



## Mid-month Newsletter 15 Nov 2019

### **SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING FOR YEAR 11 STUDENTS** **Thursday 28th November** **6.00pm – 8.00pm**

Our Director of Sixth Form Mr Greening will be giving a talk in the Main Hall (N6) at 6.00pm, which will be repeated at 7.00pm.

The Guidance Evening is an ideal opportunity to find out about studying in the Sixth Form, what support is available, and how the application process works.

Subject teachers and current students will be available to talk with, so you will be able to find out all about the courses we offer, plus there will be a chance to visit The Hills, our Sixth Form block, where sixth form students make the most of their independent study time in the Study Zones and enjoy their own dedicated eating space in the Sixth Form Bistro.

Application packs will be available on the evening; we encourage all students to submit their application before the Christmas holiday.

For any additional information please contact the Sixth Form Office - 01274 807753 or email [sixth@bingleygrammar.org](mailto:sixth@bingleygrammar.org)

#### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

<b>Mon 18 Nov</b>	<b>Early Finish – ‘CPD Monday’</b>	School closes at 2.00pm on CPD Mondays for continued staff training.
<b>Mon 18 – Fri 22 Nov</b>	<b>Yr 12/13 Assessment Week</b>	Assessments in N6 including BTEC. A full exam timetable can be found on the exams page of the school website: <a href="https://www.bingleygrammar.org/parents--carers/exams/">https://www.bingleygrammar.org/parents--carers/exams/</a>
<b>Mon 18 – Fri 22 Nov</b>	<b>Antibiotics Awareness Week</b>	All year 8s will be having a special enrichment lesson in their science class. Students will be discovering how antibiotics work, which diseases they can be used to treat and how to avoid antibiotic resistance.
<b>Mon 25 Nov</b>	<b>British Transport Police Assemblies for Yrs 7, 8 and 9</b>	British Transport Police have requested the opportunity to come in to school to speak to students in relation to safety on the railway and the seriousness and consequences of inappropriate behaviour.
<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>	6.00pm – 8.00pm. See full information above.
<b>Mon 02 Dec</b>	<b>Early Finish – ‘CPD Monday’</b>	School closes at 2.00pm on CPD Mondays for continued staff training.
<b>Mon 02 – Fri 06 Dec</b>	<b>Years 11, 12 &amp; 13 BTEC Assessments</b>	Assessments will be in N6.



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<b>Mon 02 – Fri 06 Dec</b>	<b>Year 7 Classroom Assessments</b>	Assessments week. Assessments will be classroom based.
<b>Mon 09 – Fri 13 Dec</b>	<b>Year 10 Classroom Assessments</b>	Assessments week. Assessments will be classroom based.
<b>Tues 10 Dec</b>	<b>**Date Changed** Yr 13 Parents Evening</b>	Parent/Carers will be emailed prior to the parents evening with details of the booking process.
<b>Thurs 12 Dec</b>	<b>Yr 7 Dodgeball Competition 3.00pm – 4.00pm</b>	As part of their qualification, the Year 13 Sport students are planning a Year 7 dodgeball tournament on Thursday 12th December 2019. The event will be participative therefore for every student that turns up to play they will gain points for their house, rather than only gaining points for winning. The event will be 3.00pm – 4.00pm in the Old Gym and all participants will need to bring FULL kit to take part.
<b>Mon 16 Dec</b>	<b>Early Finish – 'CPD Monday'</b>	School closes at 2.00pm on CPD Mondays for continued staff training.
<b>Fri 20 Dec</b>	<b>School Closes for Christmas Break</b>	School closes at 2.00pm for Christmas break. Non-uniform for all students.
<b>---- CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY ----</b>		
<b>Mon 06 Jan</b>	<b>School re-opens</b>	School re-opens.
<b>Mon 06 Jan</b>	<b>Yrs 11, 12 &amp; 13 BTEC External Exams begin</b>	BTEC external exams begin.
<b>Mon 13 Jan</b>	<b>Early Finish – 'CPD Monday'</b>	School closes at 2.00pm on CPD Mondays for continued staff training.

### Messages from Teachers

<b>Parent Focus Group</b>	<p>At the moment the Parent Focus Group are concentrating on raising funds for outdoor furniture which every student can benefit from. If you feel you would like to help, then please have a read of the information on Easyfundraising on the school website.  <a href="https://www.bingleygrammar.org/latest-news/easy-fundraising/">https://www.bingleygrammar.org/latest-news/easy-fundraising/</a></p> <p>The build up to Christmas is the perfect time to contribute at no cost to yourself whilst shopping.</p> <p>The next meeting will be held on 27th November - just come along to Main Reception (Drive 2) for a 6.45 pm start.</p>
<b>UKMT Senior Team Maths Challenge</b>	<p>On the evening of Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November, 4 of our sixth formers competed at the UKMT Senior Team Maths Challenge regional finals at the University of Leeds. They had to work as a team to complete 3 rounds of challenging mathematical problems over the course of 3 hours. There was some tough competition and they ended up placing 16<sup>th</sup>. Well done to Ravi M and Jack H in Yr 13 and Anisah K and Josh S in Yr 12.</p>



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<p><b>Mobile Phone Use Reminder</b></p>	<p>A message from Mr Ward:          May I take this opportunity to remind everybody about mobile phone use in school. The planner states that:  <i><b>Phones will be confiscated if taken out without permission. If this has happened as a one-off, then you will get your phone back at the end of the day from the class teacher. If this is a persistent issue, it will be at the end of the week from your Key Stage Later.</b></i>          Mobile phones therefore should not be out for any reason in lessons, this includes checking the time, checking where the next lesson is and answering calls and messages from friends and family.</p>
<p><b>School Bus Information</b></p>	<p>Please read if your child(ren) catch the B46 school bus:          We have been informed that due to ongoing road works and the 4-way temporary traffic lights On Manywells Brow in Cullingworth, the B46 bus is unable to drive down Manywells Brow. The bus will continue on Halifax road and turn right at the Flappit rejoining its usual route by the Fleece Inn, Cullingworth. This has been referred to the Highways Agency by the Bus Company who will inform us when this arrangement changes.</p>
<p><b>Yr 7 &amp; 8 French Trip, 2020</b></p>	<p>The November payment is due by the end of the month. See student email for reminders of payment schedule and BACS details for payments if necessary (don't forget to reference bank payments with France 2020 and student's name).          Many thanks for prompt payments.          This is also a last shout out for consent forms, passports and EHICs please - even if they will need to be renewed before travel.          Many thanks, Mrs F Greening - MFL Department</p>
<p><b>Yr 7 &amp; 8 MFL Spelling and Translation Bee Comp</b></p>	<p>We have entered our students in this national competition again this year. Please encourage your child to practice spelling 10 words per week (Yr 7) or translating a chunk of text every week (Yr 8) in preparation for our in-class first round competition just before the Christmas break. All students have their own copy of the challenge.</p>
<p><b>Train to Teach with us - School Direct</b></p>	<p>We are now accepting applications via UCAS for our Teacher Training course.  <a href="#">For more information on the subjects we offer and more, please click here &gt;&gt;</a></p>
<p><b>Extra-Curricular Activities</b></p>	<p><b>*** Please note the Trampolining Club and Badminton Club on Fridays have been temporarily cancelled due to exams in the Sports Hall ***</b>          Our extra-curricular timetables (Sporting and non-sporting!) are up to date on the website. Why not take a look, come along and get involved! <a href="#">Click here to view the timetables &gt;&gt;</a></p>

I would like to thank Jonathan M and Mrs Wood for representing our school community at Bingley's Remembrance Parade and Service on Sunday. Jonathan and Mrs Wood took part in the parade and Jonathan laid a wreath on behalf of the school at the Cenotaph in Myrtle Park. I am told the Bingley Community really came together to mark the day and remember.

**Luke Weston - Headteacher**