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

Celebration Evening

On the evening of Thurs 12th July, many of our staff, students and their families gathered in the marquee for an evening of celebration.

The Summer Awards evening has become a highlight of the school year where we commend our students for their academic, sporting, musical and LORIC achievements.

Mr Weston welcomed our guests followed by speeches from two Yr 7 students Isaac and Finn.

Some of the awards presented were: Achievement Points, House & LORIC Awards; Foundation Governors’ Subject Prizes and Form Prizes amongst others.

Throughout the evening the audience was entertained by our Latin dance group, and Guitar soloist Poppy. We also had a speech from Our Young Citizen of the Year Libby in Yr 9.

The evening was rounded off by our Chair of Governors Mr Conderson who praised our students for all their hard work.

Thank you to all our staff who organised the event and to our students and families who came along and made it a great evening. We would also like to thank Mrs Puddy and the Food department for the beautiful scones which were very much enjoyed by everyone.

We are extremely proud of all of our students and we hope everyone who attended the event enjoyed it as much as we did.

To view more photos from the Awards Evening click here to visit our school website >>
Year 11 Leavers Prom 2018

On Thursday 5th July, just after their final GCSE exams, our Year 11 students gathered at the Mercure Bankfield Hotel to celebrate their time at Bingley Grammar School.

All our students and staff shared a wonderful evening together - sadly due to technical difficulties we were unable to take any group photos but we have the official photographers shot below and we were also sent the lovely group shot opposite by one of our parent/carers.

We have also been given access to these photo booth photos which we hope you enjoy.

We would like to wish all our Year 11s a wonderful summer and we will see you all on Thursday 23rd August for exam results day!
Aleena Wins the Regional Speak Out Challenge!

Earlier this year in March, 30 Year 10 students took part in a Speak Out public speaking workshop to improve their confidence.

The workshop was run by a professional trainer in public speaking and the students who took part in this workshop had been nominated by their English teachers to improve their confidence. At the end of the workshop, all the participants gave a speech which was judged by Mrs Robinson and Mrs Smithson. This led to our three finalists: Aleena, Charles and Helen speaking in front of an audience of their peers and a panel of teacher judges which Aleena won.

On the 26th June Aleena went on to represent Bingley Grammar in the Speaker’s Trust Bradford Regional Final, which was held at Bradford City Football Club. Aleena had to give a three-minute speech on her topic of ‘Insecurity’ in front of an audience of 150-200 education professionals, parents, and fellow students, competing against thirteen other schools from across the city. All of the speeches were of an amazing standard and, after a nerve-wracking wait while the speeches were ranked by six judges (including journalists, politicians, business and charity professionals), it was announced that Aleena had won the whole competition!

We would like to congratulate Aleena on her achievement - Mr Weston, Mrs Dean and all our staff are extremely proud of you!

Click here to read more and watch the videos of Aleena, Helen and Charles’ speeches >>

ABoY Summer Tea Party

On the 17th July, we organised our 3rd annual tea party for residents of Cottingley Hall and Thompson court care home.

Miss Shah organised the tea party with her Archbishop of York Award students and a number of students in Year 10 as well as a group of sixth formers who wanted to help. Miss Shah was really moved by the amount of students who wanted to help.

The tea party was held in the new sixth form bistro and the food and drink was kindly provided by the school caterers (P & A Food Management). They put together a delicious tea with sandwiches and cakes and baked beautiful scones which were accompanied by British flags to go with the theme of the tea party.

Our guests enjoyed listening to the school band as well as talking to the students and playing bingo. Thank you to the Year 10 students for their excellent bingo calling - Miss Shah’s personal favourite was ‘Theresa’s den, number 10!’

The event was also attended by Beth and Rachel from MP Philip Davies’ team and they also had a great time. Miss Shah is very proud of all the students who helped to set up the tea party and it was lovely to see the different generations engaging with each other.

Miss Shah would like to send huge thanks to the kitchen staff and P&A Food Management, Mr Parkinson and the site team, and everyone who helped to make the event another success.

Click here to read the thoughts of our students and our guests after the event and also view the photo gallery on the school website >>
Year 8 Malham Trip

The annual Bingley Grammar summer hike up to Yorkshire's limestone pavement at Malham happened again last week and as ever the students enjoyed every minute!

Mr Conboy reports: Counting an impressive 412 steps made this a true challenge for some. Despite some tired legs and hard work, everyone was rewarded with impressive and spectacular views across the Yorkshire Dales.

The trip was organised over three days and on each day the weather held out brilliantly. As ever, the students were very well prepared with water bottles, packed lunches and sensible footwear. Students took in spectacular sights of a karst scenery (karst meaning a scenery of weathered soluble rock – in this case limestone!) which took them to Malham Cove, across the limestone pavement, into the dried up Gordale Scar, past the almost dry Janet’s Foss waterfall before finally finishing up in Malham where some students treated themselves to ice cream as reward for their efforts!

The students were a credit to Bingley Grammar School. Also, a massive thank you to the staff who helped organise the trip and to those staff who helped take part in the walk.

Fun Kitchen

On Thursday 5th and Friday 6th July, we had the pleasure of hosting a 2-day food science cookery event led by the company Fun Kitchen.

Fun kitchen is an award-winning company that teaches students the science behind cookery and healthy eating whilst including practical and traditional cookery skills into their sessions. During the two days, 200 Year 7 students of mixed ability attended the sessions filling N6 with exciting food science.

During the two days students have:
- set sugar alight to explore its energy content
- denatured proteins by using acids, heat and physical action (cooking eggs)
- learnt about the chemical structure of protein based foods
- learned about complex sugars, preservatives and 4-year-old apple pies!
- looked at the elasticity of gluten
- made Twisted Tomato Bread
- looked into the future by tasting sustainable proteins, eating bugs, crickets and mealworms!

Mrs Wilkinson said, “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.”

We had many compliments regarding the conduct of our students, Simon said it was a pleasure to attend once again to teach such eager and enthused students.
Year 7 Computing Theme Day
On the 28th June Year 7 students enjoyed a Computing Theme day.
64 students from Year 7 were selected based on their EWL (Engagement With Learning) scores in computing lessons. We had visitors from the University of Bradford, who came in to deliver 50 minute sessions on a carousel. The sessions were delivered by final year students who came in to talk about their final year projects.
Mrs Boparai said,
“The Year 7 students were very engaged and had a lot of questions to ask, which showed their enthusiasm and interest. I was very proud of their attitude and behaviour on the day.”
The topics ranged from an Introduction to Games Development, Eye Scanner, Microbots and Virtual Headsets. The students were able to learn about the different technologies and how these university students used them to create their projects.

Gamezstation Reward Day
Last week we welcomed the Gamezstation Bus into school.
Computing/I-Media students from Years 7 to 10 were rewarded with an hour’s session of playing computer games in the mobile gaming van.
The students were chosen by their computing teachers for their consistent hard work and effort throughout the year in their Computing lessons.  https://www.gamezstation.co.uk/

Yr 8 Drama Club Performs ‘Forgotten’
In January the Year 8 Drama club began the challenge of taking on a complete play. ‘Forgotten’ is a sequel to the well known and loved story of ‘Peter Pan’.
The play explored the character of ‘Gwen’ (Wendy) once she is older and has forgotten Neverland. ‘Forgotten’ explores relationships, imagination and family and is an enchanting development to follow the well loved story of the boy who never grew up.
After 7 months of multiple rehearsals each week, the Year 8 Drama club performed the play on Wednesday 18th July. The performance was well received with many proud parents offering well deserved feedback after the production.
Miss Mawson would like to extend her gratitude to all students involved who performed to such an incredible standard and to all parents who supported the school by providing costumes and allowing students to stay after school for rehearsals.
An additional thank you is extended to the Latin Dance group who performed their show dance to ‘Sway’ beautifully despite some members of the group being unable to attend the performance. The dancers were professional and performed incredibly well. It was a lovely evening and all the performers should be proud of their achievement.

To view more photos visit the school website >>
The Art & Photography Show
On the evening of Thurs 12th July, Mr Davenport and the Art department opened the GCSE and A Level art exhibition to friends and families of our students.

The work on display was produced by students taking: GCSE Art and Design, GCSE Photography and A Level Art. The exhibition showcased the wide range of work our talented students have undertaken this year as well as the variety of materials and skills used. The opening of the exhibition coincided with the KS3 and KS4 Awards Evening and we were thrilled to see many of our students and their families taking the time to enjoy the exhibition with us.

The event began at 5:00pm and it was extremely busy and well received all evening. The exhibition was also open during school hours for our students and staff to visit and many classes from different faculties visited G8/9 to soak up the creativity and see the high standard of work produced. Well done to all our wonderful creative students and we wish you all well on results day.

To view more photos of the artwork on display visit the school website >>
To bring the times of Shakespeare to life, we held an Elizabethan Day which was once again a huge success.

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

The children enjoyed a wonderful event full of drama and activities from Shakespearean times.

This was our fourth Elizabethan Day where we invited 220 students to join us from local Primary schools.

Drama workshops went on all day with scenes from Macbeth being brought to life. The children really engaged with the work and their fight scenes looked amazing! The children also enjoyed Archery, Fencing, Falconry and a Jousting show bringing Shakespearean times to life.

Bingley students from Year 7 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 Sir Frederick, 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.
Summer Music Concert

On the evening of Tuesday 10th July, our Music department welcomed friends and family to our Summer Concert where our music groups and soloists entertained our guests with many different genres of music.

Mrs Oliver and Mr Sykes would like to thank everyone involved for making the Summer Concert so successful. Our Music students spend hours and hours of their own time taking lessons and practising in student led groups and we value their effort and dedication greatly.

We would also like to say thank you and best wishes to any of our Yr 11 and 13 students who are leaving us this year. Their contribution to the department is much appreciated and they will be deeply missed.

Click here to read more about the individual performances and view the photo gallery >>
Year 10 Science Field Trip
On Monday and Tuesday this week year 10 walked to the St. Ives Estate in Harden to practice using GCSE ecological sampling techniques.

Mr Wilson said, “While there, they had the opportunity to carry out a transect across a forest, randomly sample a meadow and sample invertebrate populations by sweep netting, tree beating, pootering and building pitfall traps.”

Sports Day 2018
On Thursday 19th July students from all year groups gathered on the sports field to challenge themselves and enjoy the many events our sports department had organised. It was a brilliant day with around 540 students taking part in the events.

Mr McGregor said, “As always we want to encourage as many of our students as possible to get active and get involved - it’s all about mass participation. Taking part is the important thing (although winning is great too!).”

Each form group was asked to enter a different student for each event including Shot Putt, Softball Throw, Long Jump, High Jump, 100m, 200m, 400m, 1500m and 4x200m Mixed Relay.

Mr Swann said, “Every student that took part in Sports Day should feel proud of themselves and their contribution to their Houses. We had many school records broken this year with Archie in Yr 10 and Sophie in Yr 9 breaking 3 records each!”

Thank you to all our participants, and our sports staff and sixth formers, for running the events and making Sports Day 2018 a day to remember.

Yr 7 Shakespeare Performance
On the evening of Tuesday 17th July our Yr 7 Drama Club performed Shakespeare’s Much Ado About Nothing.

Much Ado About Nothing is one of Shakespeare’s classic comedies, with weddings and lies all thrown in. Our Year 7 Drama Club have been working tirelessly on this project since February and what a great success the performance was.

Mr Byrne would like to thank all the members for their dedication and hard work, and it was really well received by our audience.

To view more photographs of the day visit our school website >>
Careers Fair for Yrs 9, 10 and 12

Earlier this month the marquee was bustling with students and visitors from universities, colleges and organisations at our Careers Fair.

Our Yr 12 students attended the Careers Fair in the morning as part of our Sixth Form progress days designed to help them plan for their next steps.

During the afternoon all of our Year 9 and Year 10 students were also invited to attend the fair, to give them a better picture of varied career paths.

Lots of conversations were had and advice given from experienced professionals; it was such a valuable day for all students who attended.

Thank you to Allied Health Professionals, ASK Project, AWB Charlesworth Law Firm, BASF Plc, Bradford Birth to 19, Computershare, Craven College, Leeds Beckett University, University of Leeds, University of Bradford, Airedale NHS Foundation Trust, West Yorkshire Police, PWC and the RAF for coming along and speaking to our students - there was a great buzz around during and after the event.

Yr 7 and 8 Westminster Trip

On Friday 29th June, 10 students from KS3, made a visit to Westminster, where they were given a tour of Parliament and met the Head of Diversity and Inclusion, Jennifer Crook.

Miss Shah was inspired to organise the trip after hearing one of our Yr 7 students, Finn, speak so passionately about wanting to become a politician and make a difference. Miss Shah decided to launch a competition where students would have the opportunity to apply to be selected to attend the trip. Fin and Joel (who is also extremely interested in politics) firstly wrote to MP Stewart Andrews and expressed their interest in politics and his team were impressed! They then helped to organise a tour of Parliament.

The groups first appointment in Parliament was with the Head of Diversity and Inclusion, Jennifer Crook who gave the students an introduction to the House of Commons and Parliament. She and her team then gave the students a quiz to complete before asking students to imagine they were an MP and come up with a new rule, giving a ‘maiden speech’. Our students then had to vote for the bill to be passed with an ‘Aye’ or a ‘Nay’ just like the MP’s do in the House of Commons.

Jennifer Crook was very impressed with our student’s curiosity and desire to learn, as they asked her a number of honest and astute questions.

“It was a pleasure, they were so well behaved and knowledgeable I am very impressed.”

Jennifer Crook, Head of Diversity and Inclusion.

The group then proceeded to take a tour of Parliament with the very knowledgeable historian Nick who showed the students around the House of Commons and the House of Lords.

Miss Shah said,

“I was so very proud of our students; they were a credit to Bingley Grammar school. We all had a really memorable day and I feel sure politics will feel far more real and accessible after the experience.”

The careers fair was part of our Yr 12 Progress Days Programme - click here to read more about our Progress Days and our newly appointed Head Girl and Boy >>
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## Fitness Club

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

Congratulations to all the students who have accessed Fitness Club after school this year!感人的
Since September students have used the Fitness Club 2054 times to improve their health and welfare. (This number does not include the many staff visits)
This is a new record, up from around 1600 visits last year.
4108 achievement points have been awarded to pupils for extra curricular involvement. (Many thanks to Mr Swann for inputting all the data!)
Our Top Trainer awards have gone to Simeon K with 52 visits and Charlotte A with 40 visits.
I hope you’ve enjoyed this part of the school community and I look forward to seeing you in September.

Mr Smith

## Notes from the Teachers:

### Yr 10 Italy Trip

Our Yr 10 Geography Italy Trip set off in the early hours of this morning! We are sure everyone will have a great trip and hopefully take loads of photos!
To see their adventures as they happen follow our Geography department on twitter @Bingleygeog

### SUMMER 2018 EXAM RESULTS INFORMATION

**SIXTH FORM RESULTS** will be given out to students in N6 on Thursday August 16th as follows:
- Year 13 – from 9.00am onwards; Year 12 – from 10.00am onwards

If, having checked on UCAS, you have not been accepted into a university you can attend from 8.30am so that we can provide additional guidance and support.
If you have been accepted onto your preferred course, please do not arrive before 9.00am to allow staff time to support unplaced students.

**YEAR 11 RESULTS** will be given out in N6 on Thursday 23rd August from 9.00 onwards.
Once you have collected your results, you will either proceed to Sixth Form enrolment or a ‘leavers’ interview with our careers advice staff. Therefore, please allow at least 1 hour to collect your results.

**YEAR 9 & 10 RESULTS** All GCSE/Cambridge National 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 23rd August from 10.00am until 11.00am only.
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!