

THE GRIFFIN



Beaumont Leys School

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This week in school is Reading Week and it has been lovely to see the variety of activities taking place in school. One of the things I feel proud of is that all of our students, during their time at our school, get to hear from real authors face-to-face.

The excitement in Year 7 as they were waiting to meet Bali Rai was huge! They have just finished reading one of Bali's books in English so meeting him was a great enrichment to their classroom learning. Reading is one of the strands of our school improvement work this year.

We have recently been fortunate to have a number of visitors in school and one of the great parts of my job is being able to take them around lessons. Recent visitors have included: a new Headteacher; Liz Kendall, our local MP; Randeep Sami, the Deputy Principal at Leicester College; and a range of senior leaders from Leicestershire schools. Showing off our classrooms and our polite, hard working students is a joy. When we hosted the group of senior leaders I gave them a task. I asked them to visit classes and then tell me what they thought we had been working on in our teaching and learning. What came back was lovely – they could see that our teachers had very well developed skills in questioning, developing student talk, developing writing, supporting

students with special needs, assessment and supporting reading. They also found our students to be hardworking, ambitious and friendly.

At the end of the first half term of this year it has been great to get this feedback and to see ourselves on the positive and powerful journey to supporting all students to thrive in our classrooms.

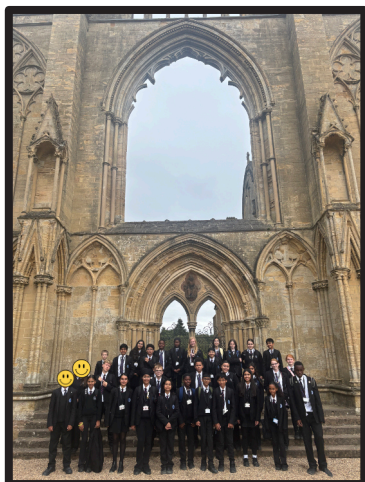
Dawn Parkinson
Headteacher



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Newstead Abbey Educational Trip

On Friday 25th September, Mrs Hanmer and Mrs Rainer accompanied 32 students on an exciting educational trip to Newstead Abbey in Nottingham, the historic home of renowned poet Lord Byron. As part of their work on creative writing within the Gothic genre, students explored the atmospheric surroundings of the abbey, using them as inspiration of their own imaginative writing. They also took part in a professional writing workshop and explored the historical and literary significance of the site, helping to develop their understanding ahead of their future GCSE English studies.



Since returning to school, students have continued to refine their drafts, producing some fantastic pieces of descriptive writing that will support them in their upcoming assessments. Their behaviour throughout the trip was excellent, and they were a real credit to the school. Please click the link below to read some of our students' beautiful descriptive writing, inspired by the grounds of Newstead Abbey.

[https://www.beaumontleys.leicester.sch.uk/docs/Letters/Newsletter/Gothic Stories 2026.pdf](https://www.beaumontleys.leicester.sch.uk/docs/Letters/Newsletter/Gothic%20Stories%202026.pdf)

Year 9 Sports Leaders

On Wednesday 30th September, our new Year 9 Sports Leaders ran their first official event of the year as we welcomed Barley Croft Primary School to BLS for a sports festival in the Sports Hall. Our Sports Leaders led a variety of activities including bench ball, archery, golf, tag games and team-building challenges. They put our BLS Values into action while supporting a group of students who do not normally participate in sport or physical activity. They helped ensure everyone had a great time and hopefully inspired them to get involved in more sporting activities in the future. Well done Sports Leaders! We look forward to seeing you excel this year.



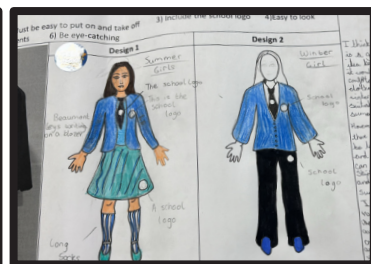
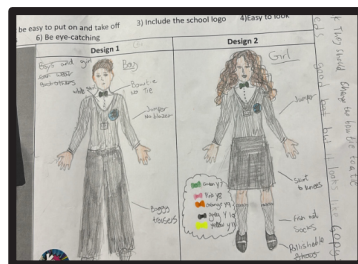
Competency Curriculum



Mrs Trolley would like to give a special shout out to Sabreen A, Cody P, Aenon E, Rajveer K, Mansirat K, Maja M, Bella C, Ebony R, and Kole L who are her September Students of the Month for Competency Curriculum. They have shown great enthusiasm, effort and commitment in their lessons. Well done.

Learning for Life Stars

Mrs Reeves would like to give a special shout out to her Learning for Life stars for months August and September! Congratulations to Theo L, Darsh P, Codie P, Fatima G, Arusha C and Taryn V from Year 7, Balazs B, Joan C-N, Rico P and Jess W from Year 9, and Kai L and Rehya V from Year 10, who have made fantastic contributions to their Learning for Life lessons. Well done! Below we are also showcasing some great work from student in 7SJS, who have recently been debating about school uniform. Students were challenged to redesign the school uniform sharing their own creative ideas.



Leicestershire Police Confidence Survey



Leicestershire Police would like to hear your views on how you feel the local police are doing in your area. They are inviting members of the community to complete a short Police Confidence Survey to share their thoughts and experiences of local policing.

<https://survey.neighbourhoodlink.co.uk/Survey/GUID/3ad464aa-51cc-4227-88b5-e7ff2ace4d0a>

Reading Week

BEAUMONT LEYS SCHOOL
READING WEEK

OUR VOICE, OUR STORIES

From 12th - 15th October, we celebrated Reading Week with this year's theme, 'Our Story, Our Voices'. The theme encouraged students to explore the power of storytelling, celebrate their individuality and recognise that everyone has a unique story worth sharing. It also highlighted the importance of listening to different perspectives and understanding how our experiences shape who we are. Throughout the week, students across different year groups took part in a range of exciting activities, including author visits, creative writing workshops and whole-school reading.

Monday - Whole School Read

We started the week with a whole-school reading activity. Students, at the beginning of each lesson, read a chapter from a short story called 'Four Voices, One Story'. The story highlighted our theme and encouraged discussions around identity, assumptions, privacy, friendship and responsibility. Most importantly, the story highlighted how the same situation can be experienced differently and why listening to more than one perspective matters.

Tuesday - Bali Rai Author Visit

Year 7 students were treated to a special visit from author Bali Rai, whose novel, 'The Harder They Fall' they are currently reading in English. Bali delivered an engaging assembly, sharing a journey into his writing journey, creative process and the inspiration behind his stories. This was followed by creative writing workshops in the library, where selected Year 7 students had the fantastic opportunity to develop their own writing with Bali.



Wednesday - Manjeet Mann Creative Writing

Some of our Year 9 students took part in a virtual creative writing workshop with award-winning author Manjeet Mann. Inspired by her approach to storytelling, students explore how personal experiences, emotions and imagination can be transformed into powerful pieces of writing. They then created their own work reflecting their individual stories and voices.



Thursday - BBC Creative Writing Workshop

To finish off the week, some of our Year 10 students took part in a virtual workshop with the BBC. The session explored our theme while introducing students to the exciting opportunities storytelling can offer.

Whole School Competition

We launched our whole-school competition for all students in all year groups to share their own stories through a creative piece of work. Whether inspired by personal experiences, imagination or something meaningful to them, we want to celebrate the creativity of our students. Details of the competition and prize are on the poster on the next page.

BEAUMONT LEYS SCHOOL
READING WEEK
**OUR VOICE,
OUR STORIES**



Whole School Competition

What does

"Our Voice, Our Stories" mean?

Everyone has a story to tell. It could be about your experiences, your culture, your dreams, what matters to you, a challenge you've overcome or something that makes you, you.

We want you to get creative and share your voice in any way you like.

How to enter

Create a piece of work based on our theme "Our Voice, Our Stories"

You could write:

- A short story or poem.
- A diary entry or letter.
- A piece of creative writing.
- A drawing, artwork or comic.
- A piece of spoken word.
- Or any other creative idea!

**14 Winners will win a trip to:
Waterstones Birmingham**



**CHOOSE A
FREE BOOK**



**ENJOY CAKE
IN THEIR CAFÉ**



**VISIT THE
CHRISTMAS MARKETS**

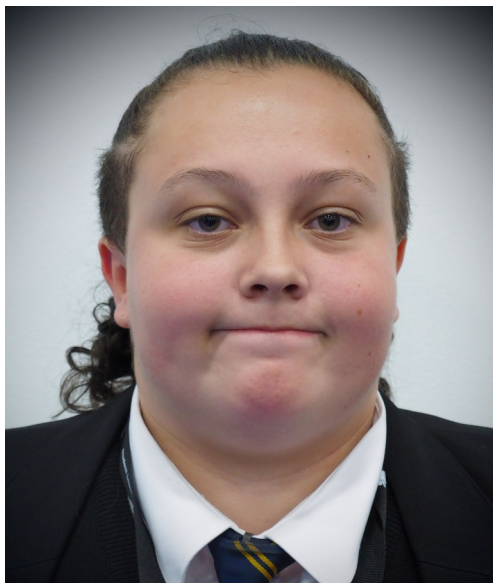
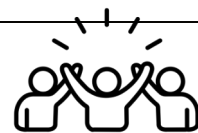


**Deadline for entries:
Monday 2nd November 2026**

**Submit entries
to the library.**

Get out of your Comfort Zone

Student Leadership Team



Faith W | Year 11

Student Leadership Team

1. Why did you want to become part of the Student Leadership Team?

I wanted to become a role model for the younger students and get experience in a leadership role within a working environment.

2. What are you most looking forward to achieving in your role as a member of the SLT this year?

I'm most looking forward to showing students that if you learn how to like school, it isn't a bad place to be!

3. What is your top tip for surviving and thriving in Year 11?

My top tip is to take the year one step at a time and make sure to not pressure yourself into thinking you need to be the best all the time.

4. What advice would you give to younger students?

Always be polite, no matter who you are speaking to!

5. What BLS Extra activities do you take part in?

I don't currently take part in any BLS Extra activities but I would like to take up First Aid.

6. What are some of your hobbies and interests outside of school?

Outside of school I enjoy plane spotting, History and

learning first aid.

7. Which GCSEs subjects did you choose and why did you pick them?

I chose History because I enjoy the subject and learning about the topics 'Health and People' and the 'Cold War' have been particularly interesting. I chose Spanish as my pathway option and Health and Social Care because I like learning and understanding how people are different.

8. What are your future aspirations?

I would like to go down the route of learning how to become a paramedic. I like helping people and making people feel safe in situations where they might not necessarily feel it at the time.

9. What did you do for your work experience, and what did you learn from doing it?

I worked in an office called Power Towers and I learned all about admin, I helped manage their excel spreadsheets to take into big meetings! I learned that work life isn't scary and having responsibility is a nice feeling.

10. What are you currently reading or watching and would you recommend it?

I'm currently reading Private Peaceful by Michael Morpurgo, and currently watching Downton Abbey (13+).



First Time, Every Time

BLS Extra

Year 7 Girls' Football Team

Our Year 7 girls took part in their first football fixtures recently, following their consistent attendance at football club. The girls faced The Herewoode Academy in their first match, with a cross from Eva S finished by Edie K to secure a 1 - 0 win for the BLS Griffins. In their second fixture against Babington Academy, the team continued to play well and finished with a 0-0 draw. Despite playing with eight players against teams of nine, the girls showed great teamwork. Well done, girls!



Year 7 Boys' Football Team

Our Year 7 boys took on Babington Academy recently in their first football fixture this year. Despite having just nine players, the boys played confidently, showing good teamwork, strong defending and creating several chances throughout the match. Their efforts were rewarded with

a goal from Bipal B, but Babington Academy responded to bring the score to 1-1 at full time. Despite the result, the boys played some excellent football. Well done, boys!

Year 9 and 10 Boys' Basketball

Last Wednesday, our Year 9 and 10 boys took part in the West Leicester basketball competition, facing English Martyrs and Babington Academy. The boys put on a strong performance, with Oliver M scoring a great goal. English Martyrs went on to win the competition. In their second game, against Babington Academy, the boys defended well, with Robert C scoring two free throws under pressure. Despite losing, they kept the game close, finishing just four points behind. Player of the Match: Olivier M for his excellent defending and Robert C for his brilliant ball handling. Well done to the team, and thank you to Mr Drew for refereeing!

Homework Club

A reminder that Homework Club is on in G4B inside the library every day after school from 3:00pm - 4:00pm.

BLS Extra					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before School PE kit optional	Breakfast Club Sports Hall/Gym 8:00am-8:30am	Breakfast Club Sports Hall/Gym 8:00am-8:30am	No Club	Breakfast Club Sports Hall/Gym 8:00am-8:30am	Breakfast Club Sports Hall/Gym 8:00am-8:30am
Lunch PE kit optional	Week A & B Futsal (Year 7 Only) Girls Gym (Year 7 Only)	Week B Futsal (Years 7,9,11) Week A & B RRR Club and Graphic Novel Club (Library)	Week A Basketball (Year 7,9,11) Week B Basketball (Year 8,10)	Week A Badminton (Year 7,9,11) Week B Badminton (Year 8,10)	Week A Multi Sports (Year 7,9,11)
After School 3-4pm Full PE kit needed	Badminton Homework Club (G4B) Singing in Harmony (Drama Studio)	Volleyball Football (Boys & Girls) Art Club (Year 9 and 11) Cooking Club (Year 7 & 8) Reading Journal Club (Library) Homework Club (G4B)	Basketball Commando Joe Fitness Suite Homework Club (G4B)	Cricket Running/Track/Walk Club Fitness Suite Homework Club (G4B)	Multi Sports Rugby Homework Club (G4B)

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

ART COMPETITION

Create a portrait of somebody in Black History who is inspirational to you.

YOUR ARTWORK COULD BE:

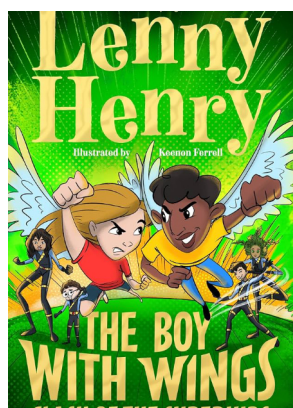
- Drawing
- Painting
- Mixed media
- Collage
- Digital art
- Any creative style!

ENTRIES TO BE WITH MS MCCALLUM BY **FRIDAY** 30th OCTOBER

CELEBRATE • INSPIRE • EDUCATE • CREATE

Book Recommendations

Our library has a fantastic selection of books for all ages, covering a wide range of genres. Take a look at some of our recommendations below, then pop into the library to borrow one!



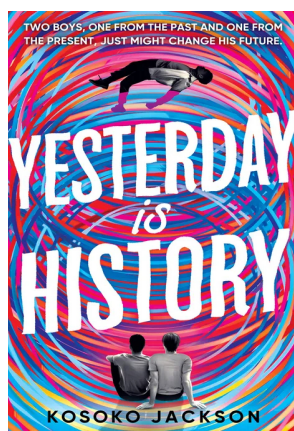
KS3 - Clash of the Superkids Lenny Henry

Wings? Check. A super-cool, super-secret past? Check. An impossible mission to save the world from a super evil enemy? Check. When Tunde's parents take him to a top-secret testing facility called The Complex, he's nervous about meeting others like him who have super powers. But trying to make new friends is the least of his worries. There's something much scarier going on and it's going to take more than just the boy with wings to stop it.



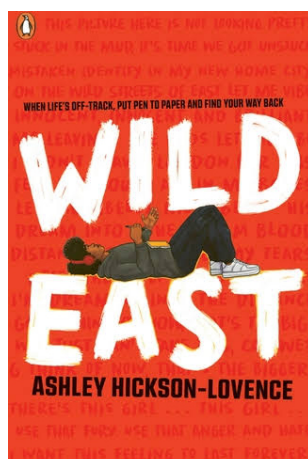
KS3 - Twins Varian Johnson

Maureen and Francine Carter are twins and best friends. They participate in the same clubs, enjoy the same foods, and are partners on all their school projects. But just before the girls start their new year, Francine becomes Fran - a girl who wants to run for class president and dress in fashionable outfits that set her apart from Maureen. A girl who seems happy to share only two classes with her sister! Maureen and Francine are growing apart and there's nothing Maureen can do to stop it. Are sisters really forever?



KS4 - Yesterday is History Kosoko Jackson

Weeks ago, Andre Cobb received a much-needed liver transplant. He's ready for his life to finally begin, until one night, when he passes out and wakes up somewhere totally unexpected in 1969, where he connects with a magnetic boy named Michael. And then, just as suddenly as he arrived, he slips back to present-day Boston, where the family of his donor is waiting to explain that his new liver came with a side effect - the ability to time travel.

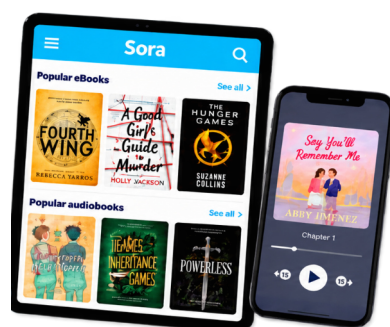


KS4 - Wild East Ashley Hickson - Lovence

Pen in one hand, on my wrist, a ticking clock. I've got to make this work, just need a little luck. When fourteen year old Ronny's life is struck by tragedy, his mum decides it's finally time they move out of East London. In his new city, as a Black teenager in a mostly white school, Ronny feels like a complete outsider and struggles to balance keeping his head down with his ambition of becoming a rapper. But when a local poet comes into class, Ronny discovers a world he's never considered before.

SORA

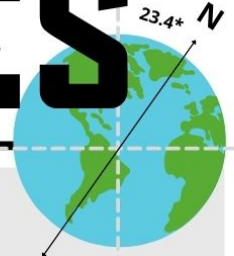
All students have free access to Sora, our digital library, which offers a fantastic range of eBooks and audiobooks to enjoy anytime, anywhere! Download the Sora app and sign in using your school email address and password. Once you've found a book you'd like to read, click 'Borrow' and the book will download to your device. This means you can continue reading wherever you are, even without Wi-Fi or mobile data.



Perform Beyond Expectations



HUMANITIES



Student of the Month - September

• GEOGRAPHY

Year 7

Bipul B - CDA

Taryn V - CDA

Year 8

Carter W - ARE

Evelyn M - JBE

Year 9

Jai W - MBR

Mutiat Y - MBR

Year 10

Nina P - SH

Kirat B - SH

Year 11

Jasneet A - SH

Jack A - SH

• HISTORY

Year 8

Abaan T - RYO

Eva H - HGO

Year 9

Roman R - EST

Jasmine F - HGO

Year 10

Trevor M - EST

Sarayha S - EST

Year 11

Jack B - HGO

Sophie B - RYO

• ETHICS

Year 8

Henry S - RYO

Sharon R - CDA

Year 9

Niall S - EST

Joan N - RYO

Year 10

Rhys W - CDA

Hannah R - RYO



• HOMEWORK NOMINATION: Amelia T - EST

The Griffin Café

we are open!



**Located in the
Sports Centre**

Monday

5:45pm – 7:30pm

Tuesday - Thursday

4:45pm - 7:30pm

Saturday

10:00am – 2:00pm

Sunday

9:00am – 1:00pm

**Cash and Card
Payments Accepted**

Food Menus

OUR MENUS

Week 1



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main 1	Fish Cake	Pasta Bolognaise	Chicken Enchiladas	Beef Burger	Chicken Tikka Masala
Main 2	Cheese Flan	Quorn Bolognaise	Vegetable Enchilada	Vegetable Burger	Potato and Chickpea Tikka
Sides	Wedges Baked Beans Peas	Carrots Sweetcorn	Diced Potatoes Mixed Veg beans	Chips Baked Beans Carrots	Rice / Peas Carrots
Pasta/Noodles	Spicy Tomato and Chickpea Pasta	Chinese Chicken Curry Noodles	Macaroni Cheese	Beef Chilli Pasta	BBQ Chicken Noodles

Main Meals	
Main meal with pudding	£2.66
Noodle/Pasta dishes	£1.70
Salad with 1 Protein	£2.40
Salad with 2 Proteins	£2.80
Light Bites	
Baguettes	£1.15 - £2.40
Sandwiches	£1.50 - £2.40
Cheese Pizza	£1.65
Pepperoni Pizza	£1.95
Jacket Potato	£1.35 - £2.60
Side Salad	£0.60
Beans on Toast	£0.85
Sweet Treats	
Fruit Pots	£0.90
Cookies	£0.55 - £0.60
Flapjack	£0.60
Cakes	£0.60 - £0.65
Drinks	
Water	£0.75
Milkshake	£1.50
Radnor Fizz	£1.10
Radnor Splash	£0.90
Hot Chocolate	£1.60

OUR MENUS

Week 2



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main 1	Pork Sausages	Chicken Balti	Beef Lasagne	Fish Fingers	All Day Breakfast
Main 2	Vegetarian Sausages	Potato and Chickpea Balti	Vegetable Lasagne	Macaroni Cheese	Vegetable All Day Breakfast
Sides	Wedges Beans Carrots	Rice Chips Peas Sweetcorn	Sauté Potatoes Broccoli Mixed Veg	Wedges Baked Beans Peas	
Pasta/Noodles	Bacon Carbonara Pasta	Sweet and Sour Chicken Noodles	Tomato and Pepperoni Pasta	Chinese Quorn Curry Noodles	Spicy Tomato & Meat Ball Pasta

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Upcoming at BLS

Date	Event
19 th - 23 rd October 2026	Half Term
Wednesday 28 th October 2026	Year 11 Revision Event (4:45pm - 5:30pm)
Monday 2 nd November 2026	Year 11 Mocks Start
16 th - 20 th November 2026	Anti - Bullying Week

Bookings: For information or availability on sport bookings and events, please contact bookings@beaumontleys.leicester.sch.uk



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If you have any worries/concerns regarding your child that cannot be resolved through their tutor or subject teacher, please get in touch with the pastoral team for assistance.

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