A Word from the Headteacher

Over the past few weeks we have been focussing on bullying and how to prevent it in our assemblies, tutor time and PSE lessons.

During the Year 7 assembly Head of Year, Mrs Roberts, spoke about her experience of being bullied as a child and was amazed at how a discussion developed with four students in particular contributing to the talk. Mr Weston rewarded them with certificates and Mrs Roberts also phoned home to express how amazing they were.

We are in the process of creating a student anti-bullying team to make sure we carry on ensuring Bingley Grammar a safe and enjoyable place to learn for everyone.

On Wednesday this week, I attended the Winter Wonderland concert and was blown away by the amount of talent we have in school. Well done to all the actors, singers and musicians, especially the Crossflatts choir who made the evening really special. Mrs Kennett is working her way through the photos from the show and a full story and photo gallery will be on the website next week.

Mr Luke Weston
Headteacher
Our Christmas Shoebox Gifts

The Christmas Shoebox Appeal boxes have been collected and started their long journey - we have no idea where our boxes will be sent but we are sure they will be greatly appreciated by the children who receive them.

Our sixth form prefects visited form groups and assemblies over the last few weeks to let students and teachers know about the shoebox appeal. We know that Christmas can be an expensive time of year so form groups were asked to fill a number of boxes between them. Students have collectively donated shoeboxes full of gifts to children living in poverty around the world.

Our Head Girl and Boy, Isobel and Hayaat, are extremely pleased with how engaged students have been with this cause, especially Years 7 and 8 saying, “Thank you to all the students and staff who donated gifts for the shoeboxes - we hope they make a big difference to lots of children at Christmas.”

Yr 9 Health & Social Care

The Yr 9 Health & Social Care group focussed on Paramedics last week.

During this half term, the Health & Social Care students in Yr 9 have been learning about the role of paramedics and ambulance teams. The group have spent time learning about paramedics and the qualifications, first aid and skills needed for the role.

They then demonstrated outstanding teamwork and communication skills creating two ambulance models. Many thanks to our judge for deciding upon the winning team.

Mrs Williams said, “The group had a fabulous morning developing their communication, interpersonal and team building skills.”
Children in Need

On the 17th November we had our annual non-uniform day as well as lots of fundraising activities in aid of Children in Need.

Miss Benson worked with a group of student volunteers to help run the fundraising and much fun was had joining in with the online duck race and eating delicious buns from the bake sales around school. Last year we raised £1,324.00 for the charity and were awarded as a ‘Loyal Supporter School’ for being one of the top school fundraisers nationally. Thank you to all our students, staff and parent/carers for donating to this worthy cause.

We are very pleased to tell you, we topped that amount this year raising a fantastic £1,859.93!
**Year 9 Student Praise Meeting**

Earlier this month, 40 Year 9 students met with Mr Weston to be praised for their approach to learning.

All of these young people are in the top 10% of their year group achieving Engagement with Learning scores of 1.5 or less. This is based on teachers in all subjects recognising that these students are putting in outstanding or consistently good effort on a daily basis. They were also recognised for their continued outstanding behaviour.

Mr Ward, Head of Year 9 said, “We are extremely proud - these young people are clearly getting stuck into their GCSE courses.”

Mr Weston spoke with the group acknowledging the effort they were putting into their studies and encouraging them to keep it up to achieve their ambitions.

Our Year 9 Student Support Officer, Mr Brown said, “I’ve seen these students develop since they arrived in Year 7 - they are self-motivated, and have a clear plan as to what they want to achieve. It was a pleasure to be involved in the praise meeting and also informing the parents of their achievements.”

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**Somebody’s Sister, Somebody’s Daughter**

On Wednesday this week we were visited by the GW Theatre Company to perform a hard-hitting play to our Year 9 students and Year 10 Drama students. The group specialises in creating and delivering theatre productions aimed at young people - ‘Somebody’s Sister, Somebody’s Daughter’ is a powerful drama about sexual exploitation and street grooming, aimed at young people aged 14 upwards and adults.

It goes behind the front page mug-shots to the human stories of three young people: Chloe, the 15 year old girl from an ordinary family, who is caught up in the web of a grooming gang. Sara, the half-Asian best friend who saves her, and Javid, the young man who risks everything to help Sara get Chloe out of the grip of his ‘Uncle’ Adeem and his ‘business partner’ Phil.
Sixth Form Open Evening
We had a great turnout at our Sixth Form Guidance Evening last night.

Year 11 students from Bingley Grammar, and many surrounding schools, came along to talk to subject teachers and current students to find out about the courses we have on offer in the Sixth Form. Mr Greening, our Director of Sixth Form, gave presentations outlining the opportunities we have available, providing an overview of the application process, together with advice on choosing courses and what to expect as a sixth form student.

A big thank you must go to our many current Year 12 and Year 13 students who did a fantastic job helping out on subject stands, handing out prospectuses and application forms, and talking to Year 11 students so that they could hear about the student experience direct. Particular thanks to Hayaat and Isobel, our Head Boy and Head Girl, who spoke about their sixth form experience following Mr Greening’s presentations.

Any Year 11 students who couldn’t attend the Guidance Evening will be able to find out all about the Sixth Form from our website: http://www.bingleygrammar.org/sixth-form/welcome-to-sixth-form/

If you have any queries about the Sixth Form please email sixth@bingleygrammar.org, or telephone Mrs Booth, the Sixth Form Coordinator, on 01274 807753.

Antibiotics Awareness Break Time Experiments

Last week Miss Cane and Mrs Humphreys opened up one of the science labs at lunchtime to run a series of experiments showing students how antibiotics work.

Students were amazed at how quickly bacteria can develop and what antibiotics can and can’t treat. Here are some of the experiments:

1. **Bacteria are everywhere - dirty hands**
   Students applied Glitterbug Potion lotion to their hands and then using a UV light, were able to see the ‘bacteria’ glowing under the lamp. They then washed their hands following the NHS recommended handwashing procedure and checked to see if the bacteria had been washed off. Students also tried using antibacterial gel to see if it was as effective as soap and water.

2. **Bacteria are everywhere - our possessions**
   24 hours before the sessions, swabs were taken from a mobile phone, a desk, a pen, a door handle and a keyboard. The cultures grown shocked the students who decided to wash their hands more often and use antibacterial wipes on their phones!

3. **Antibiotic Use investigation**
   The students used a simulation to look at how different antibiotics treat different illnesses and how antibiotics can’t treat viruses like the cold virus and antibiotic resistant bacteria. The red colour of the agar changed to a yellow colour if the antibiotic was effective. The more yellow colour around the well, the more effective it was.

Miss Cane hopes that the students enjoyed the activities and also now understand about the differences between bacterial infections and viruses, and when antibiotics should be used.
## Dates to Remember:

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<td>The sixth form are running a disco for Year 7 students. The disco will be on Thursday 7th December from 6.00pm-8.00pm in G8/9 (the drama studios). Tickets: £2.50 each</td>
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## School Direct

We are now a School Direct Lead School. This allows us to offer Teacher Training Placements for a September 2018 start.

For more information visit the school website. Courses offered:

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

How to apply:

Applications are through UCAS: [www.ucas.com/ucas/teacher-training](http://www.ucas.com/ucas/teacher-training)

Find us by searching: Bingley Grammar School Direct

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## Notes from the Teachers:

### MFL Exercise Books

Students in MFL now have 2 exercise books - a GREEN one for all class work and notes (this goes home with your child) and a YELLOW one for all marked assessed work e.g. vocab tests, written tasks from memory and exams (this one remains in school).

If you as parents and carers wish to see your child’s marked work please let us know and we can send the YELLOW book home. We just ask that it is returned to school as soon as possible once you have had a chance to look through it. Many thanks, MFL Faculty

### Year 7 Homework Club

Mrs Faunch has begun a new homework club for Year 7 students who are struggling with on-line homework.

The club will be at break times on Tuesdays and Thursdays in G7 and will begin on Tuesday 14th November. Mrs Faunch will be providing refreshments for the students who attend!

### Year 10 Geography Trip - Italy 2018

The next payment of £150 should be made to the finance office by Monday 4th December 2017.

### Philosophy Club

Ms Lewis is starting up a 'Philosophy Club' for Years 9-11! This will run on Tuesdays after school in D9 3.00pm-3.30pm. The group will be discussing and debating controversial issues in an informal atmosphere.

Why not come along to find out more!

### Dodgeball Competitions

The Year 13 Sport and Physical Activity students are organising two dodgeball comps in January. They would like as many Year 7 and 8 students as possible to come along, have fun and play dodgeball. As this is a participation event students will earn points for their houses just by turning up and playing!

The sixth formers will be visiting tutor groups and speaking in assemblies but you can sign up now on the google form which has been emailed directly to all of Year 7 and 8.

#### Year 7 - Tuesday 23rd January   Year 8 - Wednesday 24th January

**Location:** Old Gym/Sports Hall. FULL PE KIT REQUIRED

### Hegarty Maths

The Maths department would like to recognise those students who are going above and beyond with their independent learning - here are our November Hegarty Maths Stars!

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