How is everybody doing?

Last week our Year 12s came back into school for A Level classes and this week we welcomed back the Year 10s for lessons in Maths, English and Science.

We would like to thank all the students who have been in so far for being sensible and taking the social distancing measures seriously.

For those of us not returning, we appreciate being away from school and your friends can be extremely difficult. If you are struggling please get in touch with a teacher or member of staff who will try to help. We also have lots of information and materials to work through if you are struggling with your well-being during these strange times. It might feel like things will never return to normal but please remember this will pass and we will all be back together again soon.

[Click here to visit our 'Personal Well-being and Mental Health' section on the school website >>]

Well done to Kirsty in 7M2 who has raised hundreds of pounds to help the animals at Chester Zoo!

Kirsty raised £530 in total by making 56 selection boxes of buns and biscuits. Kirsty and her family are now able to adopt 4 animals from Chester zoo including a two toed sloth.

Mrs Brankin loved her cake box and is so proud of Kirsty’s efforts.
Imaan and Clara both in Yr 7 produced some great work on the Lyrical ballad The Lady of Shalott for English.

Mrs Cartledge thinks Violet in Yr 7 has produced an excellent Victorian schools leaflet.

Phone Calls home
All our form tutors have been busy calling each of their class to find out how they are and what they have been up to. Miss Pugh loved hearing about all the amazing new skills you have been learning.

**Miss Pugh found out:**
Jacob helped his dad put up a fence in the garden including digging and hammering in new fence posts. Ewan has been taking on a lot of roles at home to help his mum out, like looking after his younger siblings and all the family pets. Tabitha has started learning how to do acrylic nails and keeps practising on her mum and sister - they’re loving it! Harvey can’t play football with his usual team so his dad has started training him for 2 hours every day after work. And Evie baked cakes for all her neighbours! Well done to everyone.
Mrs Waddington thinks Cecile in Year 7 did a brilliant job of the lava lamp experiment.

Mrs Cartledge loves this detailed History work on the Vietnam War by Isaac in Yr 9.

Megan in Yr 9 has produced a great study of the artist Mark Powell.

Abigail in Year 8's brilliant 'Drawing Curved Surfaces' exercise.

Hudda in Yr 8 has been doing some David Hockney inspired oil painting!
Beth in Yr 9 has written an excellent response to an Unseen poetry comparison.

Josh Moor from Year 8 has put a great deal of effort into his English work – here is his letter of complaint.

Maryam in Yr 9 wrote a brilliant poetry comparison piece.

Mrs Eyles-Smith says Sophia in Year 8 has consistently sent in a high standard of work throughout this home education period. Here is Sophia’s leaflet advertising Singapore Zoo.

How is memory and loss presented in Poppies and one other poem?

Mrs Williams thinks Luke made a great chilli and loves his method.

Mrs Lazenby loves Hadiya in Yr 8’s blog!
Years 7 – 9 Form Quizzes!
To help you feel connected Over the coming weeks each form tutor will email those in their tutor group to hold a tutor group quiz via Google Meet!

Students should look out for the invite email in their inboxes. Students will need a laptop, computer or mobile phone to take part in this – we hope you enjoy it!

[Click here for more information on how the Google Meet quizzes will work >>]

Photography Competition
Mr Holmes has been really pleased to see so many entries coming in for his photography challenge. Here are the winners from the last few weeks:

Last week’s winner is Noah in Year 8.
Noah’s photo captures the local landscape at sunset. His use of leading lines with the overhead wires and the hills in the distance is very effective in drawing the viewer’s eye across the image towards the focal point of the sunset.

Brilliant work Noah!

Jake in Yr 8 put together this great fact file on the Tazmanian Tiger for Science.

Raamisa in Year 8 has been working on her portrait skills drawing celebrities.
Year Group News
This week the year teams have moved upwards. Students have all been told via email about this, please see below for the new year teams:

Yr 7 – Mr Robert Booth and Miss Nafeesa Qayyum
Emails: Robert.booth@bingleygrammar.org  nafeesa.qayyum@bingleygrammar.org

Yr 8 – Mr Jamil Parapia and Mr David Brown
Emails: jamil.parapia@bingleygrammar.org  david.brown@bingleygrammar.org

Yr 9 - Mr Jamil Parapia and Mr Nathan Bridge
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Yr 10 - Mr Paul Brown and Mr Nigel Bridge
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Yr 11 - Mr Simon Greening and Mrs Anita Bradley
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Yr 12 - Mr Simon Greening and Mrs Anita Bradley
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Questionnaire for multilingual families:
Lockdown and school closures have affected children in many ways. Language is particularly important for learning and for socialising, so it is important to know of children’s language experiences during these challenging times.

If you are a parent/carer of a child with English as an Additional Language, you are invited to complete a short survey on language use in multilingual families during the pandemic. The results will be used to provide better support for EAL children and their families.

The survey is open until the 30th of June. To participate, please go to https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/GNTVG6C There is a chance to win a £40 gift voucher for participating in the survey.

Mrs Bowen loves this postcard in Spanish from Emma B in Yr 8.

Well done to Harry in Year 7 who produced this excellent under water scene at school during a keyworker session.
Holocaust survivor and friend of Bingley Grammar School, Arek Hersh and his wife Jean would like to say a huge thank you to students in Year 7 who have written to them after their visit in March and during lockdown. They are both well and send their love and best wishes to students, staff and their families.
Year 7 Science Photo Competition

Year 7 have been taking some great photographs of insects this week for a competition which links to their Ecosystems topic. Students have been identifying organisms and discussing habitats. Miss Halliwell has loved all the photos which have been sent in and has really struggled but has chosen the winners.

1st place: Well done to Violet (7M4) for her photograph of a Cockchafer beetle!

Joint 2nd place: Elana’s photo of a small Tortoiseshell Butterfly (7M2) and Georgina’s photo of Painted Lady Butterflies (7S2)

Joint 3rd place: Harriet’s photo of a Millipede (7M1) and Luke’s photo of a Ladybird Larva (7M1)
Our NHS School Nurse has provided the following information for parent/carers to support the return to school. Our pastoral team are also available - please do email them if your son/daughter does require any further support. Our pastoral teams have been meeting/phoneing parents where requested throughout lockdown therefore do not hesitate to get in contact with them.

Click here to read a newsletter from our NHS School Nurse >>

Year 8 have been writing letters and postcards in Spanish about a holiday. Mrs Bowen and Mrs Perretta think they have all done an amazing job. Here are letters and postcards from Abby D, Josh and Amy-Lou.

Mrs Waddington was pleased to see Clara in Year 7 had a go at the Salt Crystal experiment.

Libby in Yr 10 has done some super Spanish work on the topic of Holidays.

Excellent Spanish written work on the topic of Holidays by Juwayriah in Yr 8.