



## Mid-month Newsletter

### 13 Sept 2019

DATES TO REMEMBER		
<b>Mon 16 Sept</b>	<b>Early Finish – ‘CPD Monday’</b>	School closes at 2.00pm on CPD Mondays for continued staff training.
<b>Mon 16 Sept</b>	<b>Ex Yr 13 Celebration Event</b>	A relaxed gathering of our ex-Year 13 students. Mr Greening and the sixth form team have invited last year’s Year 13 students back into school to congratulate them and enjoy one last gathering with their subject teachers before they embark on their next steps.
<b>Tues 17 Sept</b>	<b>Yr 7 Launch Evening</b>	6.00pm – 6.45pm in the Main Hall (N6). Please see the ‘Messages from the Teachers’ section for more information. 5.30pm-6.00pm An extra session in N1 for Max 7 students. In case you are unsure whether your son/daughter is in Max 7, here is a description of our Max 7 offering: <a href="https://www.bingleygrammar.org/parents--carers/yr-7-catch-up-premium/">https://www.bingleygrammar.org/parents--carers/yr-7-catch-up-premium/</a> Max 7 classes are 7AR or 7NE taught by Mrs Braime in N1 and the students should know if they are in these classes.
<b>Wed 18 Sept</b>	<b>Yr 11 Launch Evening</b>	6.00pm – 6.45pm in the Main Hall (N6). Please see the ‘Messages from the Teachers’ section for more information.
<b>Mon 23 Sept</b>	<b>Yr 12 Assessment Day</b>	Yr 12 Assessment Day.
<b>Tues 24 Sept</b>	<b>Yr 8 Launch Evening</b>	6.00pm – 6.45pm in the Main Hall (N6). Please see the ‘Messages from the Teachers’ section for more information.
<b>Wed 25 Sept</b>	<b>Staff Training Day and Yr 5/6 Open Evening</b>	School is closed to students for a Staff Training Day followed by the Year 5/6 Open Evening. The Open Evening is open to children in Year 5 as well as Year 6 and their families between 5.00pm - 8.00pm.
<b>Mon 30 Sept</b>	<b>Early Finish – ‘CPD Monday’</b>	School closes at 2.00pm on CPD Mondays for continued staff training.
<b>Mon 30 Sept</b>	<b>Yr 8 Classroom Assessment Week</b>	Year 8 Classroom Assessment Week.
<b>Wed 02 Oct</b>	<b>Yr 10 Launch Evening</b>	6.00pm – 6.45pm in the Main Hall (N6). Please see the ‘Messages from the Teachers’ section for more information.
<b>Wed 03 Oct</b>	<b>Yr 8 Girls and Boys HPV Vaccinations</b>	Consent forms were sent out and collected back in at the end of last term. If you have not returned your consent form, please do so as soon as possible.
<b>Wed 09 Oct</b>	<b>Parent Focus Group Meeting</b>	New members are always welcome – please meet at school in the main reception at 6.45pm.
<b>Thurs 10 Oct</b>	<b>Yr 11 Parents Evening (1)</b>	Letters will be sent out prior to the parents evening detailing the booking process.
<b>Mon 14 Oct</b>	<b>Early Finish – ‘CPD Monday’</b>	School closes at 2.00pm on CPD Mondays for continued staff training.
<b>Mon 14 – Fri 18 Oct</b>	<b>Yr 9 Assessment Week</b>	More information to follow.



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<b>Fri 25 Oct</b>	<b>School Closes for Half Term</b>	School Closes for Half Term.
<b>Mon 04 Nov</b>	<b>School re-opens</b>	School re-opens.
<b>Mon 04 Nov</b>	<b>Early Finish – ‘CPD Monday’</b>	School closes at 2.00pm on CPD Mondays for continued staff training.
<b>Mon 04 Nov</b>	<b>Yr 11 Assessment Week</b>	Assessments in N6. More information to follow.
<b>Thurs 07 Nov</b>	<b>Senior Maths Challenge</b>	Senior Maths Challenge. More information to follow.
<b>Tues 12 Nov</b>	<b>Yr 7 Parents Evening</b>	Letters will be sent out prior to the parents evening detailing the booking process.
<b>Fri 15 Nov</b>	<b>Non Uniform Day for Children in Need</b>	Non-uniform Day for Children in Need. Students and staff are asked to bring £1.00 in to donate to Children in Need.
<b>Mon 18 – Fri 22 Nov</b>	<b>Yr 12/13 Assessment Week</b>	Assessments in N6 including BTEC. More information to follow.
<b>Wed 27 Nov</b>	<b>Parent Focus Group Meeting</b>	New members are always welcome – please meet at school in the main reception at 6.45pm.
<b>Thurs 28 Nov</b>	<b>Sixth Form Open Evening</b>	More details to follow.

### Messages from Teachers

#### **Parking Concerns**

We have received several messages from local residents voicing their concerns once again about parking on the main road and the side streets around the school site.

It has been brought to our attention that some parents/carers are parking inconsiderately blocking roads and causing disruption at the beginning and especially the end of the school day.

By parking on both sides of our neighbouring side roads the flow of traffic is reduced to one-way and often cars cannot turn into the road due to a queue of cars waiting to pull out onto the main road. This grid-lock situation is a major concern for our emergency services who require accessibility to people’s homes at all times.

Equally, please do not park on double yellow lines or on pavements blocking access for pedestrians. Pedestrians should not have to walk onto the road to get around your car. When parking generally, please consider the safety of your own children, other students and pedestrians.

Also, to minimise air pollution, we ask that parent/carers waiting to collect their children turn off their engines whilst parked. Engine idling is not only a major contributor to air pollution which in turn affects the health of our children, us and our neighbours but is also illegal whilst stationary. Please do consider this whilst waiting and switch your engine off.

As a school, we are extremely well situated with regular buses running to Keighley and towards Bradford as well as a train station across the road. May we suggest, students and their parent/carers discuss the use of public transport to alleviate the congestion and safety risks.



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	<p>Please remind your children to be road aware, use crossings where possible and make sure they are crossing roads in a safe manner. We will also be stressing the importance of road safety in year group assemblies. Thank you for your support in this matter.</p>																								
<p><b>Year Group Launch Evenings</b></p>	<p>Come along to hear an overview of the year ahead and have a chance to meet your Heads of Year as well as other key members of staff.</p> <p>The evening will feature short presentations from members of the Leadership Team, the Head of Year and relevant Directors of Faculty.</p> <p>The dates for each year group's launch event are detailed in the 'Dates to Remember' on page 1. Visit the school website for more information <a href="https://www.bingleygrammar.org/latest-news/year-group-launch-evenings3/">https://www.bingleygrammar.org/latest-news/year-group-launch-evenings3/</a></p>																								
<p><b>Attendance</b></p>	<p>We will be continuing to focus on attendance and punctuality this year. We expect children's attendance to be at least 97%. Thank you to those families who have been working hard to ensure children's punctuality and attendance is high. There is a link between attendance and achievement and therefore, it is very important that your child attends school every day unless there are exceptional circumstances. Thank you for your continued support - Mrs Pickles</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="1066 696 1511 954"> <thead> <tr> <th>Grading of Attendance</th> <th>% Attendance during one school year</th> <th>Days lost Per year</th> <th></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Excellent</td> <td>100%</td> <td>0</td> <td>😊</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Very Good</td> <td>98%</td> <td>4</td> <td>🙂</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Satisfactory</td> <td>96%</td> <td>7</td> <td>😐</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Unacceptable</td> <td>93%</td> <td>14</td> <td>😞</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Persistent Absence</td> <td>90%</td> <td>19</td> <td>😓</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Grading of Attendance	% Attendance during one school year	Days lost Per year		Excellent	100%	0	😊	Very Good	98%	4	🙂	Satisfactory	96%	7	😐	Unacceptable	93%	14	😞	Persistent Absence	90%	19	😓
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<p><b>Photo Day</b></p>	<p>The photographers had an extremely busy day snapping away and all the students looked extremely smart in their photos. Each student was given a unique information card with their personal log in details by the photographer and should have brought that home with them on Thursday. Please use this information card to view and order their photographs. If you have any queries or you have lost your child's card with their unique code on, please contact the photographers directly as we have no control over the process after today's session. Web: <a href="http://www.schoolphotographs.co.uk">www.schoolphotographs.co.uk</a> Email: <a href="mailto:info@schoolphotographs.co.uk">info@schoolphotographs.co.uk</a></p>																								
<p><b>Yr 7 &amp; 8 French Trip, Normandy</b></p>	<p><b>Launch of French Trip 2020 - Y7/8 Students.</b></p> <p>Letters have been issued to Y7 and 8 French students regarding the trip. Deposits of £130 (cheque to Bingley Grammar School or cash only for this initial payment) together with tear off slip can be brought in to secure a place on the trip from Mon 16th September at 8.00am at the Finance office. Places will be filled on a first come first served basis with a follow up confirmation letter within a week or so. The trip does not take place until June so there is no need to feel nervous about signing up. Passports and health cards can be sorted in the coming months, so again, no current passport is NOT a problem at this stage.</p> <p>Anyone wanting more information or needing to discuss payment can contact me at school by email, as explained in the letter: <a href="mailto:fiona.greening@bingleygrammar.org">fiona.greening@bingleygrammar.org</a></p> <p>Thank you Mrs F Greening, MFL Department</p>																								
<p><b>Iceland Trip 2020</b></p>	<p><b>Iceland October 2020</b></p> <p>Current Year 11 and 12 Geographers and Scientists. Letters are available from Mr Ward or Mr Foster for a trip to Iceland in October 2020. Information has been emailed to all Year 11 and 12 students. <b>Deposits in Thursday 26th September.</b></p>																								



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<b>Yr 10 Italy Trip</b>	<b>Italy July 2020</b> The Geography department is running an educational trip to Italy in July 2020 for Year 10 students. The trip will include visits to Pompeii and Mount Vesuvius. Letters have been given out in Geography this week and information has also been emailed. Deposits need to be in on Monday 23rd September.
<b>Extra-Curricular Activities</b>	Our extra-curricular timetables (Sporting and non-sporting!) are in the process of being updated on the website. More clubs will be added over the coming weeks – why not take a look, come along and get involved! <a href="#">Click here to view the timetables &gt;&gt;</a>

As we reach the end of our first full week back at school I would like to say how well all our students have started the year. The Year 7s are settling in and finding their way around extremely well and there is a really positive atmosphere around school. We now look forward to a new year full of learning experiences and opportunities for our students.

For some of our parent/carers this may be the first of our newsletters you will have received. We try to communicate with parent/carers as much as possible as we firmly believe that by working together we can achieve the best possible outcomes for our students.

Our mid-month newsletters are sent out around the middle of each month full of information and key dates for your diaries. This is followed by a magazine-style newsletter at the end of the month full of stories and photographs from events and teaching around school. Both these publications are sent out by email and therefore it is important that we have up to date email addresses for all parent/carers. If you do not have an email address, the newsletters are also available to view on our school website.

We also update our website as often as possible to keep the information as current as we can. As you can imagine there is a lot to keep up to so please bear with us as some information may need amending due to changes since last term.

We also use social media to keep parent/carers up to date with our events and student achievements. You can find us on Facebook and twitter (@bingleygrammar)

**Luke Weston - Headteacher**