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Beal Sixth Form – Term Update for Parents and Carers

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our Year 12 and Year 13 students have made a fantastic start to the academic year. I have been particularly impressed by how quickly our Year 12 students have adapted to the challenges of sixth form, demonstrating resilience and a positive attitude towards their learning. Our Year 13 students have also made a strong start, taking greater responsibility for their studies and preparing for their next steps beyond sixth form, whether that be university, apprenticeships or employment.

As we move further into the academic year, I would like to share some important reminders and upcoming events.

Key Updates for Year 12 and Year 13

Attendance and punctuality

We expect all students to maintain at least 95% attendance. Research suggests that when attendance falls below 90%, students may experience a drop of up to two grades compared with their expected outcomes, alongside a potentially significant reduction in their likelihood of receiving an offer from their first-choice university.

Consistent attendance is essential for academic success. Please support us in ensuring your child attends regularly, arrives punctually and makes the most of every learning opportunity.

Student illness and wellbeing

As the colder weather approaches, we encourage students to wrap up warmly and look after their wellbeing. Students should attend school unless they are genuinely too unwell to do so. If your child becomes unwell during the school day, staff will assess the situation and contact you if they need to be collected.

Private study and sixth form lounges

Students in Bronze and Silver lounges must remain on site during the school day unless authorised to leave. These students follow a structured programme of study, and attendance at all timetabled sessions is essential. Failure to attend private study will be recorded as truancy and may affect your child's attendance record.

We are delighted to congratulate the following pupils, who have demonstrated exceptional diligence, a sustained commitment to their learning, and outstanding attendance and punctuality this half-term. Their

consistently high standards and exemplary approach to Sixth Form life have earned them progression to the pinnacle of our Study Lounge Programme: the Platinum Lounge.

A huge well done to:

- Kalp Jetani, Deyan Hirani, Borna Moradi, Dana Moradi, James Mulligan, Eydel Boakye, John Mboglem, Maaya Patel, Zahra Aziz, Ibrahim Khan and Zamin Ahmed!

Updated Sixth Form Uniform Dress Code

Our students are role models for younger pupils and ambassadors for Beal Sixth Form. They may also meet university representatives and professionals during the school day, so maintaining a smart, professional appearance is important. Our uniform policy has been updated to cater for this. Please ensure your child follows the updated uniform policy. Link below to the updated Sixth Form Uniform Dress Code

[Beal Sixth Form – One Sixth Form – Two Campuses – Three Pillars – Four Pathways](#)

Bursary

If your child is eligible for bursary funding, applications that have been processed will be paid after half term, including any backdated payments due. If you have not yet applied and believe your child may be eligible, please complete an application using the link below by the end of October to ensure it can be considered. Link below for the bursary application:

[Beal High School](#)

Year 13 – Key Updates and Events

Year 13 Parents' Evening – Tuesday 17th November

Parents' Evening is an important opportunity to discuss progress, celebrate achievements and identify areas for improvement. We encourage all parents and carers to attend and speak with subject teachers.

UCAS applications and predicted grades

UCAS applications will begin after half-term. You should have received your child's predicted grades and UCAS grades – please check email. The predicted grades reflect students' performance throughout the term, including assessments, classwork and independent study as well as attendance. Students should use the half-term break productively and return ready to build on their progress.

January mock examinations

Preparation for the January mocks will begin shortly. These examinations will help students refine their examination technique and identify areas requiring further work ahead of their final examinations. Students who significantly improve their grades (and attendance) will be considered for an updated academic reference to be sent to their first-choice university, where appropriate.

Year 12 – Key Updates and Events

November GCSE Mathematics and English resits

Students preparing to resit GCSE Mathematics and/or English will sit their examinations in November. We strongly encourage them to use the half-term break to revise and practise examination questions to maximise their chances of success.

Medicine, Dentistry, Veterinary Science and Oxbridge

We will be holding key events to support students interested in Medicine, Dentistry, Veterinary Science and applications to Oxford or Cambridge. Further information will follow, including guidance on applications, admissions assessments and interviews. Students interested in these pathways should engage with the opportunities available and begin preparing early.

Working Together for Success

Thank you for your continued support and partnership. Sixth form is an important stage in which students develop greater independence, strengthen their academic skills and make decisions about their futures. By working together, we can ensure they receive the support and challenge they need to achieve their potential.

I am proud of the positive start our students have made and look forward to seeing them continue to develop academically and personally throughout the year.

Kind regards,

Mr A Islam
Vice Principal and Head of School, Beal Sixth Form