

TFA Weekly Newsletter

9th January 2026

Dear Parents/carers,

Welcome back—we hope you had a restful break, and happy new year to you all!

Congratulations to our 6th form students in our 3 Year Pathway as part of Beal 6th Form who received GCSE grades from their November exams this week—the students performed exceptionally, many increasing their previous grades by multiple levels, and opening up exceptional progression opportunities for themselves. They should be really proud of the hard work and persistence they have put in to their education—it has absolutely paid off!

DofE Bronze Award 2025—A huge congratulations to all 24 students who have successfully completed their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award receiving their DofE bronze certificates and badges.

This achievement reflects a high level of commitment, perseverance, and personal responsibility. Throughout the programme, students have demonstrated significant personal development, gaining valuable skills in teamwork, resilience, independence, and leadership.

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award aims to support young people in developing confidence, setting and achieving meaningful goals, and making a positive contribution to their communities. The successful completion of the Bronze Award by these students is a clear reflection of these aims in action.

We are extremely proud of their efforts and commend them on this notable accomplishment.

Year 11 Mock Exams are taking place this week and next week—the students have been working so hard, and have been showing us their best work throughout the exam series—these exams are crucial preparation for the upcoming GCSE exams in May and June.

Year 11 Revision Day—on 30th January, the Year 11 students will have a drop-down revision day, with external speakers, masterclasses and revision-skills workshops to prepare them for the second half of this crucial year.

Beal Sixth Form applications are open now—students should follow the links shared in form time, and everything they need is here: [Beal High School](#)

There are 4 pathways, including the new Maths School pathway—find out more at [BealSixthForm.co.uk](#)

Key Calendar reminders:

- **Friday 23rd January** is a staff training day and school is closed to all students.
- **Monday 16th-Friday 20th February** is half term.
- **Term Dates 2026-27** are available on the school website by clicking on 'parent info' and then 'calendar'. They are also copied on the final page.

Kind regards,



Mr Mackintosh

Acting Principal







2026 – 27 Term and Holiday Dates

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■ School Holidays

■ Bank Holidays

■ Twilight Sessions

■ School closed to students for INSET days

■ School Additional Holiday

■ BMAT Winter Well-being Holiday