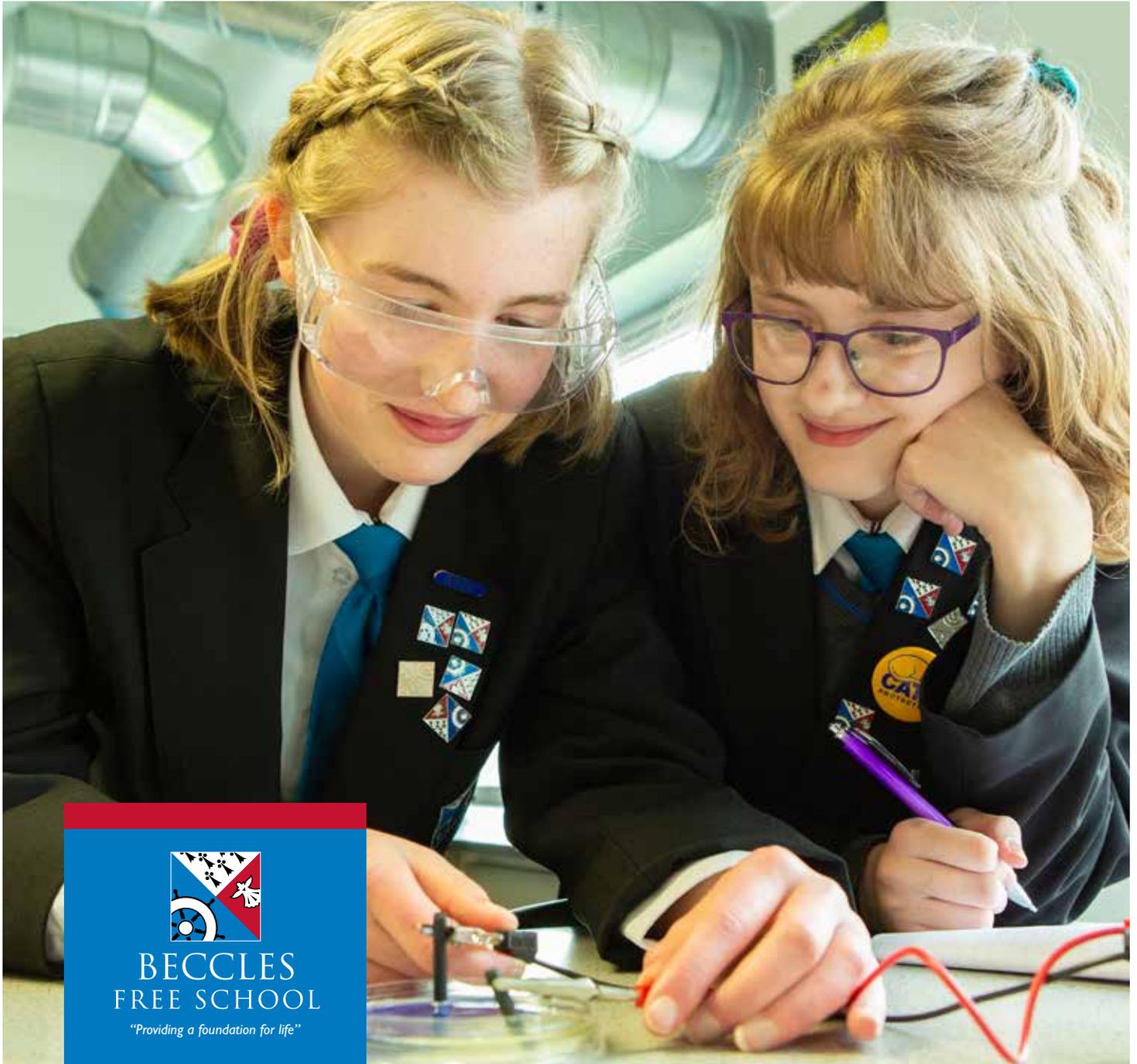


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Dates for your

Diary

Monday 3 September 2018

First Day of Term - Staff PD Day

Thursday 6 September 2018

Students Return to School

Tuesday 18 September 2018

'Becoming a Coding Genius' Primary Enrichment

Wednesday 19 September 2018

Open Evening

W/C Monday 24 September 2018

Kitchens of the Globe Week 1

Wednesday 26 September 2018

'Life at Beccles Free School' Primary Enrichment

Thursday 27 September 2018

Open Evening

Friday 28 September 2018

Celebration Evening

Monday 1, Wednesday 3 and Friday 5

October 2018

Open Mornings 9am-10.30am and 11am-12.30pm

Thursday 4 October 2018

'Mexican 'Day of the Dead'' Primary Enrichment

Tuesday 9 October 2018

Parent Open Forum

Wednesday 10 October 2018

'Music Matters' Primary Enrichment

Thursday 11 October 2018

Y7 Tutor Evening

Safeguarding

Should you have any safeguarding concerns, please contact Mr Lees, Designated Safeguarding Lead on 01502 718850 or for more information please visit

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Beccles Free School's named safeguarding governor is Mrs Chenery-Morris.

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Headteacher's Welcome



**David Lees
Headteacher**

Welcome to our final Beccles Chronicle of the Academic Year 2017-18.

It is hard to believe that we are already at the end of the school year. We have had an excellent year at Beccles Free School; retaining our 'Good' Ofsted judgement overall and maintaining our 'Outstanding' judgement for Personal Development, Behaviour and Welfare. The quote below from Ofsted highlights all that we have achieved as a school and as a Trust over the last year.

"Everyone connected with the school is proud of its distinctive ethos, nurturing environment, curriculum tailored to the needs of its pupils, and a wide-ranging enrichment programme. Visitors receive a friendly welcome and both inspectors immediately saw the strong and purposeful relationships that exist between staff and pupils, based on cooperation, humour and respect. Meal times are a wonderful social occasion; the behaviour in the dinner hall was exemplary. The trust places great emphasis on the importance of healthy diets and the benefits of staff and pupils eating together. Staff act as positive role models, preparing pupils well for when they leave the school. Pupils confirmed this to be the case and described their school as a 'community built on cooperation and positivity where staff are caring and attentive'. Parents appreciate the efforts made by staff to provide 'an atmosphere of constant inspiration that leads to happy, confident and fulfilled young people'. (Ofsted 2018)

I am also delighted to report that student numbers continue to grow and I am excited to see the results achieved by our Y11 students in August!

The Trinity Term has been a feast of events and activities and sums up to me all that is so amazing about our schools:

- End of Year examinations for all students - Rewards Trip to the Norfolk Show - Y10 Geography Field Trip to London - Y11 Paintballing Celebration Trip - Sports Day and then Champions Day at Woodbridge School - Summer Showcase - Y10 Work Experience - Y11 Leavers Ball at Carlton Manor - The Friends first ever Novelty Dog Show – which was a great success! - Y5 & Y6 Open Evening and Open Mornings - Beccles Charter Weekend - Welcoming our new Y7 students on their Induction Days and Evening - Summer Enrichment Week – from Paris to Spy Training

I hope that all students had a lovely Enrichment Week. There have been some fantastic trips out to London, Paris, Paintballing, Go Karting, Whitlingham, Gravity, Forest School and to Flatford Mill, as well as some amazing Performing Art Workshops and activities in school. At Beccles Free School we firmly believe that our Enrichment Activities help to inspire and motivate students with a 'love of learning' and we trust they will return to school in September full of enthusiasm and ready for the year ahead!

I wish you all a relaxing and enjoyable Summer Holiday and look forward to seeing students fully prepared and returning to school on Thursday 6 September 2018.

Mr. Lees, Headteacher

Evelyn Brooks Braves the Shave

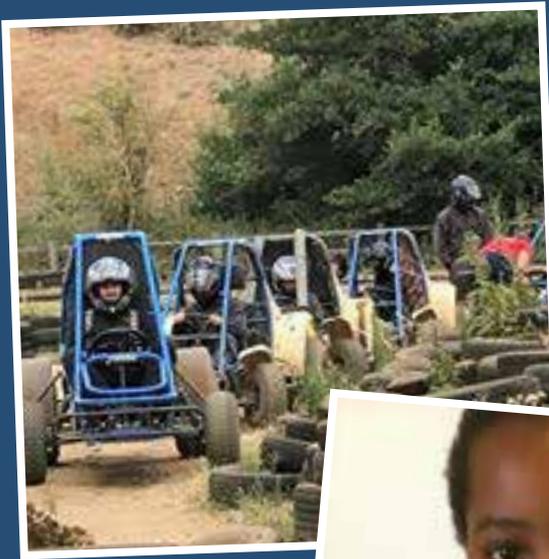
Evelyn was inspired by stories of girls who lost their hair through cancer but went on fighting and maintained their high spirits. Evelyn decided she would raise as much money as possible and 'Brave the Shave' in front of her peers at school, along with a tombola and cake sale. All together £518.00 was raised by family, friends and the school. A special thank you to Jo from Redz for helping us with this.



Sports Day 2018



Summer Enrichment



ment Week 2018



Charter Weekend

Beccles Free School was delighted to join with many organisations in Beccles for the celebration of the granting of the Charter by Elizabeth I in 1584 to Beccles. The beautiful weather enabled us to showcase the magnificent Courtyard Garden and provide luscious light lunches and afternoon teas – our culinary hostess for the two days being Felicity McAlindon with her very flavoursome ploughman's lunches and delicious cakes supplied by parents and grandparents of pupils. She was ably supported by Friends who thoroughly enjoyed their role as ambassadors.

The inaugural Shuttle Bus service supplied by Mr Herod and Mrs Oddy using Beccles Free School mini buses meant patrons were able to travel from 'hub' to 'hub' in comfort and their informative suggestions on places to visit was much commented on by visitors. This event continues to grow in popularity and bring in visitors from as far away as Saxmundham and further afield, and the Friends of Beccles Free School are very happy to support the School in being part of its continued success. 2019 will be Beccles Open Gardens and we look forward to again providing a Shuttle Bus Service from Beccles Free School – get those green fingers ready!



By Claire Jackson, Chair of Friends of Beccles Free School.

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Goodbye to Year 11

5 years is a long time, and in half a decade you have all faced and seen off a variety of challenges, and coped with change admirably. I can still recall the first day of Year 7, your first day at the school and mine, and I can confidently say I knew this was to be a year group that would live long in the memory. At my fourth and final Leavers Ball at Beccles, never have I seen so many staff return to see off our young adults and wish them well. Again- this can only be down to you as individuals and a collective. Watching a wild mob chase down 'The Don's' car on arrival was a scene I will not forget!

All that remains to be said is thank-you for your kindness, and for your hard work. I wish you all the success in future, and on behalf of all staff at Beccles, past and present, thanks for the memories. If you confront future challenges (e.g. climate change) in the same manner with which you have done so at Beccles, I am certain that our society is in safe hands.

All the best, Mr Bradley.

Norfolk Show

200 students got the opportunity to attend the Royal Norfolk Show this year. 100% attendees and students with the top 5 achievement points in each year group got to go free as a reward for their attendance or hard work over this academic year. Students' favourite activities were in the sports village; riding a bike to produce a record painting or smoothie, completing a trampette work out, as well as seeing how many freebies they could collect!

Talking to exhibitors and engaging in activities is all part of the fun as well as watching the animals in the show rings. We look forward to attending this enriching event again next year.



Y10 Geography Field Trip: London Docklands

Despite the high levels of toxic air, London greeted us with fine weather and an array of fast food options. Students set about completing a range of bi-polar surveys with genuine intent and purpose, assessing how 3 sites each mitigated risk.

The range of buildings and services

across a relatively short distance was notable, considering the money spent on regeneration in this part of London. Students particularly enjoyed the Clipper boat trips along the Thames, taking us from the O2 Arena to Canary Wharf. A sustainable finish ensued at The Crystal museum, students getting involved in a variety of hands-on activities regardless of the heat of the day. Having made good time thanks to the co-operation of all students, we were able to make a further stop on the way home at the infamous Birchanger Services, where students proved they had taken a lot away from the day since they ate organic matter and recycled all packaging.

Thanks to all involved, especially to Mr Woolven from Saxmundham for planning the day, and to Mr Becker and Miss Lomas for coming and working with their new groups. It is good to see the students are in safe hands going forward, and I would like to thank all of the Year 10 Geographers for their hard work this past academic year. It has been a pleasure teaching you.

Novelty Dog Show

On 23 June, the Friends of Beccles Free School held their first Annual Novelty Dog Show. There were 10 classes in total with the most popular being the Most Handsome Dog. This class attracted a staggering 24 entries and provided an almost impossible task for our esteemed judges, Mrs Sam O'Hara and Mrs Susan Fitch. After much deliberation the winners were placed. The level of entries for all classes showed just how popular a Dog Show is and we were delighted to see enthusiastic entrants ranging in age from 5 to 50+ (human years that is!).

The raffle, tombola and stalls selling lots of dog-friendly products were enjoyed by all. The refreshments were a huge success with delicious cream teas, mouth-watering cakes and scrumptious savouries being served by Friends cunningly disguised as waitresses.

Cantors Theatre Group gave a sterling performance despite the mid-day heat and entertained the crowd over the lunch interval with their multi-talented singing and dancing.

We would like to thank the judges for all their hard work on the day and for exhibiting such professionalism and courtesy to all present.

We would also like to extend a huge thank you to all who attended and helped to make our first Dog Show such a huge success with over £600 being raised. The monies will be shared between Friends, who donate to causes within the School to benefit current and future pupils, and Meadow Green Dog Rescue.

The Novelty Dog Show was a lovely fun day for all and we look forward to more woof-tastic fun next year.

By Helen Gartley, Friends of Beccles Free School



SAVE THE DATE

Open Evening

Thursday 27 September (5.30pm - 8.30pm)

Open Mornings

Monday 1, Wednesday 3 and Friday 5 October 2018

9am - 10.30am & 11am - 12.30pm