A Word from the Head Teacher

As the end of the academic year approaches, I would like to thank everyone for their support throughout what has been a very rewarding year. As shown in the following articles, a great deal has happened at Bingley Grammar School over the last month and year and we will continue to be relentless in our drive to ensure that our students have the very best educational opportunities on offer.

A highlight of the last few weeks has been the arrival of our new Year 7 students. The induction activities really gave these young people a chance to learn about their new school and feel prepared, and excited about, starting in September. We know it is crucially important to get this transition right and we appreciate the support of parents and our primary feeder schools in helping make this work so well.

It has been a great end to the term and we can look forward to a great year ahead. I hope you and your family have a fantastic summer break and I look forward to working with you again next term.

Mr Luke Weston
Headteacher

Year 11 Leavers Prom

On Thursday 29th June, just after their final GCSE exam, our Year 11 students gathered at the Mercure Bankfield Hotel to celebrate their time at Bingley Grammar School.

The evening started with students making memorable entrances in front of peers, staff and parents. Some highlights included a Lamborghini, stretch limousines, red double decker buses and, who could forget, Tyler Smith in his tractor.

Following this, the achievements of some selected students were recognised in our Prom awards ceremony. Categories included such titles as “Most likely to become Prime Minister” won by Elizabeth Kelly, “Most likely to become famous” won by Lois Brook, “Most likely to be a millionaire” won by Hamza Urfan and “Friendliest Person” won by Masoomah Ahmed.

Despite the rain leading up to the Prom, the weather on the evening was beautiful allowing us to use the picturesque gardens at The Bankfield. It provided the perfect backdrop to many group photos with students and staff as they celebrated their achievements.

Earlier in the month (19th June) Mr Ward hosted the leavers assembly where he thanked the students for their hard work in Year 11 and throughout their time at Bingley Grammar. Our Year 11 have been a fantastic year group and we are hoping for great things for them in the future.

The Year 11 team would like to wish all our students well in the future, if you are joining our 6th form we look forward to welcoming you back in September and if you are going to college, we wish you the best of luck.

To view more photos from the evening visit our school website >>
Celebration Evening

On Wednesday 19th July we welcomed families into school to celebrate our students achievements across Key Stage 3 and 4 in Years 7-10.

The evening was full of laughter and inspiration with several speeches, one of which was from our Chair of Governors Chris Quinn who is retiring this year and will be sadly missed. However our new Chair of Governors Chris Conderson is a welcome replacement and we look forward to working with him next year and into the future.

There were also speeches from Mr Weston, an extremely brave Olivia Tiffany in Yr 7 and Yr 9 student Harry Doyle with his mum Mrs Doyle who gave an extremely moving speech about their charity work. Awards were handed out by Mr Weston, Mr Quinn, Mr Conderson and a very special guest Mr Colin Doyle, Goalkeeper for Bradford City Football Club. The evening was made complete with the addition of Mrs Puddy’s delicious scones complete with jam and cream.

Well done to all the students who received an award - click here to view the full list of students and their awards as well as more photographs from the evening on the school website >>

Miss Shah’s Tea Party

On Tuesday 18th July, the students from the Archbishop of York young leaders award and a group of students from various year groups organised a tea party for residents of Cottingley hall and Thompson court care home.

This was part of their community challenge, serving others in the local community.

Students from the the young leader award raised just over £150 through bake sales to pay for decorations, food and bingo prizes!

A number of students asked Miss Shah if they could take part in the tea party as they wanted to do something for the local community. Students from the Bingley Grammar school music department asked if they could perform for the residents. Miss Shah was overwhelmed by the number of students being so enthusiastic about helping with the tea party.

The event was a great success and enjoyed by both students and guests. Bingo was a highlight for the residents!

Miss Shah would like to thank all of the students and staff who helped to organise the event and we look forward to inviting members of our local community back to visit next year.
Year 8 Malham Trip

Students came out in force over the last few weeks when every student in Year 8 made their way up to the mighty limestone pavement in Malham over two days; with Milner and Oldfield on the 6th July whilst Sunderland and Wooler on the 14th July.

Mr Conboy reports: Students needed to be organised and prepared to battle some fairly warm weather. The 4 mile hike had many students challenge themselves in a big way whilst for others it was an excellent opportunity to see a part of the Yorkshire Dales National Park which they had not seen before.

As always, the trip was a huge success and the smiles on everyone’s faces (including the teachers) showed a great sense of achievement.

Jamaal Hussain in 8W1, who had been looking forward to this trip for sometime, commented after: “this trip was excellent, I had such a great time”

whilst Sanaat Farooq said: “the trip has been tough but I have enjoyed it a lot”

Lastly thank you to Jack Thomas for the great photos which are credited in the photo gallery on the website. Nice one year 8! Mr Conboy.

To view more photos of the Malham trip visit our school website >>

Fun Kitchen

This week we have had the pleasure of hosting a food science event especially for Year 7 students.

Fun Kitchen is an award-winning company that teaches students the science behind cookery and healthy eating whilst including practical traditional cookery skills. During the two days over 100 students have attended filling N6 with fun filled food science based sessions. During the two days students have:

- Set sugar alight to explore its energy content
- Explored the role modified starch plays in modern foods
- Denatured proteins by using acids, heat and mechanical action
- Learned about the protein Gluten and its role in cookery
- Learned about the chemical structure of protein based foods
- Looked into the future by tasting sustainable proteins, eating bugs, crickets and mealworms!

It has literally been an explosive learning opportunity for a wide range of students. Many thanks to all staff and students who have made the event possible - it truly has been memorable.
The Art & Photography Show
The Art and Photography department were pleased to be able to show case and celebrate the wonderful work of our GCSE and A Level Art and Photography students in N1 as a ‘Pop up Gallery’ exhibition this week.

Parents and Carers were invited to an evening showing on Thursday to celebrate their sons and daughter’s achievements. Our students have also had the opportunity to visit the exhibition at break and lunch times and some classes have been to view the work together.

The work looked amazing and visiting parents, students and staff all commented on how impressed they were at the talent on display - we even had a staff collector buying a piece!

The work ranged from detailed oil painted portraits and a large scale tool made of cardboard, through to conceptual photographic explorations of nature and the elements. A great set of work from all the students and we wish them luck with their exam results in August.

Bingley Bright Sparks News
To celebrate the summer and the end of term our Yr 12 Health & Social Care students put on a summer party for the children.

Mrs Williams reports, “The Year 12 students developed their creative skills this week to create the beach at St. Aidens church hall for our summer party. The room was decorated with bunting, sand pits, toys & buckets & spades. The babies and toddlers had a fabulous time assisted by the Year 12 Health & Social Care students and the seaside picnic went down well. Many thanks to Margaret who made delicious cakes for the parents & carers and Mrs Frankland for organising the event. We will be returning in September after the summer break.”

Some of the children who attend BrightSparks will be starting Primary School in September and we will miss seeing their happy faces at playgroup. One of our parents took to Facebook to praise the playgroup saying, “After almost 4 years it is Sylvie’s last playgroup tomorrow. Thank you Bingley Bright Sparks for helping to turn that gorgeous little baby into the monster she is today! Seriously we all really appreciate how much work you all put in so thank you very much, have a great summer break and we will see you in September for our toast and coffee fix xxxx”
Elizabethan Day

To celebrate our ongoing partnership with the RSC and bring the times of Shakespeare to life, last week we held an Elizabethan Day which was once again a huge success.

On Monday we welcomed Yr 5 children from Crossflatts, East Morton, Eldwick, Priestthorpe and Saltaire Primary Schools to join us for a day of Elizabethan experiences.

Despite the weather last Monday, we managed to lay on a wonderful event full of drama, art and activities from Shakespearean times.

This was our third Elizabethan Day where we invited 260 students to join us from local Primary schools. Drama workshops went on all day with scenes from Macbeth being brought to life. These classes were run by our RSC trained staff aided by our Year 10 GCSE Drama students. The children really engaged with the scenes; their portrayals of the witches were terrifying and the fight scene freeze frames looked amazing!

The children also enjoyed Archery, Falconry and a Jousting show bringing Shakespearean times to life. Bingley students from Years 7-9 joined the Primary children to watch the Knights of Nottingham put on a great show with fantastic displays of swordsmanship and jousting. The students all got behind the ‘good’ knight, booing and jeering at the ‘bad’ knight. The day was a cross curricular success bringing History, English Literature and Drama together celebrating Elizabethan times and Shakespearean plays.
Sports Day

Last Friday, our PE department held a very ambitious sports day with over 500 participants!

Our Sports teachers decided that to include as many students as possible they would gather teams from each form group in the hope that as many people as possible would take the opportunity to get involved. Each form group decided which students would take part in the different events (one girl and one boy for each event plus the relay team option) and our year house captains encouraged participation and helped to build a healthy feeling of competition in the build up to the day.

We were relieved when Friday arrived and the weather was on our side. The competition started early with year group heats in the morning followed by the finals in the afternoon:

- 400m run - 100m run - mixed relay - long jump - high jump - shot put

Our sixth form Sport and Physical Activity students assisted with the long jump, the high jump, the shot put and not forgetting the motivational music which kept the athletes going. Mr McGregor did an excellent job of commenting on the main field throughout the day and the sports teachers and heads of Houses kept the events running safely and smoothly.

Every one of our competitors put their all into their events - click below to see the house results from the day. The results have been calculated by 1st place earning 1 point through to 12th place earning 12 points. Therefore the House with the least points wins. This year we have also set some school records which we will use next year as the times and scores to beat:

Year 10 Geography Field Trip

In preparation for their Unit 3 Geographical Applications Exam, 160 Y10 GCSE Geographers have taken part in 2 days worth of field work in the last month.

Miss Wales reports:

First up was the day trip to Leeds to focus on human geography. Students walked 4 miles from the outskirts of Leeds back to the train station comparing and contrasting the West Park and Hyde Park areas of the city using techniques such as questionnaires, environmental quality surveys and land use mapping.

Students have also experienced physical geography field work with a half day trip to Red Beck in Frizinghall. We were investigating to what extent Bradshaw’s model could be applied to Red Beck in terms of changing river characteristics downstream.

The weather was glorious and once again the students were a credit to BGS. Well done Year 10!

West End Musical Workshops

At the beginning of July Miss Mawson invited her brother Jonathan into school to run a series of after school ‘musical theatre’ dance workshops.

35 students came along to the sessions over the two days and all the students enjoyed the experience thoroughly. There was a range of abilities from complete beginners through to several having had experience at Theatre Schools. The mix worked brilliantly with our more experienced dancers supporting the others with Jonathan’s choreography.

One group of dancers were working on West End choreography from Legally Blonde and the Year 7 drama club worked with Jonathan to create a musical number to further develop their performance of The Tempest.

Jonathan began his career after graduating from Laine Theatre Arts with a diploma in dance. His theatre credits include: Starlight Express, Bochum (Purse), Legally Blonde, West End (Swing), An Evening of Dirty Dancing, UK Tour (Rob, Dance Captain), High School Rocks! UK Tour (Ensemble, Dance Captain).

Our students really enjoyed the experience and we would like to thank Jonathan for giving up his time to work with them.

To view photographs of the workshops please visit the school website >>
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Attendance
Bingley Grammar is a successful school and your child plays their part in making it so. We will continue to focus on attendance and punctuality throughout the next academic year. Thank you to those families who have been working hard to ensure their children’s punctuality and attendance is high. We appreciate that come rain or shine our students are arriving at school on time to begin their learning keeping class disruption to a minimum.

Fitness Club
It's been a fantastic year since September with the club operating most Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays - here are some statistics from the Fitness Club.

There have been over 1542 visits to work out in the fitness suite so far.
Out of these visits, 274 different pupils have worked on their fitness and improved their health.
There have been some notable attendees:
- Most workouts - 54 visits - (boys) - Simeon Kitchen (year 10)
- Most workouts - 41 visits - (girls) - Charlotte Aitchison (Year 10)

A large cohort of pupils have used the fitness club to complete their 3 or 6 month “Physical Challenge” for the Duke of Edinburgh award scheme and have been signed off online.
The statistics do not include the many staff who have also been able to use the facility.
Many congratulations to all who I’ve seen throughout the year and thank you for making it such a pleasant and worthwhile activity.

Mr Smith hopes to see you all again next year and sends a gently reminder to keep active and beware of cake!

Notes from the Teachers:

Yr 10 Italy Trip
Our Yr 10 Italy Trip group are setting off in the early hours of Saturday morning. Students need to be at the bus turn round at 1:45 AM on Saturday. The group will be spending two nights in Rome and two nights in the Bay of Naples. Have a great trip and remember to take loads of photos!

Mr Parapia to visit Kenya
Next week Mr Parapia will return to Nairobi, Kenya to set up a regional hub of secondary schools on behalf of the UK based Pixl Club. This will be in conjunction with the Kenyan Ministry of Education with the aim of introducing training conferences between schools to support the Pixl principles. Towards the beginning of the next academic year Bingley Grammar School hopes to host representatives from the Nairobi hub including a civil servant from the Kenyan Ministry of Education. In the past we have welcomed the Deputy Headteacher from Jamhuri High School. More information about the week long visit will be posted on the website at the beginning of September.

Drama Club
Miss Mawson would like to thank year 7 Drama club for their incredible effort this year. They have produced some fantastic performances and should be very proud of themselves. I look forward to teaching them in Drama club next year.

MFL Department
MFL staff challenge all French Spanish and German students to follow the link in their email and complete the 5 mins per day Memrise challenge over the Summer. Let’s see who will be top of those leader boards at the start of September!

Mr Langan
Mr Langan will be leaving today, and would like to say thanks to all students, parents and staff he has had the pleasure of working with here at Bingley Grammar.

Mr Ramsden
I would like to say a global farewell to students (and staff and the parents who know me) as I leave BGS and head off to start my Philosophy, Politics and Economics degree at the University of Leeds. I’ve thoroughly enjoyed my 13 years at Bingley and working with students has been the highlight.

Mrs Ford
A fond farewell to all my students and parents who I have worked with at Bingley Grammar. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with such fantastic students and supportive parents but I am now moving to pastures new. The SEN team remain the same and your SENCo in September is Mrs Paula Robinson (Assistant Headteacher). Have a lovely summer break! Mrs Ford (SENCo)
Summer Exam Results Info

SIXTH FORM RESULTS will be given out to students in N6 on Thursday August 17th as follows: A2 – from 9.00am onwards; AS – from 10.00am onwards

YEAR 11 RESULTS will be given out in N6 on Thursday 24th August from 9.00am onwards.

YEAR 9 & 10 RESULTS
All GCSE results will be issued and explained by subject teachers when pupils return to school in September.
In addition, if required, results slips will be available for year 9 & 10 pupils to collect from N6 on Thursday 24th August from 10.00am until 11.00am.

If you cannot collect your results in person, you may do one of the following:-
• Leave a stamped, self-addressed envelope at the exams office before the end of term and your results will be posted to you.
• Issue a signed letter of authority IN ADVANCE for someone to collect your results for you. This may be a relative or friend.
• We will not accept permission over the phone or by text to give your results to someone else. Letters of authority should be left at the exams office before the end of term.

Results will not be issued by telephone, fax, e-mail or text message.

Exams office contact details: Tel: 01274807741 e-mail: exams@bingleygrammar.org

Enjoy the Summer break!