was your role model?" and "where do you see yourself in 5 years time?". These fine upstanding young BES students really were inspirational role models to the younger students, and great ambassadors of the Endowed School. Well done.
- Following a successful trial over the summer congratulations to Tilly Chase who has signed a contract for Stoke City Ladies. Tilly joins Charlie Walker and Jacob Allen both of Shrewsbury Town as our registered centre of excellence players. The school receives regular updates about their progress and also keeps the centre of excellence updated with progress at school.

- Swimmer Cam Minifie goes from strength to strength. She competed in the English Schools competition over the summer ending up as 12<sup>th</sup> nationally in the 50m fly and 15<sup>th</sup> in the 200m fly. Recently in the Regional competition Cam competed well coming 4<sup>th</sup> in the 200m and 50m fly and 5<sup>th</sup> in the 100m fly. Demonstrating her versatility she also competed in the 800m freestyle, 100m back and 200m Individual medley. Recently she competed in the Much Wenlock Biathlon hoping to gain entry into the English Schools events (result still pending) but was emailed this week and invited to compete in the British Championships. A fantastic young lady really being her best in her sport, well done Cam.
- Congratulations to Beth Loveday who competed in the English School Heptathlon competition earlier this term. Unfortunately injuries prevented her fulfilling her potential but coming 20<sup>th</sup> nationally with an injury was encouraging.
- Congratulations to Bella Crampton on being selected for the Midlands Netball Squad.
- **BES Rugby News** - A great start to the season for the u12, u13 and u15 BES rugby teams. All of whom so far this season have displayed real passion, physicality and the ability to throw the ball around.  
**The u15 team** returned from the summer holidays and were immediately in action playing at an RFU 10-a-side event held at Church Stretton School. As well as the hosts, present were Ludlow School, Mary Webb and William Brookes School. The ability of the BES players to work so well as a team in attack and defence proved too strong on the day and after a round-robin format they remained unbeaten. Congratulations go to Tyler Evans, Scott Hall, Joel Harman, Liam Hill, Nathan Jones, Harry Kent, Harry Morgan, Niall Price, Ollie Turner, James Varney-Hook and Marcus Wain.  
**The u12 team** produced the best rugby on the day at the annual Bridgnorth RFC invitation u12 competition held on the 25<sup>th</sup> Sept. The skilful attacking play and determined defence proved sufficient to beat teams from Oldbury Wells and Abraham Darby Schools, however, a powerful Lacon Childe team won the final game to deny BES the title for the second year running. However, recent training indicates this team are looking in good shape for their next match, a partnership competition on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November at OWS. Well done to: Ben Shotton, George Barker, Josh Fox, Matt Fox, Joe Batten, James Thomas, Andy Jones, Alfie Webb, Max Gennard, Alex John & Harry Knowles.  
**The u13 team**, playing their high tempo exciting brand of rugby, proved to be too strong for the teams from Idsall and Oldbury Wells School at the recent partnership competition. Well done - Joe Smallman (capt), Niall McAdam, Ollie Tellam-Clark, Jude Tellam-Clark, Beau Pedersen, Jakob Brooks, Alby Preece, Reece Howells, Ben Parker, Ben Parnham, Jim Morgan, Tom Richardson, Harry Pennington, Liam Fulwell, Joe Brassington & Joe Brassington.
- Congratulations to our Year 7 boys' football team who started off their first season with us with a pleasing 5-2 victory against Oldbury Wells School. Oldbury Wells will be looking for revenge as they have been drawn in the District Cup together
- Cricket news – 15 of our year 8/9 sports leaders were selected to receive coaching from Ian Gregory from Shropshire Cricket Board. The training was aimed at coaching, officiating and scoring the primary game of Kwik cricket ready for tournaments to be run later in the year.

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### **FUTURE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

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| • | 4 <sup>th</sup> November  | 7pm          | BESA meeting – School Library         |
| • | 5 <sup>th</sup> November  | 4pm – 5.30pm | Yr 7 Settling In Parents' evening     |
| • | 12 <sup>th</sup> November | 4pm – 7pm    | Yr 9 Parents' evening                 |
| • | 13 <sup>th</sup> November | All day      | Own clothes day – Children In Need    |
| • | 18 <sup>th</sup> November | 7pm          | BESA AGM – School Library             |
| • | 23 <sup>rd</sup> November |              | GCSE MOCK FORTNIGHT BEGINS            |
| • | 25 <sup>th</sup> November | 6.30pm – 9pm | Sixth Form Open Evening               |
| • | 3 <sup>rd</sup> December  |              | Yr 12 Parents' evening                |
| • | 4 <sup>th</sup> December  | 7pm          | BESA Christmas Quiz – Old Hall        |
| • | 10 <sup>th</sup> December |              | Yr 13 Parents' evening                |
| • | 15 <sup>th</sup> December | 7pm          | Carol Service – St Leonard's Church   |
| • | 18 <sup>th</sup> December |              | INSET day – school closed to students |