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BEAL TAKES ON STRATFORD CITY

At the end of June KS3 students were taken off their normal time tabled lessons and were challenged to produce, in a day, a business plan to set up a unique business in Stratford City that would attract local and international customers to Stratford City and persuade Westfield, developers of the new City that it could be a viable business proposition.

They were asked to produce:

1. A publication to advertise the launch date of the business
2. A completed business plan
3. A 2 minute presentation summarising your proposal

These extended learning events promote enterprise and encourage independent learning, the development of enterprise skills such as innovation, creativity, risk-management, risk-taking, financial capability and a can-do attitude and drive to make ideas happen.

Some of the innovative proposals and the creativity and teamwork shown would put Sir Alan's apprentices to shame.

Pedal, Ride Alive was an exciting business plan from *The Designers* (Year 8) who were planning to open a bike shop with a difference. Customers could buy, rent or buy a wide variety of bikes. They would offer skilled technical support to maintain or repair bikes and would also offer a 'Pimp My Ride' facility to improve and customise bikes. The shop would also offer guided bike tours around the Olympic Park and out along the River Lea or all the way to Regents Park along the canal, taking in places such as Little Venice and Camden Lock.

Another group of students went for an Olympic souvenir shop, taking advantage of the latest 3D games technology and motion sensing software such as used by the Nintendo Wii. Customers could take part in virtual Olympic events against medal winning athletes and take home a DVD of their efforts, for example, showing just how fast (or slow) they were when racing Usain Bolt in the 100m.

These are just a flavour of the proposals that students created and developed over the course of their extended learning day. The final challenge was to pitch these to a judge at the end of the day, a challenge in itself. The challenge was accepted, met and overcome with some very polished performances incorporating public speaking and the creative use of ICT to aid the presentations. It would seem we have some budding



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We Rocked You

A few years ago, *We Will Rock You* was planned as the next school musical and the production team even got as far as singing and dancing auditions. However, a dearth of boys who could sing like Freddie Mercury put paid to that!

This year we decided to try again (this time with a tried and tested Seymour) and what a success it was. This show demanded a really strong cast and we were not disappointed, as the talented group of students showed hard work and dedication throughout.



One strength of Beal's musicals is the team spirit that is evident especially in the exhilarating final musical numbers, which had the audience up and clapping, cheering and even dancing along.

However, *We Will Rock You* depends on an array of quirky characters who can not only sing but act as well (luckily having two left feet was not a hindrance this year as the show was not too heavy on the dancing!)



The lead role of Galileo Figaro (a mixed up rebel with neither a cause or a clue!) was played superbly by Alex Patience who met his match in the rock chick Scaramouche, played by Simone Crader.

She soon put him in his place, and the firm friendship between the two lead characters was evident and enabled the audience to empathise with their situation, despite the storyline being set hundreds of years into the future.

The other 'couple' in the show were the bohemian rebels, Meatloaf and Britney Spears, played by Ashleen Hylton and Jordan Johnson. Ashleen's confident voice soared through her songs, bringing a tear from all when she sang her solo 'Only the good die young'. Meanwhile Jordan's stage presence ensured that he was a believable and realistic freedom fighter that anyone would want to follow.



The villains of the piece, the ruthless Killer Queen and her hapless sidekick Kashoggi were played by Morenike Onajobi and Pav Singh. Morenike provided a number of show-stopping moments with her fantastic songs and comic timing. Pav played Kashoggi with the nastiness of Simon Cowell and the sliminess of Piers Morgan; a dastardly duo if ever there was one.

A special mention should be made of Kashoggi's Secret Police (Mitchell James, Alex Kass and Robin Shaw), whose dark glasses and Star Trek communicators struck fear into even the most hardened of bohemians.

The old, male librarian called Pop underwent a slight modification and became a younger(!), female, somewhat more groovy, librarian by the name of Cilla. This part was played by media teacher Jennie Eyres, whose rendition of the song, 'Those were the days of our lives' brought a nostalgic tear to many an audience's eye.

Big Macca, played by Priya Dhillon, effectively led the Bohemians, who were in turn all stars, as they portrayed a gloriously mismatched gang of misfits. A special mention must go to Ender Cimener and Karl Reid, who were perfectly cast as Justin Bieber and Bob the Builder. Other Bohemians were Wumi Ademokun, Eleanor Black, Ravneet Dhanjal, Ben Holman, Ranveer Johal, Ella Yeeles, Rammeeah Kamalagannan, Seetal Patel, Nimrah Saleem and Jack Shaw.

The vicious, but luckily harmonious Teen Queens made Scaramouche's life a misery and were played by Lucy Thoms, Emily Mitchell-Fox, Ashanti Riley-Hunte, Jen Peglar, Naomi Robson, Nimrah Saleem and Juhi Verma. The hapless teacher whose

unenviable task it was to keep this rabble in order was played by Seema Syeda.

A new challenge was set for Jon Herring, as he was no longer in charge of a group of musicians; instead he had to contend with the volume levels and pause button of the CD player – a nightmare at the best of times! This is John's last musical at Beal High School, and it is fair to say he definitely went out on a high.

Finishing touches were added by choreographer Hannah Turner, Sound, Graphics and Lighting led by Phil Thomas and Holly Thomas and the loyal Year 10 technical crew. A final surprise appeared on stage in the form of a full-scale model motorbike, designed and created by Phil Tootell, Chris Gregory and the Design and Technology department. This amazing machine now has pride of place outside the Headteacher's office.

The two people who had the most stress, but also the most fun were the Directors, whose names currently escape us...

Here's to another great show in 2012!

Peter John Mills and Jennie Eyres

Drama

A Year 10 class have been selected to work with *Tender*, an organisation that focuses on work around abuse in teenage relationships.

The class have been exploring different issues surrounding peer pressure and will be filming their work to make an interactive DVD. This DVD will be used as a resource for year 9 PSHE students.

There has been a Year 8 Gifted and Talented club running this year. The group have devised a piece around road safety and will be sharing their work with Year 6. The piece will also be shown in the Year 7 assemblies. Excellent commitment was shown by all involved.

The AS Drama exam was a huge success, drawing in a large audience. Many comments have been made about the high standard of the acting and the quality of the pieces. We are confident that these students will achieve excellent grades, which they richly deserve.

Work Experience: Rouen 2011

During February half term, two of us (*from our petite AS level French class*) stayed in the heart of the charming city of Rouen.



From the outset of the trip, we were immersed in French culture and language and surrounded by gothic architecture on cobbled Victorian-like streets, almost as if we'd been plunged into a chapter of a book set in the 1900s.



Throughout the day, we'd be working at our respective placements: Pharmacie du Chatelet (a mini pharmacy on the on fringe of the city) and Marionnaud (a famous French chain store for perfumes and cosmetics)

The mornings were spent in attempts to use the tram system successfully. Generally, we'd be greeting and conversing with customers, which really tested our listening, speaking and on occasion, miming skills. We were able to gain an insight in to day-to-day life in France, and at the same time, greatly improve our accents and learn how to have a comfortable conversation.

Being with about 30-40 other AS French students meant that nights out varied from a range of bowling and French cinema to bars and exploring the nightlife of Rouen an unforgettable experience. With everyone having different working hours, parts of the day were also spent discovering the city alone, eating Macarons and hot crêpes along the way.

Living minutes away from the city centre meant that we'd often walk past the Gros Horloge (an astronomical clock) and got to visit Rouen's stunning Churches from the archaic Notre Dame Cathedral to the atypical modern church of Saint Joan of Arc. Remarkably, these churches were even more breathtaking on the inside, filled with history and art.

As for us, it was the small things like having jam and brioches or coffee and croissants for breakfast in

addition to our placement and activities, which gave us a truly memorable experience to treasure and remember for life.

Shreya Joglekar and Kareena Bhurosa yr12

Sport

English Schools Track and Field Cup May 16 2011

Congratulations to all those students who participated in this event. This was the first time Beal had ever taken part in this National Schools Competition and all these athletes were a credit to Beal High School. Great behaviour was shown and a great effort was given by all involved.

During the day seven students managed to break seven school track and field records. They were as follows:

Deimante Lideikyte- Long Jump- 3.95m

Monica Griffiths 200m - 29.1secs

Kingsley Annor- Triple Jump 10.91m

The aim of the competition was for each athlete to score as many points for their team. Competitors were allowed to take part in a maximum of 2 events: 1 track, 1 field, 1 track plus the relay and 1 field plus the relay.

The top scoring athletes from each year at Beal were:

David Ettah Yr8 - 41pts

Tobi Onajobi Yr8 - 41pts

Rory Hamilton Yr8 - 36pts

Kingsley Annor Yr8 - 34pts

Ola Shogbeni Yr8 - 34pts

Tion Charles Yr8 - 30pts

Deimante Lideikyte Yr8 - 29pts

Yasmin Islam Yr7 - 28pts

Special mention goes to Kingsley Annor who has demonstrated the Olympic qualities: Respect, Excellence, Determination and Inspiration.

The athletics squad have had a very busy and successful year with some of the squad having participated in over 10 different competitions.

During the autumn term both the girls and the boys team represented Redbridge for the first time in the East London sports hall finals with the boys doing really well to place 6th out of over 24 schools. Several of the students were part of the junior team (year 7 and 8) when Beal took part in the English Schools, Track and Field cup for the very first time at Basildon. Yasmin Islam and Aaron Toppin did very well to achieve a silver and bronze award respectively in this competition.

In June we took part in the Lee Valley cup with 28 secondary schools from Essex, Hertfordshire, Kent and London. We had a very shaky start with Yasmin breaking her arm in the 75m hurdles however, the squad managed to regain their focus and pool their efforts for the remainder of the day. The boys did

exceptionally well to finish 6th in this very exciting and challenging competition.

Congratulations to all those students who have trained hard and demonstrated great commitment this year. They have shown themselves to be a very talented and capable year group who should do very well in the future.

Coming up

Monday 18th July 2011

Summer Concert

16th July-20th July 2011

Yr 10 MFL trip to Spain

20th July- 24th July 2011

Music tour to Paris for all years

Congratulations

Well done to Sukhchain Bansal and Hannah Desouza our brand new Head Boy and Head Girl. They were both successful after a demanding and gruelling selection procedure that included a hustings in front of their peers.



I am



writing to thank Beal High School for the kind donation of £430.80 in response to our recent Japanese Tsunami Appeal. Your support really is greatly appreciated and will help ensure that the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement is able to continue its vital work throughout the areas hardest hit.

The Japanese Red Cross has been on the ground since the disaster began and has sent 230 response teams to provide first aid and emergency healthcare, as well as distributing relief items. The teams are made up of more than 1,200 staff, including doctors and nurses.

The costs of the relief effort, and of rebuilding the homes and lives of those affected, will be immense. Donations to British Red Cross will be used towards helping the Japanese people recover from this devastating natural disaster over the coming months and years.

Your donation really does make a difference to the lives of those affected by this terrible event. Thank you so much for supporting our vital work.

Yours sincerely,

Sarah Carruth

Supporter Care Team

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After a trial Ofsted-type inspection (BLINK) from an HMI team, the leader of the team and Director of the National Education Trust, Roy Blatchford, wrote this highly complimentary letter to Associate Head, Ms Wilmot

Dear Tèrese and Colleagues,

You know that I visit many schools all over the UK, and internationally. It is rare to visit a secondary school and witness such exemplary behaviour and attitudes to leaving as we did on Friday.

You must all be very proud of what you have at Beal High School: a harmonious, multi-cultural community where to be a student is a real pleasure and staff enjoy their company. Good wishes with all your current and future work as a school.

Roy Blatchford (HMI)
Director of the National Education Trust

Jack Petchey Awards

Aaron Patel (10WN) and Mohammed Wadiwala (11RA) have both been awarded the Jack Petchey Award by the ReBEP team at 'BEP' College. Citations are as follows:-

*'Aaron has shown outstanding behaviour since joining the programme. He always completes his work neatly, on time and to a good standard. Aaron is an asset in class by making great contributions'.
'Mohammed has worked extremely hard over the past year and needs to be congratulated for his outstanding effort and participation in lessons'*

The staff leaders award went to Mrs Min Fulton our inspiring and hardworking Resource Centre Manager with her assistant, Eloise Thomas, coming a close second.

Radio XL July 4 – 8 2011

In its 17th year Radio XL broadcast exclusively online to Redbridge and Beyond! Staff and students from all years showcased a variety of shows from 'The Hip Hop workshop' to the sounds of Broadway. Live on air from 8am to the end of the day radio XL was a buzz of excitement.

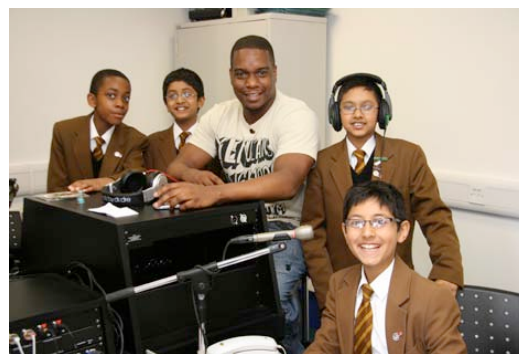
A first for the station was an interview with our own Mr Rosenthal, live from Seoul, South Korea.

This year Radio XL was join by BBC radio1 Xtra DJ 'Dee T', his invaluable input and expertise gave the students the confidence to push their show to a new level. Thank you to Dwane Thomas for his hard work and dedication!

An end of an era... Sadly this year was Phil Thomas's last year of Radio XI. Starting the station in

1995, Phil has been there right from the beginning, paving the way for talented young students such as Simon Amstell, Peter Andre and Jessie J. His hard work and devotion to the station will be missed! Well done to everyone for making it another fun and successful year. Radio XL will be back!

Holly Thomas



Year 6 visits

As usual at this time of year, the next year's Year 7 students visit the school. This is an enjoyable time for them and also for the Year 9 students, who this year need high praise indeed for being their tour guides.

The visits are designed to make the students feel comfortable with the exciting prospect of starting secondary school in September, and to enable them to have all their questions answered by a variety of sources, e.g. our students, the Head of Year, Deputy Head of year and myself.

While the students are here we also use the opportunity to assess their reading ages, which is organised by the inclusion Centre.

This year the children were lucky enough to see two short plays in the Drama Studio, written by some of our year 8 pupils, which would help them with transition and from the feedback I received, they all thoroughly enjoyed this.

John Hewitt and Sean Canai seem very happy with their prospective year group, and we are looking forward to welcoming the new students in September.

Awards Evening

This week our Awards Evening took place and as always it was an enjoyable evening for everyone involved.

Our guest speaker was a former student, Mr James Heale, who is now Deputy Headteacher at a successful school in St Albans. He gave an inspirational talk to our students.

There were a few moments that brought a lump to the throat: when the two students from each year group spoke about their past year; the musical interlude performed by Kristiana Smilovska from Year 8 – breathtaking!

Judy Gilcreest

Stratford-Upon-Avon

On Friday morning, I led a merry group of twenty-one Year 12 English Literature and Language & Literature students to Shakespeare land for the weekend. We enjoyed both performances of *Macbeth* and *The Merchant of Venice* (with the latter re-contextualised into 21st Century Las Vegas, complete with swinging and singing, heart-stealin' Elvis in tow!).

In the scorching sunshine we also visited the bard's birthplace, Anne Hathaway's cottage and the Arden family home (and even found time to squeeze in a tranquil boat trip on the Avon).

Our students were a complete joy – always polite, punctual and responsible. Although Stratford-Upon-Avon is not quite as 'inclusive' as you might hope, our students were a real credit to the school. Thanks must go to Aman Atwal and Peter Forster who joined us on the trip. We hope to visit again this time next year.

Hanna de la Grense