Lift Beacon High

An excellent education for every child, in every classroom, every day.

Issue 6 - Autumn 1, Week 6

The Beacon

We exist to transform the lives of children through education

Head of School's Message

Dear Families,



What a week it has been at Lift Beacon High. Over the past two weeks, we have welcomed more than 150 visitors to our school, organised a music trip, 2 Year 10 career events and a surprise drama performance assembly for Year 7 on Friday, and the feedback has been overwhelmingly positive. One of the things that has stood out most is how our students are conducting themselves, the pride they are showing in their school, and the improvements that families and visitors are seeing for themselves. It is wonderful to hear this feedback, particularly as we continue our journey towards becoming one of the best schools in the country by 2031.

Thursday also presented us with an unexpected challenge when we had to evacuate the school as a precautionary measure following police advice. I want to thank our families for their understanding and support. Most importantly, I want to recognise our students, who responded with remarkable maturity and responsibility. In a challenging situation, they demonstrated exactly what it means to be a light for others. I could not have been prouder of how they represented themselves and our school community.

I also want to give a special shoutout to our Year 11 students, who ended Friday celebrating the postcards they had earned throughout the week for their hard work and commitment. With their mock examinations approaching, it is fantastic to see so many students rising to the challenge and taking pride in their achievements.

As we approach the final week of Autumn 1, We are getting ready to praise students in our celebration assemblies to recognise their hard work this term.

There is so much to celebrate, and I look forward to recognising the efforts of our young people as we finish our first half term together.

Mr Collingwoode-Williams,
Head of School



Believe. Belong. Become. *Aspiring to be a light for others.*

Information for the week

End of Autumn 1 Term and Start of Autumn 2 Term

- The last day of term is Friday 16th October 2026. Students will return to school on Monday 2nd November 2026

Personal Development

Assembly Themes this week

- All year groups: Celebration Assemblies

PSHE Topics this week

- Year 7: Healthy Choices: Drugs, alcohol, tobacco and vaping
- Year 8: Puberty and Body Image
- Year 9: Female and Male Health
- Year 10: Body Image and Reproductive Health

Year 11 Preparation for Mock Exams

With mock examinations fast approaching, we are continuing to support Year 11 students to prepare, revise and achieve their best.

- **Revise2Rise:** These sessions have been a great success, providing students with subject masterclasses, targeted revision and additional support to build their confidence and knowledge ahead of their exams.
- **Well Done Cards:** Throughout the week, students have received postcards recognising their hard work, effort and commitment to learning. If your child has received one, please ask them to share it with you and celebrate their achievement!
- **Half Term Revision:** We will be offering additional revision sessions in English, Maths and Science during the half-term break. Families of students invited to attend will receive a letter confirming the dates and times of their sessions.

Thank you for your continued support in helping our Year 11 students make the most of these important final weeks before their mock examinations.

Uniform change for after half term

A polite reminder that students should have a backpack after the half term. String bags, handbags and side bags will not be allowed from 2nd November.






Photos & moments of the week











Student Success

An impressive well done to:

- Ibrahima Year 9
- Kolade Year 10
- Nahida Year 10
- Santiago Year 10

who represented Lift Beacon High in a Multi-school music performance this week with other schools across Islington, Camden and North London.

Key Dates

Dates for your Diary

Two Week Look Ahead

Monday 12th October	• Year 11 Celebration Assembly
Tuesday 13th October	• Year 8 Celebration Assembly
Wednesday 14th October	• Year 9 Celebration Assembly
Thursday 15th October	• Year 10 Celebration Assembly
Friday 16th October	• Year 7 Celebration Assembly • Last day of term

Monday 2nd November	• Year 11 Mock Exams Begin
Tuesday 3rd November	
Wednesday 4th November	
Thursday 5th November	
Friday 6th November	

Autumn 1

Tuesday 1 September 2026 to Friday 16 October 2026
Tuesday 15th September: Open Morning 0900 - 1000
Wednesday 23rd September: Open Morning 0900 - 1000
Tuesday 29th September: Open Evening 1530 - 1930 (for Year 5, 6 and current Year 7s)
Friday 9th October: Open Morning 0900 - 1000
Monday 12th October: Open Morning 0900 - 1000
Half Term: Monday 19th October 2026 - Monday 30th October 2026

Autumn 2

Monday 2nd November 2026 to Friday 18th December 2026
Wednesday 2nd December: Year 11 Parents' Evening 1600 - 1800
Thursday 3rd December: INSET Day
Thursday 4th December: INSET Day
Friday 18th December: Celebration Assemblies and Last day of term
Winter Holiday: Monday 21st December 2026 to Friday 1 January 2027

Spring 1

Monday 4th January: INSET Day
Tuesday 5th January: INSET Day
Wednesday 6th January: First day of School

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Upcoming Reminders

Uniform: Clarity on Shoes, PE Uniform and Equipment

Shoes

After speaking with some parents and carers on Friday, I wanted to clarify our expectations around footwear.

Students in **Years 7–10 should wear school shoes rather than trainers**. As there have been some mixed messages, families will have until **after Christmas** to make this change.

Please note that trainers may affect a student's ability to represent the school at some visits or events where full uniform is required.

Year 11 students may continue to wear trainers this academic year.



Equipment

2x Black or blue pen 2x green pen 2 x pencil 2 x highlighters 1 x pencil sharpener 1 x rubber	1x 15cm or 30cm ruler 1x Casio FX-83GTCW scientific calculator 1x Yondr pouch Pencil case Water bottle Black school bag**

**The school bag must be black from after the October half term

The black school bag (backpack) will be important as students will now take their books home. Handbags and side bags will not be allowed from after the half term.



PE Uniform

This approach provides a phased introduction of branded PE uniform, while maintaining a consistent, practical and affordable core PE kit across Years 7–11.

Year Group	PE T-Shirt	Long-Sleeve Top	Shorts	Sports Trousers

Year 7	Branded polo T-shirt	Branded quarter-zip fleece***	Plain black sports shorts	Plain black jogging bottoms
Years 8–9	Plain black until Christmas; branded polo T-shirt from Spring Term	Plain black until Christmas; branded black quarter-zip fleece*** from Spring Term		
Years 10–11	Plain black T-shirt	Plain black, no hood		

***The black quarter-zip fleece is optional

- Hoodies are not permitted to be worn during PE lessons.
- Cycling shorts and leggings are not permitted
- For health and safety reasons, students may be required to remove jewellery during PE lessons where the activity presents a particular risk.

From our community



New City College is pleased to announce the return of the Junior Chef Academy at our Hackney Campus for 2026/27.
The Junior Chef Academy is a fantastic opportunity for aspiring young chefs aged **14–16** to develop their skills in a professional learning environment. The programme is **free of charge** and students will receive expert tuition from professional chefs over 10 teaching weeks, with sessions taking place on: Thursdays from 4pm–6pm at **New City College Hackney Campus, Falkirk Street, London N1 6HQ.**
Click her to find out more: HERE

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