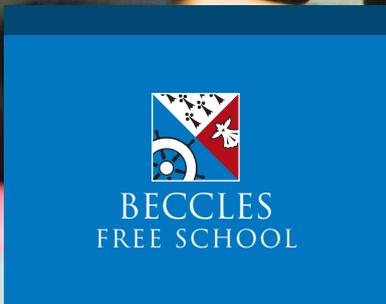


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- > Challenge
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- > Co-operation
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Forthcoming events

10-14 November
Year 10 Mock Exams

11 November
Remembrance Day Events

12 November
**Drama visit to Les Miserables
and back stage tour**

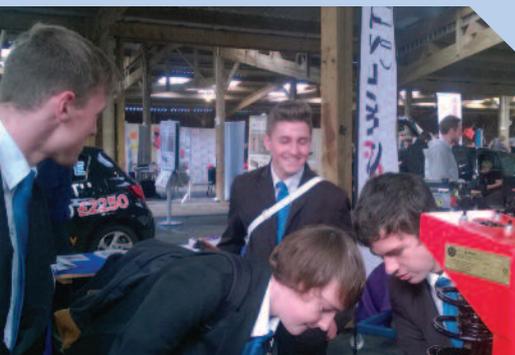
18 November
Post 16 careers event

21 November
**Judging of Trust Christmas
Card Competition**

1-4 December
Year 11 Mock Exams

6 December
**Friends of Beccles
Christmas Fair**

9 December
Winter Showcase Evening



news at ten

Welcome!



John Lucas, Headteacher

Welcome to the second **News at Ten** newsletter in which I bring you news from our school. Our first half term in our new school was one in which we settled quickly and our students were able to shine in their learning and their extra-curricular work. It was a delight to see our students behaving with such maturity and confidence at the Suffolk Skills Show last month. I would like to thank all parents and carers for the support that you have shown to our school in sending your children to us with the correct uniform and equipment. I have had several comments about how smart and sensible our students are as they travel to and from school. They deserve great credit for this.

I would also like to congratulate all students who have taken part in the sporting and musical events that have taken place this term.



Mr John Lucas
Headteacher

Suffolk Skills Event 22 October 2014

All students in Years 10 and 11 had the opportunity to attend the careers fair at the Trinity Park with six teachers. At this event students met with many providers of post 16 education and training. Our students were able to try their hand at several activities including, plastering, changing tyres, a shooting range, mechanical engineering. Most importantly students were able to speak with adults from a huge range of professions.



We were delighted with the way our students conducted themselves – their confidence when speaking with adults drew much praise as did their support of each other on the day. This event will be followed up with a post 16 provider event on Tuesday 18 November 2014 at which we hope to have all post 16 providers available for students to speak with.

Trust Christmas Card Competition

It's that exciting time of year again!

It's time for the Trust Christmas Card competition and students, staff, parents/carers are all invited to enter.

The theme is Hark the Herald Angels Sing and the Trust are looking for creative, inspirational designs.

One design will be chosen as the Trust Christmas Card. The winner of the competition will receive a framed copy of the card and copies of their card to send out for Christmas too.



Competition opens 21 October 2014

**Entries to your school reception by
Friday 21 November 2014**

Year 7 Life

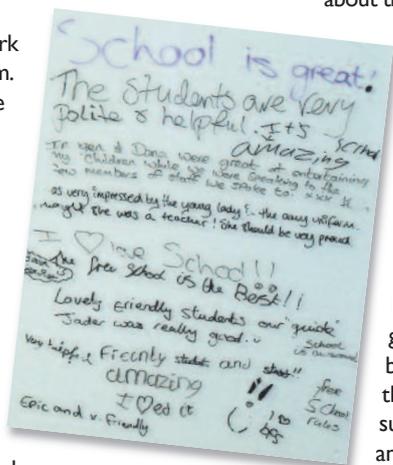
Mr J Crowfoot | Head of Year 7

As we begin the start of the second Michaelmas half-term the Year 7 students can reflect on a highly successful first few weeks at Beccles Free School.

The students have really settled in well and got down to work across the curriculum. In doing so, they have set a very high standard for themselves.

It has been especially pleasing for me as Year Leader to see so many of the students contributing to the whole life of the school. Large numbers of Year 7 students helped out in classrooms and around school on our highly successful Open Evening on 8 October 2014 and really enjoyed showing everything in a positive light. Lots of Year 7's have also been

outstanding tour guides during the Open Mornings which ran from 13–17 October 2014. Without exception all the visitors commented on the knowledge, warmth and maturity of the guides which again speaks volumes about their transition into our student body.



It would be remiss of me not to mention the hard work put in by the Year 7 team. Miss Brown, Miss Cunningham, Mr Don-Daniel and Mrs Morfitt really go above and beyond to ensure their tutees are as successful as possible and I would like to thank them for that.

In closing, I would like to commend the Year 7's for their great start to this school year, and look forward to seeing more of the same in the lead up to Christmas.

Showcase 9 December 2014



We have our termly showcase of musical talent on 9 December 2014 in the main school hall. This event begins at 6pm and runs until 7.30pm. These are very popular events and the quality of music and drama is tremendous. You will receive more information via your child and we would welcome your attendance at this event.

Friends of Beccles Christmas Fair

6 December 2014



This takes place on 6 December 2014 in the main school hall. It is a lovely event which raises a great deal of funding for the Friends who support our school. Please add this date to your diary and more details will follow nearer the time.

Buildings update

With effect from Monday 10 November 2014 we move into phase two of our new building. Science, Art, Design and Food each have their own learning areas now along with additional classrooms, offices and toilet facilities for students and adults.

We have one more phase of works to take place which adds in the final classroom, a conference room, more offices and toilet facilities. Thanks go to Lee, Martin and the rest of the Wilmott Dixon team for their work with us.

Mock Examinations

Years 10 and 11 have their mock examinations in the weeks beginning 10 November 2014 for Year 10 and 1 December 2014 for Year 11. Please look out for the timetables that each student has been given. These examinations are part of the ongoing strategy to provide students with the best chance possible in their important summer examinations.

Mr T Baxter | Subject Leader for Physical Education and Teacher of Science

Suffolk Area Cross Country

Nine students from Years 8 and 9 attended the Suffolk Area Cross Country. They were all a real credit to the school from the moment they left the building until they arrived back. They were all fantastic during their races and gave it their best effort. Four of the nine runners have qualified for the regional cross country on Saturday 6 December 2014 at Alde Valley High. The nine runners were Harriet Gooch, Talia Francis-Gilks, Mia Hopson, Callum Hopson, Tai Elvin-Andrews, Brandon Brown, Thomas Carter, Sean Waltham and Chase Taylor. The four runners who have qualified for the regionals are Talia, Mia, Callum and Tai. Massive congratulations to all runners.

ParentPay – SOFTWARE UPGRADE

Due to a recent software upgrade, payments taken for lunches and snacks on ParentPay may appear to have been taken on irregular dates. Please be assured that the accounts have been reconciled and are correct.



Anyone wishing to order a PayPoint card can do so via the school office. This card will enable

you to top up your account at any shop displaying the PayPoint symbol. Parents of students eligible for Free School Meals may find this helpful to pay for extra break time snacks that are not covered by this provision.

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Miss H Parkinson | Teacher of English

The English teaching team were pleased to announce Charis Watson as the winner of the cross trust poetry competition. We are the first school to go onto the Poetry Shield and we also have 15 other entries from the school that will be featured in a published anthology. We are extremely proud of every student who entered and it was brilliant to see so much enthusiasm and energy from students about the competition.

I Remember

As the fresh wind blew through the olden trees,
And beautiful birds sang in the green summer leaves,
The golden corn danced like a lapping sea,
Stretched out further than one's eye could see.

There a girl sat, picking dewy grass,
And even from a-far; you could hear her laugh,
As she swayed merrily in the yellow bath,
Her eyes saw a glimpse of a broken staff.

As she wandered closer, and the closer she came,
Engraved in the oak, she saw her name.
She eyed it closer; and the staff stayed the same,
But the whole world around her transformed into rain.

That was a myth in our sad times of war;
Where happiness and love could remain no more,
The children cried out and the birds could not soar,
And we all stayed inside for fear of the law.

When one cold eve in the month of December,
We used the light of the burning ember,
To see the day when our eldest family member,
Would say:
"I was there, I saw,

I Remember"

Charis Watson

BT's Adastral Park Cospace Robotics taster day

THURSDAY 23 OCTOBER 2014



Students from 10 different schools were taught the basics in coding. The challenge to build a virtual robot that was capable of a series of tasks. Harder than it sounds, the robots were then set against one another in gruelling time trials.

Selected by Mr Don-Daniel, Teacher of Design & Technology, he and Mrs Morfitt accompanied Beccles Free School's bravest, youngest and hungriest team of the day (in more ways than one). Using their guile and wise our boldest rose to the challenge and came out on top.

WHAT MADE US STAND OUT?

- The first students to have lunch.
- The school with the highest competitive score.



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