

BECCLES chronicle

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Dates for your

Diary

Monday 4 November 2019
Students return to school

Monday 4 - Friday 8 November 2019
Y11 Mock Examinations I

Friday 22 November 2019
Cross Trust Winter Games

Thursday 28 November 2019
Y11 Progress Evening

Thursday 28 November 2019
Y11 Mock Results Published

Friday 19 November 2019
PSHE Day I

Tuesday 3 December 2019
Kitchens of the Globe - Mexico

Tuesday 10 December 2019
Parents' / Carers' Open Forum

Thursday 12 December 2019
Christmas Showcase

Tuesday 17 December 2019
Christmas Lunch

Wednesday 18 December 2019
Enrichment Day I - "Make a Difference"

Wednesday 18 December 2019
End of Michaelmas Term

Safeguarding

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

www.becclesschool.org.uk/safeguarding
SET Beccles School's named safeguarding governor is Mrs Chenery-Morris.

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Headteacher's
Welcome

It has been a fantastic start to the new academic year. It has been a delight to welcome so many Y7s into the school this term as our numbers are now above 300. The students have settled well and have demonstrated an enthusiasm for learning which has been lovely to see.

It has been a busy start to the year:

- We had an excellently attended Open Evening for prospective Y5 & Y6 students
- We welcomed Y7 parent/carers in for our South African Kitchens of the Globe Event to enjoy lunch with their son/daughter
- We have continued our excellent Enrichment Programme with students this term enjoying Rock Climbing, School Production; Sea Cadets; Rugby at Beccles Rugby Club; Sport; Dance; Craft; visiting our elderly residents in 'Care in the Community'; Forest Schools; Creative Writing, Craft and Gardening on our new purchased 'School Allotment'.
- GCSE Success Evening for Y10 & Y11 students to prepare them for their GCSE examinations
- Annual Macmillan Coffee morning fundraiser and cake sale that raised over £100
- We won the East Suffolk Business and Community Award for 'Services to the Community'; for our inter-generational work alongside Sir John Leman High School in Beccles



David Lees
Headteacher

This term we have also held our annual Celebration Evening and have said a fond fair well to last year's Y11 students. Overall 56% of students achieved a Grade 4 or above in English and Maths and 22% of students achieved the highest grades possible (a grade 7 (A), 8 (A*) or 9 (A**)). We are very proud of our students, who with excellent support from the staff, their parent/carers and the initial work of their primary school teachers did an amazing job! I wish all our Leavers the very best for the next stage of their education.

Our current Y11 students are already working hard towards their GCSEs and we have the first set of Mock Examinations immediately after the half term break. Revision work is on Show My Homework and the Mock timetable has been sent out on ParentMail to assist both parents and students.

I hope that everyone has a well-earned break over the half term holiday and I look forward to welcoming the students back into school on Monday 4 November 2019.

Mr D Lees,
Headteacher

Celebration Evening

Students were inspired with tales of determination and endeavour from Paralympic athlete and former Royal Marine, Joe Townsend at the SET Beccles School Celebration Evening on Friday 4 October 2019.

After sharing his motivational story, Mr Townsend presented awards and prizes to students in Years 7 to 11 for their individual achievements and progress made in academic subjects, and successes in extra-curricular activities such as Sea Cadets and work experience placements.



Former Year 11 student Lochlann Baker was presented with a string of awards, including the Seckford Foundation Cup for Outstanding Academic Performance after achieving five top Grade 9 GCSEs this summer. Lochlann's grades put him among the top three percent for high achievement in the country, and he achieved a grade higher in all his subjects than expected when he started the school in Year 7.

Other awards included the Watson Cup awarded to Year 11 leaver Liam Mills for his outstanding journey and huge progress made at SET Beccles School. At GCSE, Liam achieved 2.5 grades higher than expected when he first started in Year 7, as well as raising £200 for charity as part of the National Citizenship Service during his time at the school.

David Lees, Headteacher at SET Beccles School, said: "Well done to all students for another brilliant year of individual achievements and successes in academic and extra-curricular activities. The Celebration Evening was a great opportunity to look back on the past year and recognise so many students for their hard work and progress made, particularly for our recent Year 11 leavers."

"I'd also like to thank Joe Townsend for joining our celebrations and for sharing his incredible life story, which demonstrates the rewards of being dedicated and committed to achieving success."



Enrichment at SET Beccles School

Care in the Community



Nature and Conservation

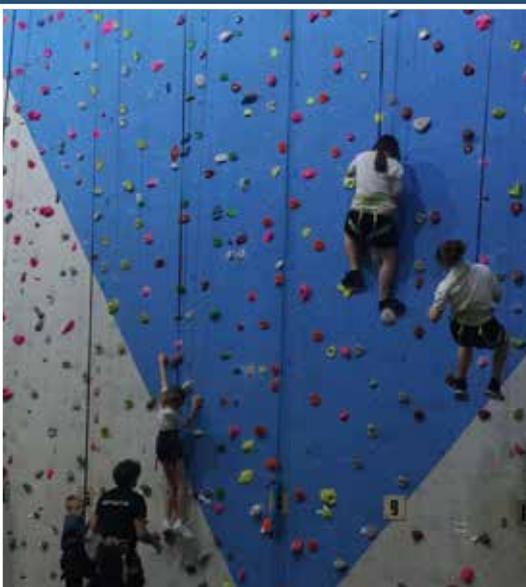
As part of Nature and Conservation Enrichment we looked at areas of the school we could improve to promote wildlife and encourage animals, birds and insects to come to our school grounds. The students identified one key area that needed looking at which was litter. The students did a litter pick of the wildlife area and the field and collected seven full bags of rubbish!



Forest Schools



Rock Climbing



SET Beccles School Open Evening

Great to see so many Year 5 and Year 6 students and their parents/carers enjoying an excellent Open Evening. We have never been so busy! It was lovely to be able to talk about our amazing school. Thank you to everyone who came.



House Matches

Year 7 enjoyed their first House matches at Beccles. The competition was played in an excellent spirit with eventual winners Minsmere scoring a late 3-2 winner to knock Blyth into joint second position with Orwell. Waveney will bounce back in the next event.



25 students from Years 8 and 9 had an excellent morning competing in their House football tournament. The students came together for an outstanding tournament which was full of goals, great sportsmanship and co-operation. The winning House was Blyth, who were undefeated throughout the tournament. In joint second place were Minsmere and Waveney, with Orwell just behind them in fourth place.

The tournament will be followed with a cross-trust football tournament against SET Saxmundham and SET Ixworth in the next two weeks.

Year 8 and Year 10 Art



Year 11 Visit to East Norfolk Sixth Form

On Friday 27 September 2019 a group of 25 Year 11 students paid a visit to the English department at East Norfolk Sixth Form College where they listened to expert speakers from Lancaster University Forensic Linguistics - a fascinating area of language study.



The presenters explained how language can be used to identify fake news and spot liars in criminal investigations. Beccles students were given samples of text messages used in an actual murder investigation from a few years ago and they were asked to identify differences between real messages and those invented by a criminal. Our students engaged thoroughly in this task and were able to share their findings in an entire hall filled with sixth form students. They behaved impeccably and were a credit to the school.

They were able to have a look around East Norfolk Sixth Form College and to see what University life is like – in addition to considering a place of study very far geographically from East Anglia!

We returned to school in time for lunch.

Friends of SET Beccles News

On Tuesday 24 September students went to the Fritton Owl Sanctuary to present a £100 cheque. The donated money will go to caring for the owls at the sanctuary. The money was raised by the SET Beccles Dog Show that was held in the summer and set up by the Friends of SET Beccles. Many thanks to all of the Friends for donating the money.



East Suffolk Business and Community Awards

Congratulations to the students and staff involved in the Muncheon Mingle Inter-generational Events which won the Services to the Community award at the East Suffolk Business and Community Awards.



Macmillan Coffee Morning

Students and staff baked some amazingly tasty cakes for the Macmillan Coffee morning on Friday 27 September raising over £100!

