A Word from the Headteacher

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Headteacher

We are now a School Direct Lead School!

We are proud to announce we have recently been appointed as a School Direct Lead School allowing us to offer Teacher Training Placements for a September 2018 start.

School Direct offers a different way of training to become a teacher. Learning by listening to and observing, good and outstanding teachers. Training involves practising teaching skills with groups of students. Applicants will be supported effectively by a school mentor, and are treated just like a member of the school staff, someone who the school is often looking to employ at the end of the year. This route will ensure student teachers are working in their classrooms from day one of the course.

We aim to train the next generation of outstanding Bradford teachers. Our school is committed to providing the highest standard of education for the young people in the Bradford District and we are keen to recruit student teachers who share the same commitment. If you share our vision for education, or know anyone who does, please get in touch. We will provide training of the highest quality, delivered by outstanding practitioners through a bespoke training package.

After a year’s successful training, Qualified Teacher Status (QTS) will be achieved. As a School Direct Lead School, we are committed to helping student teachers develop professionally well beyond training and Newly Qualified Teacher year. There is an extensive programme of Continuing Professional Development opportunities, supported by access to our university partner’s suite of Masters level qualifications.

Courses offered:

- English
- Physics
- Mathematics
- Modern Languages
- Geography
- History
- Religious Education
- Chemistry
- Biology
- Physical Education
- Computing
- Drama

After a year’s successful training applicants will gain Qualified Teacher Status (QTS) and a PGCE.

How to apply:
Applications are through UCAS: www.ucas.com/ucas/teacher-training
Find us by searching: Bingley Grammar School Direct
Applications Open 26th October 2017 for October 2018 start.

Keep in Touch:
@BGSSchooldirect schooldirect@bingleygrammar.org www.bingleygrammar.org

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Archbishop of York Young Leaders Awarded

Last year a group of Year 7 and 8 students embarked on a journey where their whole mission was to improve their local community and help others - and they did an amazing job!

Last year, Miss Shah worked with the group of student volunteers towards their Archbishop of York Young Leaders Award. The award was set up by the Archbishop of York to change the perception of young people and offer experience and opportunities. There are 3 sections which make up the award:

**FAITH** - students are asked to look at key people of faith, what they believe in and how they use it to make a change in their communities.

**HOPE** - students then look at their communities and think how they can get involved in social action groups or make a change for the better within the community.

**ACTION** - finally the students are asked to take action, get involved and make a difference.

As part of the course the students had to undertake a personal challenge, a school community challenge and a whole community challenge.

The overall ethos of the award is to “Be the change you want to see”

Miss Shah has been amazed at how thoughtful and selfless these students have proved themselves to be planning events for the elderly and collecting litter in our local community all with a smile on their faces!

The students trained to become Ambassadors for the Anne Frank and You Exhibition at the Kala Sangham centre in Bradford and held an assembly in front of their year group passing on what they had learnt.

The group worked with Bingley Town Council collecting litter in the local community - the students said they were happy to take part as they had highlighted litter as an issue they wanted to improve in the local community.

For the voluntary part of their award the group focussed on serving others. The students raised enough money (through several bake sales in school) for 15 plates and paints, provided by Firefly Pottery in Leeds, and spent the afternoon chatting and painting pottery with the residents.

“I enjoyed the experience because it was something new and it was very relaxing, sociable and fun. The elderly people were very kind and they were easy to work with. I think it made the elderly people feel loved and more cared for.” Zara, Year 8

These students have been a real credit to the school and we are extremely proud of their personal and group achievements. Maimunah Uddin in Year 9 said, “To be a part of the ABoY group was an amazing feeling as the journey was incredible with all the new things we learnt from painting pottery with the elderly to how to present in front of large crowds. The elderly at Cottingley Care home probably were one of the best parts as they really gave me goosebumps with their exciting journeys and made me realize how easier things are getting in the world! I have learnt that its a great feeling and sense of pride to be a part of a group/community where you’re all trying to make a good change. I’ve also grown more in confidence and am looking to join this years Amnesty club!”

Miss Shah will be running the ABoY Young Leaders scheme again this year starting in January.
Music GCSE & Theory Classes

We have been working hard over summer to ensure we continue to offer the Music GCSE qualification to our students.

Mr Sykes and Mr McGuffie, both experienced professional musicians and teachers (Classical and Rock), and music exam board examiners, plan to offer a music theory class out of school hours once a week for those who would like to either continue their studies in music or begin afresh. Year 7 and 8 students will still be given Music lessons during school time as part of their curriculum.

The class will be open to all year groups and, depending on level of ability, the GCSE Music course can be started at any age. Other exams will be offered as well including Music Technology, Song Writing, Composition, Band Skills and Music theory exams.

Mr Sykes said,

“The classes will be run in a really creative way and as part of the sessions we will form a band with all the members of the group. The classes will begin after half term.”

The Music GCSE and Music Theory lessons will be held on Wednesday evenings between 7.15pm - 9.00pm beginning on 1st November - please register your son/daughter’s interest prior to the classes starting.

As this is an out of hours class with specialised teaching, parents will be asked to contribute a nominal amount of £5.00 per week allowing us to offer this opportunity.

Anyone interested in taking GCSE Music, a music theory qualification or instrumental lessons of any sort please contact Mr Graham Sykes by phone: 07910779288 or by email: grahamsykes@rockschool.co.uk

Yr 10 Italy Trip

In July, 40 Year 10 Humanities students visited Italy to enrich their understanding of Geography, History and RE.

Mr Ward reports:

We began our trip by travelling through the night to Rome - therefore the first day was a very sleepy experience at the largest amphitheatre ever built, the Coliseum. The students were fortified later by an outstanding Roman pizza.

Day two was spent visiting the Vatican and we were lucky to catch a surprise appearance by the Pope in St Peter’s Square (a number of the students were convinced that the Pope’s address was based around a lasagne recipe!)

The next day involved a transfer to the Bay of Naples and a visit to Pompeii where students came face to face with life in a Roman settlement that was abruptly ended in 79CE with the eruption of the nearby Mt Vesuvius. This was amazing to see first-hand.

The final day was a real touch of ‘La Dolce Vita’ with a full day on Capri Island, playground of the rich and famous, where Bingley Grammar School students fitted right in!

I would like to thank the students who were a real credit to the school - many fond memories were made for students and staff alike.
European Day of Languages
We have been celebrating the European Day of Languages in form groups this week as well as the MFL department.
The restaurant also served a special European Menu (which was delicious) with food from Italy, France, Mexico and the UK on offer. We hope everyone had a happy European Day of Languages!

Bingley Bright Sparks News
Our Health & Social Care students have made a fabulous start at Bright Sparks over the last couple of weeks.
Students have been developing their communication & organisation skills. Our theme has been transport. Many thanks to the Pre School Alliance for the loan of the School crossing outfits and play scene. It has helped toddlers role play the world around them.
Bright Sparks provides Health and Social Care students with a valuable opportunity to see theory in action. It also enables students to complete early years exam questions & provide real life examples that they have experienced in their assignments.

BrightSparks runs term time at St Aidans Church in Crossflatts.
Monday 9.00am - 11.00am
Wednesday 9.00am - 11.00am
Bring your pre-schoolers along and join in the fun!
Max 7 Macmillan Tea Party
It was lovely to see parent/carers and staff joining the students to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Care at the Max 7 Tea Party yesterday. A full story with photos will be on the website next week.

Year Group Messages

Year 7: Goals set for the term for year 7: ‘We will be known for our kindness and good manners’ - this is definitely being demonstrated across the year group so far. Yr 7 have settled in to BGS fantastically well, they are all doing brilliantly the teacher feedback is outstanding. Myself and Mrs Faunch are so proud to be their Head of year and student support. WELL DONE TO OUR FANTASTIC YEAR 7!

Year 8: Goal set for the term ‘we will be known for our respect to one another’. Year 8 have come back after the summer with a fabulous attitude and are settling very well - the teacher feedback is positive and lots of student are receiving postcards of praise. I am pleased and proud once again to be taking the year group forward into another year. KEEP IT UP FABULOUS YEAR 8!

Year 9: Year 9 have come back from the summer break with a new maturity and real desire to succeed. Given that Year 9 is part of Key Stage 4, I told the year group in their first assembly that I would like them to be known for “getting stuck into their GCSEs”. They are certainly living up to this having received many positive comments from teachers across the board. As well as this, Year 9 should be congratulated for their attendance which is currently the highest of any year group in the school. Keep it up!

Year 10: Welcome back to Year 10 from the Pastoral team. We are very pleased with your positive start to the academic year and look forward to helping you develop opportunities for success during this year.

Year 11: Welcome back Year 11 from the Pastoral team. Year 11 is a great year and we are looking forward to supporting you to ensure that you continue to be Focused, Resilient and Inspirational. We have had a fantastic start to the year. Your hard work and determination will not only assist you with attaining your GCSE’s but it will also provide you with the opportunity to succeed in the future. Keep up the good work and remember to speak to us if we can do anything else to support you further.

Year 12: Welcome to the sixth form. By now you should be settling in, both into your courses and tutor groups. Well done to everyone for their work so far and in particular the recent assessment day. Targets should be signed off and agreed between yourself and your subject teachers. The sixth form will be a fantastic part of your education as you look to secure your next step after Yr 13. Working hard, staying focussed and adopting a growth mind-set should mean Yr 12 is a success which in turn will help you as you transition into Yr 13 and beyond.

Year 13: Welcome back Year 13. The final leg of your Bingley Grammar School journey is now underway. It is vital that you build upon the success of Yr 12 and effectively manage the demands of your courses alongside planning for life beyond Yr 13. Although Yr 13 requires lots of hard work and 100% commitment it is also hugely rewarding.
Dr Mwangi visits BGS

Last week we welcomed Dr Mwangi into school from the Kenyan Ministry of Education. We are proud to be working with Dr Mwangi and Mr Phil Hawkins from PiXL International to create the PiXL Kenya partnership.

During the summer break Mr Parapia visited Nairobi with Mr Phil Hawkins from PiXL International with a view to create PiXL Kenya. Bingley Grammar School has been working with a number of Kenyan schools for 5 years now and we felt it would benefit them, as it has us, to become a part of the PiXL family.

PiXL is a partnership of over 1500 schools working together to achieve the highest outcomes for students and to improve their life chances - Bingley Grammar School has been a member of PiXL since 2014.

PiXL International has established PiXL hubs of schools working together both in Brazil and Tanzania, now PiXL International is re-shaping its model by partnering with UK PiXL schools, like Bingley Grammar, with links in developing countries.

Phil Hawkins said, "We were delighted to be approached by Bingley Grammar School who had a pre-existing link with Jamhuri High School in Nairobi, Kenya. Jamil Parapia, Associate Assistant Head Teacher at Bingley, has co-ordinated the link between the schools for several years. Building relationships must be at the heart of cross-cultural development and Jamil, having dual Kenyan/British citizenship, had paved the way - his father, Professor Liakat Parapia, was actually a former student at Jamhuri and joined us for the visit."

During their visit to Kenya Mr Parapia and Mr Hawkins were fortunate to be welcomed by Dr. Lorna Mwangi, part of the Kenyan Education Ministry who facilitated the whole visit and were well received by Robert. N. M. Masese, the Kenyan Director General of Education.

This week, Bingley Grammar School has welcomed Dr. Mwangi and Mr Hawkins into school for more strategic discussions and lesson observations as well as training opportunities in the LORIC (PiXL Edge) scheme and various subject areas. Dr Mwangi also joined Mr Hawkins at the PiXL main office and conference in London on Tuesday and Wednesday. Mr Hawkins said, "A huge thanks to Bingley Grammar and we look forward to continuing the journey together in February 2018 as a team heads back to Nairobi for the next stage of training."

Haaris joins RSC ACT

Yr 10 student Haaris has been chosen to be part of the RSCs first youth company.

Haaris will join 19 other young people who all demonstrated exceptional talent, focus, commitment and passion, when they took part in a series of masterclasses that took place across the country earlier this year.

The masterclasses involved 180 students from the RSC’s Associate Schools Programme, and were held in Cornwall, London, Kent, Newcastle, Middlesbrough, York, Hull, Bradford, Blackpool and Stoke. The 20 members of RSC Next Generation ACT are all aged between 12 and 16 years old, and were selected by a panel of RSC actors and representatives from the RSC’s Casting and Education departments.

Click here to read the news article from the Telegraph & Argus >>

Adult Maths Classes

After the success of the Adult English classes held at Eldwick Primary School, a new Maths class has begun.

If any of our parent/carers feel they would benefit from attending these classes please see the flyer below:

FREE Adult Maths Class
at Eldwick Primary School

? How confident do you feel about Maths?

? How confident do you feel about supporting your child’s maths learning?

If the answer is “not very” then our FREE Adult Maths Class is for you!

Every Tuesday at Eldwick Primary School: 9am to 11am term time

The class operates as a “roll on, roll off” class. Whether you are a beginner, a refresher or just want to gain a new qualification, every level is catered for.

Come along on a Tuesday morning and meet Aliki Georgiou, our fabulous Maths Tutor.

For more information contact Jackie Rosano, Parental Involvement Worker:

Email: j.rosano@eldwick.bradford.sch.uk or telephone: 01274 568361

The Adult Maths Class is funded by Bingley Grammar School and we thank them for their generous support.
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**Notes from the Teachers:**

**House Captain Applications**
Remember to get your applications for house captain. Heads of House need two students per year group. Once applications are in, you will be contacted by your HOH. Good Luck!

**House Photo Competition**
The ‘Who am i?’ photo competition is being run this half term – submit your entries to your Head of House! In the mean time, check out the entries from HOH...

**School Photos**
The photographers have been in school today taking individual photos of all students in Years 7-12. If your son/daughter has had their photo taken they will have been given an information card with their own personal details on so you are able to purchase the photos by ordering online. Please make sure your student passes you the order card as we do not handle the purchasing process in school.

**Journalism Club**
Miss Broaders will be starting a Journalism club after school on Tuesdays on the 10th October for Key Stage 3 students. Come along to G2 2.50pm - 3.50pm.

**Form Group 8S1 Bake Sale**
8S1 are holding a bake sale during KS3 break on Tuesday 3rd October to support Macmillan.

**Bingley Stars**

We know that our school community is full of amazing individuals who achieve so much both in school and in their own time. So we have created a page on our website where we are able to recognise our students and staff achievements - if you think a member of our school community should feature on this page please email the details to Mrs Kennett on: althea.kennett@bingleygrammar.org

Click here to visit the Bingley Stars page >>