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Dear Parent/Carer

#BeaumontReads – The Boxer by Nikesh Shukla

It's that time of year again! The launch of our whole school read is on the horizon and I am thrilled to announce that we have selected, *The Boxer*, by Nikesh Shukla. For those of you who are new to Beaumont, the scheme encourages the entire school community - staff, students, parents and governors - to read, respond to and get involved in the cross-curricular events related to a specific novel each year.

Previous Whole School Reads have included: *Apple and Rain* by Sarah Crossan; *Counting by Sevens* by Holly Goldberg Sloan; *The Giver* by Lois Lowry, *I Have No Secrets* by Penny Joelson and *Animal Farm* by George Orwell (all of which are still readily available from our school library). Reading, reviewing and collecting our book related badges has become a happy tradition, with many year 7 students reading the back catalogue and wearing their badges with pride.

Our choice this year, *The Boxer*, has been really well received by all the early birds who have been clamouring to get their hands on it. Covering themes and issues such as racism, identity, coping with (and recovering from) various forms of trauma and loss, as well as exploring the powerful impact that exercise can have on an individual, *The Boxer* is a choice that seems particularly apt this year.

This year, we are launching the Whole School Read in tutor time on **Thursday 10 December 2020** and are, once again coinciding the launch with **DEAR** day. For approximately 10 minutes of each lesson, teachers will Drop Everything And Read: reading to, reading with and listening to our specially recorded audio book (featuring the vocal talents of Beaumont teaching staff). We hope to have shared a good section of the novel by the end of day, sending students home fuelled and enthused with the momentum to keep on reading.

As usual, we have bought fifty copies of *The Boxer* for the school library and students can use our Library app: <https://uk.accessit.online/bmn00/#!/dashboard> to reserve their copy and have it delivered to their tutor trays. As always, there will be a range of opportunities to get involved in cross-curricular activities and events over the forthcoming months. Details will be available on the #BeaumontReads Google Classroom which students can join using the code: **kbheojm**

We look forward to your support in making this initiative a success. It would be a privilege to have as many students, staff, parents and governors share in a book that reflects the 'here and now' in a gripping and insightful way.

Yours sincerely

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