



# NEWSLETTER

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## Year 9 summer term overview

The summer term has been busy with year 9's taking part in the summer concert and the district athletics championships. In this championship Beal students (both girls and boys) got to the final in the relay competition. Marleigh Stanton came third in the 300metres, so an excellent performance by year 9 despite some of the brilliance of the other schools they were up against. All year 9 students taking part had a great time and kept their cool even though it was an extremely hot day.

Alongside this, we shouldn't forget the amazing effort of year 9's in this year's Summer Concert. Those who managed to see the concert would have been very proud of all the year 9's taking part. Well done to all.

## Our year as prefects

The year has gone really fast! From the first few weeks of term, way back in September, when Ms Hassan and the year 9 team advertised the posts for the year's prefects.

There were many applicants and the competition was strong. The advertised posts were in a range of prefect roles including the posts for head boy and head girl. The latter two posts were won by Sam Kaiser and Marleigh Stanton. These two students have been phenomenal over the last year and proved that this challenging role can be done effectively and brings with it many opportunities for development.

Below are extracts from a selection of the year 9 prefect team telling how they found the role over the year.

The new academic year will see new roles in year 10, so get ready to apply in September if you think it's for you!

*'This year I had the opportunity to become a prefect and it taught me very valuable lessons about leadership, commitment and organisation. This experience has improved me in so many ways and I'd like to thank the DDAPs and Mr Mooney for the opportunity'* Sumera

*'Being deputy head boy has opened so many doors for me. It has given me the opportunity to build positive relationships with staff and students and it has also helped me gain a lot of skills, which I will need later in life, such as public speaking, time management and organisation.'* Zain

*'As a council prefect I am one of a team that makes sure the school is safe and the students are happy, both in and out of school. Our main priority as prefects is the well-being of the students and representing them effectively. I have enjoyed this responsibility and done the best I can throughout the year'* Sruthi

*'Being a prefect isn't just about having a badge. It's about making a difference and giving the school a support system; a foundation they can rely on. As a team the prefects were ready to listen to other students and their voice. We made sure that they were heard and accounted for. As part of the role, we have organised charity events and helped others such as year 10 and year 7. I feel that the prefect team were all grateful to have had this opportunity to show what we can achieve and are proud of this.'* Naomy





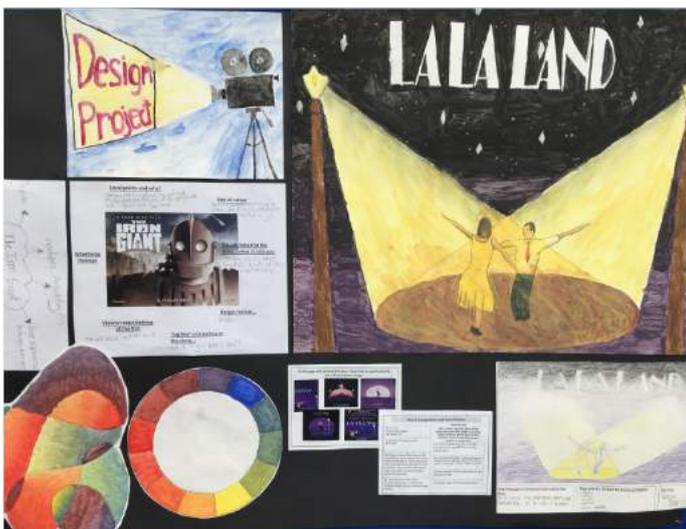
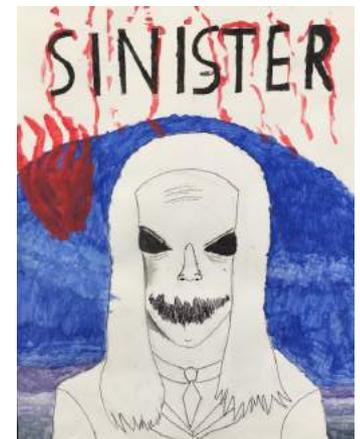
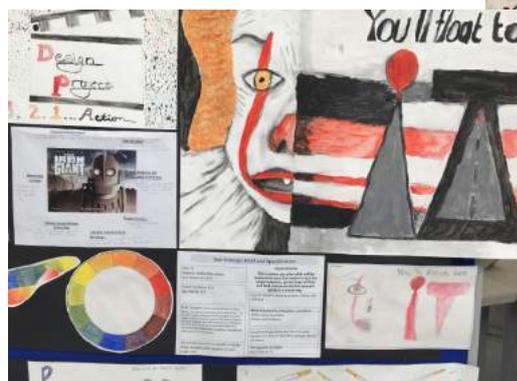
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## Year 9 Art—lots of very talented Beal students

This year students in year 9 have been following a detailed programme of study, which has included Surrealism and looking at mystery and imagination along with Pop Art and the digital arts. These projects have taken them on a journey exploring mixed media including print and learning how art and history are inter-related. The programmes have also given the students tasters of the GCSE programme of study, so for those taking art further, it has given them an opportunity to build greater confidence in the subject and perfect their skills ready for next year's challenge.

The students' outcomes throughout the year have been inspirational so we have chosen some of our favourites to display just how much progress and development our young creative have made over the year. Well done to all the year 9 artists for a very productive year!





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## VISITING STUDENTS FROM CHINA

We have been very fortunate to welcome a group of Chinese exchange students to Beal and this has had a very positive effect on students, who have been able to appreciate other cultures and learn from them. Sumera has written about her experience of the 'buddy programme', led by Mr Leonard.

*'On the ninth of July, a group of Beal students were taken out of class to greet a cohort of Chinese students who were set to spend the week with their previously assigned 'buddy'. Every morning at 8:10, the volunteers were required to meet their buddies and take them to all five periods. No one anticipated that what began as a tedious task would end in a tearful goodbye.*

*The group of Chinese students study in Beijing, where life is different to ours. What I learnt by spending time with them showed me that although we live in different parts of the world there are many things that join us together: from the way we talk to our friends to the way we all enjoy similar hobbies.*

*Something that was very noticeable about the students was their blatant interest in knowledge, what a normal drama lesson was for me was their first time experiencing such a class. It was refreshing and humbling to see how privileged we are here and how we take it for granted.*

*This experience taught me many things, one being that here we are, so absorbed in our lives, we forget that there is a*

*whole world unexplored and so many people left to meet. I'm incredibly thankful that I got the opportunity to spend a week with such interesting people and had a taste of how spectacular different cultures are. This is an amazing programme that opens up many doors and teaches you about communication and leadership, skills everyone should acquire. Though sometimes language was a barrier and a lot of Google translate was used, I learnt a very valuable philosophical lesson: all people smile in the same language'.*

*By Sumera Ahmad (9PR)*





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## STARS OF SUMMER TERM 2018



Year 9 enjoyed a fantastic end of year assembly, which included performances by Sapphire, Sivas, Lianna and Sumaya alongside speeches from Sam and Sapphire.

Many students received certificates for excelling in their best subjects—too numerous to name here.

### 9LB

Unsung Hero: Tanya Rahman

Most improved: Justin Agape

### 9GT

Unsung Hero: Mohammad Saboor

Most Improved:  
Manivenu Manivannan

### 9KJ:

Unsung hero: Hawaa Ahmed

Most improved: Tahsin Ahmed

### 9PR

Unsung hero: Saffah Mahmood

Most Improved: Erfon Shamal

### 9GN

Unsung hero: Taran Sahota

Most improved: Maya Begum

### 9BA

Unsung hero: Pryanshi Patel

Most improved: Alvi Hussain

### 9FE

Unsung hero: Naila Haque

Most improved: Sultan Durrani

### 9DE

Unsung hero: Miraj Hoque

Most improved: Nuha Choudhury

### 9KZ

Unsung hero: Priyadarsine Suthan

Most improved: Haseeb Haq

### 9HD

Unsung hero: Owen Bliss

Most Improved: Alishba Malik

**DAP Award: Maleeha Khaleeq MX**

**DDAP Award: Joyna Aziz NY**

**DDAP Award: Sumera Ahmed HN**