



Beaverwood  
School for Girls



Summer Term 2014

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# School Newsletter

Dear Readers,

As we come to the end of another action-packed term, may I take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support of the School. It has been an extremely busy and vibrant summer, with several high profile events in the last 2 weeks. These have included:

*The Drama Festival (5 minute plays), The A Level and GCSE Art Exhibition, The Sixth Form Ball, The Summer Concert (Musicfest), New Year 7 Day and Parents Evening, 2 Enhancement Days with multiple visits/activities, Year 8 Camp, Sports Day, Year 9 Balloon Debate, University Evening and the Oscars.*

My thanks to all staff who have led/co-ordinated this fantastic list of events, all of which improve the lives of our young people.

Indeed, my thanks to my staff for everything they have done this year to ensure that we continue to be the best we can be.

Looking forward to next year, we will 'hit the deck running' with Open Evening on the 19th September 2014, and the official opening of The Ransley Suite, dedicated by local MP Bob Neill, in September 2014.

**Please note** the letter from Mrs Hodgson regarding the timing of the School Day: **All students** must be on-site by 8.25am every day as lessons now begin promptly at 8.30am. Thank you for all your co-operation in ensuring that your daughter is punctual everyday and that no learning time is lost.

Have a lovely summer.

*KJ Raven*

Mrs K J Raven  
Headmistress



'CLIC Walk - Saturday 7th June'

A huge thank you to everyone involved  
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Beaverwood Journalist nominated for SHINE Award  
Our Journalism team nominated for Best Feature Article at this year's SHINE Awards

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# Beaverwood Students Shortlisted for SHINE Award



The Chislehurst Express editorial team (consisting of Year 7&8 students) were recently shortlisted for an award at the Shine Media Awards 2014.

When twelve year-old Keira Lauder of Beaverwood School for Girls asked her family about their ancestry, she uncovered something rather interesting – she was a relative of the prolific suffragette, Emmeline Pankhurst. Inspired by her family's part in the women's liberation movement and with help her grandmother stories, personal research and tracing back her family tree with her mother, Keira wrote an article titled "women throughout history" for her school newspaper, Chislehurst Express. Keira's article was nominated in the Best Feature Article category in this year's Shine School Media Awards, in which Keira was highly commended.

In her article, Keira drew particular attention to the position of women in today's society, pointing out shocking statistics such as the fact "women are still earning 20% less than men doing the same job" and emphasised we must remember the "women [who] have fought so we can have equal pay, the right to vote and independence".

Keira later said she was "incredibly proud" that her family formed a "piece of history", and that she hopes to pursue a career in law after being inspired by the story of Dr. Ivy Williams, which she read about when researching Emmeline Pankhurst's role in the feminist movement.

Pankhurst's most prominent movements were the founding of the Women's Franchise League, which sought to allow married women to vote in local elections and the more radical Women's Social and Political Union in 1903, whose members were the first to coin the term "suffragette". Keira enthusiastically talked of feminism throughout history, and said she was moved by the stories of women who endured hunger strikes and particularly that of Emily Davison, who notoriously threw herself in front of the king's horse at the Epsom Derby in protest of the government's continued failure to grant women the right to vote.

Drawing on points made in her insightful article, Keira talked in length about the portrayal of women in the media, and was disappointed by the negative "stereotypes" of women and said she believed the radical behaviour of celebrities such as Miley Cyrus were "breaking the mould" of such negative depictions. Keira concluded by stating that "although women have a lot more freedom in the 21st century than they have done in the past, they still aren't equal to men" and that she hopes that feminist movements will continue so that "eventually women will be as powerful as men".



Our students attended the award ceremony on 23rd June at the Stationers Hall in London. Here they met journalists, editors, and directors from the media industry. As the awards were announced, our girls were thrilled to learn they had come second place. Beaten closely by a team of Sixth Formers from a private school. We are incredibly proud of this achievement. Well done girls!

To read the full edition of the Chislehurst Express including the feature article please visit our website [www.beaverwood.bromley.sch.uk](http://www.beaverwood.bromley.sch.uk)



# Changes for September

As we reported in our last newsletter, we will be changing our name from Beaverwood School for Girls back to **Chislehurst School for Girls** as from September 1st 2014.

Though the logo and uniform will not be changing, there are certain things that will.

For one, as from September 1st our website will change to [www.chislehurstschoolforgirls.co.uk](http://www.chislehurstschoolforgirls.co.uk)

All staff emails will also be changing from the [@beaverwood.co.uk](mailto:@beaverwood.co.uk) address, to [@chsfg.co.uk](mailto:@chsfg.co.uk).

From September onwards, you will also see much of our stationary, advertising and marketing change to Chislehurst School for Girls.

We look forward to this next stage in our illustrious history as Chislehurst School for Girls.

## Traffic in Beaverwood Road



Thank you to all those parents who have supported us in improving traffic outside the School in the morning and at the end of the School day by dropping students off/picking them up in alternative nearby locations.

The traffic in Beaverwood Road has become a serious concern this year with parking across local residents' driveways, double parking, parking on the yellow lines, traffic gridlock and even several road traffic accidents.

From September 2014, the gates at the Turning Circle at the end of Beaverwood Road will be locked from 8.30am onwards so it is even more important to avoid entering the road at peak times. Thank you for supporting the School in making Beaverwood Road a safer place for all our young people.

Mrs Hodgson

## University Day

Please note we will be holding our fourth University Day on Wednesday 1st October 2014. Year 10-13 will be invited, but the main target group is Y12 (the current Y11). You might like to come along on that morning. If so, please keep the morning free.

In the meantime, if you have any contacts who could set up a career's stand, we would be grateful if you would pass their name and contact address or email to Mrs Jones at the School. Each year we like to include careers advisers or people from the world of work, but it would be great to have more.

Please email [mjones@beaverwood.co.uk](mailto:mjones@beaverwood.co.uk)

## Beaverwood students attend the Wimbledon Final!

As a reward for their hard work in GCSE, A Level and BTEC PE, students were taken to the Wimbledon Final on Sunday 6th July, 2014.

The PE department had received tickets through the School Ballot and were extremely lucky to have two Centre Court tickets. Students rotated on and off the court allowing everyone a chance to see the fantastic final live (and sit in viewing distance of David Beckham and Prince William!).



The rest of the time was spent soaking up the atmosphere on Henman Hill where we were treated to a 5 set thriller! Fingers crossed for more tickets next year.

## WIG WEDNESDAY

We got our Wig's on and had a Wig-tastic day!

The whole school embraced Wig Wednesday's activities (DATE?).

Staff briefing saw some very unusual sights in the morning, with many staff displaying some pretty spectacular wigs!

At lunchtime our 'flash dance' really did cause a stir.

A huge thank you to Mrs Brash for helping to inspire us to take part.

Overall, we raised a fantastic £127.89 for CLIC Sargent.

Thank you for your continued support.

For more photos of the day and to watch the video of staff and teachers performing the 'flash dance' please go to our website:

[www.beaverwood.bromley.sch.uk](http://www.beaverwood.bromley.sch.uk)



## Upcoming Term Dates for 2014

Start Date	End Date	Event
02/09/2014	02/09/2014	Start of Autumn Term
<b>OCTOBER 2014</b>		
27/10/2014	31/10/2014	Half Term
<b>DECEMBER 2014</b>		
19/12/2014	19/12/2014	End of Term

## CLIC Walk - 7th June

A huge thank you everyone who joined in with our 10k CLIC Walk on Saturday 7th June (dogs too!).

We had over 50 walkers on the day and had great fun.

We did get a little wet at one point however this did not dampen our enthusiasm!



We raised over **£400** on the day with our collection buckets.

After collecting sponsor money our current total is over £1,500.

All monies raised will be donated to CLIC Sargent Charity, Caring for Children with Cancer.

If you would like to find out more information about the wonderful work at CLIC Sargent you can go to [www.clicsargent.org.uk](http://www.clicsargent.org.uk).

## Geography Award

Beaverwood School's Geography Department has been re-awarded the Secondary Geography Quality Mark with the Global Learning Programme and is one of only 25 schools nationally to also receive the Centre of Excellence Award as recognition of its outstanding teaching, leadership and student achievement.

This was awarded at Gold Level.

*Eva Tellick, Head of Geography said "we are over the moon with this fantastic achievement! It is real recognition of all the hard work and dedication of the department to promote the love of Geography and inspire a future generation of Geographers".*

As well as raising standards within the school, The Geographical Association has made this prestigious award on the strength of the Department's outreach work with local primary and secondary schools, as well as forging important international links.



Beaverwood School Geography Department and Year 9 students:

Back Row: Linda Webb, Kath Barclay, Eva Tellick (Head of Department), Mary Davis, Davinia Foster  
Front Row: Daisy Taylor, Lauren Polson, Amy Clarke

## Exam Results Days

A Level - Year 13: 9am - Thursday 14th August

- Year 12: 10am - Thursday 14th August

GCSE - Year 11: - 9am - 2pm - Thursday 21st August

# Keeping you 'In-Touch' with School

As a school, we are constantly trying to improve our level of communication with parents/carers. We have recently begun using a service which enables us to communicate with you via text messaging. Our main focus is to keep parents instantly informed, from sending Open Evening dates/times to unexpected school closure notifications and absence reports.

These messages will now come straight to your mobile phone via SMS, eliminating the need to go online and check your email.

SIMS In Touch uses Text messaging (SMS) to provide our school with a complete communication solution. This allows us to engage more effectively with you, keeping you fully informed of everything related to school life in a quick and easy way.

This service will reduce the amount of printed communications we send out, helping the environment, as well as having a positive effect upon improving attendance. We will now be able to identify quickly which students have not arrived at school or at a lesson and get a message out to you straight away.

The result of using services such as In Touch and our ParentMail email service is that our communication with you will be faster, more reliable and efficient.

A letter was recently sent out explaining this new system. If you wish to OPT OUT of this service, we ask you fill in and return the form on this letter. If you are happy for your details to be added, you need not reply.

We are aiming to be fully using this service from September 2014.



## Staff leaving us this year

At this time of year we often say goodbye to staff who are leaving Beaverwood to go onto other exciting opportunities, or to enjoy retirement after a long career with the School. We wish them all the best in the next stage of their lives.

This year we are saying farewell to the following staff:

Mr E McCormack  
Mrs M Coombes  
Mr K Dunn  
Mr I Grant

Ms C Booth  
Mrs E Emezie  
Miss N Banfield  
Ms C Mack

Mrs O Vipie  
Miss I Sims  
Mrs B Hunt

**Mrs S Long** - Who is moving to a new secondary school in Staplehurst called Oakfields Education Centre.

**Mrs J Flynn** - After 23 years of teaching at Beaverwood School and establishing the early Design Technology subjects and facilities, Mrs Flynn is retiring to pursue a number of her interests including travel, arts and crafts.

We will also be welcoming into the School from September:

Miss C Mackintosh - Music

Miss T Lavelle - English

Mr P Bedingfield - Chemistry

Miss K Popat - Social Studies

Miss S Fernandes - MFL

Ms D Dolan -

Mr W Fordham -

Miss R Rahman -

Art/Photography

English

Science

Mrs S Clark - Attendance

# ***Year 7 Boulogne Trip 9th July 2014***

On the 9th of July, Year 7 students travelled to Boulogne as part of their Enhancement Day. Students took the opportunity to try their linguistic skills, sample some of the famous french cakes, baguettes and frites and explore the market area of Boulogne as well as the old town.

After a visit to the sealife centre of Nausicca, it was rather breezy crossing back home.

Quelle Bonne Journee!



## ***Battle of the Forms! Year 7 Rounders***

On Wednesday 2nd July the Sixth Form CSLA students organised a Year 7 Rounders Interform tournament. The students were very excited about the chance to get competitive against the other form groups, with many of them playing together in the School Rounders Team.

7W and 7B won their respective pools and faced one another in the final. 7W produced some big hits but Tegan Seal's excellent fielding restricted them achieving a high score. The game finished with 7B as the winners. Congratulations!





## Geography Trip

Year 8 Geography trip to Seven Sisters Country Park

A group of Year 8 students will be going to The Seven Sisters Country Park in July. They will be able to experience the beautiful landscape of the area as they walk from the Visitor Centre to Cuckmere Haven Beach.

We will be introducing the students to fieldwork techniques used in GCSE Geography such as field sketches and will be identifying river and coastal features including the famous meander which features in many textbooks.

The visit is an excellent introduction to GCSE Geography.

## Staff 5-a-side Football

The Beaverwood Staff 5-a-side football team met stiff opposition in the form of Farringtons.

After a half time score of 5-1, Beaverwood staged a brave comeback, but were pipped at the end by a couple of "Luis Suarez" like goals.

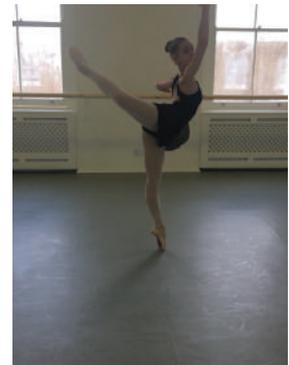
Final score Beaverwood 9 - Farringtons 11



## Ballet Star!

Congratulations to Kamila Sizinceva, Year 10, who has won a place at the prestigious Russian School of Ballet, in London. Kamila has already performed in many classical works such as Swan Lake and has a sparkling future ahead of her.

We wish her all the best of luck with her promising career in the world of dance. Definitely one to watch.



## Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy at the School for a Midday Supervisor. If you are interested in this position and would like more information, please contact Mrs Irene Russell at the School on [020 8300 3156](tel:02083003156)

## End of Term Arrangements

Tuesday 15th July through to Thursday 17th July are full school days with usual lesson activities.

**Friday 18th July is the last day of term.**

Students will register as normal at 8.30am and attend normal lessons periods 1 and 2. There will be an extended break till 11am.

Students will then return to form rooms and be dismissed by members of the Guidance Team from **12.15 onwards.**

**Have a wonderful Summer...from all of us at BEAVERWOOD SCHOOL FOR GIRLS**

