



Beaucroft Foundation School

VISION: Every student to engage, enjoy and achieve. Developing self-esteem and resilience in preparation for adulthood. **Engage, Enjoy, Achieve!**

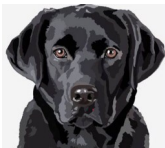
Our **aims and values** for our Beaucroft Community are to **THRIVE:**
Thoughtful, **H**appy & safe, **R**esilient, **V**alued and **E**mpowered.



Newsletter w.e. 06.09.2024

Welcome back everyone!

It's been lovely to welcome back all the children this week. They have all settled back amazingly well. A special welcome to our 33 new children and their families—we are delighted you have joined the Beaucroft family. They have settled incredibly well. We have expanded the staff team with additional teaching and learning staff Beulah Johnson, Sarah Gough and Lana Parker in Early Years, Christina McCartney in Juniors, Alison Pinto and Fred Collins in Middle school, Chi Truong in the school kitchen and Rachel Shaw joins our office team—welcome aboard!



Henry and Otto our Beaucroft therapy dogs remain best in class and loved seeing all the children back.



We hope you have a safe, happy term and we look forward to seeing you soon. Parents Open Afternoon – September 17th, 3pm – 6pm (this is an opportunity to drop in any time between these times and meet the class teams).

Diane / Joe

Parent Drop Off and Collection:

To alleviate congestion, when possible, can those parents who use the Colehill site school car park, please drop off at 9am and collect at 3.05pm.



Important update!

Guidance on authorised term time absences have changed to help encourage pupil attendance. Please see the information below regarding term time.



Lunches: Please note cost increase to £2.75

Diary Dates:

(See below for full list of future events for next year)

College Café 1HQ opens Weds, Sept 11th

**Parents open evening: Tue, Sept 17th—
3.30—6.30**

Parent Support:



Mandy and Catherine will soon be sharing Coffee Morning dates.
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New Statutory Attendance Guidance Information

Dorset Local Authority guidance:

You may already be aware that the Department for Education (DfE) released new statutory guidance in February 2024, 'Working Together to Improve School Attendance' which applies from 19th August 2024. All schools/academies in England will be required to follow the guidance, therefore we wanted to ensure that you are aware of what this means.

Once a child is enrolled at a school, parents/carers are by law responsible for ensuring they attend school regularly. The new statutory guidance has created a legal obligation for all schools/academies to promote attendance positively, take early action to prevent absence occurring and offer support to families when exploring absence from school to secure the child's legal right to an education.

It is important that you are aware the guidance states that you must request all absence in advance, or in the case of illness/emergency, you notify of the absence at the earliest opportunity, as after 5 days, we are unable to retrospectively authorise absence that has occurred so it would be recorded as unauthorised absence and must remain so. We have a duty to inform you that the statutory guidance means that there is a national framework for penalty notices related to unauthorised school absence. All schools and academies have to follow this.

Department of Education guidance:

Exceptional circumstances: All schools can grant a leave of absence for other exceptional circumstances at their discretion. In the case of schools maintained by local authorities and special schools not maintained by local authorities, it must be requested in advance by a parent who the pupil normally lives with. Schools are then expected to consider each application individually taking into account the specific facts and circumstances and relevant background context behind the request. If a leave of absence is granted, it is for the school to determine the length of the time the pupil can be away from school.

Generally, the DfE does not consider a need or desire for a holiday or other absence for the purpose of leisure and recreation to be an exceptional circumstance.

Beaucroft guidance:

We recognise that some families may need to request absence during term time for exceptional circumstances. If so, please email the office (office@beaucroft.dorset.sch.uk) clearly stating reasons for absence. Due to the revised guidance term time holidays will be marked as **unauthorised**.



2024/25 Diary Dates - Parents

Date	Event
Tuesday 3rd September 2024	INSET Day (school closed to students)
Wednesday 4th September 2024	Students return
Tues 17th September 2024, 3.30 – 6.30	Parents' Open Afternoon / Evening (meet the team)
Mon 30th September 2024, 6.30pm	Friends of Beaucroft AGM
Wed 2nd October 2024 9.30 – 10.15	Harvest Assembly (no parents due to size of hall)
Mon 28th Oct – Fri 1st November 2024	Autumn Half-term
Thursday 14th Nov 2024	Autumn Term Parents' Consultation Evening
Fri 22nd November 2024 10am – 12pm	Post 16 Christmas Fayre
Sat 7th Dec 2024 10am – 12pm TBC	Friends Christmas Fayre
Mon 9th Dec 2024, 10.30 – 11.30	Senior Christmas Coffee Morning
Tues 10th Dec 2024, 10.30 – 11.30	Junior Christmas Coffee Morning
Wed 11th Dec 2024, 10.30 – 11.30	Middle Christmas Coffee Morning
Thurs 12th Dec 2024, 10.30 – 11.30	Early Years Christmas Coffee Morning
Mon 23rd Dec 2024 – Fri 3rd Jan 2025	Christmas Holidays
Monday 6th Jan 2025	Students & Staff return
Monday 17th Feb – Fri 21st Feb 2025	Spring Half-Term
Wednesday 12th March 2025	Spring Term Parents' Consultation Evening
Thursday 3rd April 2025	Junior Department Enterprise Afternoon
Friday 4th April 2025	INSET Day (school closed to students)
Mon 7th April – Mon 21st April 2025	Easter Holidays
Monday 5th May 2025	May Day Bank Holiday
Mon 26th May – Fri 30th May 2025	Summer Half-Term
Mon 2nd June – Fri 6th June 2025	Middle School Residential
Monday 9th June – Friday 13th June	Post-16 residential
Tuesday 17th June 2025	Sum Term Parents' Consultation Evening <i>Share new classes for students</i>
Friday 20th June 2025	End of year reports home
Tues 24th June 2025 4.30pm-6pm	New to college Parents' Open Evening
Thursday 26th June 2025	Junior Sports Afternoon
Friday 27th June 2025, 10.30am	Yr 14 Leavers' Day/Assembly Last Day for Yr14 students
Tuesday 1st July 2025, 1.30 – 2.30	Transition Afternoon
Wednesday 2nd July 2025	Middle/Senior Sports Day (1.30pm – 2.30pm for parents)
Friday 4th July 2025 5.00 – 7.30pm	Friends of Beaucroft BBQ
Thurs 10th July 2024 10.30 – 12.30 TBC	Early Years Fun Day
Friday 18th July 2025 10am	Yr 11 Leavers' Assembly
Tuesday 22nd July 2025	Last day of Summer Term

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