A Word from the Headteacher

As you will already know, at the end of last term we welcomed the Ofsted inspectors into school. Thank you to all the parent/carers who logged into the Parent View website and gave your views on all aspects of our school, it was really helpful for the inspectors to receive your views.

Our staff and students were amazing on the day and helped make the day very successful. The report will be going live next week and we will keep you informed.

Mr Luke Weston
Headteacher

Yrs 7 and 8 Headteacher’s Awards

This week Mr Weston was pleased to present groups of Year 7 and Year 8 students with their Headteacher’s awards.

Mr Weston congratulated both groups for their commitment and excellent efforts in all their classes and presented them with certificates which he said “must take pride of place on the fridge!”

Head of Year 7 Mrs Roberts explained, “Last term these students showed the most progress in their Engagement with Learning and they should all be proud of their achievements this year.”
Yr 7 & 8 Brilliant Club Launch Trip

At the end of March, 23 students from Years 7 and 8 went on a launch trip to the University of Sheffield to be introduced to the ‘Scholars programme’ run by the Brilliant Club.

The Brilliant Club is the largest university access programme for secondary schools in the UK. For more information on the Brilliant Club click here >>

‘The Scholars programme’ is an eight week programme that places university researchers (PhD tutors) into schools to teach university style tutorials to small groups in STEM, the Arts and Humanities. At the end of the programme students complete a final assignment.

The launch trip included:
- a tour of the University campus
- a study skills session
- a chance to meet and question current students
- their first tutorial with the PhD tutors

The Scholars Programme is designed to help students develop the knowledge, skills and ambition that support progression to highly selective universities and work in partnership with 17 of the countries most selective universities including Oxford and Cambridge.

Mrs Williams commented, “The group were a pleasure to accompany on the trip and are all working hard in their weekly tutorials with their PhD tutors.”

GCSEpod

We provide access to GCSEpod for our students so they can make the most of their revision time and it can also help with homework.

GCSEpod is a digital service that provides focused learning in a unique ‘Pod’ format across 20 popular GCSE subjects, which we filter so it is specific to the exam boards we use for each subject.

GCSEpod is a great way to revise on the go and pods can be downloaded to phones, tablets and other devices to watch/listen to at a later time. The pods are a great way of revising core concepts and consolidating work done in class. Each subject is broken down into topics and questions are answered in short concise ‘Pods’.

We have sent emails out to all students in years 9-11 explaining how to log onto the service. Use the site to learn and revise and maybe win £150 shopping vouchers as well as something for school! You can easily find out your login if you have forgotten it by just going to the site and clicking on forgotten your login details. >> Click here to log on to GCSEpod and get revising.
**Arek Hersh**

On April 15th Miss Shah was invited to a special celebration at the National Holocaust centre and museum where the bronze bust of Arek Hersh (sculpted by Frances Segelman) was unveiled. A painting of Arek was also unveiled.

Miss Shah said,

“This was an incredible day and I was able to see the centre’s exhibitions on the Holocaust. Arek has been giving talks at the centre since 1995.”

“Arek showed me the memorial gardens where Holocaust survivors can remember their families and took me to where he placed flowers to remember his own family.”

Miss Shah felt extremely privileged to be invited to the event which really highlighted the impact that Arek has had on so many people since his liberation and, as he approaches his 90th birthday, he still continues to travel to schools around the country. He also visited Auschwitz last week with Channel 5. We look forward to welcoming Arek and Jean back to Bingley Grammar in the future.

Miss Shah will be organising a trip to the centre next year where students can see the sculpture of Arek and learn more about his and many other harrowing stories.

**Other things Miss Shah and the students are up to:**

The **Amnesty Youth group** are preparing for Refugee week which will run from 18-24th June. We will be raising awareness and money to support refugee families during this week through a number of activities.

The **Archbishop of York students** are busy this term raising money individually through personal challenges and also through bake sales in school for the homeless shelter St Georges crypt and will also be planning our annual summer tea party for residents of Cottingley Hall and Thompson court in July.

Finally, Miss Shah will be running a competition to go to London and visit Westminster in June open to Year 7 and 8 students, which will be launched in assembly in the next few weeks. Watch this space!

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**Parent Focus Group**

An update on the Parent Focus Group activities

The Parent Focus Group would like to thank everyone who has visited their cafe during after school events and to remind you that this will be running during the upcoming Parents’ Evenings offering hot and cold drinks and snacks. In addition to this, they will be looking to introduce some fun activities with the opportunity to win prizes so watch this space!

**You may be wondering what happens to the monies raised from this?**

The Parent Focus Group is fund raising to improve the quality of playground furniture for the students in the school by providing new seating and tables. We hope you will be able to support us in this by supporting the work that the Parent Focus Group is doing by visiting their cafe and taking part in their activities.

**Bright Sparks Film Stars!**

Last Wednesday, our Bingley Bright Sparks playgroup welcomed five 2nd Year BA Filmmaking students from the Northern Film School at Leeds Beckett University to film the children at the group.

As part of their final degree, the young filmmakers and producers have chosen to focus their film on the day to day situations a young child may come across calling it ‘Eye Spy’. Based on a child’s point of view and how they see the world, the students filmed the children playing and interacting with their freinds.

One of the filmakers, James Gath, actually attended a playgroup at St Aidan’s Church, where Bright Sparks is held twice a week over 17 years ago!

The filming took around three hours to record and will form a five minute scene in the final piece.

The students would like to thank the children and their parent/carers and have said they will send the finished film to Mrs Williams so that the Bright Sparks parents will be able to see their budding actors in action!
On Tuesday 24th April, 35 Year 13 students completed presentations of their Extended Project Qualification (EPQ). The process began back in the summer term of 2017 with an amazing 93 students signing up to the project qualification but only the hardy and committed had survived. The final 35 have shown real resilience over the past 10 months.

The concept of the EPQ is that they carry out a project of their choosing and work independently guided by a staff mentor. Most students pick a project around a topic that they feel will benefit them in their chosen field of higher education application.

The topic areas chosen show the great diversity that our students are interested in; ranging from Brexit and horror films, through to the risks of Caffeine and gender stereotypes in children’s fiction.

The students were truly amazing; they started the evening self-conscious and worried about whether they would cope; they finished the evening on a high, much more confident and having conversed with staff, governors and attending parents, discussing their project with real passion and animation. They were a credit to themselves.

Thanks go to the parents and staff involved for being there to encourage and support the students through the process.

To view the extensive photo gallery visit our school website >>
Duke of Edinburgh Award

The Duke of Edinburgh expedition training took place on 23rd April which 44 Year 9 and 10 students attended.

The following topics were covered:

- Map skills and navigation
- Route planning
- First aid
- Emergency procedures
- Tents
- Food and menu choices

We are now really looking forward to the training expedition which takes place on 17th-18th May and the qualifying expedition which will be on 5th-6th July.

Max 7 Flowers

The weather may have turned cold and wet but the Max 7 flower pots are looking lovely and brightening up the Quinn block.

Year 7 Football

The Year 7 Football team had a brilliant day attending a football festival held at Beckfoot on Thursday 19th April.

Our Year 7 footballers enjoyed an afternoon of glorious sunshine putting in a great effort playing four other teams from local schools. The team gained 2 wins against Holy Family (7-0) and Titus Salt (2-0), a hard earned draw against Parkside and 2 close losses to Oakbank and Beckfoot. The team are already looking ahead to their next festival on Thursday 17th May in an attempt to improve on the great work they have put in so far.

Mr Hill was extremely proud of the whole team and would like to say a massive “well done lads!”

Medical Emails

We now have a dedicated email address for medical/first aid issues. Our Medical Needs Coordinator Miss Parker will be emailing parent/carers to draw their attention to the change.

This email address will be used by Miss Parker to send out information to relevant year groups regarding upcoming injections and important medical/first aid information.

Parent/Carers can also use this email address to contact Miss Parker directly regarding their son/daughter’s medical issues and or first aid needs.

Please contact Miss Parker on: medical@bingleygrammar.org with any queries.
The Leonard Dyer - Young Citizen Award Scheme

At the end of February we received a letter from the Rotary Club of Bingley inviting us to nominate one of our students who, in our opinion, reflected the Rotary motto of ‘service above self’ by doing good deeds for others or working with charities to benefit the community.

Heads of Year were asked to nominate students who they thought fit the criteria and we were pleased to receive six emails explaining how amazing their nominees were. Mr Weston had the tricky job of choosing one of the students to go forward for the award but wanted to congratulate the whole group for the acts of kindness they do at home and in the community.

On Tuesday Mr Weston invited the students to his office for hot chocolate and cakes where he congratulated them for doing so much out of school and managing to maintain their school studies. The group were: Martha, Cienna, Hurria, Isha and Kameron in Year 7 and Libby in year 10. Mr Weston decided Libby would go forward as our Rotary Club Young Citizen for her charity fundraising and can-do attitude, but praised and congratulated the whole group for being amazing individuals.

Well done to all our nominees and thank you for all that you do.

Yr 13 Drama Exam Performances

Last Friday our Year 13 Drama students took their final exam performance exam in front of a small audience and the external examiner.

The two groups performed extracts from the play ‘Look Back in Anger’ by John Osborne. The first group (Company A) performed a sequence from the start of the play set in 1993 and the second group (Company B) performed a sequence from the second part of the play set in 1962. Mr Bellinie was extremely pleased with their performance - well done to all involved.
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## Notes from the Teachers:

### H-Eggarty Maths Competition!

Over the Easter Holidays many dedicated Bingley Grammar School students put in the hours on www.hegartymaths.com to revise key topics ahead of this half term’s exams as well as to give confidence in their every day maths. However during this holiday there was an added incentive with the pupils who put the most effort in being rewarded for their hard work with chocolate prizes. Well done to everyone who logged on - 30,000 questions were answered in total but particular congratulations go to all of the following for their efforts:

- **Year 11** - Shakil Uddin, Natalia Basaraba, Aisha Khanom
- **Year 10** - Raessa Asghar, Myiesha Sheikh,
- **Year 9** - Amani Shakeel, Aklima Begum
- **Year 8** - Ali Hussain, Sophia Basaraba

**Year 7** - Madihah Rahman, Anisha Marban

**www.hegartymaths.com** is a fantastic online resource that works on PCs as well as tablets and smartphones. Every Bingley Grammar School pupil has an account and the site has activities to attempt and records results. The most useful feature is the access to great videos that have helped pupils to make rapid progress across all of the Key Stages by going over misconceptions.

### NEW - Glee Club!

Tuesday 1st May - Glee Club (club name to be confirmed) will be starting in G8, 3 - 4pm, all years welcome. You do not have to be an amazing singer or dancer, you just have to be willing to give it a go!

### French Trip

Passport copies and hoodie money should be in now, if not please bring into school asap.

There will be a parents meeting on Wednesday 16th May at 6pm. Letters reminding of the meeting will follow.

### Yr 7 and 8

As well as the Year 7 & 8 headteachers award events we have had this week Mrs Roberts has also handed out lots of Postcards of praise this week to students who have shown fantastic improvement with their progress over the last term.

### Geography

Yr13 will be attending a lecture at the University of Leeds on Volcanoes by Professor Kathy Cashman FRS on 23rd May 6-8pm. Please bring consent forms back asap

### Geography Trip to Italy 2018

Could any outstanding payments please be made to the finance office as soon as possible as they are now overdue. All consent forms and passports also need to be given to Miss Frankland as soon as possible.

### Exam Revision Sessions

Bespoke revision timetables will be sent to students soon. In the mean time please speak to your subject teachers to find out where and when revision sessions are being held.

- **Yr 11 Drama** revision every Tuesday in G4 after school up to and including 15th May.
- **Yr 11 MFL** revision continues every Wednesday after school until final exams complete.
- **Y11 Geography revision**: Monday 14th May on Paper 1 Section B The Living World, Monday 21st May on Paper 1 Section C Rivers & Coasts