

Bensham Manor Newsletter

Summer 2021



Headteacher's Welcome

Dear families,

Welcome to this term's newsletter which celebrates all the incredible things that we did as a school this term.

It was sad to say goodbye to our Year 11 and Post 16 pupils. They both had a graduation ceremony and had the opportunity to say goodbye to their friends and staff. We wish them all the very best.

Year 11 and Year 10 undertook work experience. The feedback from employers was absolutely incredible and I am so proud of them all.

Years 7/8/9 and 10 stayed behind after school for some social activities. The pictures will show you how much they enjoyed the sessions (I was exhausted!).

We have also worked very hard to receive some awards. We achieved the Learning Outside the Classroom Award in recognition of the work staff and pupils do outside the classroom. We also achieved the Inclusion Quality Mark Flagship which shows that we offer an inclusive education for your children. We were awarded the Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural Award which recognises our commitment to developing your children's awareness and understanding of the community/country in which and the differences which make us all unique. Finally, we have kept our National Autistic Society Accredited status in recognition of our outstanding provision for learners with autism.

Bensham Manor is a school to be proud of.

Please accept my thanks for your continued support throughout what has been an incredibly challenging year and one which saw you all take on the role of teacher for a time. We can only hope that 21/22 will see us all stay safe and well. I know that you will also join me in thanking all of the Bensham Manor staff who have worked so hard this year in very challenging circumstances.

I wish you all a lovely Summer break. Take care of yourselves.

Mrs Robinson, Headteacher

Wellbeing Wednesday

New way to spend a Wednesday!

To help our young people readjust we have been having a Wellbeing Wednesday once a month. These include all sorts of activities but not screens! Have a look at what we've been getting up to.



Pride Month

Rainbow Day in June

At Bensham Manor School we spent the month of June celebrating diversity in the school. Celebrating diversity ensures that all students feel welcomed, comfortable, and part of the school family. In order to learn, students need to feel safe, cared for, and emotionally connected to their teachers and each other. Feeling a sense of belonging at school can increase student emotional and physical wellbeing, and better academic performance. All children and young people should feel that their world is a safe place where people care about them and their needs. This will allow them to feel confident in exploring new ideas, engaging in learning and being self-expressive.

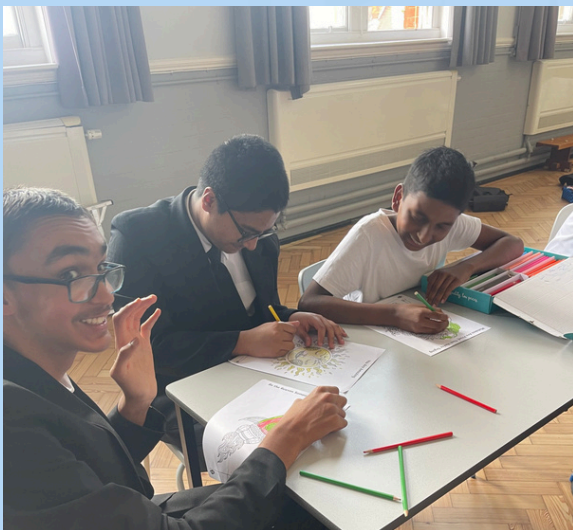
Please enjoy the wonderful pictures of students wearing bright colours, to show their support for diversity at school.



Stay and Chill



Years 7,8,9 and 10 had a really fun time staying behind after school to do activities, play and chill. Activities included sensory play where pupils made slime, a fun session in the adventure playground, dodge ball in the sports hall, football in the muga, mindful colouring, disco dancing and watching a film. Great fun was had by all. These sessions will return again in September.



Rainbow Badges

A competition was held on Rainbow Day which saw students draw fantastic designs to show their support!



The winning design went to Natalie in Year 7!
Badges have been made and are being sold in the school. Proceeds are going to a charity called Mermaids which helps gender-diverse kids, young people and their families



11EE Cafe

Double E's new expansion!



11EE set up their own off-site Pizza and Pasta restaurant for their work experience. We invited students from school and a few VIP guests. Everyone worked really hard to cook, clean, wait and serve. Well done!

Year 11 Art

Light and Dark GCSE

Congratulations to Year 11, who have completed their art qualifications.

They have been studying the topic of Light & Dark, each following their own line of inquiry. Some of the themes that were investigated include; Good vs Evil, Night & Day, Light & Shadow, the Weather, Race issues, Patterns and more

This year we have 30 young people who have been entered for the Art GCSE. Against all of the constraints of lockdown, they have all managed to create wonderful portfolios of work and here is a selection of the final pieces...



Arts Award

On Friday 25th June we had our first Arts Award Sharing Afternoon for Parents and Carers of young people in Year 9. They have been working towards Arts Award Explore and Arts Award Discover. It was a lovely afternoon where Year 9 shared their work in Art, Drama, Music and Textiles. The families were so impressed with the creativity and hard work of the young people - Well done!



Some comments from parents...

Very creative & a wide range of artists, colourful

Lovely to see what the kids have been doing in class

Very impressive - keep the hard work up

Blown away by wonderful artwork and sketchbooks

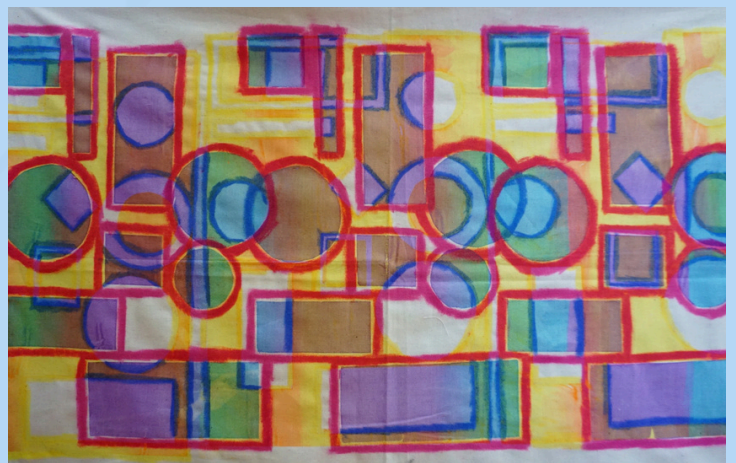
Year 11 Art

Me, Myself & I GCSE

Well done to all year 11's who have finished their qualifications in Textiles. Here we celebrate the incredible achievement of our young people, who have managed to create wonderful bodies of work throughout these challenging times.

The students have been responding to the theme entitled Me, Myself and I. They have created work using self-portraits and imagery of their own interests and passions.

Each using a range of Textile techniques, including; Screen-printing, Batik, Computer aided design, & Embroidery to create these magnificent final pieces...



Croydon Bus Day

Travel Training notice from the Council

"Come along to one of our Bus Day sessions to learn what to do in different situations while on public transport. You'll take part in scenarios and road safety activities. Bus Day runs once a month with sessions in the morning and afternoon.

Bus Day sessions are specifically for young people 10 years olds and over, and adults who have additional needs or who lack confidence.

To make a booking email traveltraining@croydon.gov.uk or call 0208 604 7578"

Dates

16th September 2021

21st October 2021

18th November 2021

20th January 2022

17th Febuary 2022

17th March 2022

14th April 2022

19th May 2022

16th June 2022

14th July 2022

Sessions

Morning session: 10.30am -11.45am

Afternoon session :12:45pm -2pm

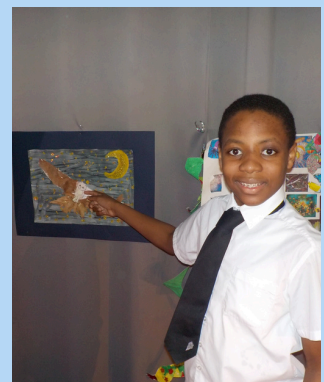
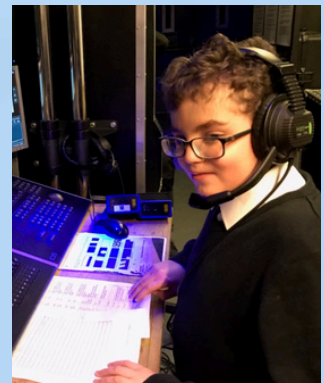
Meeting point

Fairfield halls bus stop Z1 and Z2

Farewell

Best Wishes Year 11!

We said goodbye to an exceptional group of young people this summer term! Please enjoy this small collection of their memories and check out our graduation ceremony on the next page



Graduation

Year 11 and Post 16



