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MESSAGE FROM MISS MATHER

A warm welcome back to all Sixth Formers to what will no doubt be a busy term. Please keep an eye out for information about key upcoming events such as **Year 13 mock week** and also another **Ignite Day.**

I have enjoyed hearing from Mr Henley about the recent successes of our mathematicians. At the end of Term 1, thirty students took part in the **UKMT Senior Maths Challenge**. As usual the school performed very well. There were **10 Gold Awards, 7 Silver & 10 Bronze**. All of our Gold achievers scored sufficiently well to qualify for the Kangaroo follow on round later this month.

Special mention goes to **Ben P** as he gained the **top score** at Beechen and also qualified for the prestigious **British Maths Olympiad** for the **Top 1000 students in the UK**. Further details can be found on the UKMT website: **Link.**

Well done to all involved.

KEY DATES

Oxbridge & Medicine Mock Interviews
Friday 13th and Saturday 14th November

Oxford University Trip
Tuesday 24th November

INSET DAY
Wednesday 25th November

Ignite Day
Thursday 26th November

Year 13 Mocks
Friday 27th November to Thursday 3rd December

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CAREERS & SUPER CURRICULAR UPDATE

Click on the images below to access the **Careers Newsletter**, the latest **Higher & Degree Apprenticeship Vacancies** and the **Careers & Supercurricular Update.**

As always, it remains imperative for students to engage in super-curricular activities so please make the most of these opportunities!



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CAREERS NEWSLETTER

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This newsletter is a collation of all the opportunities we have heard about from employers and universities. Please use the links included to read more information and apply to anything you are interested in. Links are underlined.

Listen to this newsletter

OPPORTUNITIES

National T Levels Week takes place from 19th to 23rd October 2026 to celebrate technical education achievements and highlight student, teacher, and employer successes. You can find out more by searching the hashtag #TLevelsWeek on social media.

In these student stories, you can hear directly from students who are taking a T Level course about why you might like to consider them when thinking about your next steps.

Here is everything you need to know about T Levels, including what subjects they're offered in, how they're assessed and what the grading equates to.

Considering a T Level but unsure what the workload or placement is actually like? This Springpod programme helps you explore how T Levels work, combining classroom learning with a substantial industry placement, so you can decide if this route suits your learning style before choosing it. You'll know what to expect - and whether it's the right next step for you.

These handy posters show you which Springpod industry programmes link well to which T Level subject, allowing you to try the industry before signing up to the T Level course.

Sainsbury's are running a series of Virtual Career Experience Days, as part of their KickStarter Experiences, taking place during the October half-term. You can explore exciting career opportunities, develop new skills, meet members of the Sainsbury's team, and gain a better understanding of careers in retail and the supermarket industry.

The Foot Anstey work experience opportunities are designed to give you a genuine feel for life in a commercial law firm. You'll learn more about the variety of career paths available, develop key professional skills and connect with people across the business. From legal careers to the many teams that support our clients and colleagues, you'll discover what it's really like to be part of Foot Anstey and take the next step in your career journey. Their next event is Mon 26th October.

Future Doctors have 4,000 free places for students aged 14-18 to join a free online course designed for students interested in careers in medicine and healthcare. All students receive a signed certificate from their doctors for taking part. Upcoming events are on: Oct 11, Oct 18, Oct 25, and Nov 1.

If you have any questions or need support, please email careers@beechencliff.mnsp.org.uk

JOB OF THE WEEK

Building Control Surveyor

They review architectural drawings, structural calculations, and technical specifications before work starts then visit properties at key stages - such as foundations, damp-proof courses, and structural completions - to verify safety and compliance.

Every new build property in the UK must be signed off by a Building Survey before it can be sold or lived in.

LABOUR MARKET INFORMATION FACT

Education and Early Years T Levels pathway attracts the highest number of enrolled students and completers in England.

There were nearly 3,780 results for the Education & Early Years T Level Course in the 2025/26 academic year alone.

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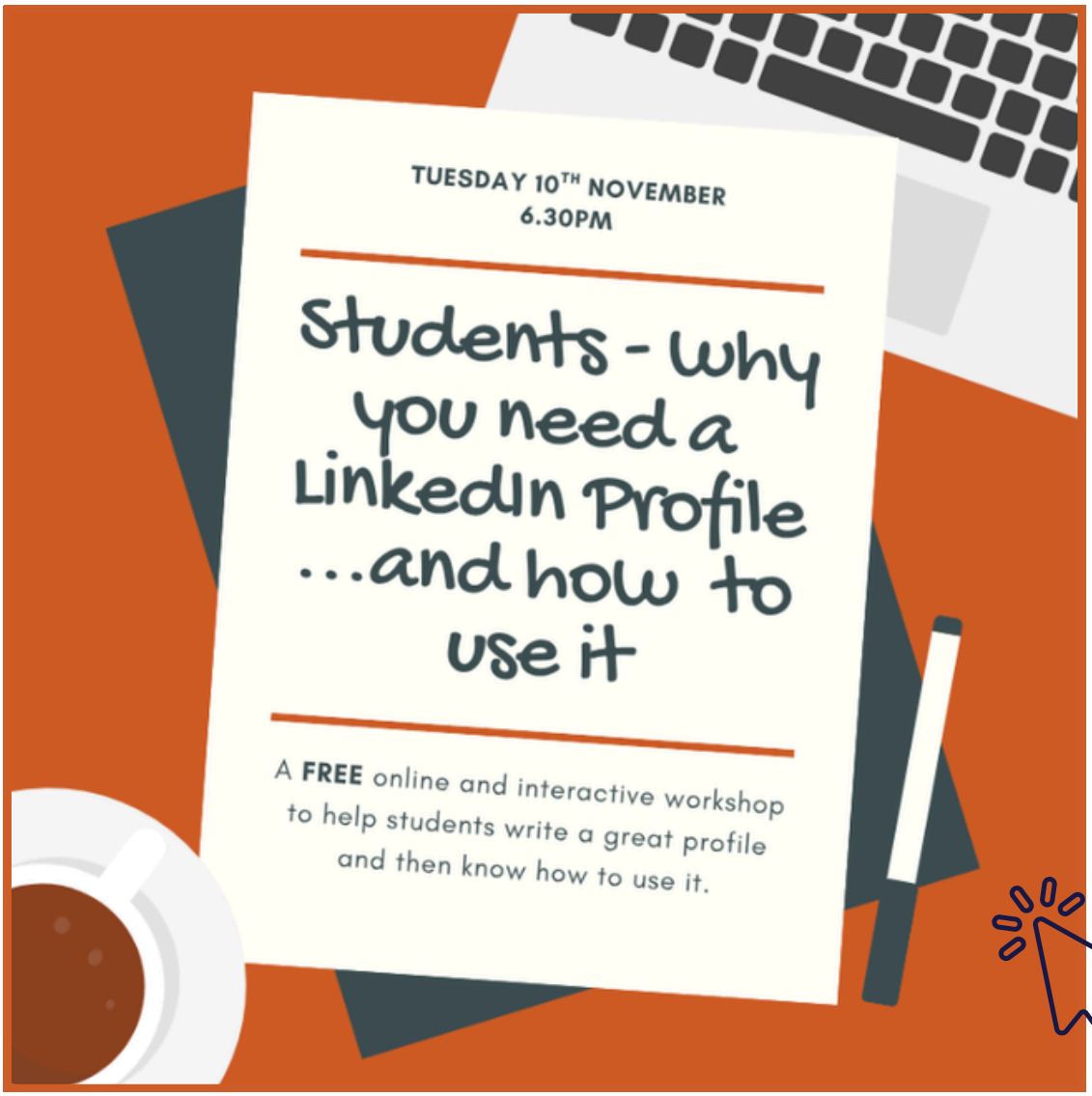

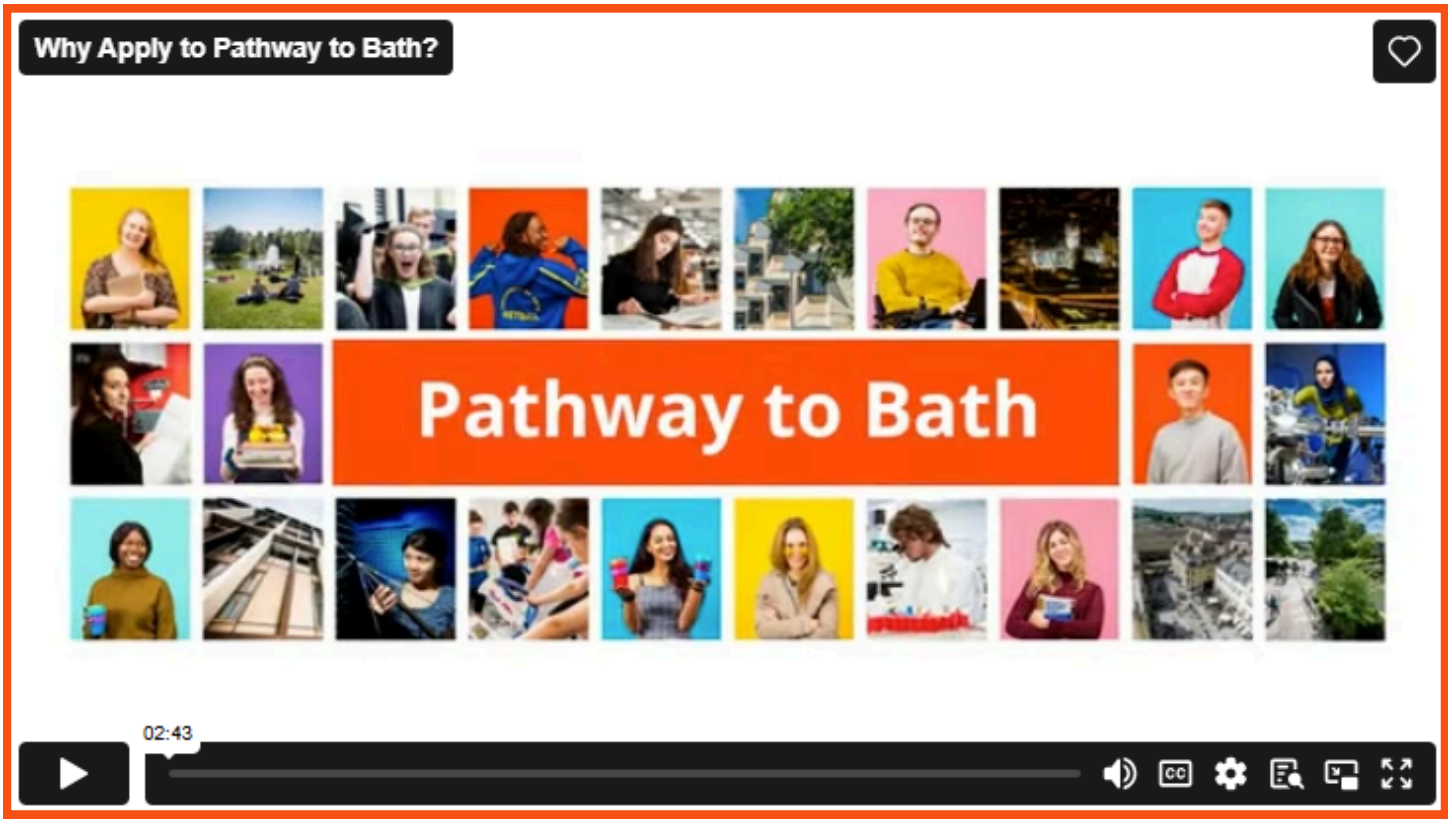

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UNIVERSITY OF BATH WIN WESSEX INSPIRATION NETWORK

The Bath Language Show 2026

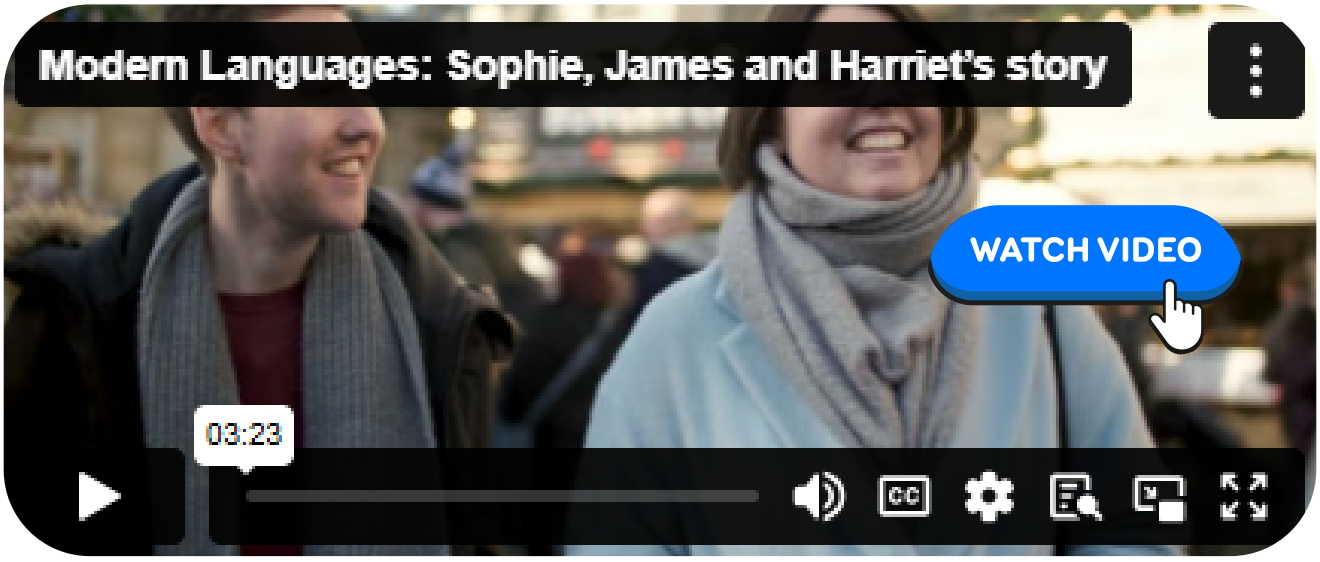
Calling all linguists! Attend an exciting celebration of languages, cultures and global citizenship. This event is open to Year 12 and Year 13 students.

6 Nov 2026, 9.30am to **3.00pm** GMT

University of Bath

This event is **free**

REGISTER YOUR INTEREST



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WELLBEING & MENTAL HEALTH

A Fresh Start without Starting Again

Small steps, familiar strengths and finding our feet after half-term.
And just like that, half-term is over!
The school bags are back out, the alarms are being reset, and somewhere in the house there's probably a PE kit that hasn't quite made it into the washing machine!

For some young people, returning to school will feel easy. They'll be looing forward to seeing friends, getting back into familiar routines and picking up where they left off.

For others, Sunday evening might bring a few butterflies. Perhaps they're thinking about homework, friendships, upcoming assessments, important deadlines or simply the prospect of getting out of a warm bed on a dark November morning.

The lovely thing about returning after a break is that we don't have to start from scratch.

Remember what already works

The Solution Focused Approach encourages us to look for the strengths and resources we already have.
For some young people, the start of term brought uncertainty, new challenges or worries about the year ahead. They've navigated new timetables, managed lessons, negotiated friendships, overcome little setbacks and probably coped with quite a few things they didn't think they could.
Sometimes, as parents and carers, we can help by gently reminding them:

"Remember how worried you were about that lesson in September? What's different now?"
"What helped you settle in last time?"
"What's one thing about school that's become easier?" These questions help young people recognise that they've already developed ways of managing challenges, and that those skills are still there when they need them.

This Week's Small Step

As your young person settles back into school, try noticing something they're already managing well.

Perhaps they get themselves ready without being reminded.

Perhaps they make an effort with homework, even when they'd rather be doing something else.

Perhaps they show kindness, humour, independence or simply keep going when they're tired.

Tell them what you've noticed.
Not with a big speech.
Just a genuine observation.

"I noticed how you got yourself organised this morning."
"You handled that really well."
"That seems easier for you than it did a few weeks ago."

Sometimes young people need us to hold up a mirror so they can see the strengths they don't yet recognise in themselves.

A Moment to Reflect

As we head into the second half of the autumn term, perhaps we can remind ourselves that progress doesn't always look dramatic.
Sometimes it looks like getting up when the alarm goes off.

Trying again after a difficult day.
Asking for help.
Making someone laugh.
Or simply walking through the school gates when you'd rather be somewhere else.

Our young people don't need to have everything figured out. They just need opportunities to recognise what helps them, build on what works and take the next small step.

Country Gate
Coaching & Counselling



Grieving and still expected to get those grades?

You don't have to do it alone!

Solution-focused bereavement support
a safe, confidential space to talk, at your own pace, with no pressure

Academic coaching
catch up on missed work, manage deadlines, and rebuild confidence in your subjects

Support that fits around sixth form life
flexible sessions that work with your timetable, exams, and UCAS deadlines

Discounts for Beechen students



Applications open!
Youth Board

Apply by 23 November

tender
acting for healthy relationships

Tender uses drama and the arts to help young people learn about healthy relationships and prevent domestic abuse. Join our Youth Board and help shape relationships education for young people across the UK.



What you will do

- Shape how we engage with young people
- Promote Tender's work at events and panels
- Discuss policies in the Violence Against Women & Girls sector
- Gain work experience and attend free masterclasses

Find out more and apply

Our Youth Board meets in the first and third Wednesday of the month 5:30 - 6:30PM. Scan the QR code to apply!

'At Tender's Youth Board, we have been given unique opportunities to engage and assist with Tender's work and build on our skills.'
- Youth Board member







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