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Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Sixth Form Update – Summer Term

As the academic year draws to a close, we wanted to share with you some Summer Term highlights and important information about the year ahead.

Key dates for 2025-2026:

3 rd September	12.45pm – Arrival and start of term assembly in the KS4 Hall (all students)
	(Students that have been invited to sit mock university admissions tests in the morning
	should go straight to SF13/SF15 at 8.45am)
W/b 13 th /20 th October	Year 13 Progression Exams (Season 2)
15 th October 6.00pm	Oxbridge/MDV early applicant deadline
W/b 3 rd November	Art/Photography/DT Progression Exams (Season 2)
2 nd December	Year 13 Reports
	Year 13 Parents & Carers Evening
14 th January 6.00pm	UCAS deadline
W/b 2 nd /9 th March	Year 13 Progression Exams (Season 2)
8 th May	Last day of Year 13.

Summer Term Highlights:

- Attendance in Year 12 remains significantly above the national average at 92.1%. Given the strong correlation between attendance and academic outcomes, we would like to remind all students of the importance of being ontime, all the time, every day.
- Year 12 students sat **Progression Exams** (Season One) in April and received their results and latest UCAS predictions on Monday 9th June (just before Parents' Evening on Tuesday 10th June). To continue to improve and build upon these predictions, it is important that students use the long summer break to consolidate the content







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that they have covered this year and fill in any gaps in their knowledge in the run-up to the second round of Progression Exams in October and UCAS deadline in January.

- All Year 12 students participated in our Progression Week from the 1st July to 4th July. In addition to visiting Queen Mary University of London, students received valuable advice on progression routes/pathways post-BSF, together with guidance on course selection and personal statements. All students should aim to complete a first draft of their personal statements over the summer before the start of the autumn term.
- Over the course of this term, Year 12 form groups participated in a social action project called 'First Give' (<u>https://firstgive.co.uk/</u>). Each form group chose a local charity to promote and engaged in a wide range of charity fundraising activities designed to raise money and awareness. The winning form, 12TAC, who represented the King George & Queen's Hospital Charity, organised an obstacle course and mile-long crutch walk on the school site. Their project, which earned the charity a well-deserved £1,000, was commended by the judging panel for its empathy and creativity.
- On 19th/20th June, 24 intrepid Year 12 and Year 10 students from both Beal and TFA took part in, and successfully completed, a **Duke of Edinburgh (DofE)** expedition in Epping Forest, staying at Deben House Campsite. Congratulations to all the students who participated.
- This term, 33 Year 12 students successfully completed **Extended Project Qualification** projects. The EPQ, which is worth the same as half an A-Level, requires student to conduct a piece of independent research into a topic of their choosing and to write a 5,000-word essay. This year's wide-ranging titles included: an exploration of the ways in which Endorphin B can aid treatment against acute mesenteric ischemia; the factors which led to the breakup of Yugoslavia in 1991, theoretical space travel and the extent to which Feynman's vision of nanotechnology overcome the ethical, social and environmental challenges of adopting nanomedicine to treat cancer and respiratory diseases in worldwide health systems. Students will receive the results of this project on A Level results day in 2026.
- On 5th July, 4 Year 12 students were invited to attend the final of the Wings of Hope Achievement Award at the London Business School. This prestigious event, capped off months of entrepreneurial projects, fundraising, and community action by student teams across the whole of the UK. In the semi-finals leading up to the event, Mariam Attarwala, Sreelakshmi Subhash, Aashritha Donthi and Cassidy Smith presented their fundraising activity across the year to a panel of professionals, including Dr Sri Ram (co-founder of WOHAA). These included: a 20km walk across central London to commemorate 20 years of WOHAA; a Valentine's bake sale; a 'Miles 4 Smiles' walk in Valentines Park and a Summer Stall outside BSF. The team also took part in community action projects including 'the big mosque clean up', volunteering with the British Heart Foundation and litter picking in both Valentines Park and Seven Kings Park. The team won the award for "Most Awareness Raised" which was presented on stage by fashion icon Zandra Rhodes!
- Following hustings in PSHE on 9 July, we are delighted to announce that Harris Riaz (12IM) and Aysha Khan (12CH) have been appointed Head Boy/Head Girl for 2025-25. We would like to commend all of the student leadership team on the significant contribution that they have made this academic year and for being exemplary role models.
- Further news and summer updates can be accessed via the <u>Beal</u> and <u>TFA</u> pages of the <u>BSF website</u>.
- Students can also stay up to date with the latest opportunities by accessing the **Beal Sixth Form Bulletin Padlet** <u>here</u>.

Wishing all families a relaxing and restful summer break.

Yours faithfully

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