



BECCLES BULLETIN

Upcoming Events

8th January: Students return to school.

13th January: KS4 revision portal launched

15th January: Y6 Taster Day – History (3:30- 4:30)

29th January: Y6 Taster Day – ICT (3:30- 4:30)

29th January: Quiz and Curry night

5th February: Y6 Taster Day - PE (3:30- 4:30)

26th February: Y11 practice interview day

3rd March: Y11 second mocks start

5th March: Y9 options evening

28th March Y7 depart on PGL residential trip.



What a term it's been!

Since we officially joined Sapientia, and I was privileged to become Headteacher in September, we have set about building on our strengths of support and collaboration, to keep making the school better.

Our new uniform has been very well received and everyone looks extremely smart. Our new curriculum is bedding in nicely and the revamped toilets have been well received. We have just finished interviewing for Head Students and I have been blown away with the maturity and thoughtfulness all of the applicants showed.

Children (and adults!) have been having fun too! As I write, the decorations are up, the final rehearsals for Beccles' Got Talent are taking place. Christmas Jumper Day, and delicious Christmas lunch have all been enjoyed last week. We loved hosting the Christmas Fayre and Burger and Quiz night and we are looking forward to the Christmas singalong and attendance and behaviour reward movie later this week.

We've been looking forwards too: building on a visit from the University of East Anglia for their "Get Set Go" programme we had an amazing careers day with visitors from local employers and colleges and national organisations such as the Royal Air Force. To support this every Y11 has already had at least one careers interview. Y11s have started the run in to their final exams with a series of presentations about revision and performing well in exams and learning from previous mistakes.



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Autumn Term

Highlights!

- Burger and quiz night
- The Christmas Fayre involved local suppliers and some amazing sausage rolls! Christmas jumper day raised money for charity and featured a delicious lunch
- Careers and post 16 day
- UEA trips and workshops
- Y11 preparation for GCSEs information evening
- Beccles Got Talent
- Y11 begin exam run-in
- Launch of a residential trip for every Y7
- The careers fair saw 21 local employers and education providers visit the school and talk students and parents / carers through options for their future.
- Sweeney Todd The Musical Rehearsals underway
- Musical Theatre KS3 Group auditioned and started rehearsing MOANA the Musical



Behind the scenes staff have been working on new systems and processes to make sure things run smoothly and efficient and getting things such as the website and the Facebook and Instagram pages up to date. New behaviour and attendance systems have been introduced and are working well, with all the data showing a marked improvement. Attendance is consistently rising, and the number of negative behaviors being recorded has almost halved.

I'm looking forward to rewarding all the students with 100% attendance and all the students who have gone through the entire term without a single negative point in the end of term Celebration Assemblies.

This is only the start! Keep following as more and more great things start to happen.

I wish you a happy Christmas and a successful new year.

Chris Barns.
Headteacher

Our Next Areas Of Focus

Moving Forward

Y7s: Now they have settled in, Year 7s can start to think about their whole-year residential trip to PGL.

Y8s: Have the "Future Me" workshop in early March with University of East Anglia.

Y9s: Next term Year 9's focus will be on their GCSE and BTEC options with parents evening and discussions with teachers and careers experts.

Y10s: Having completed 20% of their GCSE and BTEC courses, the Y10 are now focusing on making sure they have the best quality notes and foundation knowledge for their final exams next year. They know they won't cover this content again! Year 10 have started planning their work experience for the summer.

Y11s: Have started the run-in to the final exams in May and June. They are making the most of the learning opportunities from the mock (practice) exams so that they can peak at the right time, just like athletes getting ready for the Olympics. We are training them in techniques and how to "think like a gold medalist". Keep an eye out for lots more revision materials and exam advice next term. They will also have a practice interview day – when local employers will be in school to give the Y11s experience of job and college interviews.

Y6 Taster Days: A series of exciting after school sessions designed to give year 6 a glimpse into the engaging and inspiring activities they can look forward to as part of our school community.

Musicals: After the brilliant Shrek the Musical; get ready to enjoy not only one but two musicals. Rehearsals are underway for Moana and Sweeney Todd.