A message from the Headteacher:
Our teachers would once again like to say well done to all our students who have been working so hard over the past few weeks – you will be pleased to know our teachers will not be setting work for next week as it is the February half term break!
There are extra activities on the website but do not feel any pressure to complete these – they are there purely to keep you occupied if you are looking for something to do.
Half term gives students and parent/carers a chance to take a break from home learning and relax. Let’s hope the weather is kind to us and we can all get outside and enjoy some fresh air and exercise.
Mr Weston

**Oak Academy Lessons Data Free**

Good news! Oak Academy doesn’t use your data - even if you’ve run out of data you can still watch Oak Academy and learn new things.
Oak Academy has over 10,000 free video lessons and resources made by teachers which are available for all.

**Parent Governor Elections**

Dear Parents/Carers

As you will be aware, we have recently carried out an election for the above position at our school. We were pleased to receive a large number of nominations from parents giving their choice of the seven available candidates. I would like to thank the candidates for putting themselves forward along with all of the parents who took the time to vote.

The successful candidate was Mrs Julia Coates, and as such, she has been duly elected to represent all of you for a period of 4 years.

The Governing Body and the school is very much looking forward to her participation.

David Mann, Chair of Governors
Valentine’s Soap Making Workshop

Last month Mrs Humphreys asked Year 7 students to email her if they would like to take part in a home learning science club activity and lots replied! Within hours all the kits were allocated and there was a waiting list as well!

Mrs H made up the 24 kits with soap, fragrance, colour, presentation bags, stickers and instructions. The bags were then quarantined for a week to make them Covid safe.

The kits were delivered last Wednesday and before Mrs H returned home from delivering the kits she had received some great photos of the soaps students had already made.

Mrs H covered 47 miles and spent 5 hours delivering the kits to our students’ homes.

Mrs Humphreys said,

"I was totally overwhelmed by the response to The Valentine's Soap Making Workshop. We delivered bags to 24 students and although it took me and my son Will (who’s in Year 12) 5 hours, the smiles we saw on our way around and the results were worth it!"

We hope everyone involved enjoyed the activity and we look forward to seeing more of your photos.
Mrs Williams was very impressed by Lily in Year 7 who created a great video showing students how to upload their school work to google classroom.

Dr Crowder used what she could find at home to explain molecular models. As Dr C didn’t have a modelling kit at home she used cherry tomatoes -representing carbon, and grapes to represent hydrogen!

Miss Howard thought this Maths work from a Year 9 student was amazing – “This is an example of the fantastic effort the Year 9’s are taking with their maths work on Nth Term.”

**Transpiration Experiment**

Miss Cane was very impressed by George in year 10 who did a Transpiration Experiment using a carnation pinched from his mum’s flowers!

George said, “I took a cream carnation from my Mums flowers and added sugar for food & blue colouring to the water & cut the stem off at a slant to increase the surface area for the uptake of water & then placed the vase on a warm sunny window to increase light intensity. The flower turned light blue within 2 hours and was this colour this morning. It’s so cool & now I’m tempted to put dye into my Mums whole vase to see when she notices!”
GCSE and A Level Art & Photography

Here is a selection of work done by A level and GCSE Art and Photography students during lockdown.

Photography work based on artist Stefan Sagmeister by Isabel A and Olivia H in Year 10.

Art - Photo-weave by Katie G in Yr 12

Photography by Yr 12 Rayne L exploring the theme of light and dark.

Art – Research and development looking at the artist Guy Denning by Arooje K in Yr 12.
Lent and Pancake Day (Tuesday 16th Feb)

Lent is the time of year when Christians prepare for Easter. It begins on Ash Wednesday and lasts for 40 days, ending at Easter. Some Christians ‘fast’ during Lent by giving up something that they enjoy, such as a favourite food or a fun activity. In the past, Shrove Tuesday was a day for using up foods that could not be eaten during Lent. People often made pancakes with their leftover eggs and butter.

Many people today observe Shrove Tuesday, or Pancake Day, by eating pancakes. Some towns even hold pancake races, in which people flip pancakes in a frying pan as they run.

Why not try making pancakes at home?


An interesting link for Pancake Day which shows the fantastic link between science and cooking is: [https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/z764cqt](https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/z764cqt)

Please ask permission from your parent/carers beforehand.

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Jack made this delicious looking chocolate cookie pizza!

Emma in Year 8 made bread and drop scones for her PSHCE task.
Year 8 and 9 LORIC activities

Mr Swann and Mr Abbas have enjoyed receiving lots of great photos from students in Years 8 and 9 of their LORIC baking and meals. The task was set by Mrs Cartledge to take on planning, organising and making a meal or dessert for their family.

Well done to everyone who had a go – we’re sure your families appreciated it.

Food Science & Nutrition

Mrs Williams loves the detailed descriptions in this Cuisine poster by Binyameen in Year 7.

Mrs Williams thinks James has done a great job baking this rainbow cake.

Hamza in Year 7 produced this excellent piece of work for Mrs Williams about Seasonal Food.
Mrs Wilkinson is so pleased our students are using their time at home to experiment and learn to cook! Here is a reminder of how to keep safe in the kitchen.

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**Health and Safety when cooking at home**

Completing practical tasks at home is OPTIONAL, however if you choose to do so, you must follow these rules.

1. **Always follow good kitchen and personal hygiene.**
   - Always wash your hands before and after cooking, and after touching raw meats.
   - Tie your hair back before cooking.
   - Clean up after yourself.
   - Be aware of others in your kitchen and house. Make sure there are no distractions when cooking.

2. **Adult supervision**
   - You must gain permission from an adult to complete a practical task.
   - This person must be at home during the completion of the task for supervision if required.

3. **Using sharps**
   - Always use the following methods of knife safety.
     - **Bridge**
       - These can be applied to any food application.
     - **Claw**
       - Do not use any mechanical equipment with a blade. Tasks will require basic equipment only.

4. **Using ovens**
   - Ask your adult supervisor for help when using the oven or hob.
   - Always wear oven gloves.

5. **Culinary activities such as cooking have inherent risks, dangers and hazards.**
   - Participation may result in injury or illness and therefore is done so at your own risk.
Finn and Elliot’s Send My Friend to School Campaign

At the beginning of 2020 Year 10 students Finn and Elliot were interviewed and chosen as campaign ambassadors for Send My Friend to School. The organisation speaks with government ministers and promotes change championing the rights of children around the world.

In December Elliot filmed a twitter video for the campaign and Finn has also done one recently.

Elliot’s twitter video: https://twitter.com/bingleygrammar/status/133592389195340416?s=20

Finn’s twitter video: https://twitter.com/sendmyfriend/status/1353681528341979136?s=19

Miss Shah would like to say a huge well done to Finn and Elliot for their continued hard work and dedication to the Send my friend to School campaigns. They are outstanding Send my friend to School champions and a credit to Bingley Grammar School.

A Message from the Sixth Form Team

At Christmas we told you how proud we were of your efforts to engage with your work after the first Lockdown period.

It has to be said, we are even more proud of our Year 12 and Year 13 students’ efforts to continue to make progress with their studies during this most recent Lockdown from January. The comments we have received from you via email, phone conversations and google classroom show a group of young people dealing with this most difficult year with cheerful resilience and a conscientiousness beyond our expectations. You have coped with it all superbly. As a result, I think we’re well-placed to respond to whatever is decided for the summer examinations and you should have confidence that your efforts will be suitably rewarded.

We will know more soon. Until then, keep your heads up, complete all that you can as well as you can and we’ll see you (hopefully) sooner rather than later in school again.

Have a restful and safe half term.
The Sixth Form Team
PE Strava Club

Mr Swann has set up a community club on Strava to give our students the opportunity to share their workouts with other members of the school community.

If your son/daughter decides to join the group, please use the help guide below to ensure the privacy settings are changed to keep them safe online.

Mr Swann says, "I have sent an email to all students at BGS this week in relation to the creation of a Strava BGS PE club. Staying fit and healthy is key to maximising our physical, social and mental health and using our daily exercise time to get out into the fresh air. We want to try and share the amazing activities and exercises that our school community is doing and support our school ethos, BELONG-GROW-SUCCEED. The club itself is private and only those accepted into the club can be part of it. However the app is external, therefore it is very important to make sure you are happy with their terms and conditions before registering. Strava’s services are recommended for those aged 13 and above. The app itself is a great way to share walks, runs, cycle rides and many other forms of activity but like all social media we expect our staff and students to use it safely. Below is a 5 step guide on the setting up of privacy settings to keep all members of the club community safe."

Click here to download the Strava Parental Help document >>

Mrs Wilkinson says well done to Joseph in Yr 7 who has been learning about food science while cooking meals for himself and his family.

Mr Rolls loved the time and care Husniyah Afzal in Year 7 took over her 'Anti-bullying' cartoon strip. Well done Husniyah!
Mrs Oliver’s Year 7 groups have been reading Harry Potter and completing some literacy tasks around each chapter. In the last couple of weeks they have written a Hogwarts letter and designed themselves a wand! Here are some examples of the amazing work I have received by Evelyn, Eve, Noor, Lexie, Maia, Joseph, Abigale and Owen.
World Book Day Competitions

Ordinarily the English department hold scavenger hunts in school which involve lots of our staff dressing up as literary characters and invite authors in to talk to our students. Sadly with schools closed we are unable to do things the same way this year.

However! Miss Powell has emailed students in all year groups to ask them to join in with these competitions to help us celebrate World Book Day at home!

Miss Powell said,

*There are three competitions running in school to celebrate World Book Day this year:*
  * a reading challenge
  * a writing competition
  * a book themed cookery competition!

*The competitions are open for all year groups (6th form included) and staff can enter the baking competition too!*

*The closing date for all competitions is Monday 29th March and entries should be emailed to me: Helen.Powell@bingleygrammar.org*

*Also, www.worldbookday.com has lots of activities and live readings to enjoy.*

*Thanks and good luck! Miss Powell*

*Check your emails for full information and get involved!*
Miss Shah’s RE groups
Students in Year 8 have been learning Buddhist teachings about compassion. Miss Shah’s students were given the task of creating a poster about acts of kindness during the pandemic. Here are some of the fantastic pieces of work sent in. Well done to Eleanor, Jasmine, Chloe, James, Isabel, Ruqayyah, Matei and Paige!

Acts of kindness during the pandemic

Choose Kindness

1. Calling a relative, your grandparents, since you can’t see them you still need to keep in contact just as they are visiting your faces could make their day.

2. Where going out wear face masks and social distance this helps a lot especially if people around you can’t wear face masks due to a medical illness you are not only keeping yourself safe but keeping others around you safe.

Sir Captain Tom Moore

Sir Captain Tom Moore was born on the 30th of April 1920 and to honour his 100th birthday, a number of activities were planned to be undertaken. He died on the 2nd March 2021 from pneumonia and heart failure. He is the oldest person to reach a 100th birthday and his achievements are an inspiration to all ages.

On April 23rd the day before his 100th birthday, the event started in his garden, surrounded by a fence. He was accompanied by his daughter, Lucy, and other guests.

Sir Captain Tom Moore

His Kindness Helped So Many in the Pandemic

England and Manchester United star Marcus Rashford made his 2020 mission to provide kids free school meals if needed during this hard time. Marcus Rashford grew up in Manchester and wasn’t very privileged as a child he said in his documentary that his mom was struggling with money and couldn’t afford school meals. He would go to school hungry but luckily his best friend was kind enough to share his lunch with Marcus. At 11 Marcus signed his first contract with Manchester United. The club offered Marcus’s mom for them to pay for his school meals. Even though I am a Liverpool fan I have a lot of respect for Marcus and what he has done for the uk.

Marcus scored 2 goals on his premier league debut and sent them on he has started most matches unless he is injured. Marcus has done a lot for families and he says he is going to keep going for these families because not everyone is as lucky as him.

ACTS OF KINDNESS

Captain Sir Tom Moore

Sir Captain Tom Moore raised £32 million for the NHS during the coronavirus pandemic. Lots of people suffered from this virus and he helped people to do better and help other during those tough times. He served in World War II in the British army and fought in Italy and got through it.

We pleased to do 100 laps around his garden to raise money to help the NHS. He was very much kleenex will be through this, he helped me many others to go outside and get inspired by the park. His act of kindness was to help others and the nice. "Imagine you are 100, then you are Sir Tom. You are in a head shape and made it to 100 years and the care for things coming.

Everyday he got out of bed and did his laps of his garden. On April 28th he required 800 words hearing about what he had done and saying well done from the public. He was invited to many events to meet the prime minister and tell people things like giving a tour of the Natural History Centre and a trip to the Botanical Gardens.

The man was loved by all.

Rest in peace Sir Captain Tom Moore.
Year 10 Geography

Miss Briggs received some stunning posters from her Year 10 groups on the coastal landforms along the Dorset Coast. Here are just a pick of the many excellent examples. Well done to Mollie W, Jessica F, Isobel A, Martha S and Saysha SL.
RE Snow Art

Last week Mrs Greening decided to use the weather as a learning opportunity and set her Yr 10 RE groups the task of making a figure from their studies out of snow! The students really enjoyed this and sent in some brilliant photos of their efforts.

Well done to Joseph W who made the 12 Disciples (top right), Finn R who made St Peters Basilica (2nd row left) and Buddha (3rd row left), Fahd who made a Mosque (2nd row middle) and a cross (3rd row right), Lily G who made an angel (2nd row right) and Mrs Greening who joined in and made Buddha (3rd row middle)!