Dear Parent and Student,

We have a four weeks now until the end of term and over the next couple of weeks senior students are involved in really important examinations (PPEs). We wish them well as they pursue meeting and exceeding their target grades and look forward to celebrating their success.

Before sharing some highlights from the subject areas, I just want to remind you once more of our ‘Occasional day’s holiday ‘on Friday 29th November school will be closed to all students and staff on this day.

This week we have our weekly P.E Department update, an update from Year 10 about their exciting cultural exchange trip and an update from the Geography Department.

P.E Update
Mr Goodman reports the following

**Fixtures**

*Year 8 Netball Girls Vs Grove Academy @ Home*

Unfortunately, the girls were unsuccessful at sealing a victory on Tuesday against Grove Academy. They had a positive reflective discussion with their coach afterwards and identified factors that need to improve in order to move on!

**Core PE**

*Year 7 + 8*

This week saw the start of the new rotation where students moved onto their third and final sport of the Autumn Term. (Rugby, Badminton & Football).

It was great to see many students arrive in the correct kit. As the weather is getting colder and will continue to do so, we encourage all students to bring in their Beechwood tracksuit tops and bottoms to keep warm when playing outside.

**Special mention to:**

Tamzin Brown – Excellent net shot technique in badminton!
Evan Appleton-Boye & Bobby Wilson – Fantastic attitude shown in rugby

**Year 9**

This week the year 9 students will be assigned to new class groups and will take part in their 3rd and final rotation of the Autumn Term.

*(A note from the PE team: Please make sure students bring in Beechwood PE kit and boots for lessons as this allows you to participate in the lesson and avoid sanctions)*
**Extra-Curricular**

This is the 2nd week for the new Year 9 Indoor Football Club and Year 7/8 rugby club for Boys and Girls, a reminder that all abilities and levels are welcome. It will be great to see as many pupils there as possible over the next few weeks.

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**Year 10 Cultural Exchange**

Caitlin Watt, Year 10 Student reports the following

On Wednesday 13th November 2019, the Year 10 Leaders went to Teikyo International School in Stoke Poges where we met 10 Japanese students, many of whom are living in the boarding school onsite.

The purpose of this visit was to improve and expand their English but also to learn about their culture whilst talking about ours. From the moment we first arrived, all students got on incredibly well and we were led to the cafeteria where we ate a cooked lunch very kindly provided by Teikyo School. During this time we mingled with all the students despite the small language barrier, this did not stop us from communicating. After lunch, we were taken to the Food Tech Room where we were all split into groups of 4. Two groups were instructed to make scones, but the twist was we had to unjumble the instructions before we could start baking; this proved to be quite a challenge for some. The other two teams had to make matcha flavoured cupcakes, however the recipe was written in Japanese, so the Japanese students had to translate for the Beechwood students. At the end of the day and after we had finished baking, we all sat around a table to try what we had made. It was a brilliant experience! Thank you to Miss. Hallett for organising the trip, but also to Ms. Milner who drove us there.
**Geography Department**

Miss Buttigieg reports

We had a successful visit with 15 year 8 geographers to the University of Reading. It was for a taster day to see what Geography was like at higher education level. The aim was to inspire our young pupils to reach for the stars. They did really well and represented the school fabulously. We are hoping that we will have some Geography graduates in the not too distant future.

Very Best wishes for a great week ahead.

*Kathleen M Higgins*

*Executive Headteacher*