

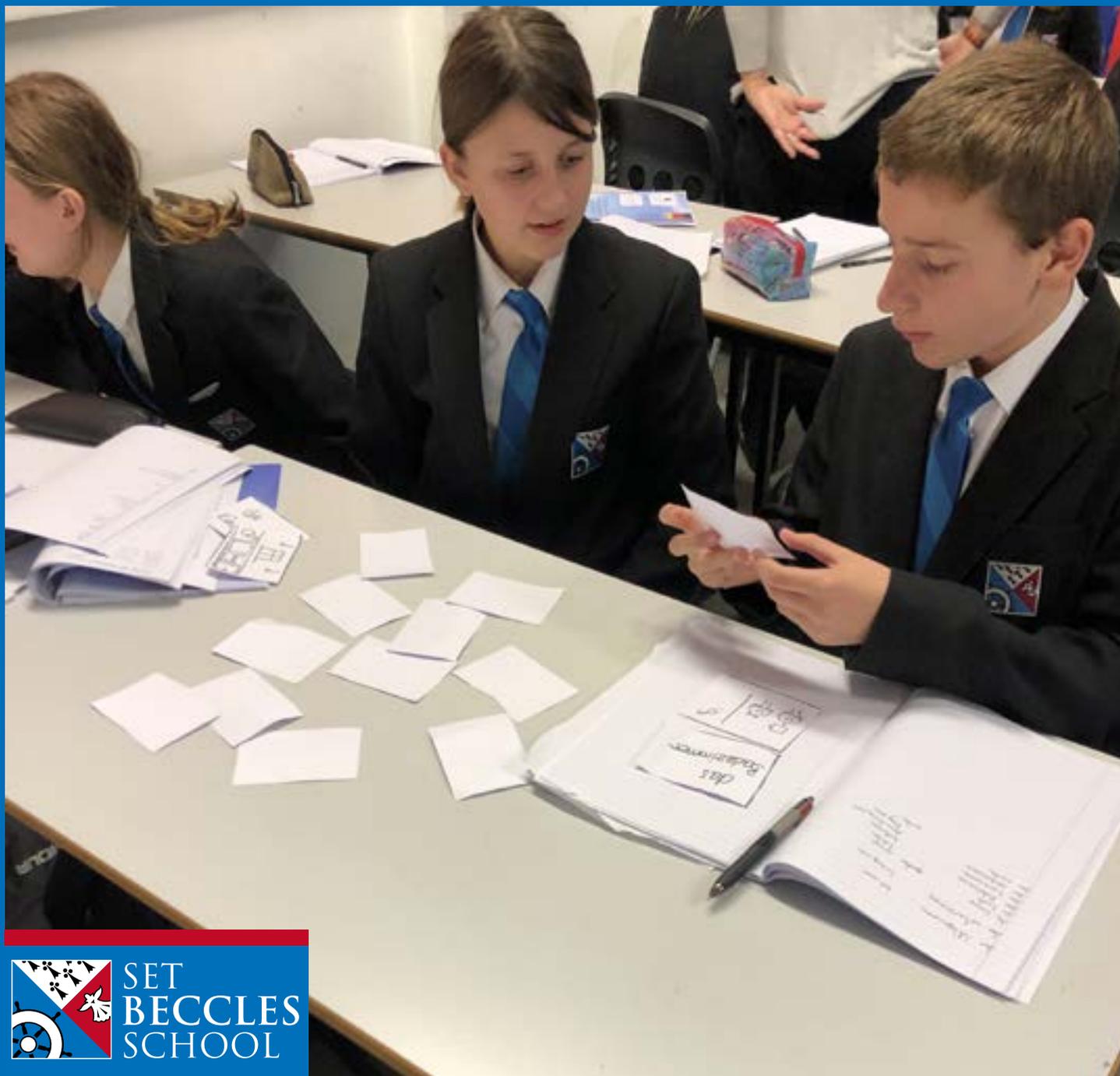
# BECCLES chronicle

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The newsletter for SET Beccles School

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## Head of School's Welcome

As you will see from the features in our Michaelmas Term (and my first) edition of the Chronicle, it has been a busy term despite the current challenges. Our Year 7 students have settled in very well; starting their journey at SET Beccles School with enthusiasm and developing a real love of learning which is always so good to see.



*Mrs H Philpott*  
Head of School

Year 11 have just completed their first set of Mock GCSEs in preparation for their exams in the Summer. Their continued hard work and dedication to achieving their very best will stand them in good stead next year. Please help our students to maintain their momentum by encouraging them to use the resources available to them.

Despite the changes we have had to make in school, it has been a fantastic start to the academic year with many activities such as those run in conjunction with The Brilliant Club, our annual Careers Day and the continuation of enrichment opportunities for students.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your ongoing support and to wish students, staff, parents / carers, LAB members, Trustees and members of the local community a very happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

I look forward to welcoming students back to school on Tuesday 5 January 2020.

**Mrs H Philpott, Head of School**

## The Brilliant Club Scholars Programme

Since taking over the leadership of SET Beccles School in September, Mrs Philpott's priority has been to support each and every student's achievements across the curriculum. Creating further opportunities for students within the flourishing environment for learning at SET Beccles School is a top priority, particularly the enhancement of academic success.



The School has recently set up a Scholars Programme in partnership with The Brilliant Club, providing a link between Year 8 students and local universities. The programme enables students to work with a PhD researcher and understand more about university life, build on their love for learning and ensure they are able to develop the skills needed in the next phase of their education. Students are required to complete an initial assessment online which is followed by small group sessions in School, using course booklets and materials provided. They have the opportunity to learn about diverse and exciting topics ranging from Gender and Peace to Postwar Politics.

"It is so important to further develop the progress our students are making and I am keen to encourage this, by building on their strengths and participating in programmes such as The Brilliant Club."  
*Mrs Philpott, Head of School*

## Important Date!

**Tuesday 5 January**

**Students begin  
Lent Term**

## Latest News

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To keep up to date with the latest news and events from the School, please remember that you can follow Beccles School on twitter: @SETBeccles. Please also check our webpage for regular updates, and our Facebook page, just search for SET Beccles School on Facebook.

## 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.beccleschool.org.uk/safeguarding](http://www.beccleschool.org.uk/safeguarding) SET Beccles School's named safeguarding trustee is Mr R Lane.

## Flowing Water Bottles

SET Beccles School students would like to thank local Beccles businessman Nigel for delivering approximately 350-400 water bottles they have very kindly made for our students.



He also commissioned his graphics department to put our school name on the bottles. Nigel runs a Beccles based firm and clearly cares about the local community. They have also produced these bottles in the past for our school and we are grateful that they keep the 'flow' of water bottles coming our way!

## Enrichment at SET Beccles School

Mr Rednall's Year 9 Upcycling group have been recycling and restoring everyday items that require some love and care to restore them to their former glory. One of the tasks the group was set was to decorate used glass bottles as a decoration for the home. These bottles will also be having lights fitted inside to further showcase the artwork the students have added. Well done to the students for their excellent work and designs.



The Year 8 Gardening group have been working really hard with Mr Gallagher and Mrs Henwood in maintaining our school garden and grounds. The group have an excellent and exciting project for this half term where they have been installing a large polytunnel to the school garden, where they will be able to grow plants and produce all year around. We are all really looking forward to seeing the completed polytunnel in full action.

### Mr H Neale, Enrichment Coordinator



## National Anti-Bullying Week

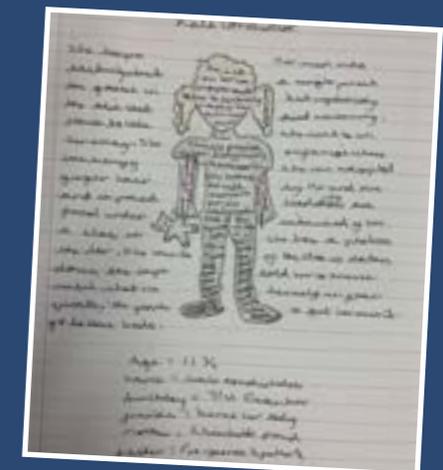
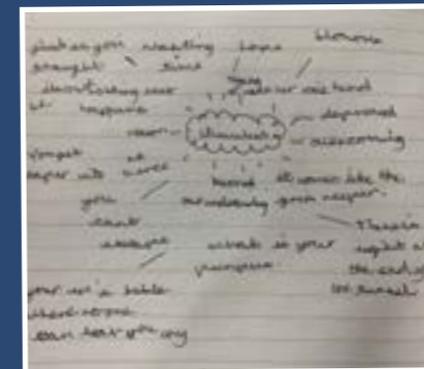
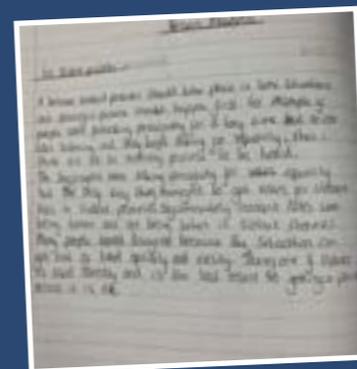
Whilst this is something we continually work on with students, we have specifically led tutor time activities and assemblies on this topic during November. Three members of the student leadership team from Year 10 led anti-bullying assemblies to Key Stage 3 students. The students explained what bullying is using examples from their own experience and discussed the impact of bullying. They then supported students to understand what we must all do when we suspect bullying and who the key people to talk to are in school. A big thank you to Betty, Shaheer and Evan for planning and delivering these assemblies this week.

Bullying has no place at SET Beccles, but like in all schools, young people sometimes choose to say or do unkind things. Whilst there must be consequences, we are continually looking at and developing our supportive interventions for all involved. To raise awareness, we started the week by all wearing odd socks; I think all will agree that Mrs Jackson really did steal the show on this one!

## Drama

In Drama this term Year 10 have been exploring Blood Brothers, Year 7 have been working on dramatic tension in drama and learning how to draw out emotion from your audience and Year 9 have been exploring key figures from the Civil Rights movement.

### Miss Best, Subject Leader (Creative)



# Science

Year 7 students have made a cracking start to the year. They've been learning about forces and cells and have met each topic with enthusiasm. They have had an opportunity to go outside and measure forces using a Newton Meter.

Year 8 students are very inquisitive about Science and how it relates to the world around them. They've been asking insightful and interesting questions to extend their knowledge further, in particular about speed, pressure and states of matter topics. Year 9 students have started their GCSE Science course and have shown a mature and positive attitude in lessons. They've been learning about atomic structure and the development of the Periodic Table, as well as developing their scientific literacy.

Year 10 students have become more confident in asking for help when needed and taking part in class discussions. They particularly enjoyed the nuclear radiation topic and have now moved onto organ systems in humans. Year 11 students are working really hard in Science lessons and have been given lots of exam question practice. Online revision resources are available for them to use over half term in preparation for the mocks. All in all, an impressive start to the academic year.

